



OUR PLACE

Ko Konei

Your Whakatāne District Council
Community Update - July 2016



AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTRE Aquatic Centre to close for scheduled maintenance



The Whakatāne Aquatic and Fitness Centre will be closed to the public for scheduled maintenance during the period from 25 July to 7 August. This will allow the pools to be drained, cleaned and tiling repairs to be made. A major redesign of the reception area will also commence, alongside the servicing of facility equipment.

We apologise to our customers for the disruption this closure will cause and look forward to bringing you improved services when this essential maintenance is completed.

- Aquatic Centre**
25 July – 7 August: Closed to the public
- Fitness Centre**
25 – 31 July: Closed to all users
- Normal services resume**
Monday, 8 August 2016

Dune planting to mark Arbour Day

Pride Whakatāne District Committee recently held a community planting day at Ōhope Spit to acknowledge Arbour Day in the Whakatāne District.

Pride Whakatāne received locally-sourced native dune restoration plants from Keep NZ Beautiful. These, combined with those contributed By Coast Care, saw 200 native dune plants planted by enthusiastic volunteers, in aid of dune protection.

Coast Care supports initiatives such as this Pride Whakatāne project. Coast Care also works with schools, pre-schools, care groups and corporates. Each year, approximately 20,000 native coastal plants are established through the Coast Care programme to help stabilise the dunes and restore their biodiversity.

Coast Care in the Eastern Bay of Plenty is a partnership programme jointly funded by Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Whakatāne District Council and the Department of Conservation. If you'd like to get involved, simply register as a volunteer by emailing coastcare.east@boprc.govt.nz.



Sandy Pryde, Secretary of Pride Whakatāne District Committee, plants a Pohutukawa on Ōhope Spit as part of the Arbour Day planting activity.

Upcoming Event:

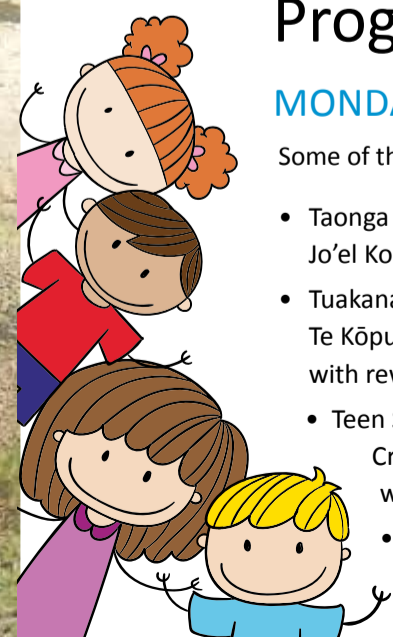
Back-dune planting at Whakatāne Surf Club with Green 'S' Welfare Task Force of NZ on 23 July 2016. Visit www.boprc.govt.nz/sustainable-communities/care-groups/coast-care/

SCHOOL HOLIDAY Programmes & Activities

MONDAY, 11 JULY TO FRIDAY, 22 JULY 2016

Some of the activities on offer during the July school holidays are:

- Taonga Pūoro (traditional Māori musical instruments) with Jo'el Komene
- Tuakana i Te Kōputu - Come and join our games circuit at Te Kōputu! Fun activities to complete throughout Te Kōputu with rewards and a certificate to be won.
- Teen Spine Poetry Competition. For 13 – 16 year olds only. Create a poem with the spines of books and DVDs to win an mp3 player
- Our Winter Activity Booklet is available from all District libraries



**HOLIDAY BLOCK
INTENSIVE
COURSE
FOR ONLY \$50**

11 - 15 July, and
18 - 22 July.
Classes are held
between 8.30 - 11am

www.whakatane.govt.nz/aquatic

Funding available for community providers



Applications are being called for the Annual Grants Scheme, which makes funding available to groups providing a social service to the residents of the Whakatāne District. Preference will be given to groups with a voluntary component.

Funding can be sought for a two-year period, in line with the Council's Long Term Plan. For further information, contact Janie Storey on 07 306 0530 or email janie.storey@whakatane.govt.nz.

Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday, 1 August 2016 and addressed to The Chief Executive, Whakatāne District Council, Private Bag 1002, Whakatāne 3158.

Application forms can be obtained from any Council Office, District Library or accessed via the Council's website - www.whakatane.govt.nz.



Traditional Māori instrument demonstration and workshop

Members of the public are invited to come and listen to the sounds of taonga pūoro (traditional Māori musical instruments) and learn about their origins with Jo'el Komene. Two sessions will be held at Te Kōputu on Wednesday, 13 July, with both a demonstration and workshop centred around taonga pūoro.

Jo'el is an artist, musician, carver and educator who was born in Tauranga and has whakapapa links to Ngā Puhī, Tainui and Tapuika tribes. Based in Tauranga, he performs, creates instruments and teaches taonga pūoro to a wide range of audiences. He has performed both nationally and internationally, and is a highly sought-after artist.

The morning session will see Jo'el introduce the audience to the different families of taonga pūoro with a short talk about each one, interlaced with performances. The afternoon session is a workshop in which participants will make a taonga pūoro and learn how to play it with tuition and guidance.



Jo'el Komene will hold the taonga pūoro demonstration and workshop at Te Kōputu

WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY

Taonga Pūoro Demonstration
10:30am - 12:30pm, Opus Gallery, Te Kōputu
Free demonstration for the whole family to enjoy. No bookings required.

Taonga Pūoro Creation Workshop
1pm - 3pm, Little Orchard Activity Room, Te Kōputu

Make a Taonga Pūoro (Māori Musical Instrument) Workshop. Suitable for adults and children 10 years and over. Places are limited, and booking is essential.
Email: library@whakatane.govt.nz
Phone: 07 306 0509

Care about your community? Consider standing for election

The local body election to select the District's Mayor, Councillors and Community Board Members is to be held this year. These are the people who will make the final decisions about how we develop our community, how we set and spend our rates, and where we should be focusing our efforts for the future.



Show your support for the Museum Redevelopment

An important consideration in securing funding from the Ministry of Culture and Heritage for the Museum redevelopment is the amount of community support and involvement in the project.

This \$4.5 million project involves:

- The expansion and redevelopment of the existing Museum Research Centre facility on Boon Street to provide a dedicated public research centre with greater access to museum resources
- A multi-functional education room for school groups and researchers
- The creation of purpose-built storage areas with museum-standard climate control

We invite you to visit the Museum website and show your support by sending us a quick comment. Let us know why you support redeveloping the Museum and what's most important to you in the redevelopment project. Visit www.whakataneuseum.org.nz to show your support.

District volunteers recognised

Last month, we recognised the volunteers who make a huge difference to our District through their contribution to our local environment, arts and culture, and community and emergency services. The recipients of Volunteer Recognition Awards are pictured here at the Volunteer Reception held at Te Kōputu in June. The reception was held during National Volunteer Week, which had the theme "Thanks for making time."



Local Elections 2016
**YOUR VOTE
YOUR COMMUNITY**

You may be interested in standing for Council and becoming one of those decision-makers for our District. If so, nominations for candidates will open on 15 July and close on 12 August. The electoral roll also closes on 12 August. After that, anyone who is entitled to vote and who is not enrolled as an elector, or whose details are incorrectly recorded on the roll, will have to cast a 'special vote'.

Visit our website to find out more about our local elections.
www.whakatane.govt.nz/elections-2016