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# NGONGOTAHĀ NEWS

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**LAST FOR THE YEAR**

## **New Mobile Library Service comes to Ngongotahā**

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**Day: Every 2nd Thursday**

**Time: 9.30-10.15am**

The new Mobile Library visited Ngongotahā Community Hall for the first time on Thursday 26 October. Books arrived in a new Renault Master van and trolleys of books were brought into the hall and displayed.

The new-look Mobile Library service will spend 45 minutes at the hall each fortnight. Residents will truly experience the library popping up in Ngongotahā and get the chance to browse the books, interact with staff, and chat about their favourite books and authors.

Changes also mean that the books selected can be tailored to the needs of regular Mobile Library users. You can make requests ahead of time and let us know what you want more of.

**The Mobile Library will be visiting the Ngongotahā Community Hall on School Road every second Thursday from 9.30-10.15am - next visit 9th November 2017**

***Timetables and further information are available from Rotorua Library or from [www.rotorualibrary.govt.nz](http://www.rotorualibrary.govt.nz). If you have any queries about the new Mobile Library service please contact Robyn Skipwith at Rotorua Library by phone 348 4177 or email [library@rotorualc.nz](mailto:library@rotorualc.nz)***



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*WATER IN THE CARBURETOR WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburettor." HUSBAND: "Water in the carburettor? That's ridiculous " WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburettor." HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburettor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car? WIFE: "In the pool."*

*STATISTICS - THIS IS A FRIGHTENING STATISTIC , PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST WORRISOME IN RECENT YEARS. 25% of the women in this country are on medication for mental illness. That's scary. It means 75% are running around untreated...*

*A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6. A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" He replied, "They had avocados." If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again! Men will get it the first time.*



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## NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

We have now wrapped up another very successful season, with many thanks to President Cheryl Wiggins, Club Captain Kevin Whyte, and Secretary Treasurer Robin Campbell. They have done a marvelous job, and have all been re-elected for another year.

Our Prize Giving was Fancy dress with some very interesting costumes, which contributed to a great evening.

Prize winners were:

Curry Cup - Eddie Dibley & J. Drabble

Whyte Trophy - M. Gerrand & M. Burtling

Champion 4s - M. Gerrand, K. Whyte, H. White, A. Nicol

Champion 3s - J. Rayner, D. Hughes, R. Mills

Champion 2s - J. Rayner, G. Klitscher

Singles - C. Hansen

We ended our season with a very enjoyable break-up at the Kalah Bar. The meal was superb, and we would like to Thank Janina, Missy and Marilyn for a fantastic evening.

Many thanks also to Ann Henderson for putting our monthly report into the newsletter.

Finally, we hope you all have a great break, and we will see you all next season along with a lot of new members.

If you are thinking of joining us, come along. If you have never played bowls before, coaching is available and you will be made very welcome. We meet every Monday evening, and if you want more information please contact Kevin 3574 766 or Cheryl 3488118.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, prosperous and safe new year.

**Merry Christmas**

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### It's Little Things that Make a Big Difference.

There was a man taking a morning walk at or the beach. He saw that along with the morning tide came hundreds of starfish and when the tide receded, they were left behind and with the morning sun rays, they would die. The tide was fresh and the starfish were alive. The man took a few steps, picked one and threw it into the water. He did that repeatedly. Right behind him there was another person who couldn't understand what this man was doing. He caught up with him and asked, "What are you doing? There are hundreds of starfish. How many can you help? What difference does it make?" This man did not reply, took two more steps, picked up another one, threw it into the water, and said, "It makes a difference to this one." What difference are we making? Big or small, it does not matter. If everyone made a small difference, we'd end up with a big difference, wouldn't we?

### How would You Like to be Remembered?

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

Just as Alfred Nobel got in touch with his feelings and redefined his values,

We should step back and do the same.

What is your legacy?

How would you like to be remembered?

Will you be spoken well of?

Will you be remembered with love and respect?

Will you be missed?

### The Obstacles in Our Path.

In ancient times, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the big stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. On approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. As the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many others never understand.

