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there's an empty
chair
on a beach with my
name on it.*

NGONGOTAHA NEWS

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A huge congratulations to our
own
Wallace Haumaha

Photos of the Celebration at the
Waiteti Marae on
Saturday 24th June

Wallace and Te Ururoa dressed
for the occasion on left. Nobody
is immune from doing the work
on the Marae even if you are the
Assistant Police Commissioner or
Member of Parliament.



WALLACE HAUMAHA by Cr Charles Sturt

On behalf of our community, congratulations must go to Wallace and Kim Haumaha and his family for the Queens Birthday New Zealand honour bestowed on him for services to the Police and Maori endeavours. Wallace and Kim, less than 25 years ago were owner operators of the local IGA with other members of Kim's family who also operated the old HUB Dairy on the corner of Tauhi St and Ngongotaha Road in the Village at the same time. Denise and I operated Ngongotaha Four Square in the Burnett building. Wallace had trained as a teacher but was serving as a police officer and took time out from the police force to run the family business. Kim's family purchased the whole block of shops which included Batchelor Mowers and Cycles, Taha Takeaways, Hairdressers, and Ngongotaha was booming. We had everything a vibrant post office and the need for Community Policing was evident, so the whole business community joined forces to obtain a community policing office run by volunteers and Wallace amongst others was at the forefront, while serving here in Rotorua to get the Ngongotaha's station up and running. Our volunteers ran that office until this current government cut funding and forced it too close as have all community police Offices closed throughout the Rotorua electorate.

Yes policing has changed but the presence of an officer with his and the volunteers being visible certainly had an impact. Wallace has risen to the Assistant Commissioner with hard work and breaking down much of the institutional racism present in the force when he joined. Maori police were rare when he joined but the cultural impact and attitudinal change is progressing at the highest level due to Wallace's involvement at the highest levels in Wellington.

While in Wellington Kim and Wallace have been so active in Iwi affairs at Waiteti and his leadership along with hours of hard work by many Iwi members has seen the Marae transformed into a modern complex which is a credit to all involved.

Congrats Wallace and Kim well deserved and Wallace is not one to say the job is done.

It was an absolute honour to speak on behalf of Ngongotaha community beside Mayor Chadwick on such a special day for newly appointed Assistant Commissioner Wallace Haumaha, Kim and the whole family of Ngati Ngarananui Iwi.

You are a true leader Wallace.



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GIFFORD FAMILY

I would like to say how devastated I was to hear of the passing of your beloved Mum, Jan.

Jan and I go a long way back to the days when I was Secretary at the Ngongotaha School, she was the best and most regular "Mother Helper" ever in my book. She mended library books, helped in the classroom, on stalls was a Member of the PTA, wherever you needed help Jan was there. Rest in peace Jan with your beloved Ham. Ann Henderson

Hamurana and Awahou Ratepayer and Residents Association AGM

Wednesday 19th July commencing at 7.30pm.

Venue is the Lakeview Bible camp on Hamurana Road

All welcome especially, new members, to hear what the Rotorua Lakes Community Board are doing for our community, also what the Rotorua Lakes Council are going to do with the Hamurana Lakeside Reserve during this financial year when the first of 2 x \$125000.00 amounts will be spent. We will also have a raffle prize which will be drawn on the night for those attending. Refreshments will be served after completion and a plate towards supper would be appreciated.

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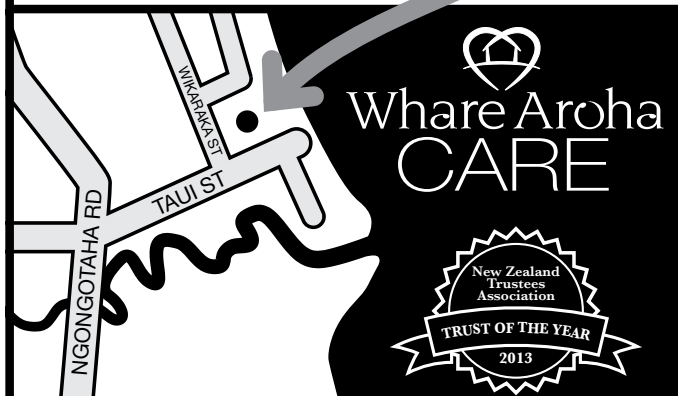
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ROTORUA ON THE WORLD STAGE

Over the last two weeks, the world has come to Rotorua and I've taken Rotorua to the world. The Lions helped showcase our region to the world. Rotorua and rugby at its best, thousands of visitors were made to feel at home. Our hotels and motels were bursting at the seams. Locals opened up their hearts and the visitors injected millions into our local economy. As part of the week's festivities, Rotorua broke the record for the world's biggest haka. Well done to all involved – it was a great initiative.

Rotorua is an export economy and part of the fastest-growing region in the country. This makes my job as a proud local MP and Trade Minister easier. I get to skate about how well we are doing when I'm promoting New Zealand overseas.

When I'm taken away on business - Rotorua is always firmly in mind. The most recent example was during my visit to Washington to meet with the Trump administration and my trade counterpart U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer.

It's customary to take a gift, but I wanted to make this gift more personal.

Ambassador Lighthizer is a keen fly fisherman and he now knows Rotorua Lakes are the

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best in the world. Thanks to O'Keefes I took a fishing box of flies from local man Pat Swift and Kilwell and a Rotorua Angling Club book featuring a couple of local fishing rogues on the front cover.

The U.S. is the world's largest economy, we sell them \$8 billion of goods and services each year. There's now a part of Rotorua in the White House.

