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Happy 80th Birthday Hiro Grace aka Nanny Hiro, Mrs Grace, Your Grace, Old Bag.

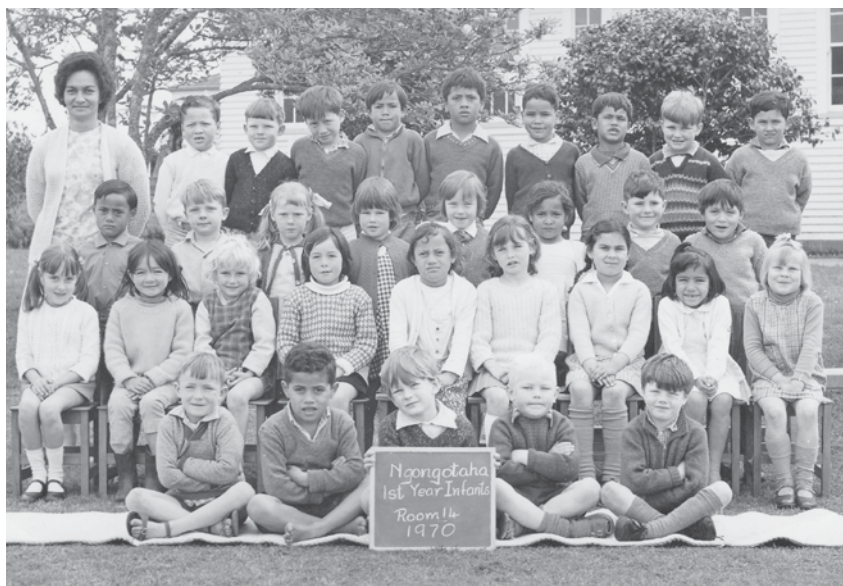
It was a real privilege to have known and worked with this lady, and an even bigger one to be invited to celebrate her 80th birthday at the Waiteti Marae. Hiro, as many ex pupils there would attest to, did not "spare the rod and spoil the child" Many many pupils remembered "Mr Ruler."

She is still working, probably one of the oldest employed by the Ministry of Education. Her contribution to our community and that of the Rotorua Primary community will never be forgotten.

There were many laughs and happy times in the Ngongotaha School Staffroom. See you in 20 years time Hiro, same place, same time.



Her Ngongotaha School days



FAREWELL to Sailesh and Jagruti may I wish you a happy retirement, not that I think that is going to happen. Thank you thank you for all that you have done for our Community and I hope you do not become a stranger, hope to see you out this way once in a while.

WELCOME TO Grant and Crystal Plummer who have purchased Ngongotaha Four Square. Grant worked at Pak n Save Rotorua for over 6 years always with the dream to become a Four Square owner. He went to Australia to work in the mines to save some money to come back to NZ and buy a Four Square. In Australia he met Crystal and they have two daughters, Sara (4) and Tayla (2). They are so excited about purchasing Four Square Ngongotaha and being a part of our amazing community.

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I want: Any second hand books please, will collect 0211475070

To the persons responsible for the vandalism and theft of fruit trees from the Ngongotaha Rail Trust Park.

The Lions Club of Ngongotaha raised the funds to plant fruit trees and native plants at the rail park as part of the Centennial Year of Lions. The focus is to assist with the ongoing beautification of the Ngongotaha Village and the community gave generously (approximately \$1200) at our garage sale 2016 to support this cause.

Community members, along with parents and children from the local school then helped us plant the trees with the intention that the children could pick the fruit for their lunches in the future.

It is very disappointing to see that not only did you steal three of the fruit trees but you also pulled out a further four trees – thank you to the rail park volunteers who replanted them. Unfortunately those trees have now died. The Lions Club will now have to consider purchasing more fruit trees to replace both those stolen and those vandalised. Maybe you could notify us where you have planted the fruit trees so as we could come and help harvest the crop!

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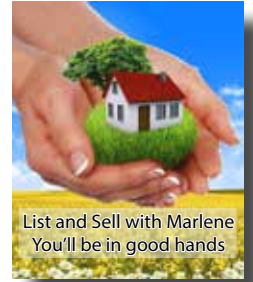
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THE KOKAKO - (Callaeas Wilsoni)



Kokako are endemic to New Zealand, (endemic means that you won't find them anywhere else in the world!). There used to be South Island Kokako as well, but because of predation by introduced pest animals it was declared extinct in 2007.

Kokako now live only in the North Island. They are found in a number of places including Waikato, the Bay of Plenty, (Otanewainuku and Kaharoa-Onaia), Te Urewera National Park, Little Barrier, Kapiti and Tiritiri Matangi Islands, Mount Bruce Scenic Reserve (Wairarapa), Boundary Stream Mainland Island (Hawkes Bay), Ngapukeriki (East Cape), Ark in the Park (Waitakeres, West Auckland) and Whirinaki. In 2015 there were about 1400 pairs, that's a total of about 2800 Kokako in New Zealand.

