



# NGONGOTAHA NEWS

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## Tribute to Jan Gifford, 1940-2017 (76 years)

On 7 June, the Ngongotaha Community Hall was packed beyond capacity to celebrate the life of Jan, a loyal and dedicated longstanding member of St Barnabas Church and the Ngongotaha community. She would have been both mortified and humbled by the attention her passing attracted, always one who preferred to be working behind the scenes rather than in the limelight.

Jan moved to Rotorua from Timaru at age 11, with her parents and sister Helen, where her father worked as a chemist at Crawfords pharmacy before her parents opened 'Salon Cosmetique' on Pukuatua Street, selling upmarket cosmetics and perfumes. Jan attended Rotorua High School then trained for five years as a 'Bacteriologist' in Rotorua and Gisborne. Jan was practical and adventurous from a young age, requesting an oil skin jacket in place of being a debutante, much to the despair of her mother. She became heavily involved with the Tramping Club, which is where she met her husband, Ham. Once qualified, Jan set off on her big OE early in the 1960s, when few women of her time did so. She thrived on adventures, exploring new places and cultures and meeting new people. She spent time working in London before taking a few months out to travel to Israel in her Ford Thames van, not at all put off by the mechanic who claimed "you won't make Dover!" after checking it at the request of a kindly doctor concerned for her. Jan's other travels took her to Iran where she worked for a year in Hamadan, Tabriz and Meshed, through Afghanistan, trekking through Nepal on a mission to go to Everest and on camels through Egypt, continuing to travel overland on her way home.

She returned to NZ after four years away, where she accepted Ham's proposal of marriage and settled down in Ngongotaha, their home of 50 odd years. Jan and Ham raised their three boys, Duncan, Andrew and Hugh, sharing their keen sense of adventure and love for the environment with their children. Duncan had

everyone at Jan's farewell service in stitches with laughter as he recounted how his mother had a knack of getting her boys to do things they weren't necessarily keen on, if she thought it would be a good idea or might broaden their horizons.

Never one to tire or sit back, Jan was a giver, that "just got on with it". In the words of her son, she showed humility, selflessness, compassion for others, always seeing the best in people or situations, respect for others, kindness, trust and duty – all qualities she actively encouraged in her children and grandchildren as the great role model and mentor in her family. She forever worked behind the scenes, for family, friends, Church or the wider community. She was well known for delivering a cake or meal in her well recognised brown wicker basket. When someone new arrived, she would be there to welcome them. She volunteered as parent helper on committees and at activities and events while her children were growing up. She served many years as cub-scout leader. For years she served as administrator at St Barnabas Church. She was always out helping others, whether it be helping someone move, taking someone grocery shopping, helping clear someone's garden – anything that was needed. She set up and ran Music and Movement as a way of bringing Mums and bubs together. She volunteered at the op shop and could often be seen carting around her trailer picking up and making deliveries, accosting some helpful young man on the street to help her with something heavy. Together with Ham and their long-time friends Sue and Jaap van Dorsser, they carried out significant restoration work on the Awahou Stream, as well as contributing to the Ngongotaha Stream. The list of her service to the community is endless.

**Jan, ever so practical and always just one to "get on with it", left a message in her own writing as she knew it would soon be time to say goodbye. "Don't grieve for me too long – I'm off on my next big adventure and you've got lots more exciting adventures on planet earth. Let's just remember all the great times we've had together & just go for it!"**

*This was sent in by Jan's family at the Editor's request.*

**While saying goodbye, Heather McKechnie passed away whilst I was away up North. She was another who worked tirelessly for our community. RIP Heather.**



**Nanny/babysitter needed.** I am hoping to find a local mum or retiree who just want's to work a couple of afternoons a week babysitting, will need to collect boys from school and ideally take them home to our house and be there. Hours are 3pm to 5pm Monday and Tuesday or Monday and Wednesday. Phone Sheree May 0275 674 390

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*A man stopped at his favorite watering hole after a hard days work to relax. He noticed a man next to him ordered a shot and a beer. The man drank the shot, chased it with the beer and then looked into his shirt pocket. This continued several times before the man's curiosity got the best of him. He leaned over to the guy and said, "Excuse me, I couldn't help but notice your little ritual, why in the world do you look into your shirt pocket every time you drink your shot & beer"? The man replied, "There's a picture of my wife in there, and when she starts lookin' good, I'm headin' home!"*

*Two Golfers were approaching the first tee. The first guy goes into his golf bag to get a ball and says to his friend - "Hey, why don't you try this ball." He draws a green golf ball out of his bag. "Use this one - You can't lose it!" His friend replies, "What do you mean you can't lose it?!" The first man replies, "I'm serious, you can't lose it.*

*If you hit it into the woods, it makes a beeping sound, if you hit it into the water it produces bubbles, and if you hit it on the fairway, smoke comes up in order for you to find it." "Wow! That's incredible! Where did you get that ball?" The man replies, "I found it."*



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Friday: 9.30am during term time. Music and Movement for preschoolers.

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10.00am. Walking Group – meet outside St. Barnabas for a 1 – 1 ½ hr gentle walk.