US, UK and Irish tourists are big spenders - and tourism means jobs. That's why we continue to invest in Rotorua tourism.

Last week I announced \$300,000 for the Tarawera Ultramarathon. This money will be spent promoting New Zealand by showcasing Rotorua. I want to see this become the premier running event in the country.

Rotorua continues to get its share of tourism funding. We've now received \$8m of Government support for events and attractions, including \$3.2m for this year's Crankworx and the Mud Festival.

Tourism is important to Rotorua and we will continue to invest so Rotorua remains 'the place to visit'.

And finally, a big congratulations to Jasmine Adams at Rotorua TOP 10 Holiday Park. Jasmine won the inaugural Holiday Parks' Emerging Star Award for professionals under the age of 35. She juggles the demands of a successful business while being a busy mum - it's lucky she had Jared there to help.

SPORTS TALK.....

Rugby

With the British and Irish Lions first test behind the All Blacks all the bluster about the All Blacks going to blow them away in the first test came to nothing. Remember, the mistakes the Lions made when teeing up try scoring action, was many and but for the high skill level of the All Blacks, the Lions could very well have won the game. However the ardent Lions supporter who told me this has a red patch over his eyes. No one can deny the facts that Williams, Cane, Retallick, Smith, Cruden, Ioane in fact, the whole all black team, when they 'gel' as a unit, are almost unbeatable. The hype of the rushing defence was nullified and the yelling at the lineout by the lions was irrelevant. The All Blacks Ball skills, speed to the breakdown, ability to get back into the play after a ruck or maul, physical prowess, tactics and ability to use the ball better than the lions was intelligent and smart and frankly the difference. For me player of the day who tackled his heart out, intercepted, stole the ball, was a rabbit and a general pain in the neck to the lions momentum was SAM CANE. Not saying anyone played badly but look at his work rate and the effort Sonny Bill Williams put in at taking the ball up to the Lions backs, inside our half, as this action forced the Lions to tackle and second phase was on a plate. Several times his incursions into the backline created opportunities wider in the outside backs. The back player of the first test, has to be the most underrated and often has to put up with disparaging comments is the crusaders winger Israel Dagg.

Anyway enough post-mortems the series is off to Wellington and that match will be awaited in anticipation.

Rotorua Maoris v Lions

Have to say I went and viewed the exhibition at the Energy Events Centre Rotorua, of the history of Maori Rugby. It was amazing and to see all those BOP names listed bought back huge memories like Eri Mohi, Dinny Mohi, the Maniapoto Boys, Hika Reid (who won the Tom French Cup) Buck Shelford etc. It's amazing the history behind the rugby played in ww1 and 2 in the desert, in the battlefields etc.

I saw with immense pride that our Local Awahou Kaumatua and respected Elder who passed away recently in "Mita Mohi" was honoured with the 2017 Maori playing jersey being named in his Honour. Mohi whanau congrats what a huge honour and to those in the Maori RFU congrats an inspired choice for a man who was and still is held in the highest regard for his work with youth across all the community. Yes the result wasn't what we wanted against the Lions but the spectacle of seeing 28177 people at the International Stadium must make the Chiefs and others stand up as Rotorua got more spectators here than Hamilton got for the Chiefs game. Rugby people love a spectacle and Rotorua should be made the home of Maori Rugby and please use this world class venue for what it was built for.

Traveling in a train were a Wallaby, an All Black, a spectacular looking blonde and an older lady. After several minutes of the trip, the train happens to pass through a dark tunnel, and the unmistakable sound of a slap is heard. When they leave the tunnel, the Wallaby had a big red slap mark on his cheek. The blonde thought - "That horrible Wallaby wanted to touch me and by mistake, he must have put his hand on the lady, who in turn must have slapped his face." The older lady thought - "This dirty Wallaby laid his hands on the blonde and she smacked him." The Wallaby thought - "That bloody All Black put his hand on that blonde and by mistake she slapped me." The All Black thought - "I hope there's another tunnel soon so I can smack that stupid Wallaby again."



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Ngongotaha School

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Term two is fast coming to an end with Friday 7th July being the last day of the term. It has been a busy month since our last journal entry.

It was with great sadness that we farewelled Jan Gifford recently. Mrs Gifford could always be found helping and volunteering at school when the three boys attended. Her sense of community and dedication to her family and the environment was to be admired and appreciated. She was an excellent role model for us and we send our deepest sympathies to the family at this time.

Thank you to all families who came along and supported the Giant Haka recently. It was so good to see our children in uniform together supporting the event and to see so many family members with them. Being right at the front gave the children plenty of opportunity to see what was going on and to get themselves photographed. The children really enjoyed being part of this Rotorua event and I was very proud to be with them. It was also great to see the older children looking after the younger children and making sure they were safe and secure in our group. Well done to you all, Ngongotaha was certainly well represented. We continue with our science focus and the classes have certainly enjoyed the professional development support we have had from Waikato University lecturer, Paul Ashman. The children have been taking part in a number of science experiments as they explore "The Nature of Science" and the capabilities which are connected to science learning. We have also been making use of the Ngati Whakaue funded "House of Science" resource kits which are delivered each Monday and collected each Friday. These are providing great hands on resources and information for staff to promote science exploration and investigation. The curiosity of children is great to watch and their discussions and interpretations provide insight into their thinking. We look forward to our continued science focus in term three.