Kokako usually live in diverse native forest with tall standing trees. Kokako are very important to the biodiversity of the forests that they live in because they are able to swallow the fruits of the bigger trees. This means that they, along with Kereru are the only birds able to regenerate these trees by dispersing the seeds from the fruit.

The forest needs Kokako almost

as much as the Kokako need it! The reason they need/prefer this particular type of bush is that these are the types of fruit they love to eat and the trees are tall. It is also dense enough for them to glide between the trees. The biodiversity of the forests won't function as well as it can with no Kokako. They also like to eat leaves, flowers, moss, buds, nectar and invertebrates.

Kokako lay eggs in the summer months. The female sits on the eggs which hatch after 18 days. She will lay between 1 to 3 eggs and may raise three broods of chicks in a good year. The chicks can remain in the nest for approximately one month. The male bird brings food to the sitting female and chicks. Pest control is the most important factor for successful breeding. The eggs and the chicks and sitting females are preyed upon by possums, stoats and rats. Also once leaving the nest, fledgling Kokako spend their first few independent days on or near the ground.

Kokako are not good fliers, they are gliders. They can glide for up to two hundred metres down from treetops. They don't fly upward very well at all and can hop and bound around in strong legs and small wing flaps.

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the trees with They can only 'flap-fly' for about 30m. This restricts long

distance travel due to fatigue. The reason that they do not fly well is because of the rounded shape of their wings.

The main predators of Kokako are rats, stoats, possums and cats. These pests eat their eggs and chicks as well as the parents if they can. Hawks and Falcons also pose a threat. Logging of forests and destruction of habitat can also threaten Kokako survival.

THE KAHAROA KOKAKO TRUST (kkt)

The KKT was formed in 1997 by Kaharoa locals who loved the Kokako and the forest. They decided to form the Trust to try and save the remaining Kokako in the forest. In 1997 there were twelve recorded pairs living there. The Kaharoa Kokako population is now the fourth largest population in the whole of NZ. By 2006 there were 121 adult Kokako counted plus a large number of young Kokako juveniles. The last census was in Spring 2015 and found 173 territorial Kokako.

Over the years the KKT have worked closely with the Department of Conservation (DOC) to keep the numbers of pests down and increase the number of Kokako. From 1988 to 1997 the Kaharoa Forest was a part of an important study by Landcare Research and DOC. Their results estimated that possums and ship rats were most likely the main cause of the decline of the population. This is because the eggs, chicks and hens are at risk in the nest and all ages are at risk on the forest floor, not only from possums and rats, but also cats, dogs and stoats.

In 1997 the Trust and some local volunteers put out 160 bait stations in 300ha of the Kaharoa Forest. Then in 2000 they put an extra 390 stations in the Onaia ecological area of the forest to bring the total number of stations up to 550! There are also 50 Stoat traps around the Forest boundary.

The Kaharoa Kokako Trust has up to 60 committed Kokako volunteers. Please contact them directly if you are keen to help.

NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

We hope you all had a Happy Christmas and bright new year playing bowls.

The season is about to start, so if you are thinking of becoming a member, you will be most welcome to come and join us. We have a friendly team and atmosphere, and there are coaches to help get you started. We have a "roll-up" and Coaching session on the 13th February at 7.30pm at the Community Hall. Opening night will be the 20th February. We play every Monday night so please come. If you want further information contact Cheryl on 3488118 or Kevin on 3574766

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Sports talk

Rugby

The highlight for me will be the 2017 Lions Rugby tour of New Zealand probably captained by former Kaharoa school boy Dylan HARTLEY the hard man of England's rugby team and captain of England's 2016, 6 nations champions. The highlight for Rotorua is the NZ Maori v Lions game being played here in Hartley home town at Rotorua's fabulous International Stadium on June 17 followed by the Chiefs game in Hamilton the following Saturday. The eagerly awaited test matches with the Lions, are being coached by Waikato native Warren Garland and will be played at Auckland on 24 June, Wellington on 1 July and again in Auckland on 8 July 2017. These games will be crackers and with the recent comments of England's coach Eddie Jones the war of words has begun. Get ready Rotorua you will be invaded by almost 20,000 Lions supporters and I understand that already accommodation is at a premium and one local eatery states they are booked out for three meals a day for the week of the Rotorua fixture. Regarding the All Blacks it's great to see Nehe milner-shudder is back fast and fit again. Sad to see players like Cruden leaving NZ for the big cheque books in France. Can do you blame these top athletes as the battering their bodies take, time away from family and with their playing careers and opportunities being limited. Same with the international cricketers with IPL etc etc.