4th Friday: 7.00pm Games Evening (Scrabble, Rumikub etc)

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27th August singing, and dinner – from toddlers – 100+. Come and experience this new way of church. All welcome

5th August Saturday Mary Burnett Memorial Lunch \$15.00 please phone 357 2107

After years of planning, Whare Aroha CARE will start moving its aged-care residents to their brand new CARE Village at the end of this month.

Jana Freeman, daughter of residents, Bruce and Dolly Atkins, says her parents are looking forward to moving into their new home.

“They were both avid gardeners and Dad still loves walking around. The freedom of the new village will make Dad’s day more interesting.”

Whare Aroha CARE Chief Executive Thérèse Jeffs says the trust is going to take 2 weeks to move 78 residents, furniture and equipment.

“We can’t wait to finally be a part of the Ngongotaha community. Once everyone is settled Ngongotaha locals will be welcome to visit the village and enjoy being part of the space.” An official opening will be held later in the year. In the meantime, if you can volunteer anything from man-power, to a truck or just time to sit with residents in their new home, please contact Lee Meijer at Whare Aroha CARE on 07 343 1572 or email [lee.meijer@wharearoha.org.nz](mailto:lee.meijer@wharearoha.org.nz).

## NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

A huge congratulations to John Rayner who was presented with the BOP Umpires Badge after a lot of hard work.

Events:

1. The two teams who won the Charlie Jones Trophy were also presented with Special Badges. They were: - John Wagner, Colin Hanson, Cheryl Wiggins, Jan Drabble, Eddie Dibley, Robin Campbell, Murray Harris and Helen White.
2. The Henry Behre Graded Pairs was won by John Rayner and Graham Klitches?, from Murray Harris and Jan Drabble.
3. Championship Singles won by Colin Hanson from Graham.
4. The big match of the season Ladies v Men, was won by the Ladies who thrashed the Men 42 points to 30.
5. 4 Teams went to the RSA Open Triples on Monday night, and came 1st, 2nd and 3rd. First Marguerite Gerrand, Delwyn Hughes and Arnie Nichol, Second Eddie Dibley, Richard Mills, Martin Burtling, Third, Robin Campbell, John Rayner and Jan Drabble.

*If you would like to come and join us, phone Cheryl Wiggins on 3488 188 or Kevin on 3574 766.*

*Social Bowls is also going well - every 2nd and 4th Tuesday.*

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## **Ngongotaha Community Patrol Update The Eyes and Ears of Your Community**

Another month of memorable moments has just passed. This time it is for the Jackson Family formerly of rural Ngongotaha and Rotorua. Constable Laura Jackson, recently graduated from the Royal New Zealand Police College to join her mother Superintendent Anna Jackson in the organisation. Anna, formally of Rotorua Police for a great many years, now holds the position of National Manager Police Professional Conduct, based at Police National Headquarters in Wellington, says it was a proud moment when Recruit Jackson became Constable Jackson. Congratulations Laura!

The other memorable moment celebrated at the beginning of July was by the Community Safety Patrols who operate under the auspices of the Community Patrols of New Zealand. They won the Building Trust and Confidence in Government category at the Institute of Public Administration New Zealand Excellence Awards

Community safety patrols are made up of volunteers who are mostly recent migrants or from ethnic communities. They work alongside police staff to support community safety and crime prevention initiatives currently operating in Auckland, Wellington and Canterbury and there are plans to begin the patrols in Hamilton later this year.

Assistant Commissioner Wally Haumaha, Deputy Chief Executive Māori, Pacific and Ethnic Services, says community safety patrols began as a way to improve engagement with migrant and ethnic communities, and have been a tremendous success.

We would like to acknowledge the kind support of AMI Insurance by assisting to provide the renewal of our Patrol with Vehicle Cover Insurance. In fact they are so supportive that their support has gone out to all 153 Community Patrols around the country. Thank you Anaru, this will allow us to continue to provide our volunteer services to our community.

Did you know that a great deal of NZ Police graduates used our Community Patrols around the country as a stepping stone into the Police force! If you are interested in volunteering get in contact with us now.

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*A Lion and a Man chanced to travel in the company through the forest. They soon began to quarrel, for each of them boasted that he and his kind were far superior to the other both in strength and mind. Now they reached a clearing in the forest and there stood a statue. It was a representation of Heracles in the act of tearing the jaws of the Nemean Lion.*

*“See,” said the man, “that’s how strong we are! The King of Beasts is like wax in our hands!”*

*“Ho!” laughed the Lion, “a Man made that statue. It would have been quite a different scene had a Lion made it!”*

*Moral: It all depends on the point of view, and who tells the story. Don’t misjudge and always try to understand things better yourself than believing in what someone else may have said.*



