

Cancer challenges empties freezers

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...ars you only pay \$10, otherwise a donation of \$100 is required" to be made to a charity.

Fireman Whakatane worker Suzanne Davies was surprised by the spike in sales. "It's in the middle of winter so a lot of ice is sold normally," she said. "The craze had kept her busy for a past couple of days, she said. "I'm just trying to make enough to just hard out making it."

Lopopepo Super Liquor owner Dowthwaite said his business could not keep up with demand.

"We're selling more ice than in the middle of summer," BEACON staff member Queree said, nominated by her "girlfriends", said it was a struggle to find ice.

"I went to the Z station last night and there were only five left at the bottom of the freezer."

She said she was happy to complete the challenge and use money for charity, but conditions were tough.

"All of it was freezing. I had to use brain-freeze," she said. "The Waikato-Bay of Plenty Cancer Society branch appreciates the donations."

"These donations assist the Cancer Society to support New Zealanders and their families going through one of the toughest challenges anyone will face; a cancer diagnosis."

The society said all money raised in the region would stay in the region.

However, it did not condone the sculling of alcohol.

"The Cancer Society cares about your health and well-being so does not support the consumption of alcohol as part of this challenge."

Kopeopeo Health Centre doctor Allan McDougall said the practice posed potential medical risks.

"If you put a lot of sudden cold onto the outside of the body, you stimulate a nervous reflex that slows the heart down."

"If you then stimulate it further by putting a very cold stimulus to the throat it may stop the heart and it could be fatal."

Dr McDougall said he was disappointed the challenge promoted alcohol consumption.

Communication manager of the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Division Cancer Society Rachel Mounsey said as of yesterday more than \$10,000 had been raised in the Bay, with more than \$50,000 raised nationally.

"The challenge is growing in momentum every day and we have been overwhelmed by the support of the public and the number of people who have shared their stories with us about why they have chosen to take up this challenge."

Donations are being accepted at the BEACON's Whakatane office at 32 Pyne Street.

STOCKS LOW: The Iceman is having trouble keeping up with supplies of ice for the challenge.

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→ 76 DAYS in hospital



UNSAFE: Trucks are said to "hurtle" through Waiohau, defying an 80kmh speed limit, and there is no footpath.

Photo Tony Stickley D0805-06

Plea for proper footpath at Waiohau

Tony Stickley
Council reporter

WAIOHAU residents are demanding speed limits to protect school and kohanga reo children on a stretch of road through their community they consider dangerous.

The speed limit through Waiohau is 80kmh but residents claim logging trucks and other vehicles often ignore the restriction and "hurtle" along the main road.

Waiohau has no footpaths, so pedestrians are forced to walk on the road or struggle through long grass on the verge.

Several years ago a young girl was killed on the Waiohau Bridge when she was struck by a truck.

People in Waiohau have had enough of dodging the traffic and want the road made safer for people walking along the three-kilometre stretch.

Waiohau resident Te Waiti Rangiwai voiced her concerns in a submission to Whakatane District Council's draft annual plan.

Mrs Rangiwai said the school was in the middle of the 80kmh zone.

But big trucks would "hurtle" along the road, often taking no notice of the

speed limit, she said.

In addition, the lack of a footpath made it even more perilous for pedestrians, schoolchildren and youngsters walking to the kohanga reo.

Mrs Rangiwai said it was dangerous and awkward, too, because of long grass on the verge.

It was easier to walk on the road, especially mothers pushing prams to the kohanga reo or to the marae.

"I think the council should spend some money to put a footpath in at Waiohau," Mrs Rangiwai said.

She also wanted the 80kmh speed limit reduced to 70kmh, or less, through Waiohau.

She also asked the council for the limit near the school and kohanga reo to be set at 50kmh, or for speed bumps or judder bars to be put in.

"Every other school has a speed limit round it of 50kmh, but our school doesn't," Mrs Rangiwai said.

Resident Colin Te Teira Cameron supported the push for a footpath and lowered speed limits.

"The trucks and cars don't even go the speed limit they are meant to," he said.

Council public affairs manager Ross Boreham said the traffic and speed limit bylaw, which sets speed limits for

all local roads, was not scheduled to be reviewed until 2020.

"However, there is an opportunity for the bylaw review programme to be revisited as part of the development of the 2015-25 long-term plan and the submitter's comments will be considered through that process," Mr Boreham said.

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He said no funding was available in the 2014-15 annual plan for new footpaths, but the situation would be reviewed through the LTP process.

"We would encourage the submitter to get involved when submissions open in March next year," Mr Boreham said.

Whakatane police head of traffic Sergeant Ray Wylie said there had been no specific road crashes in that area lately. He said police would be involved in any consultations as part of a review if a speed limit change was proposed.

Open invitation for Ohope dune planting

AUCKLAND-BASED Green 'S' Welfare Task Force is visiting Whakatane on Saturday to lend a hand with restorative planting in front of Ohope Beach Surf Club.

Coast Care representative Wayne O'Keefe has extended an invitation to

anyone interested in joining the team for a day of planting tomorrow.

The event begins at 10am and runs until 3.30pm, and light refreshments will be provided.

"We will be there for most of the afternoon and you can stay for as long or as

little as you want," Mr O'Keefe said.

Equipment was supplied but volunteers were asked to wear covered footwear and to bring gardening gloves and their favourite spade.

"Bring a friend or three, and a smile," Mr O'Keefe said.

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