

MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

Kia Kaha projects completed

Two environmental projects funded through the Kia Kaha Whakatāne programme, and managed by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, have recently been completed.

Wilding pine control along the Rangitāiki River through Murupara and Minginui saw Makov Enterprise contractors clear 1548 trees over approximately 1120 hectares. Four staff involved in this project also took the opportunity to complete their first aid training. A separate contract along the Rangitāiki River at Waiōhau included Waikakariki Ltd contractors dealing to over 400 wilding pine over 73 hectares of native scrub and forest. Two staff from the second project completed first aid training, plus introductory chainsaw courses.

There has also been a range of other works completed in the Murupara and Galatea area, including:

- Concrete mowing strips constructed around Murupara Service Centre playground and Oak Street playground edging.
- Oak Street playground repainted.
- Pest plants cleared along the river reserve between the Murupara fire station and Evans Park.
- General tidy up of Taniwha Reserve.
- Major clean-up of autumn leaf drop and some trees lifted at Aniwhenua Reserve.
- Twenty-seven larch trees were removed from around the Galatea Cemetery, which were then milled into planks by the local community. This timber was used to construct a new timber rail fence around the sides and the rear of the cemetery, as a joint project by the Kia Kaha teams and members of the Galatea community.
- Fifteen copper beech trees were planted along Cemetery Road, and nine maple trees within the cemetery.

KIA KAHA WHAKATĀNE

The Kia Kaha Whakatāne programme is made possible through Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) investment to provide urgent economic relief for the workforce, particularly those who have lost jobs through COVID-19.

Remember the big six recyclables

Please help keep our district beautiful this summer.

Remember there are six things you can recycle - cardboard, cans, paper, tins and plastics graded one and two. If people put anything else in the yellow-lid bins, there's a chance the whole load will need to go to landfill. Thank you for doing the right thing!



There are 6 things you can recycle in your yellow-lid bin:



CARDBOARD
PEPAMĀRŌ
PAPER PEPA



CANS NGĀ KĒNE
TINS NGĀ TINI



PLASTICS 1 & 2
KIRIHOU 1 & 2



OVER 80S MORNING TEA

The annual over 80s morning tea in Whakatāne was enjoyed by all those who attended.

L-R Reverend Minnie Pouwhare, Councillor Alison Silcock, Murupara Community Board member Ngapera Rangiaho and Ruby Kerrison.

DORA proves popular second time around



During the second week of November, the mobile digital learning bus DORA returned to Murupara to provide free digital banking classes. The aim for the visit was to increase knowledge and awareness of online banking, and 21 people attended the workshops with community learning specialist Mere McLean. The initiative is a collaboration between Kiwibank, Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa, Stepping Up and Whakatāne District Council.



Murupara Christmas Big Day Out

Nau mai haere mai. Victory Church Murupara proudly welcomes you to the biggest post-COVID event in Murupara in 2020. Murupara Christmas Big Day Out starts with a Christmas float parade, and leads to the Christmas in the Park concert.

All are welcome to join this alcohol and drug-free event, designed with families and the community in mind. Visit facebook.com/muruparachristmasBDO2020 for more information.

CHRISTMAS
big 2020
day out
SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER
M U R U P A R A



Aloha

Kaumatua 65+ Christmas Party

THEME

Hawaiian

Music | Food | Mocktails

Wednesday, December 9th, 2020
12pm - 3pm
Murupara Rugby Sports Club

RSVP TO 07 - 3665585



Kōrero
WITH
Council

Share your thoughts with
Mayor Judy Turner and Councillors

WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER
10am - 11am
Murupara Library & Service
Centre

Morning tea provided

Nau mai, haere mai

Everything you need at Murupara Pool



If you're looking for a great place to hang out this summer, pop down and see Eruka and the team at the Murupara Pool.

It's open weekdays from 6am until 10am and 3pm until 6pm, and weekends and public holidays from 10am until 6pm. During the summer holidays, it's open all day from 6am until 6pm.

The pool is set to a pleasant 29°C, and there is a BBQ and picnic tables for you to enjoy. The inflatable will be up over the summer, and private hire is available every evening from 6pm until 8pm.

Keep an eye on our Facebook group page for all our news and updates.

Te Ika Whenua Hauora Presents

Christmas With the Hau Hau Hauora

At Murupara Pools

December 18th 10am - 2pm

- Live Music
- Zumba
- Talent Quest
- Games
- Free Sausage sizzle
- Spot Prizes
- Parade Opening
- Bring a Picnic

A free event for the entire whanau to enjoy!
FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

Medical Centre update

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and manage the very successful Hauora Wahine Day in Murupara last month. Particular thanks to all the women who took the opportunity to have smears, get sexual health checks or have contraception needs discussed. There are still almost 200 women in Murupara who are overdue for a regular smear check, so we hope to run a similar day early next year to offer another opportunity.

