

### Rangatahi represent at the Māori Women's Welfare League 70th Conference

Earlier this year, we proudly supported a group of rangatahi (youth) to attend the 70th Conference of the Māori Women's Welfare League. The event was held at Turangawaewae Marae in Ngāruawāhia and Mystery Creek in Hamilton.

Some of these rangatahi are also actively involved with the Murupara Youth Space, which has been working closely with the Whakatāne Youth Council.

This incredible experience helped our rangatahi build confidence, step outside their comfort zones, and connect with others. It's inspiring to see their growth and the positive impact they're having on our community.



### Thank you, Galina Turisheva

A big thank you to Galina Turisheva, founder of the All Paws Count Murupara Trust, for her incredible dedication to animal rescue in our community. Since 2018, this registered charity has been tirelessly rescuing dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens, providing foster care, vet treatment, and helping them find their forever homes.

As Galina prepares to leave Murupara for a new chapter elsewhere, we want to recognise her years of hard work and



compassion. On behalf of the community, the board has presented Galina with a small token of our gratitude.

We wish her all the best in her next adventure and thank her for everything she's done for the animals and the people of Murupara.

#### Celebrating 11 Years of the Murupara Community Board Garden Fiesta

This year, we celebrated the 11th anniversary of the much-loved Murupara Community Board Garden Fiesta. Thanks to the support of Councillor Andrew Iles and board members Sheena Jones and Alison Silcock, the prizegiving was held on Thursday, 14 November 2024, right here in Murupara.

A big thank you to the 12 participants who made this year's fiesta so special, and congratulations to all the winners. Your hard work and creativity truly showcased the beauty of our community.

Here's to another year of growing and blooming together.

Section	Winners
First time entrant	Seventh Day Adventist Panapa and Kiri Rangiaho
Best frontage on the block	Lyn Bridgeman/ Fred Lloyd
Best vegetable garden	Marion Fraser/ Glenda Alton
Special corner of your garden	Karen Te Ata/ Kim van den Broek
Stunning mature garden	Kim van den Broek/ Jocelyn De Groot
Highly commended gardens	Veronica Prendergast/Steve Clode Te Aroha o Te Ngākau ECE Murupara
Murupara Community Board garden fiesta overall winner	Karen Te Ata

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### Council services availability end-of-year 2024

Council's main office will be closed from midday Tuesday, 24 December 2024 and will re-open Monday, 6 January 2025. Most Council services will either have reduced opening hours or be closed entirely during this period.

Normal hours will resume Monday, 6 January 2025.

Kia haumaru, kia tūpore, ka mutu kia rawe ngā rā whakatā — Stay safe, be kind, and have an awesome holiday.

For a full list of services' opening hours over the end-of-year holiday period is available at **whakatane.govt.nz/summer** 

### Dive into the 2024/25 season at the Murupara Aquatic Centre

The 24/25 season is officially underway at the Murupara Aquatic Centre. We're excited to welcome Dillon Charleville as the new Aquatic and Recreation Manager. Joining Dillon is a familiar face, Senior Lifeguard Eruka Rangiaho, along with Trina Maki and Chelsea Maki, who are back for another fantastic season.

Here's to a safe and fun-filled summer at the pool.







# Eastern Bay Road Safety Summer Roadshow

The Eastern Bay Road Safety team will be at loads of different spots with heaps of fun activities and spot prizes.

TUESDAY 14 JANUARY Matatā - Children's Playground | 10am to 12noon

Öhope Beach - Maraetōtara Reserve | 1.30pm to 3.30pm

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY Ōpōtiki – Ōpōtiki Skate Park | 10am to 12noon

Te Kaha - Camping area opposite Pratt Road | 1.30pm to 3.30pm

**THURSDAY 16 JANUARY** 

Ruatāhuna – Te Tii General Store | 12noon to 2pm

FRIDAY 17 JANUARY Tāneatua – Jack Knowles Reserve | 10am to 12noon

Kawerau – Car park next to Skate Park | 1pm to 3pm

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