Chiefs

I have, along with a lot of Rotorua supporters of the chiefs cancelled my season tickets due to 2 home games being in New Plymouth and not one, yes not one game being played in either Tauranga or Rotorua. Not even a pre season romp in the Bay. For the last 5 years many of us have trudged across to Hamilton to every home game there in the hope our continued support would see the Bay of Plenty being given a home fixture. I still can't fathom why Taranaki is in the chiefs franchise area as many down Naki way still support the Hurricanes. Oh well player loyalty (ie Sonny bill Williams) is now dictated by the money so fan loyalty is way down the priority list. I'm one really disappointed fan. I'm not backing the Blues though so I'll stay home and watch games on sky.

Tennis

With the recent Australian open being held in Melbourne it has showcased the new talent coming through after Federer, Nadal, Djokovic etc move on. Names like Dimitrov, Vanderweh, Konta, Roanic, Zverev, Bautista-Agut will be to the fore. Got to say the player who entertains me regardless of who he plays is G Monfis the Frenchman with the absolute lethal forehand who is so casual and often lacks concentration. His match with Nadal in the quarter finals was the best match until the Dimitrov v Nadal semi came along. What a battle that was with nearly five hours of pulsating tennis, got to admit I fell asleep and woke in time to take in the fifth set which was to and fro between two superb athletes. To witness the level Nadal is now playing at after a terrible 2016 racked by injuries is a delight. The practice, effort and results for Nadal are due reward for his tenacity and determination to be a winner. The dream final of two veterans (ie Federer and Nadal) of the game is a great prospect not to be missed. I've got to say I hope Venus Williams wins the women's final especially after Serena spat the dummy and got beaten by an absolute no name at the Auckland ASB classic. Her excuse was the wind, the same wind all the other players had to overcome. Venus pulled out with an elbow injury but signs of that have not been evident at the Australian open. I feel for the NZ fans who purchased tickets in advance of watching two of CONTD.....



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the legends of the game playing on home soil. Don't be surprised if they both announce their retirement soon.

Racing

Congrats to Iain Kennedy of Rotorua who has been training Rotorua's only winners lately. They are ENDEAN ROSE AND ENDEAN EXPRESS. Both deserved their recent wins and both should carry on with their winning ways. ENDEAN Rose a 6yo mare by Savabeel out of Pretoria was bred by Jim Campin and has now had 29 starts for 5 wins, 4 seconds and three thirds and has amassed nearly 60,000 in stakes for local owners Andrew Burton, Mrs LA Hunt and Kennedy. Her five wins have been over 1950m at Rotorua, 2000m at Matamata, 1600m at Matamata, 1600m at Tauranga and 1400m also at Tauranga. She is gaining a great affinity with jockey BRENDAN HUTTON. ENDEAN express in the same ownership is by fast'n ' famous out of an al Akbar mare. Her recent win over 1215m ridden by Hutton at Rotorua on 18 January 2017 followed a first up third at Matamata. She has shown huge promise from day one and with a win and a third from three starts the speed on the dam side and the staying ability possessed by her sire will see her win races at and beyond 2000m. So watch their progress and again congrats to Rotorua's team Kennedy.

General

Netball, league, rugby, hockey and football locally are set to start their 2017 pre season training, so if you interested please contact our local Ngongotaha Football club in Stembridge Road and the Rugby club which are based at the Bowling club in Domain Ave. Ngongotaha. Both clubs have a strong emphasis on young people. Most netball and hockey junior teams are organised through the primary and intermediate schools. Team sport is very important for young people's personal development, so ask who's involved and get behind your children's sport. Coaches managers and supporters are always needed. Must say both Ngongotaha senior Soccer (Football) and rugby teams are heading for great things this year after a very productive 2016. Do support the games when they play locally.

Congrats to Kaharoa's Brad Coxhead who just won the BOP Stockcar Championship.

Oh well enjoy the warm weather and if your into cricket, golf bowls etc etc enjoy your games as it's been mixed in terms of being able to play and many interruptions have been endured. Locally if we can have the results of the champions at bowls and golf at Lakeview just forward to editor.

Sportnut

I have fulfilled my dream to see Roger Federer play in person. I went over to the tennis for the first week, and got tickets for the Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday night sessions on Rod Laver. I decided that I wanted to see top players and I did, Djokovic, Andy Murray, Nadal, the Williams Sisters. Federer was playing in the afternoon session on Wednesday, so we purchased tickets at the courts for that. You can imagine how thrilled I was when he won, although I do like Nadal too. Editor

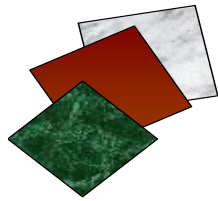
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REASONABLE RATES

Welcome to our 2017 Kaharoa School Year.

