

Events

Whakatāne & Ōpōtiki TM

- 1 March Upcycle your clothes** (every Wednesday in March)
 Pou Whakaaro, 40 Te Tahi Street, Whakatane, 1pm - 3.30pm. Info: cherie@pouwhakaaro.co.nz - \$5
 Save our landfill from being filled with clothes by upcycling garments into something new.
- 3 March Whakatāne Harbour Care Group Weeding Bee** (every Friday in March)
 McGarvey Road carpark, Whakatane, 8am -10am. Info: 0274 034 598.
 The Whakatane Harbour Care Group meets to tackle weeds in the salt marsh, followed by a cup of tea.
- 4 March Ōhope Craft Market**
 Bluett Road, Ohope, 8am - 12pm
 Market outside the Ohope Hall with local produce and see a range of crafts and gifts from local artisans.
- 4 March Waitahe River, wildlife and state of the river**
 Waitahe Valley, Waitahe, 9am - 11am. Bookings: whakatane@envirohub.org.nz
 Talk about freshwater fish in the Waitahe River, followed by a fieldtrip to the Waitahe River. Gold coin donation.
- 5 March Nukuhou Saltmarsh Care Group**
 Cheddar Valley Pottery, 1034 Wainui Road, 8am. Info: 07-312 4583
 Join the group for their regular Bait and Trap Line Check & Bird Count along the Nukuhou River at Ohiwa Harbour.
- 5 March Kefir Probiotic Drink & Soft Cheese**
 Pou Whakaaro, 40 Te Tahi Street, Whakatane, 10am - 12pm. Bookings: workingforsocialchange@gmail.com - \$15
 Learn how to make your own kefir drink and also make a cheese full of probiotics, both great for your health.
- 7 March Speakers Forum - Common waters? Exploring values, facts and sustainable futures**
 Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi, Francis St entrance, 6.30pm. Bookings: whakatane@envirohub.org.nz
 Speakers forum exploring values, facts and sustainable futures for water in the Eastern Bay. Science, Mātauranga Māori, and Practice. Discuss with local experts/practitioners of waterways, marine life and wetland restoration. Learn about practical solutions to support sustainable water management in the Eastern Bay. — Gold coin donation.
- 10 March Awatapu Lagoon: Restoring the Mauri**
 Fraser Street, 10am - 2pm
 Join the Whakatane Intermediate Halo Care to pick up rubbish, remove tags and check their predator traps.
- 11 March Ōhiwa Harbour - Mangrove Removal Working Bee**
 Wainui Rd, Ohiwa Harbour, 1pm - 3pm. Info: 07 315 4990
 Join the Ohiwa community and learn about the harbour environment, sedimentation and mangroves.
- 11 March Compost Workshop**
 12 Barry Avenue, Whakatane, 10am - 12.30pm. Bookings: lora.scully@gmail.com or 021-1116304 - \$30
 Practical workshop on making compost using the Biointensive method.

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- 12 March** **Ōhiwa Headland Sanctuary**
 Onekawa Te Mawhai Regional Park, Bryan Road, Opotiki, 10am. Info: 027-2448079
 The Ohiwa Headland Sanctuary Trust will outline their plan to restore the natural character of this unique environment.
- 12 March** **Bee Workshop**
 Whakatane Community Gardens, 20 King Street, Whakatane, 9.30am. Info: 027-8174150
 With beekeeper Jo Simms from RnBees. We teach you why bees are important to you and nature and much more.
- 15 March** **Planting a seed, growing a garden for Ōpōtiki**
 Youth Whanau Activities Centre, Whakaatu Whanaunga Trust, 25 Elliot Street, Opotiki, 8.30am - 1pm
 Create a sustainable backyard! Join the whanau in bringing back to life the youth club's garden beds.
 Info: nancy.towersey@toiohomai.ac.nz or 07-3060050
- 18 March** **Sustainable Backyards Garden Trail**
 Spend the day exploring. For more information and locations visit www.envirohub.org.nz
- 18 March** **How to set up a Worm farm & Bokashi bucket**
 12 Barry Avenue, Whakatane, 10am - 12.30pm. Info: lora.scully@gmail.com or 021-1116304 - \$30
 Come and learn how to setup and manage your own worm farm and Bokashi buckets system.
- 19 March** **Autumn Equinox Celebration**
 Whakatane Community Gardens, 20 King Street, Whakatane, 12pm - 3pm
 Celebrating the equinoxes and solstices with free entertainment, kids' activities and food.
 Info: www.whakatanecommunitygardens.com
- 19 March** **Hukutaia Domain Night Walk**
 Hukutaia Domain, Woodlands Rd, Opotiki, 7pm - 9pm, info: 07 315 8293
 Come for a walk through the Domain to see and hear the creatures of the night, including glow worms.
 Gold coin donation.
- 22 March** **World Water Day Film Night - Water Whisperers 'Tangaroa'**
 De Luxe Theatre, 106 Church St, Opotiki, 7pm - \$10
 Documentary by Kathleen Gallagher about the work of 10 communities as they seek to heal damaged waterways.
- 22 March** **Paper addictions**
 Pou Whakaaro, 40 Te Tahi Street, Whakatane, 5pm - 7.30pm. Info: cherie@pouwhakaaro.co.nz
 Learn to see old books, cereal packets, scrap paper etc. as a sustainable and cost-effective way to create beauty.
- 25 March** **Gypsy Extravaganza - Ōhope**
 Market stalls, arts and craft, food, musical entertainment and kids shows. Extravaganza is aiming to be a sustainable event using all compostable & recyclable packaging to reduce waste.
 Info: www.gypsyextravaganza.co.nz
- 1 April** **Ōhope Scenic Reserve Night Walk**
 Meet at the bottom of Ohope Hill, Pohutukawa Ave, 7pm - 10pm. Bookings: www.whakatanekiwi.org.nz
 Come and explore Ohope Scenic Reserve after dark! Guided walk with Kiwi Trust volunteers.

For more Info: www.envirohub.org.nz