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### Racing

Fantastic News - Rotorua's most successful trainer Iain Kennedy who with a relatively small team is doing a great job. His team includes Group 1 placegetter in Edean Rose, who in the Livamol Classic at Hastings and after being headed in the straight and falling back to about sixth on the fence, saw her tenacity show through by flying and finishing 3rd to Wait a Sec and Gingernuts. EDEAN Rose by champion stallion Savabeel, is now a very Valuable broodmare and this latest triumph adds to a group placing in the Travis Stakes at Te Rapa earlier in the season. She obviously loves the sting out of the track and seems to love the Hastings, Te Rapa and Rotorua right hand tracks. Love to see her in the Zabeel Classic. The Patience is now rewarding her trainer and owners. The other two horses of note in the Kennedy stable are recent Rotorua winner in Lady Shabeel who ran the fastest 200m I have ever seen at Rotorua to get up and win. The other horse worth following from this stable is the winner of 2 races from 9 starts in 'Edean Express' who will go through the grades and is very progressive. Lets hope the wet tracks are rare during the summer.

Great news for Ngongotaha based Trainer Craig Phelan who trains out of Cambridge with undoubtedly hands on support from his son Jumps jockey Shaun and now fully fledged jockey Emily Farr, is getting a winning team around

him. A tinge of sadness in one way was the recent sale to Hong Kong of one of Craigs headline winners, but take in account that "Worthisweightingold" winning at Ellerslie recently will help Craig get over the sale. This horse has now got a winning feel and I'm sure the offer for him will have the phone ringing.

### GREAT TO SEE

Winston Peters take on the minister of racing role as he was an innovator in this area in the Clarke government and will get leaders around the table to jointly look at the future of the industry and the establishment of an all weather track or several throughout NZ.

### Jockeys and horses to follow:

Horses are: Prom Queen, Hasahalo, Heavens Keep, Embellish, Al Hasa, To Sir with Love and Poker Face.

Jockeys: A. Collett in a rich vein of form

S Weatherley an apprentice who will loose his claim very soon

C Lammas a senior jockey with form on his side

Grant Cooksley who rides winners at short notice

And Opie Bosson who has the best strike rate and is the best jockey in NZ.

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### **Ngongotaha School**

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Term four is well underway now and we are already preparing for the 2018 school year. This term we will say good-bye to 60 year six pupils as they move onto their Intermediate schooling. We wish them all the very best and acknowledge the contribution they have made to Ngongotaha School during their time with us. We encourage them to continue to “Aim High and Stand Proud” as Ngongotaha School pupils. We look forward to following their educational journey.

We would like to pass on our congratulations to past pupil, Cullen Smith, who has been appointed as Head Boy of John Paul College for 2018. Well done Cullen, we are all very proud of your achievements.

Last week our school Jump Jam team attended the Jump Jam National Competition in Auckland. Jump Jam is an exercise programme set to modern music and develops co-ordination, fitness, and teamwork skills as the children train together for their routine. There were seven schools, from across New Zealand, in their open advanced section. The girls were amazing and competed with pride giving it 100% effort. They received certificates for Excellence in Sportsmanship, Merit in Technical Execution and Merit in Creativity. Thank you to Whaea Ana who has worked with the team since the beginning of term two. The team have had regular 8.00am training sessions and were well prepared for the event. Thank you to Whaea Jamie and Freya Shuttleworth who drove our vans and who also assisted with makeup and hair preparation. Thank you to Mr Henderson, Whaea Kristy and Whaea Pam who travelled to Auckland in support of the group. As I sat in the audience, I was very proud to be the principal of Ngongotaha School. Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended and who have supported the group throughout this journey.

This term we will be holding our school athletics over two days. On Wednesday 1st November, the children in year 3, 4, 5, & 6 will take

part in the heats of their running events. On Friday 3rd November, the whole school will be taking part in our athletics day. The junior school will be on the turf and outside rooms 14 and 15 taking part in modified athletics. The middle and senior children will have their running finals first, followed by their field events, on the top field. The day will end with the relay team races. I hope that the weather will do the right thing so we can complete our programme. We will move the programme to the following week if the weather is wet. The inter-school athletics will be held on Tuesday 21st November for children 9 years and older. The children have been preparing for athletics in their physed programmes and during the afternoons and look forward to this day.

This week we will have two shows performed by the Duffy Theatre group. This is part of the “Books in Homes” programme and is something the children look forward to each year. They had to postpone last term due to sickness so we are glad they were able to reschedule and visit our school.