We would like to welcome new children and their respective families along with our returning children to our 2017 school year. We are looking forward to having the privilege of learning alongside your child. We are delighted to welcome Ms Kim Dalton, Mrs Kathy Snodgrass, Mrs Christina Clark and Miss Gaynor Lincoln to Kaharoa School. These teachers bring a wealth of experience, new knowledge and skill to our school and I am sure parents will join me in wishing them a warm welcome.

Kaharoa School's mission is Learning, Values and Community. Through the Board's Strategic Plan, we aim to honour this mission through our teaching and learning programmes and ongoing staff development and learning. Our vision is to develop learners by Year 8 who display the following competencies or capabilities:

- A Thinker
- A Communicator
- A Self-Manager
- A Can Do Kid
- Friendly

It has been great to see so many locals enjoying the school pool over the summer. Thank you to those families who purchased a key tag. This helps offset the \$6,000 chemical costs and running cost. A reminder to please look after these facilities and ensure safety is paramount. On a number of occasions over the holidays doors were left open, lights left on and a rock used to hold the gate open. The gate should be closed at all times with children under 16 supervised at all times. One mistake or moment of inattention could be tragic and ultimately spoil the use of a wonderful community facility for everyone.

Work continues on the senior block upgrade with completion predicted to be at the end of April. In the meantime, Rooms Tawa and Totara will remain in the Kokako Centre.

Please take the opportunity to regularly visit our Kaharoa School website www.kaharoa.school.nz for details regarding term dates, staff lists, school policies and important event dates. We will be adding our 2017 Strategic Plan to the website shortly.

Warwick Moyle Principal

B.O.T

The B.O.T would like to welcome everyone back to a new year at Kaharoa. There are many challenging sporting and cultural events, exciting camps and leadership opportunities ahead. The building project continues, albeit slowly, and our senior children will benefit hugely from the improved facilities.

Our B.O.T members this year are: Sarah Coatsworth (Board Chair), Malcolm Carr, Jackie Guyton, Catherine Walsh and Tony Thaugland. The staff representative is Shannon Napier.

We look forward to the valuable support of our community.

P.T.A

The PTA is a very active group, which is involved in a number of fundraising schemes and other activities, which directly benefit your children. We are a small team of parents and teachers, who meet once a month in the school staffroom.

Secretary: Gaye France Treasurer: Kristy Bates Staff Rep: Maria Shoebridge

We ask parents and caregivers if they would be able to help with some of the activities by getting involved and having fun! Helping out at some of these events is also a great way to get to meet other members of the school community. We really need more people to join the P.T.A...The more hands, the lighter the work!

A Word from our New Teaching Staff

- Room 1 Kauri Kathy Snodgrass

Kia-ora. My name is Kathy Snodgrass and I have the privilege of being the new entrant teacher at Kaharoa School - 5 year olds are my favourite age to teach. I have been teaching for 15 years. For 7 of those (up until last year) I taught in a part time capacity as my husband, Craig, and I raised our children, Mya and Ben.

This year Kaharoa School is pleased to be implementing a transition to school programme called the Kaharoa Keas. We aim to provide a smooth change for you and your child from preschool, to the new, big and sometimes overwhelming environment of school. The weekly contact with their new teacher, classmates and the wider school environment will help provide security and confidence for your child. It will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions, and find out about our wonderful school and what we can provide that other schools can't. If you're interested in enrolling your child into our school transition programme, or just wish to find out more feel free to email me on kathys@kaharoa.school.nz.

- Room 3 Matai Job share Christina Clark and Jo Clark

Hello there. My name is Christina Clark and I am married to Pete. We have a son Jonathan and a daughter Zoe.

Teaching is a great passion of mine. My other passions are spending time with family and friends; reading; travelling; food; and exercise especially biking. Over my career I have held varied teaching roles in a range of schools, including Kaharoa. I look forward to re-joining the team and job sharing with Mrs Clark in Room Matai.

Room 7 Tawa Kim Dalton.

Kia-ora my name is Kim Dalton and I have the pleasure of joining the team at Kaharoa School this year. I enjoy the challenge of teaching and am passionate about the new learning innovations at Kaharoa School. 9

Class teacher changes

- Lisa Fell teaching in Rata Rm 5
- Leanne Hale teaching in Kowhai Rm 2
- Gaynor Lincoln in Miro Rm 4

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Kaharoa School contd.....

Student Leaders

We are trying something a bit different this year with the senior student leadership structure. The year 8 students will work within their house groups to propose ideas, organise and run fundraising events and other student activities. The new structure will allow all year 8 students to step up and provide leadership and mentorship within the school, if they so choose. The challenge for them will be to maintain their enthusiasm and focus throughout the year to ensure they are eligible for the Leadership Medals at the Senior Prize Giving in term 4.