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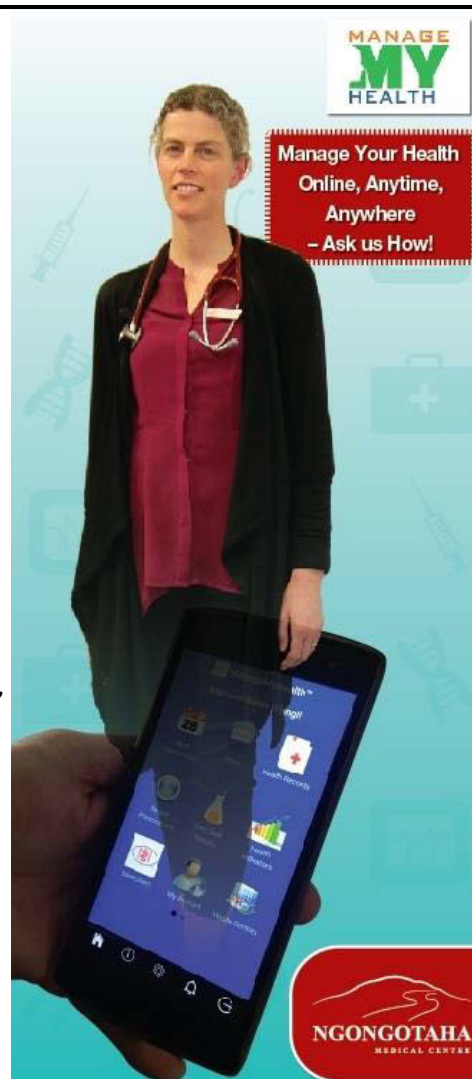
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## Kaharoa School

### *The Cornerstone value for the Term 3 is Duty.*

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Key Competency: A Can Do Kid (Give it a Go) - A Kaharoa Learner ‘Can Do’. They take risks, participate and contribute. They are ready, willing and able to give new things a go. To achieve this, a Kaharoa Learner is an important contributor to Kaharoa School life. They have a sense of belonging and actively involve themselves in school, local and wider communities. They contribute to the quality and sustainability of social, physical and economic environments.

Term 3 has started positively with the children rested and ready to learn. We are all looking forward to a productive and exciting term with lots of great things planned.

### *Electives*

Great excitement always ensues during our Electives programme. This commenced on the second Friday of the term and will continue for five weeks. Our stimulating options this term include cooking; making hattifant balls & model planes; printmaking; music and art; Makey makey; devil sticks; ukulele; football; futsal; animal care; and learning how to use DJ equipment. Once again we extend our thanks to all the parents and staff who offer to share their passions and interests with the children.

### *Playhouse Performance: Puss in Boots*

On 12th August the troupe will be performing the Puss in Boots- Pet Detective Show. We are looking forward to this whole school performance.

### *Gymnastics*

The main focus of our physical education programme for the first half of the term is gymnastics. As the programme progresses it is always amazing to see how much the students improve and develop their skills. From 5 year olds to 13 year olds, everyone participates. This year a team of intermediate aged students will represent the school at the MIGS Intermediate Competition on 1st September. We wish them well in their training and for the upcoming competition.

### *Gutterball*

Our HPS group have been running a gutterball competition. This nail biting competition is open to all students, as they work towards becoming the Kaharoa School Gutterball Champion.

### *Operation Christmas Child*

It is the time of year again when we are thinking of children overseas less fortunate than ours. 2017 is the 13th year we have supported this initiative and hundreds of boxes filled with goodies have been sent to children in the islands. Operation Christmas Child aims to give a shoebox of goodies to children overseas who would otherwise never receive a gift. The wonderful thing about this gift is that everything you give goes directly to a child. If you and your family would like to support Operation Christmas Child, please let Heidi at the office know and she will send home a box with your child.

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### Sevens Rugby

A team of Year 5/6 and a team of Year 7/8 students are training with Mr Rose on Friday afternoons, in preparation for the BOP Sevens Rugby Invitational Tournament 15 August.

Chess: Our lunchtime Chess club continue to meet and challenge each other to win a place at the top of the ladder. It is encouraging to see many of our younger students (as young as Year 2) participating and competing, not only against each other but also against older students and even against Mr Moyle.

Chess Dates to mark on your calendar:

- 9 August: BOP Intermediate Chess Competition
- 10 August: BOP Primary Chess Competition
- 16 August: Chess Power Open Day
- 31 August: Chess Power Tournament (to be held at Kaharoa)

Also coming up:

- 15 August: BOP Sevens Rugby Invitational Tournament
- 16 August: Ngongotaha Sports Exchange
- 18 August: Tough Guy and Girl
- 23 August: Homework Challenge Market Day (note the change in date for this)
- 25 August: Rotorua Chinese Speech Competition
- 1 September: MIGS Intermediate Gymnastics competition
- 2 September: PTA 'Night at the Races'

### Production

2017 is production year and in September we will begin our preparations for our show based around the library. Watch this space for more information next month.

### Kaharoa Team

*Q: Why did the kid study in the airplane? A: Because he wanted a higher education!*

*Q: How did the music teacher get locked in the classroom? A: His keys were inside the piano!*

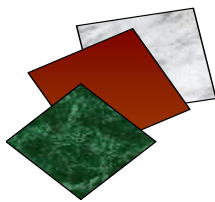
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From Canada to Awahou I have just returned from Toronto Canada where one of the things I did was visit the Niagara falls. The funny thing was that I was pleased to hear that a couple of other people from Awahou just up the road from our place were there just the week before. People from Awahou must be world travellers eh! What a small world we live in.