Cross Country has been a feature of the term and we held a successful school event on Friday 26th May. A team of 36 children were selected, from our event, to compete at the Central Cross Country which was held on Tuesday 20th June. We have a number of children who did so well at this event they will now be competing in the Bay of Plenty Cross Country which will be held at Kaharoa School on Tuesday 27th June. We congratulate all the children for their dedication and perseverance in this event. I was proud to see children setting goals for themselves prior to taking part. It was also great to see so many family members encouraging and cheering the children on as they competed. We wish the children taking part in the BOP event all the very best.

Our Jump Jam team is in training and will soon be sending their video entry into the competition for judging. The team have been training at least three mornings a week and some lunch hours as they prepare their routine. Whaea Ana has the team working well and we look forward to their performance at an assembly soon. We wish them all the best with their entry. Good Luck.

This week we will be treated to the performance of a live band as part of the Rhapsody Rotorua event. Lilydale High School will perform for the children in the community hall. This is an excellent opportunity for the children to see instruments and have live music played to them. This is an annual event which we are extremely happy to be part of.

At recent assemblies we have had out three choir perform. Mrs Rosalie Palmer works with our three choir each Thursday and she does an amazing job. The children performed with pride and big smiles on their faces. It is great to see many families coming to assembly to listen to the various groups perform. Thank you for your continued support of these school activities. Taking part in The Arts is a great way to develop the creative side of children and exposes them to aspects that can help them keep balance in their life.

During the last week of term we will host the Duffy Theatre group for their annual performance to the children. This is a live theatre group who travel the country promoting reading and aspects of good citizenship through drama. The children always enjoy this performance and it will be a nice way to end the term.

We will be holding parent-teacher-student interviews, to discuss progress so far this year, at the end of the term. These will be held on Monday 3rd July, Tuesday 4th July and Wednesday 5th July. This is a time to share progress, discuss achievements and plan for the remainder of the year. We look forward to meeting with families and planning the way forward.

We still have a number of school desks that would suit 6, 7 and 8-year-old children. These will make great homework desks for children and are available free to you. If you are interested, please call the school or pop in and check them out.

We wish you all a safe holiday break. Take care of each other and we will see the children back at school on Monday 24th July.

Term Two Ends: Friday 7th July

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

Term Four: Monday 16th October to Friday 15th December – 9 weeks

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Kia ora, as a member of Progress Ngongotaha I have been working on a painting telling the story of locals who have excelled in their chosen field and represented NZ on the world stage. I am not from Ngongotaha myself, I moved here with my family in 1988. My first painting, called 'Ngongotaha, An Honours Board' is designed to accommodate 40 names. Alas, Bob Martin our chairman has given me a list of over 50 names. The second painting in the series is starting to take shape in my mind. My first quest is to extend the list to include all those others, born and bred in Ngongotaha and to include those who have lived some time here, a current example being Dylan Hartley, Capt of England XV. It is not all about sport. Our earliest celebrity is J E Martin, who in the 1890's became a champion in the art of competitive Scythe Cutting. The unfinished painting hangs in Essence Café this month. I need more information on the characters on the list, eg the earliest All Black wasTaiaimai 1903. I am sure there is a story to be told here for starters. HELP ANYONE!!!!

Stevie Wonder and Tiger Woods are in a bar. Tiger turns to Stevie and says, 'How's the singing career going?' Stevie replies, 'Not too bad. How's the golf?' Woods replies, 'Not too bad, I've had some problems with my swing, but I think I've got that right, now.' Stevie says, 'I always find that when my swing goes wrong, I need to stop playing for a while and not think about it. Then, the next time I play, it seems to be all right.' Tiger says, 'You play GOLF?' Stevie says, 'Yes, I've been playing for years'. Tiger says, 'But -- you're blind! How can you play golf if you can't see?' Stevie Wonder replies, 'Well, I get my caddy to stand in the middle of the fairway and call to me. I listen for the sound of his voice and play the ball towards him. Then, when I get Woods, incredulous, says to Stevie, 'We've got to play a round sometime.' Stevie replies, 'Well, people don't take me seriously, so I only play for money, and never play for less than \$10,000 a hole. That a problem?' Woods thinks about it and says, 'I can afford that, OK, I'm game for that. \$10,000 a hole is fine with me. When would you like to play?' Stevie replies, 'Pick a night.'

At a wedding ceremony the Minister asked if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom. It was their time to stand up and talk, or forever hold their peace. The moment of utter silence was broken by a young beautiful woman carrying a child. She stood up and started walking slowly towards the pastor. Everything quickly turned to chaos. The bride threw the bouquet and burst out crying. Then slowly the groom's mother fainted. The Best men started giving each other looks and wondering how best to help save the situation. The Minister asked the woman, "Can you tell us, why you came forward "What do you have to say?" There was absolute silence in the church. The woman replied, "We can't hear at the back

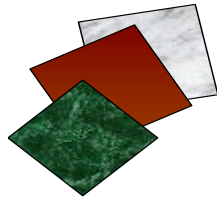
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The barber looked around at the shop and said, 'About 3 hours.'

The guy left.

A week later, the same guy stuck his head in the shop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut?'

The barber looked around the shop and said, 'About an hour and a half ..'

The guy left.

The barber turned to his friend and said, 'Hey, Bob, do me a favour, follow him and see where he goes. He keeps asking how long he has to wait for a haircut, but he never comes back.'

A little while later, Bob returned to the shop, laughing hysterically.

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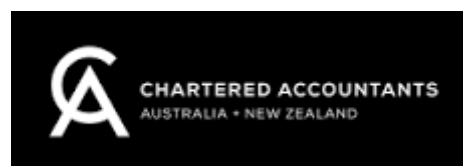
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IN MY VIEW.....

