



## Planting Day success

The E Tū Edgcumbe Big Plant Day was a great success last Saturday, with over 200 plants being sourced to rebuild and brighten up Spring gardens.

On behalf of the organisers and the Recovery Team, Vicky Richards extends a huge 'thank-you' to all the groups and individuals who supplied plants; and also thanks to the community for coming out and stocking up.

"It was pretty cool to see people pushing their wheelbarrows down from their homes," Vicky says.



A fun and challenging all-terrain team event, with 3km, 5km or 10km options.

When: **THIS SUNDAY**  
Registration 8.30am, Start 10am  
Where: 376 Manawahe Road  
Enter at [www.soakedinadventure.co.nz](http://www.soakedinadventure.co.nz)  
or REGISTER ON THE DAY

## SAVE THE DATE **Bluelight Christmas in the Park**

The Edgcumbe Blue Light committee has its fingers crossed for fine weather **next Saturday – 25 November**. The silver lining, to the cloud that rained out another Bluelight event earlier in the month, is a mega-event combining the Whānau Day fun and activities, with the Christmas Parade and Bluelight Christmas in the Park 2017. Bluelight Christmas in the Park is going to be a cracker – so make sure to mark it in the calendar and tell everyone about it.



## College Road Stopbank Rebuild

Work by the Regional Council to replace the stopbank on College Road is ongoing. There was a small blessing ceremony last month for neighbouring residents and Council is on track to start clearing those sections next month and into January. Following that, there will be some further investigation work before diggers are back on site to start construction of the new stopbank.

People may also notice geotechnical investigations being carried out in other places along the Rangitāiki River. This information is feeding into the longer-term planning required for flood protection repairs and upgrades across the region.

## No more clothing donations please

Demand for clothing has reduced at the Recovery donated goods centre in the old Countdown building in Kopeopeo.

Organisers would like to thank everyone who has so generously provided goods since April, but would like to advise that they can no longer accept donations of clothing.

## Need help to finalise your residential insurance claim?

The Recovery Office is receiving good feedback from residents who have been assisted by the Residential Advisory Service.

RAS representatives are back again on 28-29 November with future dates planned, depending on demand. Assistance by phone can also be arranged in urgent cases. To find out more, or to make an appointment, call in to Te Tari Āwhina – Community Hub at Edgcumbe Library or ring on 304 8656.

## Making connections

If you would like help with general gardening and yard work, the Recovery Team would love to connect you with the very kind people who continue to offer voluntary support.

So, if you would like a hand, please contact Te Tari Āwhina – Community Hub at Edgcumbe Library on 304 8656. One of the team will take your details and make it happen.



## Library services turn a page



Edgcumbe library volunteers are delighted to be returning to near pre-April opening-hours.

Full library services are already available from 9am to 2pm, Monday to Friday, and now the amazingly supportive volunteers are looking forward to welcoming library users from 2pm to 4pm each weekday, to catch up for a chat, or explore the collections of great books, magazines and DVD's.

Add in the availability of free wifi and public computers... and there's something for all ages and stages.

The Recovery Team remains very grateful to Edgcumbe Library users and volunteers for sharing their space, which has enabled Te Tari Āwhina Community Hub to provide a wide range of much-needed recovery-related services.

### HOURS AT TE TARI ĀWHINA – COMMUNITY HUB AND EDGECCUMBE LIBRARY

**Library services, Recovery Information including Welcome Home Pack distribution**  
Monday to Friday, 9am – 2pm  
(unless open later for advertised events)

**Library Services only**  
Monday to Friday 2pm – 4pm

**Recovery Navigators**  
Tuesday to Friday, 10am – noon

**Te Tohu o Te Ora o Ngāti Awa**  
(Social and Health Services) Fridays, 9am – 4pm

**Internal Affairs grant funding** Every second Tuesday, 11am – 1pm (next visit 21 November)