While our boat load of tourists were getting rained on from the Niagara falls wai (water) at the foot of the falls I was spraying water from my small spray container which contained Awahou river water. One of my travelling buddies asked me what I was doing and above the noise of the falls I replied "I am introducing the Niagara falls to water from the Awahou river." They just shook their head and laughed.

I also brought back a small portion of Niagara water to introduce to the Awahou river. The guy at New Zealand customs asked me if I had anything to declare and as I had written on my form I said yes I had water in a small bottle from the Niagara falls. He then asked me if I had actually gone into the river to get the water and I was tempted to say yes, I collected it just before I dived off the falls, but told him the truth which was that I had bought it at a shop at the falls. For all I know it could be water from a tap but never mind. He laughed and let it through. That got me thinking about how many people come to our rivers each year and make contact with our rivers in the Awahou, Hamurana and Kaharoa region before returning home to their awa (rivers). There are many fishermen who travel from various parts of the world to be here, so in some way they are bringing experiences and life (mauri) from their rivers to ours. What a negative difference and travesty the world would be in if our rivers no longer contained fish or were too polluted for people to enjoy the spray created by huge waterfalls, let alone going under the water in places like the Okere falls while rafting.

Our rivers are a taonga that we in our communities know best. My dad and many uncles and aunties as well as many of you have grown up around the local rivers and waterways know our rivers and can tell when our awa are unwell. So I think that also means we have some responsibility for looking after our rivers and waterways. It's a bit like having a sick relative, if we visit them often we know when they are unwell. The United Nations representatives don't visit our rivers and waterways to see how they are, neither do members of Parliament (besides Te Ururoa Flavell who swims in the Awahou), I doubt that many local councillors visit our rivers and streams as often as those who live with them either... so it is up to us to look after the rivers and let those others know when something is wrong. When I was enjoying the spray coming from the Niagara falls not once did I wonder if that spray was polluted. When I am swimming in the Awahou river I also do not worry about pollution. Hopefully that will remain for many years to come, but that doesn't depend on the river, the UN, the government or even the local Government, it depends on you and me who live with them. Ko nga awa ko matou, ko matou nga awa, we are our rivers and our rivers are us.



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Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

**The enrolment period runs from 30 September 2017 to 14 December 2017.**

The Board has determined a limited number of places are likely, at some year levels, to be available for out of zone students in this enrolment period.

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

For students seeking enrolment within the enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 8 September 2017.

Written applications to The Board of Trustees for out of zone places should be made on the schools out of zone enrolment form and posted to the school office, 296 Kaharoa Road, RD6, ROTORUA 3096 or email [principal@kaharoa.school.nz](mailto:principal@kaharoa.school.nz)

Applications from out of zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

First priority will be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in an approved special programme (This category is not applicable at our school).

Second priority will be given to applicants who are siblings of current students.

Third priority will be given to applicants who are siblings of former students

Fourth priority will be given to applicants who are a child of a former student.

Fifth priority will be given to applicants who are either a child of an employee of the board or a child of a member of the board.

Sixth priority will be given to all other applicants.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on Monday 11 September 2017.

Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

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BOPRC will consider the report and its recommendations, and make a decision whether to accept or reject the recommendations at its upcoming Regional Direction and Delivery Committee (RDD) meeting on 2 August 2017.

Plan change decisions are usually conducted in a confidential session, however, the Council has made the decision to have that discussion in public. "We are aware that there is an extremely high level of interest in this report from the independent hearing panel," says RDD Chairman, Councillor Paula Thompson. This meeting will now be held in Rotorua given this public interest.

The development of the rules has been underway for three years, and has included more than two years of public engagement and submissions.

The formal statutory process commenced with the adoption and public notification of the final version of Plan Change 10 in February 2016, with independent hearings held between March and May 2017.

The independent hearing commissioners received submissions and evidence from more than 50 individuals, groups and organisations.

"The Commissioners spent two months deliberating on the proposed rule change, resulting in the recommendations report which has been released today."

Councillor Thompson says the RDD Committee's upcoming decision is a formal part of the statutory process, and requires Councillors to maintain an open mind.

"Councillors must ensure that their consideration fairly and evenly addresses the report's content and recommendations as they stand, and they are not able to consider any additional information that has not been part of this statutory process – whether this be from submitters, stakeholders or other parties.

"We are happy to meet with interested parties once the statutory

process is complete and from there will determine the next steps."

The Regional Direction and Delivery Committee meeting will be held at 9.30am, Baycrest Room, Sudima Hotel, 1000 Eruera Street, Rotorua. Members of the public are welcome to attend to listen to Councillors consider these independent panel recommendations.

## Background

The Proposed Plan Change 10 to Regional Water and Land has been in development since 2012 and aims to introduce rules that limit the amount of nitrogen entering Lake Rotorua from land use to improve water quality.

To meet water quality standards set by the community, nitrogen entering the lake must reduce by 320 tonnes by 2032. Less than half of that, 140 tonnes, will come from these proposed rules, through a change to the way rural land is used in the Lake Rotorua catchment.