John Chadwick

So sad that Chad, as he was known by his friends and "knight mare" jokingly by the councillors passed suddenly. To see the Rotorua community pull together to give John the farewell he deserved was testimony to the trail blazing work he did as a Maori lawyer who fostered iwi causes on mostly a pro bono basis. The highlight for me was the speech of Awahou and Ngongotaha son Judge Louis Bidois, who as a partner of Chadwick and Bidios shared with us in his eulogy many aspects of the man John Chadwick was. It is no wonder that he was held in high regard across the whole nation, the law society family, although he did ruffle many to establish many of the institutions that are vibrant today. Thousands paid tribute to JOHN WHILE HE LAY IN STATE AT HOME AND THEN AT THE PARAMOUNT MARAE AT OHINEMUTU. The fact he is not of Te Arawa decent is testimony to the regard John and his wife Rotorua's Mayor Steve Chadwick and their family are held in Rotorua. A truly memorable farewell for a quirky man with a dry sense of humour who said little but when he did he made you think and reconsider your thoughts before making a decision. I know Steve you will miss her "soul mate" but the love around his farewell, your family support across the political legal and community levels will endure. RIP John Chadwick.

Personal views

I found it despicable, that the RDRRS would launch their political criticism of our mayor's leadership again and councils endeavours to future proof Rotorua via a spatial plan on the day that Steve Chadwick's husband was being farewelled. No class as usual. Reynold and your gang of 8 trying to take the high ground with innuendo and comments that do not endear your views aren't required. Your submission via a press statement is but one of many, and to claim Rotorua has not grown in the past three years or will falter has yet to be considered. That is solely your opinion and your vision and comments on flawed data undermines the credibility of your submission. However you are entitled to your opinions. Democracy in action but for gods sake get over that you were defeated in October at the last election. The people who voted had their say. Every time you get the chance you are making and announcing cheap 'pot shots' at the regime (as you call it)and calling us Councillors and Mayor Chadwick drones, does detract from a few ideas you have and your own credibility. The spatial Plan alongside the district plan is being derived from input from the whole range of stakeholders covering the whole district from Reporoa in the south, Mamaku in the west, Kaharoa in the north, the lakes out to Rotoma in the east, plus the City areas Tihitonga, Waikite, Ngakuru, Hamurana, Rerewhakaiteu all our rural areas etc. It's a comprehensive look at where Rotorua wants to be in 25-50 years. It's visionary something I've not seen from the litany of attacks in your RDRRS submission and thru the orchestrated campaign via the medias letters to the editor.

In the true spirit of Tatau Tatau, 99 per cent of Rotorua is moving forward together trying to create employment, economic development, sustainable processes, improve health education and roading services, infrastructure development, business and manufacturing development, business growth and tourism.

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Cr Sturt contd.....

My role as Sport and Recreation portfolio lead, is to ensure provision for facilities and opportunities are varied for a cross section of the community. Those include development of our Skateboard park through a development advisory group, Netball courts redevelopment, Playgrounds designed by and the need established by users in puketawhero park etc etc. I could go on and on. We are working with the bowls community via Sports Bop to see what their needs are into the future and the same with hockey, golf, cricket etc etc. We are working with iwi who own the land at the Redwoods to ensure it's developed for locals with walking, biking and horse tracks. We are working with the huge BMX and mountain biking community to ensure development occurs in association with Red Stag, Ngati Whakaue and forestry companies OUT AT WAIPA AND WITH THE WHAKAREWAREWA FOREST OWNERS. The work behind the scenes is immense but WE DO THIS TO FURTHER ROTORUA. No we won't be side-tracked by a small negative obstructive group who have a vision of the 1950s. This is 2017 so we look forward and yes learn from the mistakes from the past but we intend to take our community forward under Mayor Chadwick.

Family

With huge pride our eldest son William (known to many as chunky) and his new wife Crystal Hohepa granddaughter of Hiko hohepa were married in a fantastic venue at

McCarthy park in Cleveland Brisbane a few weeks ago. It was an emotional thoroughly uplifting experience of total joy for Denise and I too share it with our Thornborough / Sturt and Coppard parts of our extended family. We also welcome Crystals family. They are in Bali as I write this, and to have our two grandsons Charlie and Finley Coppard and their parents Elizabeth and James there was a real treat. Makes life content when your pride overtakes you. (Good on you Charles).

Ok until next month best wishes. Don't forget to get on the electoral role so your say will count on 23 September 2017 at the general election.

Cr Charles Sturt

The family of Auckland Blues Rugby supporters head out shopping one Saturday before Christmas. While in a sport shop, the son picks up a Crusaders rugby jersey and says to his sister, "I've decided I'm going to be a Crusaders supporter and I'd like this jersey for Christmas!" Off goes the little lad, with Crusaders jersey in hand and finds his mother. "Mum," "Yes, son?" "I've decided I'm going to be a Crusaders supporter and I'd like this jersey for Christmas." The mother is outraged at this, and says, "Go talk to your father."

Off he goes with the Crusaders jersey in hand and finds his father. "Dad?" "Yes, son?" "I've decided I'm going to be a Crusaders supporter and I would like this jersey for Christmas." The father is outraged at this, and says, "No son of mine is ever going to be seen in THAT!"

About half an hour later, they are all back in the car heading home. The father turns to the son and says, "Son, I hope you've learned an important lesson today?" The son turns to his father and says, "Yes, Father, I have." Father says, "Good son, and what is it?" The son replies "I've only been a Crusaders supporter for an hour and already I hate you Aucklanders !!!"