Assembly

This year we are trialling a change to our school assemblies. Whole school assemblies will be held every second Friday morning (even weeks). A class will be rostered on the run the assembly, which will involve them sharing a song and some art or written work they have completed.

During odd weeks, we will have syndicate assemblies. Junior syndicate (Rm 1-4) assemblies will be held in junior classroom and senior school (Rm 5-8) assemblies will be held in the Kokako Centre. More information about the syndicate assemblies will be in newsletters.

Parents are most welcome to attend both whole school and syndicate assemblies.

Lunchtime Swimming Lessons 7,8,9 Feb and 13, 14 Feb

Lunchtime swimming lessons will cost \$25 for 5 lessons – each lesson will be 30 minutes long. Group size up to 17-18 children with 2 instructors.

If you would like your child to take part in these lessons, please contact Heidi at the office Ph. 3323 444.

Prize Giving 2016

Congratulations to all our 2016 Year 8 children who graduated from Kaharoa last December. We wish you well in your future endeavours.

Cup winners 2016

- English: Zoe Hanna
- Mathematics: Ashton McGarvie
- Science: Delta Russell
- Chinese: Zoe Hanna
- Arts: Ellie Sharplin
- Sport: Molly Phillips & Oliver Larcombe
- Citizenship: Emma Johnston & Oliver Larcombe
- Triathlon

For the past two years we have been holding the triathlon in Term 4 to enable us to forward names of winners to the Sport B.O.P triathlon event at the beginning of the following year. Sport B.O.P. no longer run this event so we will be returning to holding our Triathlon in Term 1. This year it will be held on 10 February from 10.45am.

Dates to mark on your calendar.

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| • 1 February | Class Meetings |
| • 6 February | Waitangi Day. No school |
| • 7 February | Lunchtime Swimming lessons commence |
| • 9 February | Manual commences for Yr 7 & 8 |
| • 10 February | Whole School Assembly 9.00am. Triathlon 10.45am onwards. |
| • 13 February | Tawa and Totara Stream trip |
| • 14 February | Rimu Kokako Bush and Stream trip |
| • 20 February | BOT meeting 5.30pm. Go4It Pass It commences |
| • 22 February | Road Safety Show Rm 1-5 |
| • 23 & 24 February | Rata camp Whakamaru |
| • 24 February | Whole School Assembly |
| • 24 February | KCA Community Pool party |
| • 28 February | Senior School Swimming Sports (8+ years) 10.30am onwards |
| • 1 March | Junior Swimming Sports 1.30pm – 2.50pm |
| • 3 March | Rural School Swimming Sports 9.30am onwards |

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By Sharon Fleet

Although many people have or are heading back to work or arriving home from holidays and our young ones are now back at school, crime doesn't stop. In fact sadly it appears that Ngongotaha has been a bit of a target over the few weeks and we have been experiencing more than our own share of incidence even though we have been out and about.

When out patrolling we often see things that don't seem right, as patrollers we are reminded by our Police Liaison... "If it is doesn't seem right, then it probably isn't and call it in." I ask you how many times do we say to ourselves if only we had 'done this' or if only we had 'done that'??? If we had acted at the time - an accident could have been averted, a crime might have been stopped or an assault avoided. I ask what has to happen to get more people to call in suspicious behaviour or activity and not rely solely on someone else???

A 'suspicious activity' is when a person's conduct or action does not fit the normal day-to-day activity of your neighbourhood - an occurrence that is out of place and should not be happening in your neighbourhood. If you observe something unusual or think something looks 'wrong', report it. Ring 111 Example:

- A person hauling property in a strange way or place.
- Someone going door-to-door selling flax flowers etc (as was the situation just prior to Christmas in our rural area).
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The teacher asked the class to use the word "fascinate" in a sentence. Molly put up her hand and said, "My family went to my granddad's farm, and we all saw his pet sheep. It was fascinating." The teacher said, "That was good, but I wanted you to use the word 'fascinate,' not 'fascinating'." Sally raised her hand. She said, "My family went to see Rock City and I was fascinated." The teacher said, "Well, that was good Sally, but I wanted you to use the word 'fascinate'."

Little Johnny raised his hand, but the teacher hesitated because she had been burned by Little Johnny before. She finally decided there was no way he could damage the word "fascinate," so she called on him. Johnny said, "My aunt Carolyn has a sweater with ten buttons, but her b&^%s are so big she can only fasten eight!" The teacher sat down and cried.

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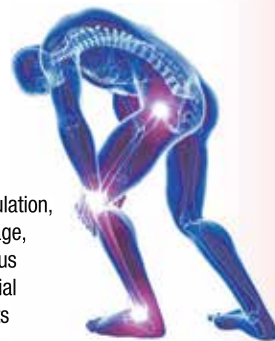
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2017 Club Teams

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Manager-Edith Taipeti

J.A.B: Kelly Sefton

J.A.B muster and weigh in for 2017 season: Saturday 4th March, 12-3pm at the Ngongotaha Domain. All girls' teams will also be available for 5 and 6 year olds.