The proposed rules are just one part of the framework to achieve nitrogen reduction. An additional reduction of 100 tonnes of nitrogen will come from voluntary land use changes purchased by the Lake Rotorua Incentives Board; 30 tonnes will come from voluntary gorse conversion to trees; while 50 tonnes will come from engineering initiatives.

## Rules Engagement

After a series of public hui, workshops and drop-in sessions, two draft versions of Plan Change 10 were released in 2015 for formal feedback, with the final version adopted by Council and publicly notified under the Resource Management Act in February 2016.

This was followed by a further engagement phase, culminating in a total of 112 submissions, and leading to the establishment of an independent hearing panel.

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*A Policeman was drilling 3 blondes, who were training to become detectives. To test their skills in recognizing a suspect, he shows the 1st blonde a picture for 5 seconds and then hides it. "This is your suspect, how would you recognize him?" The first blonde answers " That's easy, we'll catch him fast because he only has one eye" The policeman says "Well... Uh.. that's because the picture shows his profile" Slightly flustered by this ridiculous response, he flashes the picture for 5 seconds at the second blonde and asked her "This is your suspect, how would you recognize him?" The second blonde giggles, flips her hair and says "Ha! He'd be easy to catch*

*because he only has one ear!" The policeman angrily responds, "What's the matter with you two? Of course only one eye and ear are showing because it's a picture of his profile! Is that the best answer you can come up with?" Extremely frustrated at this point, he shows the picture to the third blonde and in a very testy voice asks "This is your suspect, how would you recognize him?" He adds quickly "....think hard before giving a stupid answer" The Blonde looks at the picture intently for a moment and says "HMMMM... the suspect is wearing contact lenses." The policeman is surprised and speechless, because he really doesn't know himself if the suspect wears contacts or not. "Well, that is a good answer.. wait here for a few minutes while I check his file, and I'll get back to you on that" He leaves the room and goes to his office, checks the suspect's file in his computer and comes back with a beaming smile on his face. "WoW! I can't believe it...it's TRUE! The suspect does in fact wear contacts lenses. Good work! How were you able to make such an astute observation?" "That's easy" the blonde replied. "He can't wear glasses because he only has one eye and one ear!"*

*A blonde guy gets home early from work and hears strange noises coming from the bedroom. He rushes upstairs to find his wife naked on the bed, sweating and panting. "What's up?" he says. "I'm having a heart attack," cries the woman. He rushes downstairs to grab the phone, but just as he's dialing, his 4-year-old son comes up and says "Daddy! Daddy! Uncle Ted's hiding in your closet and he's got no clothes on!" The guy slams the phone down and storms upstairs into the bedroom, past his screaming wife, and rips open the wardrobe door. Sure enough, there is his brother, totally naked, cowering on the closet floor. "You rotten mongrel," says the husband, "my wife's having a heart attack, and you're running around naked, scaring the kids!"*

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### *Meaningless Goals*

A farmer had a dog who used to sit by the roadside waiting for vehicles to come around. As soon as one came he would run down the road, barking and trying to overtake it. One day a neighbor asked the farmer "Do you think your dog is ever going to catch a car?" The farmer replied, "That is not what bothers me. What bothers me is what he would do if he ever caught one." Many people in life behave like that dog who is pursuing meaningless goals.

### *How would You Like to be Remembered?*

About a hundred years ago, a man looked at the morning newspaper and to his surprise and horror, read his name in the obituary column. The newspapers had reported the death of the wrong person by mistake. His first response was shock. Am I here or there? When he regained his composure, his second thought was to find out what people had said about him. The obituary read, "Dynamite King Dies." And also "He was the merchant of death." This man was the inventor of dynamite and when he read the words "merchant of death," he asked himself a question, "Is this how I am going to be remembered?" He got in touch with his feelings and decided that this was not the way he wanted to be remembered. From that day on, he started working toward peace. His name was Alfred Nobel and he is remembered today by the great Nobel Prize.

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### Ngongotaha School

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Welcome to term three with brighter days and longer evenings on the way. During the holiday break we had work carried out at school which we have been planning for a while now. The asphalt around the original school block has been replaced.

This area has also been enhanced by removing a few trees and reframing the gardens. We will now get the gardens refreshed along with games and activities painted onto the asphalt. This has improved the safety of the area as the previous surface had become very uneven. It will now be available for classes to use for various activities and to enhance their learning.

At the end of last term, we were very happy to hear that our Jump Jam team have again been selected to compete at the Nationals in Auckland, next term. The team had been working from 8.00am to 8.45am three mornings a week leading up to the regional competition. They received excellent scores and good feedback for them to work on as they prepare for Nationals. Whaea Ana is doing a great job training the team, preparing them for the next level of competition. Well done to all team members, your dedication and perseverance has paid off and now you can aim for the next level. The children are back into their morning training sessions and are keen to improve on their performance. Good luck for the future.

This year Miss Muncaster has been on leave and is working in an international school in China. She has decided to resign from her position at Ngongotaha to pursue teaching overseas. We wish to thank her for the work she has carried out at Ngongotaha School, over a number of years, and wish her all the very best with her career.

We also send our best wishes to Mr Steve Smith who began his teaching career at Ngongotaha, taught at the school for a number of years and was Chairperson of the Board of Trustees while teaching at Western Heights High School. Mr Smith has taken up a teaching position at a National School in Dubai. We wish both previous staff members all the best in their new overseas adventures.