Currently our year 5 & 6 students are preparing for the annual Ahurei festival which will be held at the Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre this term. Our group will perform on Wednesday 22nd November. This festival has a long history and is always a highlight on the school calendar; we look forward to seeing our children shine on stage. Our Jump Jam team will also perform as part of the programme with our group.

As part of our science focus, each team will be having a trip to a local place with a science theme. Te Whanau Manu will be visiting Waiotapu, Te Whanau Wai will be walking the Government Gardens track to Kuirau Park looking at the various science features along the way. Te Whanau Ngahere will be visiting Te Puia and Te Whanau Maunga have already visited Te Puia. The children have developed their science concepts and inquiring minds throughout the year with this focus. We are also very grateful to The House of Science for their science

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kits, which we have made excellent use of. Ngati Whakaue has set up this initiative and kits are delivered each Monday, if an order has been placed. The kits are used throughout the week then collected on Friday. The kits come complete with all the resources needed for the various science concepts. Thank you to the team who do deliver and collect the resources, your friendly approach is so appreciated. We look forward to continuing with this in 2018.

Our gardening group are back into full swing with spring growth evident. We wish to thank Bunnings for their donation of a small garden shed and seedling shed which have been set up in the garden area. Thank you to the team from Bunnings who not only supplied the shed but also came out and built it on site as well. We really appreciate your support of this school initiative. We look forward to a good growing season and seeing the children develop their gardening skills.

The Community of Learning, "Te Maru o Ngongotaha", which we are part of, has had their application and achievement challenges approved by the Minister of Education. Kahira Morris, who is a deputy principal at Western Heights High School, is our community leader. As a group we will now be making appointments to various positions which will allow staff to develop skills and provide support to the community to develop our practices.

Currently our Year 5 students are carrying out training as road patrol wardens for 2018. The children are always very keen to take on this role and take their training very seriously. We look forward to your support of these children when driving past the school or when using the crossing. This is an all-weather role, which the children sign up for, and we appreciate your support of their job.

Currently the school is being rewired and has an upgraded fire alarm system being installed. We have waited a number of years for this and it is good to see installation underway. We will also have some outdoor furniture going into the playground so that the children can use the outdoor school environment for their learning. It will also provide more seating for families when they come into school. Our new asphalt will have a number of painted activities on it very soon. This work was due to be completed during the holiday break but the weather did not allow this to eventuate. These activities will allow the children to carry their learning into the playground as well.

We wish you all well for the term as we count down to the end of the year. Term Four: Monday 16th October to Friday 15th December – 9 weeks  
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## KAHAROA SCHOOL

The Cornerstone Value for Term 4 is Compassion.

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**Key Competency: A Communicator-** A Kaharoa Learner can confidently and clearly communicate, interpret and respond to messages. To achieve this, a Kaharoa Learner has gained an early understanding and application of literacy and numeracy. They use language, symbols and texts to work with and make meaning of knowledge expressed in a variety of written, spoken and visual ways, appropriate to the audience and purpose.

**Gymnastics** - Our team of intermediate students represented the school at the MIGS gymnastics competition on 1st September. Congratulations on your effort and thank you to Mrs Shoebridge who spent many lunch hours training the team. The results were excellent with Skylah achieving 1st overall, Emma 3rd overall, Lexi 6th overall and the team were placed 3rd.

**Production** - A highlight of the school year for our students is the school production. In the weeks preceding the show, the whole school was buzzing with excitement as costumes, sets and props were being made. The children enthusiastically learned their parts and enjoyed rehearsal times. This culminated in the presentation of an amazing performance, based in the library, with a theme around books. Thank you to whanau who supported their children in the preparation and for making such an appreciative audience.

**Go Karts** - A group of seven keen Yr 5& 6 boys spent many weeks building three go karts to add to the school's play equipment. Under the guidance of Mr Grant and Ms van Gelder, the boys learned many new skills, using tools correctly

and safely, to build the karts. These are now available for the students to use.

**Rotomaths** - Rotomaths is a competition between Rotorua schools, base around mathematics problem solving. This year Kaharoa entered 6 teams from Year 5 to Year 8. The children trained hard in the weeks leading up to the day and achieved outstanding results on the night. As always, we compete in the large schools' division, so the achievement strongly reflects on the quality of the teaching and learning.