2017 Rugby draw for the local 1st round, back to the good old days playing for the Banner!

Saturday 25th February: NGO vs. Waikite, 2:30pm at Waikite

Saturday 4th March: NGO vs. Waka, 2:30pm at NGO

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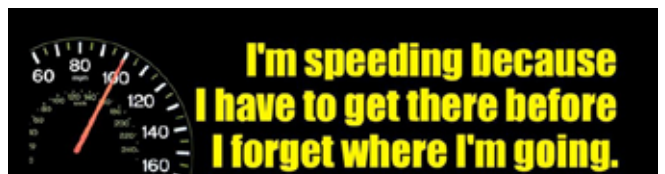
Look forward to your support over the 2017 season.

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The residents of 15 Ranginui Street want to say a huge thank you to the anonymous neighbour who left a lovely card in our letterbox, thanking us for decorating our house in Christmas lights and for bringing joy and delight to our street. The gesture was very much appreciated.

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Also to all our volunteers we would like to say thank you to, Rodney, Neil, Marcus, Bruce, Bill, John K, Alan S, and Don for all their assistance at the park and also a thank you to the Correction Department for their massive contribution

**WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS
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TABUTEAU TALKS

I look forward to a future Rotorua that continues to build on the successes of the last few weeks.what a buoyant, thriving city and we have more top notch events to come. It’s been wonderful to reflect on the summer season in Rotorua, we’ve all had the chance to see so many successful events, and what’s more. People have come from far and wide to enjoy them with us. Despite the appalling weather there has been a happy “vibe” and that is because of the people, our people of

Rotorua, our hosts and staff who have provided fantastic events and amenities that we can all be proud of.

From The New Year’s Celebration at the Lakefront which drew many thousands, children, grandparents and families all enjoying the most fantastic nights entertainment and superb fireworks display right through to the Auckland Holiday weekend. Fellow kiwi’s from around the country were flocking to Rotorua to view and participate in the Rotorua Annual A&P Show, the second Summer Seafood Festival with NZ Iconic entertainer Dave Dobbin, The Swamp Thing Concert at Rainbow Springs, the N.Z Maori Basketball Tournament, the National 7s tournament all of which has boosted our local economy.

The District Council Garden staff have done such great work to ensure our gardens and the city in general is immaculately presented. They deserve a huge thanks and then also a huge congratulations to all the support people, the volunteers who work tirelessly in the background ensuring these events go off well. They are often our unsung heroes and without their efforts Rotorua would not be able to provide the backdrop for such wonderful community events.

I look forward to a great 2017 it’s been an exciting start already. On a sombre note I would like to acknowledge the passing of Irirangi Te Kowhai a matriarch of Whakaturia and Tunohopu where she was known for her years of wonderful service to her Te Arawa iwi.

Rotorua has many positives that we ought to be proud of and if we concentrate on the growth and regional development... everyone will win.

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Winners and congrats

To the family who live at 51 Ranginui St for your recent 2nd placing in the Xmas lights extravaganza promoted by the Professionals real estate company. Winning second prize of \$1000 just shows you what a family can do.

Council

Even though at home still nursing my broken leg I've been active from home in Council matters. As chair of the Operations and Monitoring committee supported by Cr Tania Tapsell as my deputy, I've recently under-delegated authority, signed tenders for the stormwater and drainage work required at the Westbrook NETBALL courts to prepare them for the new surface which will greatly improve playing at that venue.

The new surface will be rebound and less jarring and injuries should be the outcome. I must mention a bouquet to the recently retired chair of netball Rotorua Mirth Solomon who herself a former silver fern of great note, she has guided netball Rotorua through the past 10 odd years. Her retirement has seen an old Malfroy primary school mate of mine Freda Horomia step up to the role and ably supported by long time secretary Mary Thompson and the executive the transition has been seamless. Netball ROTORUA is making a huge contribution to the cost of the new surface and is in good hands.

I've also signed a tender for the design of the new Rotoma and Rotoehu on-site spray irrigation scheme which will eventually improve lake water quality in these two beautiful lakes. The scheme is projected to cost 37million when finished.

I also signed a tender for the building of a bridge to the horse paddock at Waipa which will link the car park area to the new yet to be built international world class BMX track. This has come about with support of Red Stag who are fantastic corporate citizens in Rotorua. Mountainbiking is flourishing in this location with over 4000 people travelling to Rotorua every weekend to use the trails, Redwoods, Whakarewarewa forest etc. this is huge for Rotorua. The support of Iwi can not be understated as the Redwoods would be closed off without their support for access so please respect the area with removing your rubbish etc. the facilities at the redwoods are superb and provided by your council.