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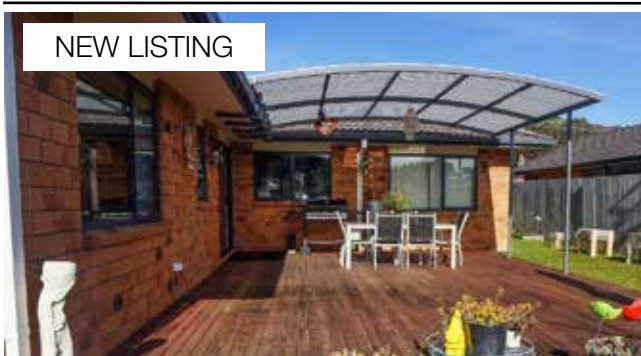


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Six local heroes acknowledged at Rotorua Lakes Community Awards

Six local volunteers were recognised for their ongoing dedication to the Rotorua community at the Rotorua Lakes Council Community Awards this evening.

Wētini Mītai-Ngatai, Clare Beuth, Manu Solomon, Gabrielle Thurston, Bronwen Radford and Francisca Hawkes-Buchanan received awards this year at a special ceremony at Council's Civic Centre.

The annual council awards were held alongside the annual Trustpower Community Awards.

The recipients were acknowledged for devoting at least 15 years of voluntary service to one or more community sectors, or having made a significant difference in a particular field.

Rotorua Acting Mayor Dave Donaldson says there are many volunteers in our community who do great work for the benefit of others but do not look for praise or rewards.

"They just want to contribute to their communities in a meaningful way. One small way the community can acknowledge their efforts is through awards like the Rotorua Lakes Council Community Awards and the Trustpower Rotorua Lakes Community Awards.

"I congratulate all of those who have been recognised this year and thank them and the many others in our community for their outstanding contribution to making our district a better place." The annual Rotorua Lakes Council Community Awards, which were launched in 1990, recognise the work of individuals in the community while the Trustpower awards focus on organisations or groups.

Rotorua Museum's volunteer guides have been named Supreme Award winner of this year's Trustpower Awards for their continued efforts to tell the stories of Rotorua and its history from outside the walls of the Rotorua Museum.

The volunteers sprung to action only hours after the decision was made to close the Museum building last November and have since provided free guided tours to more than 1500 visitors.

About the Rotorua Lakes Council Community Award winners:

Wētini Mītai-Ngatai

Wētini is a staunch family man, a smart business man and the creative power behind the kapa Te Mātārae Orehu.

He was gifted the reigns to the kapa in October 1994 by his mentor the late Te Irirangi Tiakiawa.

23 years later, Wētini has revolutionised the world of kapa haka through his passion for our traditional arts and has kept true to the vision of his mentor, Te Irirangi Tiakiawa.

Wētini has collected the Te Matatini Manukura Kaitataki Tane (Best overall male leader) award six times.

He has received the Laureate Award in 2015, one of the country's top arts awards for recognition of his work as a cultural entrepreneur and kapa haka expert.

The depth of knowledge he possesses and willingly shares is limitless but his greatest message is to maintain aroha in everything that we do and remain humble at all times.

Francisca Hawkes-Buchanan

This energetic 86 year old woman, on her yellow scooter, can be seen buzzing around Rotorua doing good deeds.

She helps out at the Red Cross Shop where she often sources helpful items for the Kiwi Coffin Club.

Francisca visits RSA members when they are in hospital and takes magazines and other goodies to give cheer and show love to these sick people. contd overpage.....

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She has been a member of the Kiwi Coffin Club for many years and helps wherever she is needed.

Clare Beuth

Clare has been an outstanding volunteer in the Mamaku community for at least 15 years through her commitment to the Mamaku Play Centre and Mamaku School.

She has been an important part of the Mamaku School sports committee for numerous years offering support and taking on different roles.

Clare undertook the task of organising the 'Mamaku Marsupial Marathon – Possum Hunt' which over the years has paid for uniforms and trophies, subsidised registration fees and secured a turf court with a cover built over it for all year round use.

Clare has also helped out with other school activities such as discos, school productions, the Lamb and Calf Day and is also a voluntary librarian.

The children of Mamaku would not have the opportunities they have if it wasn't for Clare. She has been a fantastic role model and always has a smile on her face with 'Kia ora' as she welcomes new people on board.

Gabrielle Thurston

Gabrielle is the Chairperson of Speech New Zealand, a Speech New Zealand trustee and a senior examiner.

She has given tirelessly of her time to promote and enhance the development of oral communication, speech and drama and theatre in New Zealand.

Gabrielle's impact in the community is shown in the lives of the hundreds of students she has taught over the years.

Under her guidance numerous John Paul College drama students have been selected for the prestigious national Shakespeare team that tours the UK and performs on the stage of the Globe Theatre in London.

Drama students taught by Gabrielle who have gone on to forge professional careers in the theatre and film industry both in NZ and overseas include Cian Elyse White and Taofia Tauoliili-Pelesasa.

Bronwen Radford

Bronwen has had well over twenty years involvement in swimming and has had a remarkable level of volunteer and personal commitment

to the sport in the Rotorua community, the Bay of Plenty region and at the national level.

Recently she was the catalyst to a joint bid [between Swimming BOP and the Rotorua Aquatic Centre], being developed and submitted to Swimming New Zealand to host two significant swimming meets. The bids were successful and both events ran extremely well.

Bronwen worked tirelessly during these seven full days of swimming, often being the first to arrive to set up and the last to leave. Bronwen is the current President of Swimming Bay of Plenty and has been since 2010.

She is a coach with Swim Rotorua and has been since the club was formed in 2012 (being with predecessor clubs before that).

