



Eastern Bay Villages Te Kokoru Manaakitanga

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Kia ora koutou, Greetings to you all,

This month we would like to introduce two new members who have joined our team. Kylie Carpenter will be working as a co-ordinator and Anaru Ranapia as our digital literacy co-ordinator.

We also have some guests that you won't want to miss. This includes a COVID-19 vaccination information, question and answer session, Kassie Ellis from Manaaki Ora Elder Abuse Services and Kathy Everitt from the BOPDHB in Edgecumbe. Read on to find out more information about these events.

Kia ora koutou

My name is Kylie and I am very excited to have taken on a co-ordinator role with Eastern Bay Villages. My husband and I both grew up around the area and after spending some time away, we decided that the Eastern Bay was the best place to raise a family. We have been living back in Edgecumbe for 12 years. We now have 3 daughters who keep us very busy. As a family, we really enjoy camping and are the proud owners of a tiny 13 foot caravan we did up together.



For the past 7 years, I have been involved within Playcentre and have attended Edgecumbe Playcentre with my 3 children. I still attend with my nearly 2 year old and 4 year old. I have also spent many volunteer hours helping to establish a children's charity, The Clothing Project which I look forward to sharing about with our members.

I am really looking forward to getting to know our members and see what I can do to assist people in our community as we age to keep connected and be active participants in the community; in whatever form that looks like for each individual.

Digital Literacy Co-ordinator – Anaru Ranapia

Kia ora koutou
Ko tōku maunga
Ko Oriini tōku awa
Ko Ngati awa tōku iwi
Ko Pukeko me Taiwhakaea ōku hapū
Ko Mataatua tōku waka
Ko Anaru tōku ingoa



My name is Anaru Ranapia and I will be joining the amazing team at Eastern Bay Villages Whakatane as the project Coordinator for an upcoming "Digital Literacy Project". This project is aimed at giving Pakeke the basic digital skills and tools to stay connected, safe, accessible and included.

I am passionate about the Eastern bay in many ways, through whakapapa and whanau, friends and memories, opportunity and sustainability but something I feel is critical for the future is the connection between our Rangatahi and Pakeke, youth and elders.

As a young boy growing up I was always fascinated by technology and creativity and intrigued by narratives, legends and stories. This ultimately led me to working at Weta Productions in Wellington, a life changing place where I gained experience in the film and television industry as a computer graphics artist. While there I was given the opportunity to teach my first Digital Animation class to Rangatahi in Wellington which has been my main area of work for the past 5 years.

Since moving back to Whakatane to raise my family, I now understand the importance of the digital age and its narrative within uncertain times of changing global trends in the midst of a pandemic. As a rōpū we aim to innovate digital solutions while maintaining the safety and values we want in our villages and communities.

I look forward to working with our Pakeke in understanding their needs and capabilities as well as passions to create a beneficial and fun experience of digital proportions.



Coffee Mornings

These informal gatherings enable members to get to know each other, share ideas and plan regular outings

Whakatane Coffee Mornings are held at 10.30 – 12 noon every Monday (except for public holidays) at the Knox Presbyterian Church, 83 Domain Road

Taneatua Coffee Mornings are held fortnightly at 10.00 – 12 noon Mondays every fortnight (except for public holidays) at the Morrison Road Church Hall, Taneatua

All Welcome...feel free to bring a friend along!



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PLEASE NOTE THAT TANEATUA FORTNIGHTLY COFFEE MORNINGS HAVE CHANGED FROM WEDNESDAYS TO MONDAYS

Edgecumbe & The Plains

**Our June guest speaker for Edgecumbe & the Plains will be
Kathy Everitt**

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Kathy of the BOPDHB will introduce and explain how to use the Stay active as you age Lifecurve App

**Tuesday the 1st of June, 10.30am
(speaker from 11 am)**

St David's Church Hall, College Road, Edgecumbe

All welcome, please bring a plate for shared morning tea

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION, QUESTION & ANSWER MORNING

Are you still unsure or have questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccination?

We will have a panel of health professionals available to share information and answer your questions to help you make an informed decision...

Monday the 17th of May - 9:30am to 11:30am at the Knox Church Domain Road, Whakatane



June Whakatane Public Meeting: Previously postponed Guest speaker Kassie Ellis from Manaaki Ora Elder Abuse Services

**Tuesday the 15th June, 10am at the Knox Church
Domain Road Whakatane, All Welcome**

Ruth delved into a disturbing report last month about the many forms elder abuse can take. Here is what she found:

Elder abuse can be as subtle as disregarding wishes, controlling their social life, babying, name calling and keeping older people at home. It can also be far more disturbing, like taking their money, locking them in their rooms, neglecting their medical needs.