Theft

The recent theft of the Mauiora Kingi's memorial Patu (or whale bone club) from a display case housed in the council chamber which was donated and carved in Rotorua to contd.....

commemorate the Te Arawa partnership as promoted by Mau. His drive to improve how council does business with Iwi was endless and the hours he spent mending fences and relationships was noticed by all of us on council. This drive came about as many including iwi and te Arawa people felt the 20 year old Te Arawa standing committee was ineffective and after the aborted drive to draw off more water from Taniwha Springs and the debacle at the Environment court of the Rotoma/Rotoehu Sewerage treatment proposal prompted Mau to act in the best interest of all Rotorua people. The millions it was costing you the ratepayers to fight our own ratepayers because we hadn't done things correctly and liaised with the correct people cost us all \$millions. So the spiritual significance of the priceless Taonga goes without saying. If you have information please contact me direct confidentially.

Parks and Reserves

Had very positive comments about type of playing equipment for the relevant ages of park users and the need for seating BBQS in some areas. The Lakes Community board will no doubt be involved in the public discussions for the **re-development of the hamurana reserve**. *If anyone sees the people dumping rubbish out there and on side reserves off Hamurana Rd over the hills, up Jackson Rd etc get a number plate and call or text or email me.*

HAMURANA RESERVE

Contrary to common belief freedom camping is not permitted on this reserve. I was aghast to be pointed out the use over Xmas/ New year, so one Saturday night we drove out to look and nearly 25 different camping vans, tents and other modes of accommodation were being used with dogs running free, naked kids and someone washing themselves with soap in the spring water going into the lake etc etc, what they were doing with their personal excrement is anyone's guess. The rubbish generated and lack of respect for the location has seen council inspectors visit on a regular basis and all the overseas visitor were told by one of the hire companies freedom camping was allowed. Yeah right! If you see them call council after hours and they will be moved on.

Bathhouse and museum

At considerable cost we are all determined that the facility is repaired, "earthquake"ready and re-opened asap. The recent Wellington earthquake created cracks in the part built last century and the dangers to staff and visitors was not worth risking. These are the unexpected costs council faces from time to time but our insurance should cover most of it. I'm sure we have public support.

Negativity

The recent criticism by the ratepayers watchdogs over the ratepayers supporting Cranx works to the tune of \$75,000 is another slap in the face for the money this single event generates, employs and filters down into our economy. Last year they had to turn away local volunteers wanting to help out. Maybe they are being negative in a positive way but there is no comment about the \$100,000 put into the Lakeside concert and a myriad of a kind support council give to events) the arts (Arts village) recreation (like the walking festival), the tulip festival the new mud festival starting this year. What a horrible miserable and austere place ROTORUA WOULD BE. We are a tourist town and we want to support locals who get little for the costs being a tourist town puts on all of us.

Oh well till next month best wishes hope you enjoy summer which hopefully goes on until April. of you need to contact me on a council issue email me at Charles.sturt@rotorualc.co.nz
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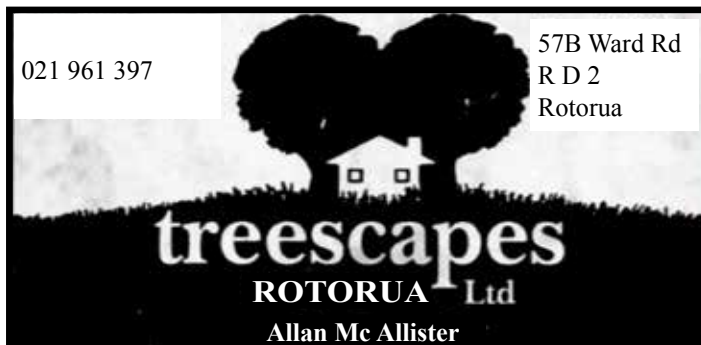
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KAITAO INTERMEDIATE

With the start of the new year we welcome all our Year 7's and new Year 8's to Kaitao and look forward to working with them and their whānau to make to their time with us an extremely enjoyable and successful time.

We have had our new block completed and furnished ready for the start of the new year. It is a very vibrant space with lots of colours in the room including the furniture. As a school we are undertaking a new way of teaching mathematics. Taking part in a maths session will look very different as students work collaboratively to solve problems. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own and their groups learning with an emphasis on valuing everyone's contributions. This Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities has been very successful in other areas of New Zealand and is also being used in some overseas countries.

The start of the year will also see a change in break times. We are going to trial have morning tea and two half hour afternoon breaks rather than an hour break. We believe this will be beneficial for students learning while still allowing them to 'play'.