Year 8: 1st place Year 7: 1st equal Year 6A: 2nd place  
Year 5A: 3rd place.

**Art Club** - Another keen group of artists have spent the last two term creating acrylics on canvas paintings. Layer upon layer of paint, adding depth and texture has resulted in beautiful works of art that are on display in the administration area. We have really appreciated the guidance of Ms van Gelder and our local artist and parent, Mrs Vernon.

Squirrel: Charlotte Vernon. Raccoon: Elizabeth Vernon.  
Autumn scene: Cheyanne Hirst. Waterfall: Riley Kusabs.  
Hamurana Stream: Ana Thaugland Winter scene: Sofia Vosse  
Waterfall: Aidan Wynne Hammerhead Shark: Aki Carman  
Spring scene: Charlotte Lund

**Out of Zone Enrolments** - If you are out of zone, but interested in having your child/children attend Kaharoa School, we still have a few places available across the school commencing 2018. Please contact Heidi in the office (3323 444) if you would like more information.

**Winter Sport** -With winter sport at an end, we look back on a great season of coaching, team work, learning new skills and fun. All this despite the wet winter! contd overpage.....



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Congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 hockey teams who won the competition for their grade, and to the Intermediate Girls team who came second. What an amazing effort!

Our thanks to the coaches and managers who put in so much time and energy over the season.

Intermediate Hockey (boys and girls team) Coach: Mr Moyle

Year 1 & 2 Hockey Coach: Mrs J Clark

Year 3 & 4 Hockey Coach: Mrs Vernon

Year 5 & 6 Hockey Coach: Mrs Calder

Year 6 Hockey Coach: Chris Keown

Intermediate Netball Coach: Mrs Watkins

Year 5 & 6 Netball Coach: Mrs Day

Sevens' Rugby (Yr 5/6 & Intermediate) Coaches: Rohm Dixon, Mr Rose, Mr Jackson

**Summer Sport** - As the weather improves and we move into Term 4, we look forward to enjoying our summer sport.

Waterpolo Coaches: Quinn Hale & Amy Brunt

Touch Rugby Coaches: Year 1 & 2 Whaea Kim

Year 3 & 4 Sam and Olly

Year 5 & 6 (2 teams) Mr Rose

Year 7 & 8 (2 teams) Mrs Weaver

We have a large number of children playing touch and the coaches will really appreciate parents helping out. If you are able to help, especially at the games, please let one of the coaches know or contact Heidi at the office.

**Lamb, Calf, Chicken and Kid Day** - L,C,C,K day was held on a blustery Tuesday (17 Oct), with children showing off the animals they have cared for over the last months. We had a new category this year, with a group of children showing rescued battery hens. What a difference in these animals' health as a result of the care they have received. To all the children who participated, well done on the care and attention you have given to your animals. A huge thank you to the judges for the great job you did, and to the PTA for the food that kept everyone going on the day.

**Group Day** - Congratulations to the children and your animals for representing our school so well at Group Day.

**Athletics** - The children have started training in the eight track and field events, in preparation for our annual Athletics day which will be held on Friday 17th November. The events are: sprints, long distance, hurdles, javelin, discus, shotput, high jump & long jump. We encourage whanau to join us and support your children in their endeavours.

#### Coming up in Term 4

Monday 30 October Go 4IT Hit It commences (Rm Miro-Totara)

Thursday 7 November Sport Photos

ROE Baby Celebration (Rm Miro) Friday 10 November

Assembly led by Tawa

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Monday 20 November BOT meeting 5.30pm

Athletics postponement day

Tuesday 21 November Rural/ Central Athletics

Friday 24 November Assembly led by Kauri

Tuesday 28 November Be Bright, Eat Right Show

4-5 December

Tawa Camp – Maungatautari Wednesday 6 December

Central BOP Athletics Championship Friday 1 December

Proposed Marae visit

Monday 11 December BOT meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 13 December Prize Giving (1.00-2.45pm)

Thursday 14 December Leaders Sports Day & Picnic

Friday 15 December School end 12.20pm

#### The Kaharoa Team

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The weather really played havoc for us during October and unfortunately we had to cancel the Child Mobility Lions Foundation “Walk for Kids” that was to be held on Sunday 8th October. It was disappointing as we had received a lot of support from the Ngongotaha Community. However, we hope to plan something in 2018.