We have welcomed 24 new children to the school in the first week of the term. It was great to see the many smiling faces of our children as they returned, from a rather wet and cold holiday, for the new school term. Our children have been most welcoming to the new students and are ensuring they enjoy their time with us.

We have also started a new junior class this term as the school roll continues to grow. Mrs Astwood is now working in Room 12 with Mrs Bowater in Room 11 while Whaea Pam has moved into the Whare with her class of year one children. This will be Room 18 for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Astwood will continue to run her GREAT start programme each Wednesday from 1.15pm to 2.30pm starting Wednesday 9th August. If you have a pre-schooler and would like to find out more about starting school please call in and see us.

This term we continue our science focus and day one began with a WOW day of science experimentation to start the term. We are finding the children are really engaged in this aspect of the curriculum and their inquiring minds are hard at work. The resources from The House of Science are proving to be excellent and certainly compliment the programmes staff are planning for the children.

This term we will be holding our annual speech competition. Children will research, write and prepare their speech for their team. Finalists will then compete in the community hall near the end of the term.

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We have a number of other activities planned for the term as well. We have a large team of children taking part in the Tough Guy and Gal event on Friday 18th August. This is an extremely popular event which the children thoroughly enjoy taking part in.

On Friday 25th August we will acknowledge Daffodil Day. Children will be encouraged to dress up in yellow and will be able to purchase a daffodil in support of the Cancer Society. On Friday 29th September we will acknowledge Deaf Awareness week by taking part in Loud Shirt Day. Children will be encouraged to dress in bold and bright colours and make a donation towards the deaf community. We look forward to seeing the children's creativity for both of these days.

This term our senior students will take part in a number of sports exchanges with neighbouring schools. This is an excellent way to get to know our neighbours, a way to take part in being tangata whenua and manuhiri and an opportunity to take part in sports with their classmates. On Tuesday 26th September teams will take part in the annual Field Days which is a full day of games with schools from across Rotorua. This is an event the children look forward to and gives them an opportunity to put their skills into practice.

With the Rotorua museum being closed it was great to receive the flier of art activities which are being held in the art museum, in the government gardens, this term. Each class in Te Whanau Wai will be taking part in one of the lessons planned for this venue. We are also very thankful

to the Ngati Whakaue Education Endowment Trust who provide the bus, which transports the classes to this venue. Our children are certainly looking forward to taking part in the insect lessons planned which relate to our current science focus as well.


It was very sad to hear of the passing of Heather McKechnie who lived in the cottage opposite the school. Heather took a great interest in the school and would often ring me to discuss various aspects of our programme. She was a great advocate for Ngongotaha and was an active member of Progress Ngongotaha for many years. Her cottage garden was always a talking point for the children as we walked to assembly and we will miss seeing this garden blossom and bloom. We send our deepest sympathies to her family.

Term Three: Monday 24th July to Friday 29th September – 10 weeks

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## OUT AND ABOUT WITH Cr Sturt.....

### Ngongotaha roundabout.

The following is the actual minute I received regarding the roundabout at Ngongotaha and great news they are finally proceeding to get a report on its activity.

*"In brief NZTA has always been resistant towards investigating a slip lane for the traffic coming out of Ngongotaha towards Rotorua. However and after persistent pressure from us they are investigating the proposal and a design/options contract will be let out over next couple of months to firm out the proposal with the aim of installing the outcome in 18/19."*

I bet you have all noticed the CCTV that's been put in place to accurately review what is happening. The big problem I've noticed, at most roundabouts, is people do not know how to use them, indicating is confusing to say the least. Read the rode code and I notice infringement notices are being issued to those who do not indicate out of a roundabout.

### Waiteti stream

Obviously many do not see our waterways as a toanga or life force. By dumping beside the bridge on Ngongotaha road where the fisherman usually park, looks like a fence is the only answer so no one can dump or park. The mongrels who dumped carcasses recently are low life in my book. The smell and the decomposing matter ends up in the stream. Great, and kids in summer swim in it. No wonder our water ways are under threat. If you know who did this call me I'd love

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### Election

At the time of writing it's eight weeks out and scandal of Todd Barclay for national, the Greens leader admitting she defrauded WINZ, Andrew Little not going well in polls (I see that he has resigned, and the new Leader is Jacinda Ardern), Winston's star is rising, the Maori Party predicted by a poll to get obliterated, it's all on for young and old. As I've said in this article before vote for the party whose values and ideals are similar to what you aspire to in life for yourself your family your grandchildren, your community your country. It's so easy to vote exactly what you've done for years but it's not you who decides the election it's the voters who change who do. But the underlying message from me is VOTE. You have two votes, one for the best person you think will or has worked hard for Rotorua or Waiariki and then the party who you want to form a government. We are so lucky in Rotorua to have three MPs, two electorate and one list MP, all who work hard for the people. On council we get to work closely with them all in an united way to get the best deals for Rotorua like events like Mud fest, like Crankworks, like the Lions game etc.