Students will again have the opportunity to learn a language with both Chinese and Spanish being offered. We have a Mandarin Language Assistant arriving in week one of school to assist teachers wishing to teach Chinese to their class.

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Positive Behaviour for Learning programme. Every two weeks we will have a focus for the students and they will receive vouchers if they are seen complying with the focus. For the first two weeks of school we will be focusing on wearing the correct school uniform. Every week at Assembly there will be a prize draw for students who have received vouchers, so the more vouchers you earn the more chances you have to win.

We are looking forward to a positive start to the year and welcome whānau and the community to come and look around the school.
The Team at Kaitao Middle School.

Late last fall, the Indians on a the Aamjiwnaang First Nation reservation in Grand Bend asked their new chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. Since he was a chief in a modern society, he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky, he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like. Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared. But, being a practical leader, after several days, he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the Environment Canada Weather Service and asked, 'Is the coming winter going to be cold?' 'It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold,' the meteorologist at the weather service responded. So the chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared. A week later, he called the Environment Canada Weather Service again. 'Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?' 'Yes,' the man at Weather Service again replied, 'it's going to be a very cold winter.' The chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later, the chief called the Environment Canada Weather Service again. 'Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?' 'Absolutely' the man replied. 'It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters we've ever seen.' 'How can you be so sure?' the chief asked. The weatherman replied, 'The Indians are collecting a loads of firewood'



Happy New Year

I know it is a bit late but happy New Year for 2017! My whanau and I hope you have a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2017.

Our year has started with a bit of a speed bump and change of plans as our daughter did not get into Med School and join her brother who is fourth year Med school this year. We found out a few days before Christmas which also made for an interesting "festive" season for us. Suffice to say her plans have changed and she is looking at doing a nursing degree before reapplying for Med school and all this means interesting times and changes ahead for her and us.

Speaking of change, at the end of 2016 we also moved back into town to our home which we had before moving out to the Lifestyle block in Ngongotaha nearly six years ago. There were lots of reasons for that change including both the kids being at university and the big house and property being too big for just the two of us.

Those changes and others got me thinking about the whole thing of change. Change that is planned and well thought out such as our move

back into town is actually good to go through. That doesn't make missing things any easier such as being near the Awahou marae and whanau there, having outstanding neighbours, my practice golf range in my front paddock, wide open spaces and beautiful evening skies filled with bright shiny stars and waking up to the sounds of birds rather than traffic.

I really miss the quietness of living out in the country, but at the same time I am enjoying the busyness of being back in town.

Change that is unexpected and unplanned is a lot more difficult to get through. So it is a good thing that Ngongotaha, Hamurana, Kaharoa and Awahou have not had unexpected changes. The rivers are still swimmable rather than just wadeable, there are no 5 star hotels being built, you can still see crystal clear stars on a clear night and it is quiet. Very quiet.

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Two priests decided to go to Hawaii on vacation. They were determined to make this a real vacation by not wearing anything that would identify them as clergy. As soon as the plane landed they headed for a store and bought some really outrageous shorts, shirts, sandals, sunglasses. The next morning they went to the beach dressed in their 'tourist' garb. They were sitting on beach chairs, enjoying a drink, the sunshine and the scenery when a 'drop dead gorgeous' topless blonde came walking straight towards them.

They couldn't help but stare. As the blonde passed them she smiled and said 'Good Morning, Father ~ Good Morning, Father,' nodding and addressing each of them individually, then she passed on by. They were both stunned. How in the world did she know they were priests? So the next day, they went back to the store and bought even more outrageous outfits. Once again, in their new attire, they settled down in their chairs to enjoy the sunshine. After a little while, the same gorgeous topless blonde came walking toward them. Again she nodded at each of them and said - 'Good morning, Father ~ Good morning, Father,' and started to walk away. The priests couldn't stand it any longer and said, 'Just a minute, young lady.' 'Yes, Father?' 'We are priests and proud of it, but I have to know, how in the world did you know we are priests, dressed as we are?' She replied, 'Father, it's me, Sister Kathleen.'



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market, Mr Lovegrove has seen some of the very best that the industry has to offer. His hope is to bring that same level of service and expertise to the exciting and vibrant Rotorua market. He likes to think of it as a "winning combination of modern, industry-leading ideas backed by 105 years of experience".

After 12 months Steve and Mel Lovegrove are loving every aspect of their new life in Rotorua and are both proud of the McDowell legacy laid before them, and excited for the future to come. "We're here to stay and can't wait to help more people make their move in Rotorua.

Watch this space!"

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Your sincerely
Pat and Paul Gellatly
Lynmore

Dear Charles and Denise,

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for the recent work you did and success in selling our two properties. We were very impressed with the follow up, communication and business attitude conducted. From a sellers view we found your efforts and experience ensured we were removed from any stress and worries involved.

Regards,
Brent Hardy