Bronwen is also the mother of 2016 Rio Olympic open water (10km) swimmer Kane Radford.

Manu Soloman

Manu has given outstanding service to Rotorua through sport in a variety of ways since 1994.

She first got involved as a coach when following and supporting her children's sport. She has coached basketball at Selwyn Primary, Kaitao Intermediate and Western Heights High School; and also a number of representative teams.

Manu has also been involved with rugby through the years from 1994 - 2001, taking on the role of Manager/Assistant for Western Heights High 1st XV Boys team and representative teams.

She also served on the Rotorua Basketball Association Committee, the Rotorua Secondary Schools Basketball Committee, Rotorua Mini ball League Committee and the Baywide Basketball Committee.

Manu was also a good player herself in basketball, netball, volleyball and softball.

It is people like Manu, who have a lifelong passion for sport and work tirelessly behind the scenes, who make all the difference in our community.



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This has been a month of contrasts, both sadness and celebration here in Rotorua. I think of the many wonderful people from this district who have recently suffered loss. I think of those who will be having their good deeds celebrated and their ongoing wonderful service to this community.

Firstly I wish to acknowledge the recent loss of John Te Manihiera Chadwick, a colourful and yet humble character, loved and respected by many for his humour, story- telling, oratory, legal expertise, love of family and in particular the devotion and support to his wife Steve.. John was loved and this loss was encapsulated by the outpouring of support to Steve and the family over the days of John's tangi. He will be missed.

I would also like to acknowledge Bernie Hornfeck who recently lost his home of 50 years to fire. Bernie, at 88yrs young is another character known to the Rotorua community as a generous activist, who gives so much of his time in caring for others, a silent doer, and a man who is very well respected and loved. I know the community has already and will continue to rally around to support wonderful deserving characters like Bernie who are the real treasures in our midst.

Which leads me to acknowledge a special member from my own Ngati Ngararanui community at Waiteti. The newly appointed Assistant Commissioner of Police Wallace Haumaha. He was recently awarded The Officer of the NZ Order of Merit during Queens Birthday Honours. Wallace is currently chair of the Marae Committee at Waiteti and during his Police career he has been instrumental since 2003 in providing strategic advice and operational support to Districts and Police National Headquarters leading the way in the Police Maori, Pacific and Ethnic strategies. Wallace also commanded the operation around NZ's largest protest march in 2004 and has helped establish the first Memorandum of Understanding between Police and fourteen Bay of Plenty iwi. I am proud of the achievements of people such as Wallace and look forward to attending his celebration day.

Lastly congratulations to Rotorua and the Rotorua Lakes Council for the successful hosting of the British and Irish Lions. What a few days for those businesses in hospitality and accommodation. The success of the visit is because we in Rotorua are really great at Manaakitanga and are leading the way forward on how communities can come together to celebrate success and loss.

Healthy Families Rotorua is running a survey to gauge community interest in learning about the Maori lunar calendar 'Te Maramataka' and associated activities such as planting, harvesting, fishing and hunting. The results from this survey will inform whether there is a gap and an interest in learning this knowledge, and if so, how this might be addressed.

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“Moving a family of 4 is a big job, so imagine moving our family of 78! We have had incredible support from the Rotorua community and we really appreciate that people are able to offer their time to support our residents and help make our vision a reality,” she said.

Whare Aroha CARE is looking for volunteers who can provide anything from man-power, to a truck or just time to sit with residents in their new home while they settle between 30 August and 15 September.

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Among the lemon trees by Nadia Marks

She had thought that they would be together forever, but Max's betrayal leaves Anna questioning their marriage and fearing the future. So when her elderly widowed father invites her to spend the summer with him on the small Aegean island of his birth, Anna agrees - unaware that a chance discovery is about to unleash a host of family secrets. Kept hidden for sixty years, they reveal a torrent of events, beginning in Greece at the beginning of the 20th century and ending in Naples at the close of the Second World War. Confronted by their family's long buried truths, both father and daughter have their worlds turned upside down and Anna begins to realise that, if she is ever to heal the present, she must first understand the past.

The vanishing by Sophia Tobin

On top of the Yorkshire Moors, in an isolated spot carved out of the barren landscape, lies 'White Windows', a house of shadows and secrets. Here lives Marcus Twentyman, a hard-drinking but sensitive man, and his sister, the brisk widow, Hester. When Annaleigh, a foundling who has fled her home in London, finds herself at the remote house, in service to the Twentymans, she discovers all is not as it seems behind closed doors. Isolated and lonely, Annaleigh is increasingly drawn to her master. And as their relationship intensifies, she soon realises that her movements are being controlled and her life is no longer her own. Slowly she is drawn into a web of intrigue and darkness, and soon she must face her fears if she is to save herself.

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Good me, bad me by Ali Land

Annie's mother is a serial killer. The only way she can make it stop is to hand her in to the police. But out of sight is not out of mind. As her mother's trial looms, the secrets of her past won't let Annie sleep, even with a new foster family and name - Milly. A fresh start. Now, surely, she can be whoever she wants to be. But Milly's mother is a serial killer. And blood is thicker than water. Good me, bad me. She is, after all, her mother's daughter.