Issues facing Rotorua are Te Ngae Rd, Ngongotaha/Sh5 traffic, the Homeless, Affordable housing, Growth in tourism, Child poverty and Family abuse. Infrastructure like the Sewerage schemes (can't happen without government subsidies), Public Health Services, Law and Order, Education so all our kids have the chance to access the very best services, Employment- no youth leaving school should not be in employment, training or skills development, Community Policing closed is a signal to the criminal element the community doesn't care, Immigration we need, not what the immigrants need. I could go on. The dilemma for me is every party has great policies that if combined would be fabulous for NZ, That is an unreal proposition though.

Having been an aspirant for Parliament in the past it's not an easy job and like council if you go into public life thinking you will please everyone your deluding yourself. Being up front and remembering who put you there and where you come from should keep



**Cr Sturt contd.....**

the politicians we elect grounded but too many forget that and lose touch with reality. If you want to see reality walk like I did last week again down Queens St Auckland and see the absolute waste of human resources lying and begging on the streets. It's an indictment in what NZ has become. No one should be unemployed in NZ and they should be relocated seasonally to where the work is. Why on earth we bring in all these foreign workers seems illogical.

Mental health for me is in crisis with many on the streets sleeping rough suffering from this and drug and alcohol issues. No family support, no hope, no future. The stench is incredible in parts. Many beg for food or alcohol so they can obliterate their situation. Many can't afford rent or a place to stay and many are on sickness benefits or no benefit as they give up - solutions?

#### **Taui street development.**

How exciting for Ngongotaha with the Hospice people providing accommodation and I understand a special housing area in Ngongotaha is being worked on with over 140 sections going to be released progressively. Central government and council are working on this proposals as we speak. It is confidential as to location etc but more will be released once funding has been sourced etc. We are so blessed in Ngongotaha, Mamaku, Hamurana and Kaharoa with great education resources in terms of schools, daycare centres, kohanga reos etc.

#### **Housing**

In real estate most of us Salespersons experience delays with sales as most banks demand building reports, toxicology reports and property file inspection. The most common holdup is the DIY person who puts in another toilet, thinks the sleepout attached to the garage has a permit, altered the house internally ie alter or took out walls and we have even had home lived in for 20 odd years where the house never got a final inspection or code of compliance. Many people avoid these issues and think it's up to the builder and think they are clever not getting permits as per the building act (an act of Parliament not the councils rules) and boy does it cost them thousands to get one. If they had spent a few bob in the 1980s instead of having to get engineers reports, building inspector reports etc some costing 5000 each then they wouldn't cut corners. The other danger is buying privately, make sure you check the council records as we pulled away (Real Estate agents act 2008) from a property where the vendor told us we were not allowed to divulge they had no permit to change the external cladding and then they sold it privately. Do your due diligence regardless. Ngongotaha is hot in terms of sales as it such a desirable place to live. You will be aware of this when you get your next rateable values as in many cases they could double. Houses in Ngongotaha have been selling \$150,000 above their rateable value ie RV and if they are in great condition have all the permits and buyers don't have to repair or fix things that maintenance should have fixed, they command excellent results. The hot ares are Kauae,( Parawai, Ranginui, Waikuta lakeside) Preston Hall/Everard, Western road subdivision almost all sold now, Brookdale riverside, Harris st in fact any home less than 15 years old is in demand. In Rotorua the usuals are Pukehangi, Otonga Lynmore, parts of newer Owata, off Vaughan road etc etc. The lakes are popular but at the high end of the market and lifestyle is in very good demand at the moment. We had a three bedroom home very very nice in Basley rd recently that attracted 55 viewings and vendors got 50k above what they expected. Demand is still there but the 20% lvr for first home buyers and 40% for investors is affecting low sales in the 300 and below market.

Anyway that's my rant for the month you won't agree with me on many issues but hopefully it's made you think and is helpful to your decision making.

Till next month Spring is on its way yeah!!

Ps no mention of RDRRS this month as like many who have emailed me I'm over the naysayers, the knockers, the doom merchants who complain about council no matter what we do. I'm into positivity, forward thinkers, people with vision and will collaborate with anyone who has Rotorua in their hearts.



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## These are exciting times for Rotorua!

Our region's economy is growing faster than anywhere in the country and more families are choosing Rotorua as their home. This progress isn't without its challenges. But the Government's right behind us, strongly supporting and investing in our growth.

The most recent example of this is the announcement of two new schools for Rotorua. The first will be set up on the existing Chapman College campus and Te Rangihakahaka Centre for Science and Technology will open on a new site.

This is a vote of confidence in Rotorua. These schools will help drive education outcomes for local students, improve schooling options next year and mean that we keep pace with a growing population.

I have also proposed a Special Housing Accord between the Government and the Rotorua Lakes Council to help meet Rotorua's growing housing demand. It is a commitment to build more homes.

Last year just 121 new homes were consented in Rotorua, compared to 280 in Taupo, 589 in Western Bay of Plenty and 1695 in Tauranga. The lack of consented sections has meant builders have been turning people away. That's put unnecessary pressure on the housing market and it's a real missed opportunity for our local economy.

The Special Housing Accord will streamline consenting procedures, allowing more homes to be built more quickly. It would include commitments to also consent affordable housing. It also means more local people will get into first homes, more young people will get apprenticeships and pressure on the rental market will ease.

