



MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

Kāramuramu Kindergarten celebrates Matariki



More than 80 people attended the Kāramuramu Kindergarten Matariki celebration that was held on Wednesday, 7 July in Murupara. Whānau from Galatea, Te Whāiti, Minginui and Kāingaroa enjoyed the second annual event, which included a performance and shared kai. The event also marked the 10th anniversary milestone for the kindergarten.



In February, central government announced that Matariki will be celebrated on Friday, 24 June 2022 as a national holiday, the date of which will change each year according to the stars.

Murupara Community Board by-election

Murupara Community Board member, Shaun Bicknell, has resigned from the Board because he and his family have moved out of the area. Although Shaun was on the Board for a short time, his input has been most appreciated. Thank you Shaun, and we wish you well for the future.

This resignation creates an extraordinary vacancy in the Murupara Community Board (Galatea-Waiohau Subdivision) of the Whakatāne District Council. There will now be a by-election to vote-in a new Board member.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in representing and advocating on behalf of your community, visit whakatane.govt.nz for more information.

Nominations for the vacancy close at 12 noon on Tuesday, 10 August 2021.

The journey forward

On Wednesday, 14 July the Mayor and Councillors approved the final Long Term Plan 2021-31, plus a range of supporting documents, including the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP). There are several decisions and projects that relate specifically to the Murupara and Galatea area, including:

- Increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for Murupara Community Board discretionary fund to support community projects
- Investigate opportunities for a gym in Murupara
- Upgrade Murupara wastewater treatment plant
- Remove two deciduous trees on Pine Drive in 2021
- Construct a walkway from London's Garage to Ngāti Manawa Road
- Work with Ngāti Manawa and community to investigate how to recover and reuse more materials currently going to landfill

Thank you again to everyone who provided feedback through the process – your valuable whakaaro helped shape the final version.

REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Councils must review their representation arrangements at least once every six years to achieve fair and effective representation. This year we're carrying out a representation review, and in September we'll be asking our communities to help inform Council in its decision-making.

On 20 May 2021, Council unanimously voted to introduce Māori wards for the 2022 and 2025 local body elections. The representation review looks at the total number of councillors there should be for a region and the way they're elected. The review involves deciding:

- the number of councillors to be elected for both the general and Māori wards
- whether they're elected from wards or 'at large' across the whole region, or a mix of both
- whether there should be community boards, and if so how many, their names and boundaries and the number of members for each board

Visit whakatane.govt.nz for more information.



Learning traditional whatu techniques

The Murupara Library and Service Centre has been hosting a dedicated group from our community since March. Through an Eastbay REAP Murupara programme, the group has been taught traditional garment weaving techniques known as 'whatu'.

Head tutor, Puhī Howden-Taiepa, has a degree in Weaving from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and generously taught the participants basic weaving skills. The group continues to meet at the Library on a Wednesday night and during the day on Thursday. These gatherings are free and open to the public.



Online banking hub on offer

An exciting new initiative is now on offer at the Murupara Budget Service for anyone who wants some help with online banking, or needs a safe space to access their online accounts.

If this sounds like you, visit the Murupara Budget Service at 22 Pine Drive any time between 10am and 2pm, Monday to Thursday.

There is also a private office available for use by appointment only – call 07 366 5159 or drop in to book a time.

Galatea Murupara Garden Fiesta on the horizon

Hopefully we'll be in for another few frosts, then Spring will be upon us. Now is the time to plan and prepare your gardens to plant out in late Spring. If you need any ideas, there are some very talented gardeners in our district who are always willing to offer advice. There is also a great gardening section at the Murupara Library.



Te Ika Whenua Hauora continues to deliver Maara Kai mahi in the community, providing support for people wanting to set up sustainable garden projects.

AN AWESOME ADVENTURE WITH RIVERBUG

Have you heard of Riverbug? This epic white-water adventure is now on special for a limited time, from only \$99 – and it's right next door on the Tarawera River in Kawerau. Family-friendly and for big kids too, this 2.5-3.5 hour experience is a must-do in the Eastern Bay.



Riverbugs are lightweight, single-person inflatables, controlled with paddle-gloved hands and flippered feet.

What's on



Community Market Days

WHEN: 9am to 12pm, every second Saturday

WHERE: St Mark Presbyterian Church - corner Oregon Drive and Matai Street, Murupara

Stalls available - contact Ron Korooa on 027 359 9536 for more information.

Youth Space

WHEN: Every Friday from 30 July

WHERE: Murupara Youth Space

Murupara Community Board meeting

WHEN: 10am Monday, 6 September 2021

WHERE: Venue to be confirmed

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Murupara's Got Talent

WHEN: Friday, 8 October 2021

WHERE: Venue to be confirmed

Murupara Mens' Conference 2021

WHEN: Saturday, 18 October 2021

WHERE: Venue to be confirmed

KEEP AOTEAROA BEAUTIFUL



Aotearoa New Zealand, including our Murupara/Galatea rohe, is beautiful. Let's keep it that way.

Please remember to take your rubbish with you and put it in a bin. Throwing rubbish out the window as you're driving makes our area look terrible – let's all do our part together.



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