As we approach summer, hot days and more time around water, please remember to keep yourselves and little ones safe by being sun-smart and keeping a watchful eye on children around water activities. I also suggest using insect repellent regularly, particularly around water, as we see a big surge in skin infections at this time of year due to insect bites.

OVER THE HOLIDAY BREAK, THE MEDICAL CENTRE WILL OPEN AS FOLLOWS:

Thursday, 24 December – normal opening hours

Friday, 25 to Monday, 28 December – closed

Tuesday, 29 to Thursday, 31 December – normal opening hours

Friday, 1 to Monday, 4 January – closed

There will be an on-call service for emergencies when the surgery is closed. We encourage people to ask for repeat prescriptions well ahead of Monday, 21 December to ensure you do not run out of medicines over the holiday break.

The Murupara Medical Centre team wishes everyone an enjoyable, festive Christmas and a very happy New Year. Keep safe on the roads, know your limit when drinking alcohol, think about being a responsible host to others and don't overstretch financially – remember what Christmas is really about: whānau, aroha and time together, rather than expensive gifts.

Anyone who is interested in receiving Murupara Medical Centre newsletters by email, please contact Britta.Noske@raphs.org.nz or the reception staff at the surgery.

Noho ora mai
Dr Britta Noske

PRIDE WHAKATĀNE
Keeping our District Beautiful

PRIDE WHAKATĀNE GARDEN COMPETITION

Big congratulations to our local winners in the Pride Whakatāne Garden Competition:

Galatea Playcentre – 1st equal Best Pre-school Garden

Karen Isemonger – Highly commended Best Vegetable and Edible Garden

Winner of the painting donated by Dianne Yeoman
– **Karen Isemonger**

2020 **GARDEN FIESTA**



Thank you to everyone who entered the Galatea Murupara Ward Garden competition, and huge congratulations to our winners:

BEST FRONTAGE

- 1st – Donna Kaire
- 2nd – Sherrilyn Aldridge
- 3rd – Te Aroha o Te Ngākau
- Highly commended – Yvonne Howden

BEST VEGETABLE

- 1st – Maria Higgins
- 2nd – Gail Hudson
- 3rd – Sherrilyn Aldridge
- Highly commended – Karen Isemonger, Peter Overdevest and Tania Akehurst

SPECIAL CORNER

- 1st = - Maria Higgins and Jana Tamepo
- 2nd – Gail Hudson
- 3rd = - Donna Kaire, Sherrilyn Aldridge, Te Aroha o Te Ngākau and Karamuramu Kindergarten
- Highly commended – Galatea Playcentre

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- 1st – Maria Higgin
- 2nd – Gail Hudson
- 3rd – Jana Tamepo

Winner of painting donated by Dianne Yeoman – Galatea Playcentre

Thank you to Glennis Toetoe and Deputy Mayor Andrew Iles, who judged the gardens, and special mention to the sponsors Pride Whakatāne, Murupara Community Board and Dianne Yeoman.

Mere Kirihimete



A huge thank you to our community for your continued support this year!

Wishing you a very happy and safe Christmas and New year.

From your Murupara Community Board – Jackie, Ormond, Mem, April, Shaun, Ngapera and Alison.

MURUPARA POLICE UPDATE

Kia ora koutou from Murupara Police

The holiday season is approaching, so please remember to secure your home, vehicle and property – while you are at home and away. Summertime is perfect for enjoying your backyard, but keep your front door locked.

Please remember to be safe on our roads this Christmas and drive to the conditions. Always wear your seatbelt and strap your children into car seats. Please avoid alcohol when driving and drive distraction-free, including your phone. Keep an eye on your speed - a small change in speed makes a big difference to injury severity in a crash – for you and everyone else involved.

The number of people within the community using our online reporting tools is steadily increasing. This helps us to keep you safe - please, please keep it up.

Meri Kirihimete – wishing you a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Sergeant Richard Bollard

CONTACTING POLICE

If you need Police assistance, or have something to let us know, you can get in touch 24/7

111

Call 111 when you need an immediate emergency response from Police, Fire or Ambulance.

***555**

Call *555 to report road incidents that are urgent but not life-threatening.

105

Call 105 or visit 105.govt.nz to report things that have already happened and don't require urgent Police assistance.

Crimestoppers

Call 0800 555 111 to report a crime anonymously. Crimestoppers is an independent charity.



WATER SPORTS 2021
MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2021
Lake Aniwhenua, Galatea
10am – 2pm ALL WELCOME

Come along to enjoy some fun in the sun!
 We have kayaks, paddle boards, waka ama, water slide, boucy castle, swimming & bombing competition
 Drinks, hot & cold kai for sale
 !!!!!Prizes to be won!!!!
 Slip, slop, slap, shade & wrap
 Watch children by the water!

ALCOHOL & DRUGS FREE EVENT

Contact:
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