More schools and solutions for easing pressure on housing will contribute to making our incredible growth sustainable.

## Rotorua MP Todd McClay



# Todd McClay MP for Rotorua

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## SPORTS TALK.....

### Rugby

Congrats to Ngongotaha Senior A coach Jody Wharekura for their elevation to the Baywide Premier division after a dogged win over Waikite away in a grinding game full of drama. To all the sponsors, the club and team are going to need you even more now and the players must start training day after Xmas to get that fitness up to what's required. Back to running up the quarry daily is a good start.

Well done Crusaders getting into the super 14 final against the Lions. I can not understand why a South African referee has been appointed surely an Australian should be appointed to such an important game. The series coming up between Argentina Australia, South Africa and Australia will be epic. There are some All Black players who need to up THEIR game especially the BARRETS. Also while the All Blacks captain played his heart out in that final game against the British and Irish Lions his ability to change tactics that weren't working is questionable.

### BOP STEAMERS

Went to the launch of the BOP Steamers recently and have they got a squad headed by former All Black against Italy in Mike Delaney who's being playing in Tokyo and while in the twilight of his career he will add the experience needed to a very young squad. The captain of the Canada World Cup 15's team will add a new dimension to the team. With three games in Rotorua let's get along to the games and support the Bay. The games are Hawkes Bay, Wellington and Southland so will be worth going along. Winning brings the crowds, so let's give the team a great start at their favourite stadium here in Rotorua.

### RACING

CONGRATS to the South Island warrior in Chris Johnson on winning the premiership for jockeys in 2016/17 season. Even with his new teeth Chris has travelled the most and got the results. Lisa Allpress is still riding heaps of winners but remember she had 3 months off with a broken leg. Must also say congrats to local lad Shaun Phelan who with a late surge finished 4th on the 'jump jockey' Premiership with 9 wins for the season. His win in the Taumaranui hurdles here a Rotorua was a highlight of the season.

My awards are as follows: -

Trainers - Donna Logan

Most improved Trainer - John Bell

Horse of year - Gingernuts

Most improved Jockey - Cameron Lammas

Most Improved Apprentice - Holly Andrew

Champion Apprentice - Sam Weatherly

Most outstanding Jockey - Opie Bosson

In Oz top NZ Jockeys are, M Dee, B Grylls, J. Collect, Damian Browne

Top stallions this year Savabelle, Swiss Ace, Per Incanto.

Can't wait for 'outed' Jockey James McDonald to Get back riding again he's a real champion. Yes he made a mistake but the best have over the years like Dye, Cassidy, Oliver etc and became legends.

Spring is in the air. Have you considered playing outdoor bowls If so rock up to the Ngongotaha club I'm sure you'll get a great welcome as they have great greens, great facilities and are renowned for their hospitality.

Classic English Rugby World Cup Joke

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## From the Library.....

### *Hearts set free by Elaine Blick*

Grant and Debra are renovating their country cottage when they find a packet of love letters that have lain hidden behind a fireplace for over two hundred years. Debra reads them and learns the secrets of Clara, a woman married to a slave-owner in Bristol, living on the wealth of his sugar plantation in Jamaica. In the late eighteenth century there is an outcry in England against slavery in the British colonies. It is led by such people as John Wesley, who has a strong influence on William Wilberforce. Clara hears Wesley preach a scorching sermon against slavery in which he accuses all those involved in the slave trade of having blood on their hands. Deeply troubled and concerned for her husband's eternal destiny, Clara urges him to free his slaves. As Debra reads the letters she becomes increasingly involved in Clara's situation, so much so that her relationship with Grant takes second place. The effect on their marriage is critical.

### *A touch of frost by Jo Goodman*

After his train is robbed at gunpoint, Remington Frost awakens from a blow to find the bandits gone...along with the woman he was shadowing for protection. No stranger to risk, Remington will do what it takes to bring Phoebe Apple to safety and her kidnappers to justice. But ransoming Phoebe is just the start of trouble...

### *A secret garden by Katie Fforde*

Lorna is a talented gardener and Philly is a plantswoman. Together they work in the grounds of a beautiful manor house in the Cotswolds. They enjoy their jobs and are surrounded by family and friends. But for them both the door to true love remains resolutely closed. So when Lorna is introduced to Jack at a dinner party and Lucien catches Philly's eye at the local farmers market, it seems that dreams really can come true and happy endings lie just around the corner. But do they? Troublesome parents, the unexpected arrival of someone from Lorna's past, and the discovery of an old and secret garden mean their lives are about to become a lot more complicated.

*A man was in his yard mowing the grass when his blonde neighbour came out of the house and went straight to the mailbox. She opened it then slammed it shut stormed back in the house. A little later she came out of her house again went to the mail box and again opened it, slammed it shut again. Angrily, back into the house she went. As the man was getting ready to edge the lawn, she came out again, marched to the mailbox, opened it and then slammed it closed harder than ever. Puzzled by her actions the man asked her, "Is something wrong?" To which she replied, "There certainly is!" My stupid new computer keeps saying, "You've Got Mail."*





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