Marlborough man by Alan Carter

Nick Chester is working as a sergeant for the Havelock police in the Marlborough Sound, at the top of NZ's South Island. If the river isn't flooded and the land hasn't slipped, it's paradise - unless you are also hiding from a ruthless man with a grudge, in which case, remote beauty has its own kind of danger. In the last couple of weeks, two local boys have vanished. Their bodies are found, but the Pied Piper is still at large. Marlborough Man is a gripping story about the hunter and the hunted, and about what happens when evil takes hold of a small town

The Nam legacy by Carole Brungar

The Nam Legacy is an epic love story set during the 60's and 70's. When the Rolling Stones and Jefferson Airplane drove parents crazy, teenagers found sexual freedom and peace slogans covered placards. When the Vietnam War abducted the nation's young men and sent them to fight in New Zealand's most controversial campaign. After eighteen months in Vietnam, New Zealand soldier Jack Coles thought killing others to stay alive would be the hardest thing he would ever have to live with. He was wrong. Although the nightmare of what he saw and did haunt him constantly, what tortures him the most is what he has left behind. 'Not everyone who lost his life in Vietnam died there, not everyone who came home from Vietnam ever left there.'

The Hostage Daughter by Sulome Anderson

"The Hostage's Daughter is an intimate look at the effect of the Lebanese Hostage Crisis on Anderson's family, the United States, and the Middle East today. Sulome tells moving stories from her experiences as a reporter in the region and challenges our understanding of global politics, the forces that spawn terrorism and especially Lebanon, the beautiful, devastated, and vitally important country she came to love. Powerful and eye-opening The Hostage's Daughter is essential reading for anyone interested in international relations, this violent, haunted region, and America's role in its fate."

Rosie's War by Kay Brelend

Rosie Gardiner is having a tough war. She's had to leave her job at the Windmill in Soho after a horrific assault which left her pregnant, and is now living back at home with her recently remarried dad. Despite her best efforts, Rosie and her dad just can't get along and the strain of coping as a young unmarried mother is getting to her. As the Nazis strafe the city with V2 bombs, Rosie is determined to keep her head up through the Blitz but when a direct hit to her street cripples her father, it feels like the days have never been darker. With a final burst of resolution, John Gardiner decides to leave London to escape the bombardment and to Rosie's mixed horror and relief, he takes her baby with him. Left alone in the East End, with the spectre of the man who assaulted her rearing his ugly head, Rosie decides to join the London Auxiliary Ambulance Service to keep her busy – and to give her hope in these tough times.

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My husband and I live in Hall Rd (and love the Ngongotaha News!) and received what we are pretty confident is a 'phishing call'. My husband took the phone call and I've pasted below a note we thought might be worthwhile putting in the newsletter for anyone who may receive one of these calls. We'd hate for anyone to get caught out by this. Please don't hesitate to contact me at my email address above if you would like any further info.

Thanks and Kind Regards
Wendy Schultz

Warning! **Phishing\Social Engineering Scam**

This is to alert readers to the fact that they might receive a phone call from one of two Indian sounding men. One is older & the line quality is very poor (I believe this is by design)
The other is younger & more forceful in his delivery.

The older one generally rings first & states he is from "Windows Hardware Services" and that there is a high possibility your computer has been hacked.
If pushed for the name of the actual firm he represents, he will state "Microsoft Support"

Be aware that these two "Gents" are indeed scam artists.

Please do NOT entertain them in any way as I believe their intention is to get you to visit an infected site whereby your computer will be compromised.

No reputable company will ever ring with such outlandish claims as these.

Please ensure that if you have already received such a phone call, and done what they have suggested, that you immediately do a full computer scan with your antivirus\malware software, after first updating it with the latest definition files.

For those who have no antivirus\malware\firewall software on their PC:-
(Shame on you :)

Please visit the below site where you can download a totally free software package that will do all the above.

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Kaharoa School

The character value for the term is Responsibility Whakapono –Willingness to be answerable, to be 'trustworthy and accountable, for your own conduct and behaviour.' This means being trustworthy.

Our Key Competency is Friendly. Friendly - A Kaharoa Learner is friendly. They can relate to a diverse range of people in a variety of contexts. To achieve this a Kaharoa Learner is inclusive; a team player who listens, is open to different points of view and is willing to negotiate and share ideas. They show empathy and are polite. They are aware of how their words and actions affect others and interact appropriately. They know when to compete and when to co-operate; how to respond when winning or losing.

Electives

Our Electives programme is well underway, with students, parents and teachers enjoying the experiences offered by the programme. We have seen some amazing design ideas used for technology challenges and interesting keyboard materials used by the Makey programme; clever movies were created by the movie group; artistic creations produced by the cake decorating, book art & pottery groups; and detailed work from the model plane group. Another group is learning about animal care through visiting a farm, S.P.C.A and a vet clinic. The cooking group are enjoying tasting the fruits of their labour, while the knucklebones group challenge each other to a range of games. Our knitting group is well on the way to knitting a colourful scarf to keep them warm in the winter while the Wild Walks group learn about the wonders found in nature, in our local environment.

Cross Country

The Kaharoa School, Rural Schools and Junior School Cross Country took place at Kaharoa on the 20 June. The track included running over hills, through bush and paddocks and back to the school grounds. Over 300 children participated in the event, all doing their very best.

Our thanks to Sport BoP, for their support on the day.

The top six runners from each age group (8 years-12+ years) were selected to represent their schools' in the CBoP Cross Country held the following Tuesday, also at Kaharoa School.

Chess Tournament

Congratulations to the children who participated in the Chess Power Interschool Tournament held at Chapman College. Our junior team placed third overall and our intermediate team won on the day, overall. We also had a number of placings including 1st 3rd & 4th in individual standings.

WIG Wednesday

Our senior leaders organised a WIG Wednesday to raise funds for the Child Cancer Foundation. This involved the children making and/ or wearing wigs and dressing up as their hero in support of our child heroes. A parade took place and prizes were awarded for wacky and weird wigs.

