

## SATURDAY 7 APRIL 2018 Please save the date!



Plans are underway for a community-wide event to acknowledge the anniversary of 6 April 2017 and to also acknowledge all of those who have played a part in the ongoing Recovery process.

Edgecumbe Community Plan Coordinator Vicky Richards, Rangitāiki Community Board Chair Charelle Stevenson, other interested community members and organisations, together with the Whakatāne District Council-led Recovery Office, are working on the detailed plan.

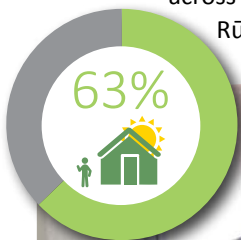
More information to come next week via Recovery Facebook page, but in the meantime, please hold Saturday 7 April, for a day of music, activities and sharing at the Edgecumbe Domain (or War Memorial Hall if required).

## Rebuilding the community – piece by piece

Sixty-three percent of the properties damaged in the April 2017 storm and flood events have now been repaired and occupiers are back home.

Recovery Built Team Lead Julian Reweti says the majority of the remaining 112 affected home-owners have a rebuild plan in place or underway. He says Community Navigators and the Building Navigator continue to work with those who are facing difficulties getting through the recovery process.

In particular, 304 moderately damaged (yellow stickered) homes required repair across the district; 52 of the impacted properties were in Tāneatua, Rūātoki and Poroporo.



## An update from Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Demolition works on the Regional Council's College Road site are finishing up, with the last of the rubble being removed and the area undergoing a general tidy up. Fences are also being put up alongside neighbouring properties.

Waiotahi Contractors has been awarded the contract for stopbank reconstruction works and the company will start getting ready to take over the site in coming weeks. Apart from some preliminary activities, the contractor expects to be fully on site around the middle of this month. College Road will be closed during the work period and there will be public notices and electronic signs to inform road users. A blessing will take place before works begin and there will be more information available on that shortly.

The Regional Council will be working with the Rangitāiki Community Board, Community Plan Coordinator and Whakatāne District Council on options around pathways, connectivity, services and other aspects of the land reinstatement project.

Left: Michelle Scott adds a piece to the Recovery jigsaw, signifying her family's return to its Edgecumbe home.



## Plant Day – Take two

As all serious gardeners will tell you, Autumn is the very best time to establish a garden, so make sure you get along to the Edgcumbe Plant Day, on Saturday 21 April.

The event follows on from the successful Plant Day held in November. There will be plant giveaways and workshops; a garden tour is also in the planning stages.

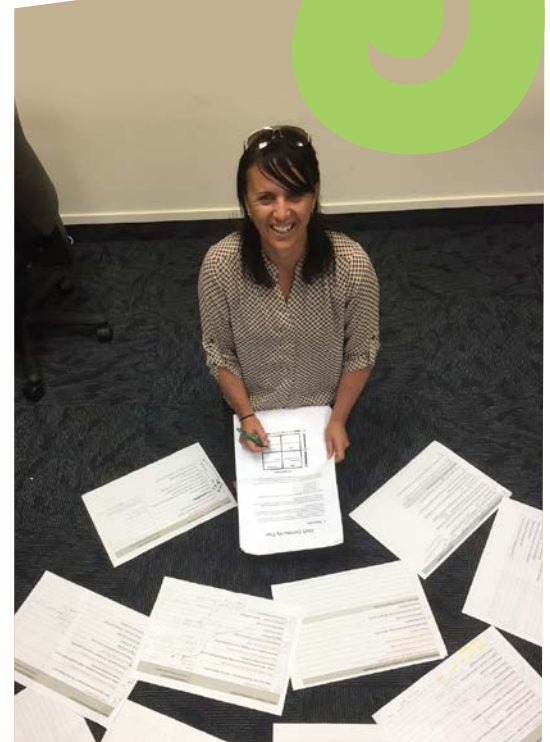


### EDGECCUMBE PLANT DAY

When: **Saturday 21 April, from 10am**

Venue: next to Te Tari Āwhina – Community Hub at Edgcumbe Library

Contact: Vicky Richards 027 309 3657



*Edgcumbe Community Plan Strategic Coordinator Vicky Richards, surrounded by the results of the recent workshop.*

## Edgcumbe Community Plan progresses

Vicky Richards says attendees at a recent Edgcumbe Community Plan workshop can best be described as ‘a room full of doers’.

“It was really neat to have representatives from around 10 community groups and organisations come along and especially heartening to see people starting to connect and identify where they could be working collaboratively.

We went over the ideas generated in the Peter Kenyon workshop last year and people were asked to rank the suggestions so that priorities can be identified. I’m in the middle of collating all that data now and the next step is to write a project plan that will be presented back to the oversight committee.”

## Mural Project Blessing

Tomorrow (Saturday 3 March) between 5 and 7pm, there will be a gathering outside Edgcumbe Suppa Market to hand over the first of four murals created in Te Toi o Patutātahi – The Art of Edgcumbe Mural Programme 2018.

The mural will be blessed by E.D.I.T. Kaumātua Pat Ratahi as it is placed into the community’s care.

Project Coordinator Lee Heapey says artist Regan Balzer will speak about the mural’s theme and explain a little about the creative journey to the finished piece. The event will wind up with a BBQ and refreshments.

Work on the second mural in E.D.I.T.’s healing and beautification vision for Edgcumbe kicks off on Monday.



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- **Library services, Recovery Information** (including Welcome Home Pack distribution) Weekdays 9am – 2pm
- **Library services only** Weekdays 2 – 4pm
- **Recovery Navigators** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10am – noon
- **Te Tohu o te Ora o Ngāti Awa support services** Fridays 9am – 4pm