



# MURUPARA COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER

## Be a tourist in your own backyard

Plan an overnight stay in Whakatāne next month and take the kids on a night time adventure in wild kiwi territory. From Thursday 8 April, Whakatāne Kiwi Trust host guided night walks every week in the Ōhope Scenic Reserve and Mokorua Bush Scenic Reserve where over 300 wild kiwi reside.



Learn about the local kiwi population and the work being done by Whakatāne Kiwi Trust to protect our national icon and other native taonga. While listening for kiwi, ruru and weka calling, you'll also discover other fascinating creatures that come out from hiding after dark including cave wētā, giant spiders, glow worms and giant kōkopu.

The Kids Night Walk of Discovery is suitable for children aged between 5 and 8, and other night walks are available for adults and children over 8. Adults \$23, kids \$10.25 or book a family pass for \$54.25.

Don't miss this great adventure with the whānau! For tickets and more, visit [whakatanekiwi.org.nz](http://whakatanekiwi.org.nz) and for more to do while in Whakatāne, head to [whakatane.com](http://whakatane.com).

## Mōteatea workshops a hit with the community

The Murupara Library and Service Centre is hosting a series of workshops to celebrate traditional mōteatea (traditional chants) unique to local iwi, Ngāti Manawa. With the expertise of Te Waimatao Murphy and Huia Huriwaka, who are passionate about sharing their knowledge on Ngāti Manawatanga, the seven-week journey includes learning five unique mōteatea. This is a free community event held on Tuesday evenings from 5pm to 6pm. The first session took place on Tuesday, 16 February.



## MURUPARA POLICE REPORT

### *Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi o te tau hou.*

During the Christmas period there was an increase in alcohol-related vehicle crashes and driver offences. This highlights the importance of education around alcohol and driving, and the risk to the community.

There have also been more rural and farm burglaries, including several quad bikes and utes stolen from unsecure properties. These vehicles are often unregistered with no serial numbers, which makes it difficult for our teams to recover them for the owners. Once again, please think about the importance of home security and make a note of vehicle identification details, such as serial numbers, and other identifying things like photos. If you'd like more tips on how to keep your belongings safe, please come to the local station for a chat.

Youth offending continues to be a problem in the community, with vehicles found in the Murupara township and forest areas that have been stolen from around the wider district. We'd really like the support of the community to identify those responsible, and work positively with whānau to educate our youth and hold them accountable.

We're working on lots of positive projects with our local community groups, and I'll be able to give an update once they are in place.

Noho ora mai,  
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.

**105**

Call 105 or visit [105.govt.nz](http://105.govt.nz) to report things that have already happened and don't require urgent Police assistance.

**\*555**

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

**Crimestoppers**

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

## Early detection saves lives

Breast cancer is the number one cancer for New Zealand women

These days it's much more treatable if found early. That's why the Pink Caravan breast nurses are hitting the road to boost breast health awareness around the country.

They'll answer any breast health questions, give advice on when to start mammograms and show you breast changes to look out for, so you can get any changes checked out.

The Pink Caravan will be in Murupara soon, so pop in for free advice and support. No appointment necessary.

There will also be another Wahine Hauora event held in the next few months, following the successful campaign earlier this year.

And remember, the Murupara Medical Centre offers diabetes and heart checks at the surgery. Unfortunately, there is really low uptake from younger people and men over 35-years-old. Please get in touch with the Medical Centre on 07 366 5555 for your health WOF, and make health and wellbeing one of your priorities for 2021!

**Remember - healthy people, healthy whānau, healthy community.**



## Books celebrate womanhood

In support of International Women's Day on 8 March, Murupara Library and Service Centre staff want to highlight two books that have recently been added to the library collection.

Author, Ngauihua Murphy, is a descendant of Ngāti Manawa, Ngāti Ruapani, Tūhoe and Ngāti Kahungunu.

Her research into menstruation has opened the doors to explore ways of reclaiming knowledge around ceremonial traditions that celebrate womanhood, and her books are a commemoration of Mātauranga Māori. Both books have been published by He Puna Manawa Ltd and are now part of the permanent collection of the Murupara Library. Huge thanks to Te Waimatao Murphy, who kindly donated these books to our community.



## FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SPORTS TEAMS

Are you part of a sports group with youth aged 5-19 years that needs to travel to compete in regular sporting competitions? If so, we might be able to help.

Sport NZ has given Whakatāne District Council a \$16,065 grant to help rural sports clubs and school teams with transport expenses to local sporting competitions. Please note, the fund is not available to representative teams travelling to competition games.

Applications close 5pm Wednesday, 31 March 2021.

For more information, visit [whakatane.govt.nz/sport-nz-fund](http://whakatane.govt.nz/sport-nz-fund) or call 07 306 0500.

MURUPARA COMMUNITY:  
**CHILDREN'S DAY**  
SATURDAY 13TH MARCH 2021 12PM - 4PM  
MURUPARA AQUATIC CENTRE  
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BRING Your whanau and a picnic to our  
**Twilight Gala**  
Kaupapa: Celebrating Life  
Thursday 25th March, 2021  
3PM till Late  
Green Grass Area by De Cafe  
FOOD STALLS. WHANAU STALLS. ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE  
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
To Register your STALL Contact Dee Elia on [dee@tiwh.org.nz](mailto:dee@tiwh.org.nz)



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## WHAT'S ON

### 40th Annual Mt Tawhiuau Run

**WHEN:** Walkers 10am, runners 12pm – Saturday, 13 March 2021

**WHERE:** Mangamate Access, Troutbeck Road, Galatea.

**FREE ENTRY.** Bring drinks and food. BBQ food can be cooked.

**Enquiries to Murray Rogers 021 349 470.**

### Murupara Community Board meeting

**WHEN:** 10am Monday, 12 April 2021

**WHERE:** Minginui Fire Station, Minginui Village.

### Community Market Days

**WHEN:** 9am to 12pm, every second Saturday

**WHERE:** St Mark's Presbyterian Church – corner Oregon Drive and Matai Street, Murupara. **Stalls available – contact Ron Koroa on 027 359 9536 for more information.**