Some members of the Ngongotaha Lions helped with the move for Whare Aroha into the new “Care Village,” it is beautifully situated at the lakefront and we hope that many of the residents will enjoy the lake vistas.

On Tuesday 28th November we are having a Social meeting with demonstrations by the Rotorua Square Dancing Club.

Want to join us? We would love to meet you!

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Te Aka Mauri is a health and wellbeing collaboration between Rotorua Lakes Council and Lakes District Health Board.

It will be conveniently located in the Rotorua CBD stretching from Haupapa Street to Arawa Street (adjacent to Jean Batten Square) and will provide three levels of public accessible space.

The hub will feature all the library services you love, plus a children's health hub and more.

At Te Aka Mauri you will find these exciting new features, with almost all of the funding for these received from external funders who have generously injected over \$1.2million into the project:

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- A new Computer Suite
- David Trubridge features
- A large-scale Community Pride video wall
- A digitised Cultural Learning Centre
- A custom-designed Mahau and Poutokomanawa
- An external Playground and Park

You can find out more about Te Aka Mauri and follow our journey to opening via Rotorua Library's facebook page and website [www.rotorualibrary.govt.nz/teakamauri](http://www.rotorualibrary.govt.nz/teakamauri)

The graphic is a large rectangular poster with a diagonal split. The left half is red and the right half is blue. In the center, there is a stylized logo consisting of four colored squares (blue, yellow, red, green) arranged in a cross pattern. Below this logo, the text 'TE AKA MAURI' is written in large white letters, with 'LIBRARY & CHILDREN'S HEALTH HUB' in smaller white letters below it. In the top right corner, there are two smaller logos: 'ROTORUA CHILDREN'S HEALTH HUB TE AKA MAURI' and 'ROTORUA LIBRARY TE AKA MAURI'. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for 'ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL' with the text 'LAKE HIKOIA BEACH' below it. In the bottom right corner, there is a text box that says 'Our name was gifted to us by our cultural advisory group Ngā Mahinga Toi and means Wellbeing & Understanding'. In the bottom center, there is a photograph of the building and its surrounding area. At the bottom, there is a green banner with the text 'We can't wait to share Te Aka Mauri with you. Nau mai, haere mai.' and a grey banner with the text 'FOLLOW OUR JOURNEY' and the website 'rotorualibrary.govt.nz/teakamauri'.

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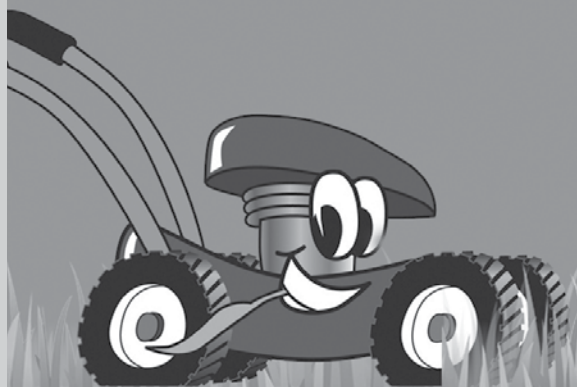
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## **Ngongotaha Community Patrol Update** **By Sharon Fleet**

In everyday life we come across all sorts of situations, over the last few months we have been hearing and reading about synthetic drugs and the effects it has been having on people and in some cases causing death. This has made me want to learn more what the signs and symptoms of drug use both physical and behavioural, which I would like to share with you.

Synthetic or designer drugs are made primarily to allow the manufacturers and sellers to get past laws and regulations prohibiting controlled substances. Most synthetic drugs, such as synthetic marijuana and Ecstasy, are created in laboratories and are made to mimic naturally occurring drugs or provide an alternative that doesn't cause the same side effects. Many people, teens and young adults especially, believe that using these drugs is safe because they can be purchased in a store. But synthetic drugs are anything but safe, leading to severe health consequences, addiction, and death.

Each drug has its own unique manifestations, but there are some general indications that a person is using drugs:

- Sudden change in behaviour
- Mood swings; irritable and grumpy and then suddenly happy and bright
- Withdrawal from family members
- Careless about personal grooming
- Loss of interest in hobbies, sports and other favourite activities
- Changed sleeping pattern; up at night and sleeping during the day
- Red or glassy eyes
- Sniffly or runny nose

Methamphetamine is also known as speed, pure, P, burn, goey, crank, meth, crystal, ice and yaba. The effects are: sleeplessness often for days and weeks at a time, total loss of appetite, extreme weight loss, dilated pupils, excited, talkative, deluded sense of power, paranoia, depression, loss of control, nervousness, unusual sweating, shaking, anxiety, hallucinations, aggression, violence, dizziness, mood changes, blurred vision, mental confusion, and agitation.