The 2015 report notes that one in ten people aged over 65 will experience some form of elder abuse. Over 2200 cases are reported every year but it is estimated that $\frac{3}{4}$ of cases go unreported. 76% of abusers are family members. 44% are a son, daughter or their partner. 20% are a friend or neighbour.

Those most at risk are women, Māori and those separated, divorced or widowed. In some cases their family caregivers may be stressed and unable to cope, without the support they need to care for their family.

Wanting an update and information about what we can do about this, I phoned Kassie Ellis of Manaaki Ora. Kassie is an Elder abuse first responder, working for Manaaki Ora, but her area covers the whole Bay of Plenty. She has been in the role for just one year and reports that it has been an eye opener. Kassie has experienced cases she wishes she hadn't seen but adds, "Obviously I needed to come into their lives."

Kassie doesn't have the power and resources we give to those who protect our young but she uses her networks with police and counsellors to ensure elders and their whanau get the support they need.

Especially since Covid19, with rising unemployment and financial problems families can be busy and stressed. Some have moved back in with grandparents but, with a focus on younger family members, the grandparents needs are not always met.

Kassie notes that the statistics in the 2015 report underestimate the amount of elder abuse today. Things are only getting worse.

I greatly admire the work of those who, like Kassie, protect our most vulnerable, and am pleased that Eastern Bay Villages has been able to provide a forum for her to share her concerns with people here. The more we know, the more protection we can offer those who deserve a peaceful and productive old age. It is a difficult topic but it deserves our attention. I hope many readers will come along to our 15 June meeting (details above).

- Ruth Gerzon



If you are a regular social media user, you may have noticed we have started a new Facebook page. The idea of this page is to share with the wider community about who we are and advertise events. We will continue to operate our Facebook group as this can be a better forum for members to communicate.

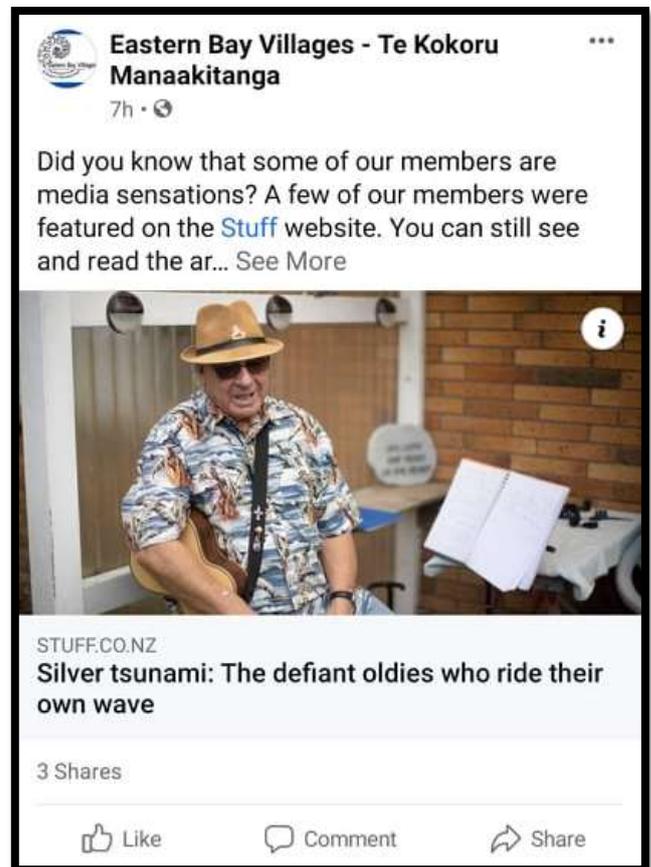
If you would like to find out more information about social media or even if you are a current social media user but would like to learn more, please get in touch about our digital literacy program.

Upcoming Events:

17th May – COVID-19 Information, question and answer session – Knox Church, 9.30am

1st June - Kathy Everitt from BOPDHB Lifecurve App – Edgecumbe, 10.30am

15th June – Kassie Ellis from Manaaki Ora Elder Abuse Services – Knox church, 10am



The next core group meeting will be held
Tuesday the 15th of June
12 noon – 1.30 pm
after the public meeting in the Knox Church 83 Domain Rd. Bring your lunch and share ideas on what we might do together.

Many thanks to the
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for printing our newsletter.

Jo, Paula, Pip, Kylie and Ruth can always find ways for members to use their valuable time. But we find now that there's so many members we may forget to contact some of you. So don't hesitate to remind us, jog our memories, talk to us about what you might like to be doing.
We love to hear from you

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