Rider of the Year 2017

Congratulations to Hannah who won "Rider of the Year 2017", presented at the Rotorua District Riding for the Disabled Academy. HPS Health Promoting Schools Initiatives

The four HPS teams are busy getting various projects on the way.

- The Communicable Diseases team, have put up handwashing and safe sneezing posters around the school and are ensuring the weekly noticeboard is up to date.
- The Physical Activity for Health group, have organised a lunchtime gutter board competition to test the skills of our senior children.
- The Healthy Eating Group is waiting for good weather so they can have lunchtime music out in the courtyard.
- The Sun Safety Group is awaiting results from their survey of the senior children, to see if they would like a different winter and summer hat option.

All groups are learning important organisational skills such as the importance of following through, remembering responsibilities and commitment. The overall aim of all the groups is to make Kaharoa School better than it already is.

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Life Education

Harold and Bernie from the Life Education Trust will be at Kaharoa later in the term, presenting a variety of Health Education programmes to the children. They will be here from 26th June to 3rd July.

EPro8

Yr 5-8 teams from Kaharoa joined teams from many other Rotorua Schools, to compete against each other in engineering challenges. This exciting event involved the children selecting a variety of designs, following set criteria to build these designs using the equipment provided, all the while earning points. Our Yr 5/6 team and Yr 7/8 team were placed 4th.

Edgecumbe

Room Tawa has been learning about flooding and how it can change people's lives. This hatched a plan to support the people of Edgecumbe who suffered in the floods earlier this year. The children asked for donations from the school community which they plan to take over to Edgecumbe at the end of the term. A huge thank you to all the families who supported this initiative by donating goods.

End of Term Assembly

We will be holding our end of term assembly on Wednesday 5th July, commencing at 1.30pm. During this assembly the following will take place:

- Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award presentation
- Our school bands (Shockwave Yr 7 & 8 and The Mix Yr 5 & 6) will be playing
- Cornerstone Values and Stepping Up presentations
- Cross country medals to be awarded

The team at Kaharoa wish the children and their whanau a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Term 3 commences on Monday 24th July.

The Kaharoa Team

Rural New Zealand terminology

HUMOUR

A little bit of Kiwi culcha!

LOG ON: Adding wood to make the barbeque hotter

LOG OFF: Not adding any more wood to the barbeque.

MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the barbeque.

DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the Ute.

HARD DRIVE: Making the trip back home without any cold beer....

KEYBOARD: Where you hang the Ute keys.

WINDOW: What you shut when the weather's cold.

SCREEN: What you shut in the mosquito season.

BYTE: What mosquitos do...

MEGABYTE: What South Island mosquitos do.

CHIP: A pub snack.

MICROCHIP: What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.

MODEM: What you did to the lawns.

LAPTOP: Where the cat sleeps....

SOFTWARE: Plastic knives & forks you get on an airplane.

HARDWARE: Stainless steel knives & forks – from K-Mart...

MOUSE: The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.

MAINFRAME: What holds the shed up.

WEB: What spiders make.

WEBSITE: Usually in the shed or under the verandah.

SEARCH ENGINE: What you do when the Ute won't go.

CURSOR: What you say when the Ute won't go.

YAHOO: What you say when the Ute does go.

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UPGRADE: A steep hill.

SERVER: The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

MAIL SERVER: The bloke at the pub who brings out the counterlunch.

USER: The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.

NETWORK: What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.

INTERNET: Where you want the fish to go.

NETSCAPE: What the fish do when they discover a hole in the net.

ONLINE: Where you hang the washing.

OFFLINE: Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.

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Ngongotaha Community Patrol Update

What a difference the tree removal has made to the front of Kauae Cemetery. It has certainly opened the area up which supports the local Councils commitment to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) as well as wonderful view for our relatives that have past.

CPTED is a crime prevention philosophy based on prevention rather than apprehension and punishment. While crime occurs for many different reasons and cannot be prevented by well designed places alone, CPTED is an important tool with proven benefits, the removal of these trees has opened the area up reducing the places for people to hide or carry out unlawful transactions or acts, it enables us to visit our loved ones in safety and hopefully eliminates potential vandalism.

It is absolutely wonderful to hear that our very own Superintendent Wally Haumaha, has now been confirmed as one of the three Senior Police Leaders to be promoted to Assistant Commissioner in Wellington. Congratulations Wally from all of us in Ngongotaha.

As you may have read in the Daily Post a week or so ago we partnered up with our local Police to provide the Eyes and Ears in the week building up to the Lions v Maori All Blacks game here in Rotorua. Co-ordinated by our Chairperson David out of the Taui St Policing Centre, patrols from Rotorua (formerly Western Knights), Taupo, Tokoroa, Te Puke, Tauranga, Tauranga South and ourselves came together massing up over 460 man hours, covering 4700 kms over the period. It was an excellent campaign supporting true partnerships. I must say our whole district was a buzz especially the Saturday with so many activities happening. Many thanks must go to Ngongotaha Four Square and BP Fairy Springs for supporting our volunteers with refreshments.

On behalf of our local Patrol and Community I would like to continue to thanks our loyal local businesses for their donations, without which our Patrol could not continue to provide this invaluable volunteer service to you. You may have read we received recently an \$800 koha from Rotary Club of Rotorua Sunrise from the proceeds made from the sale of the last Charity House which by the way has now been sighted in our local patrol area.

DON'T WAIT FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN - JOIN OUR PATROL AND HELP PREVENT IT!

For more information Contact David on 357 4734
or check out our National Website: www.cpnz.org.nz

By Sharon Fleet

To whom it may concern,

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