What drugs are illegal in New Zealand?

- Class A (very high risk): methamphetamine, magic mushrooms, cocaine, heroin, LSD (Acid)
- Class B (high risk): cannabis oil, hashish, morphine, opium, ecstasy and many amphetamine-type substances.
- Class C (moderate risk): cannabis seed, cannabis plant, codeine.

As a Community Patroller we are trained to handle a great deal of situations but primarily we are only just the eyes and ears for our community emergency services and it is paramount that we don't put ourselves at any risk.

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## ELECTION

Well the decision has been made. The best example I have seen to explain MMP is that posted on facebook as follows:  
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Bill has \$4.50  
Jacinda has \$3.70  
Winston has .70c  
James has .60c  
And David .05c  
No one has enough money to buy the pie by themselves but Jacinda, Winston and James pool their money together and buy the pie. Bill gets no pie even though he has individually the most money but he needed another 50c but didn't have enough friends to help him buy the pie. His former friend Te Ururoa didn't get any money and Peter threw his toys out of the cot and didn't want any money at all. I hope this helps explain the system NZ has to elect a government.

Twenty-one years ago NZ voted to accept MMP, a proportional system which, now many don't like as National, while getting the most party votes, didn't have friends to form a government. In the past elections, and because of electoral boundaries and First Past the post system in each electorate, a proportional system was supported. In one election prior to MMP, one party got more votes than the elected government but weren't elected. In another election one party got 24% of the vote and didn't

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get one MP. MMP was created to include ideas and we have seen the system used or manipulated over cups of tea, of not standing candidates in certain selected seats or accommodations and letters asking certain party voters to vote for another candidate from another etc to keep them in power.

In the current Parliament we have a Labour / NZ First Coalition with a confidence and supply agreement with Labour and the Greens. I must say there is a breath of fresh air in the new team, but time will tell as they have some serious issues to address. I couldn't believe since the election hearing the number of schools that Cure Kids is feeding, with many schools on the waiting list. The lady in charge stated on TV it's a case of families after paying rent and outgoings not being able to make ends meet. Schools see this daily. I'm optimistic but time will tell.

In Rotorua we now have three MPs with our local Ngongtaha boy, NZ First List MP Hon. Fletcher Tabuteau being an under Secretary, Labours Tamati Coffey MP for Waiariki and Nationals Todd McLay MP for Rotorua.

## DUMPING/RUSTLING

I see the idiots are at it again with deer carcasses being dumped over the bank on Tauranga direct road by Roy Road Kaharoa and the odd pigs head being positioned on road signs. The dumping on Iwi Land at Waipa turnoff, and the most recent the dumping at the vehicle layby on SH5 up at Tarukenga (that's the one with huge sculpture). We are all determined to catch these absolute idiots who being of a criminal disposition will slip up and get caught or leave evidence to detect who they are. Seriously Green waste is an issue and I've asked council to consider a separate bin for green waste collection. Here's an opportunity for another company to be involved in kerbside. I've got to say plastic is causing huge problems in our environment and while convenient, did you see the insides of the whale on Sky TV, and the fact a floating plastic bag looks like a jellyfish the favourite food of turtles in the wild.

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I must say the day of the single use plastic bag is limited and maybe using the reusable bags or taking a box to pack your goods in, is the way of the future. Locally EBOP must address the lake levels as the erosion caused by recent and prolonged wet weather is having a huge effect on lake sides, river dwellers, jettys and boat ramps.

#### RATEABLE VALUATION

Yes they are out NOW, and you should have got your updated Rateable Valuation dated 1/7/17 using the capital rating system by now. If you disagree with the assessment which is independent of council read the info and object. Remember these are already three months old and the figures are based on sales close by or properties similar to yours. Usually those who do not want to not sell, do not want them increasing but those who intend to sell, love them going higher. Mine for example went from \$285,000 to \$409,000 and I think based on recent sales in the area we live that seems fair. However, remember that the assessment you have been forwarded does not take into account, any maintenance issues or un-permitted work, chattels, presentation, neighbours, quality, recent renovations etc etc. THESE ARE ALL FACTORS THAT EFFECT PRICE. So you may get way higher or way lower than your recent Rateable valuation when you sell. The banks or Mortgagees do place some emphasis on them for borrowing purposes. The other fact is that the new rateable VALUATIONS OR RVs DO NOT COME INTO EFFECT UNTIL THE NEW RATING YEAR FROM 1/7/18.

Till next month roll on xmas holidays.

**Cr Charles Sturt**

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*Husband and wife had an argument. Wife called up her mom and said, "He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you." Mom said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you."*

#### TODAY'S SHORT READING FROM THE BIBLE

*From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth."*

*Then He made the earth round...and He laughed and laughed and laughed!*

*My goal for 2017 was to lose just 10 pounds. Only 15 to go.*

*Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons & tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce. And cheese. FINE, it was a pizza. I ate a pizza.*

*How to prepare Tofu:*

- Throw it in the trash*
- Grill some meat*

*I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.*

*I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.*

*A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it. Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.*



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Executive committee:

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Immediate Past pres	John McGregor
Club Captain	Vinnie Smith
Greens super	Cyril Goss
Greenkeeper	John McGregor
Committee	Brian Packer, John Hohepa, Lil Mohi, Sadiq Khan

We, the members, take this opportunity to thank you guys and gals for running our club with a bit of help from the other special people. I'm guaranteed to miss a name or two but thanks heaps to Owen, Pere, Wha, Lydia Ko, Cheryl, Bob, Nat and Billy and the rest of our merry band of helpers. There's always things to do folks, so don't be shy. If you see something needs doing or someone needs a hand, jump in.

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Some early success for the club Rotorua 2x4x2 pairs 1st Johnny Ho/ Gossy, 3rd Huia/Miss Mere.

The Rotorua division inter-club ended up with the girl's two teams running 1st and 2nd

Lil, Sandra, Wendy, Lynette, and Doreen the winners with Char, Janet, Missy, Huia and Lydia Ko not far behind.

As usual the men couldn't quite match that but the B Team ended up 3rd. Congrats to Reporoa on their very lucky win and the trophy. Well done to Kingi, John hawthorn, and Sadiq on their win at the Gardens

Congrats to Johnny Hohepa and Gossy 1st along with Dion and Whenu 2nd in Arawa 2 day pairs

Centre fours : Leonie, P.K., Lil and Vini, beaten on extra end in final. Heart breaking but great early season form.

Mens Champ Triples: Simbo, Gazza and Chook winners beating Johnny Ho, Johnny Mac and Gossy in a close final.

Womens champ triples: Wendy, Lynette and Huia winners beating Mere, Mina snr and Vini

Mens Champ Fours: Johnny Ho, Nick, Johnny Mac and Gossy winners beating Reg Martin, Shon,

Brian Mac and Simon in the final. Well done all champs.

With the BOP interclub just around the corner I wish the club well.

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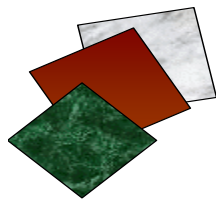
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*From the Library.....*

### *East End angels by Rosie Hendry*

Meet The East End Angels, the newest members of Station Seventy-Five's ambulance crew. Strong-willed Winnie loves being part of the crew at Station Seventy-Five but her parents are less than happy. She has managed to avoid their pleas to join the WRENS so far but when a tragedy hits too close to home she finds herself wondering if she's cut out for this life after all. Former housemaid Bella was forced to leave the place she loved when she lost it all and it's taken her a while to find somewhere else to call home. She's finally starting to build a new life but when the air raids begin, it seems she may have to start over once again. East-End Frankie's sense of loyalty keeps her tied to home so it's not easy for her to stay focused at work. With her head and heart pulling in different directions, will she find the strength to come through for her friends when they need her the most? Brought together at LAAS Station Seventy-Five in London's East End during 1940, these three very different women soon realise that they'll need each other if they're to get through the days ahead. But can the ties of friendship, love and family all remain unbroken?

*East End angel [text (large print) by Kay Brellend* Kathy and Jennifer Finch might be twins but their looks are the only thing that they've got in common. Kathy has pulled herself up by her bootstraps, becoming a midwife and helping women such as Ruby Potter, terrorized by her brutal husband, Charlie. Meanwhile, sly and mouthy Jennifer has ended up in the gutter, sucked into a sordid life of prostitution and crime.

### *Fifty fifty by James Patterson*

It's not easy being a good detective - when your brother's a serial killer. Sam Blue stands accused of the brutal murders of three young students, their bodies dumped near the Georges River. Only one person believes he is innocent- his sister, Detective Harriet Blue. And she's determined to prove it. Except she's now been banished to the outback town of Last Chance Valley (population 75), where a diary found on the roadside outlines a shocking plan - the massacre of the entire town. And the first death, shortly after Harry's arrival, suggests the clock is already ticking. Meanwhile, back in Sydney, a young woman holds the key to crack Sam's case wide open. If only she could escape the madman holding her hostage .

### *Against all odds : by Danielle Steel*

Taking chances is part of life, but when you bet your future against the odds, it's a high-risk game. Kate Madison's stylish resale shop has been a big SoHo success, supporting her and her four kids since her husband's untimely death. Now they are grown and ready to forge lives of their own. And they all choose to play against the odds, to their mother's dismay. Isabelle, a dedicated attorney, is in line to make partner at her Wall Street firm when she falls for a client she represents in a criminal case. She tells herself she can make a life with him—but can she? Julie, a young designer, meets a man who seems too good to be true and falls under his spell. She marries him quickly, gives up her job, and moves to Los Angeles to be at his side—but is all what it seems? Justin is a struggling writer who pushes for children with his partner before they're financially or emotionally ready. Will the strain on the relationship take too high a toll? And Willie, the youngest, a tech expert, makes a choice that shocks them all, with a woman twelve years older. Kate—loving, supportive, and outspoken—can't keep her children from playing against the odds. Can the odds be beaten? Not often—as her children have to learn for themselves. For Kate, the hardest lesson will be that she can't protect the children she loves from the choices they make—but can only love them as they make them.



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*A little bird was flying south for the Winter. It was so cold the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came by and dropped some dung on him. As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was. The dung was actually thawing him out! He lay there all warm and happy, and soon began to sing for joy. A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung, and promptly dug him out and ate him.*

*Morals of the story:*

- (1) Not everyone who sh\*&^ on you is your enemy.*
- (2) Not everyone who gets you out of sh\*& is your friend.*
- (3) And when you're in deep sh\*&, it's best to keep your mouth shut!*

## *Rules that Girls Wish Guys Knew*

*We may be emotional beings, but do not lie to We may be emotional beings, but do not lie to squirm your way out of trouble. We are not as gullible as you think.*

*We really don't find it attractive when you stand there stratching yourself in the morning, afternoon or night- please do it in private.*

*Don't fix it if it's really not broke. You don't need to take everything apart out of curiosity.*

*Ask for directions*

*If you said you are going to be somewhere at a certain time, then do it. Don't expect us to wait around.*

*"I don't feel like talking right now" is an acceptable thing to say- Unacceptable thing to do is sit there and pretend you're listening and just say "uh huh" and "yes Dear"- it's condescending.*

*One remote is ENOUGH... no need to have a control tower in your living room.*

*Couch Potato is not a sport, so don't try to be an All-star at it!*

*Your way is not always the right way. Learn to say- "I was wrong"*

*If you say you are going to do something, then just do it. Don't sit around thinking of creative excuses why you couldn't get to it.*

*We are not your mothers, so don't expect us to clean up after you like one.*

*SkyLine Chili is not considered a romantic dinner for two.*

*We have other friends of the male gender, so leave your jealousy at the door!*

*If you concede to let us decorate the house without any input from you, then don't complain when everything is in frilly flowers, and pink motif.*

*Tech Support: "O.K. Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now type the letter "P" to bring up the Program Manager." Customer: "I don't have a 'P'." Tech: "On your keyboard, Bob." Customer: "What do you mean?" Tech: "'P' on your keyboard, Bob." Customer: "I'm Not going to do that!"*

A festive background featuring three large balloons (red, yellow, and blue) on the left, with their strings trailing down. The right side is filled with colorful confetti, including triangles, circles, and streamers in red, yellow, and blue.

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