

NGONGOTAHA NEWS

COVID 19 VERSION

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HAPPY BEAR HUNT

There are quite a few around my neighbourhood to the delight of many families who are out walking.

My neighbour Jane came up with a good idea, every second day we are gathering at our front gates and talking to each other at a safe distance. This is a great way of keeping an 'eye' on each other and making sure that we are all well.



The local Marae are also making spot checks on the Kaumatua and Kuia in the area. This is another positive that has come out of this virus.

I have an essential worker living with me and we are trying to keep each other safe by having hot drinks of honey, lemon and ginger at least once a day.

I have to say I am very proud that I live in New Zealand especially when you read on social media how a lot of world leaders are, in my opinion, not acting quickly enough. I have family in Australia and can't help but worry about them. This virus does not have preferences as to who it picks, even Royalty have been victims. So keep your distance, and please stay home unless you are going for a Doctor's appointment, grocery shopping or picking up prescriptions. The Police have a tough enough job without having to chase senseless people who think they are immune, you may be but you could also be a carrier and infect someone like your elderly relative. Rules are put in place for a reason, please help us stop the spread.

Check on your neighbours (by phone) to see if they need anything, they may be elderly and not able to go out or not have a vehicle, or simply need someone to talk to.

Have a happy Easter everyone, stay safe and be kind, especially to Supermarket workers. It is not their fault that the shelves are empty and you cannot buy flour, disinfectant, hand sanitizer etc.

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Kelly is passionate about business & would love the opportunity to talk with you so, for a free no-obligation meeting, contact Kelly now!

I am still working from home during the Covid-19 Lockdown period so please do not hesitate to call me. Take Care Everyone.



LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB.

Well this month we are facing a new challenge along with everyone else in New Zealand. The COVID-19 pandemic has put a spoke in our wheels and halted all clubhouse re build activity at Lakeview.

We are classed as a non essential business and of course we have had to shut our gates. All golf courses are no go zones. This means the pro shop, driving range and golf course are closed for 4 weeks. We had hoped that golfers could use the course as individuals to get their exercise and fresh air but because we cannot control or monitor people using the course we have had to totally close.

At the time of writing we were waiting to get a directive from the Govt as to whether we could maintain the course to a basic level. We certainly hope we can because 4 weeks of non maintenance will certainly be challenging. So we along with everyone else are hoping all New Zealanders heed the advice and conditions of an alert level 4 pandemic plan and play their part so we can all get back to normal and enjoy our beautiful country and all it has to offer.

Stay safe everyone, be kind to one another and see you all on the other side!

Golf shop phone number is 07 357 2341.

The Voice from the Clubhouse - It was a sunny Saturday morning, a little before 8 a.m., I was on the first hole at The Oaks of St. George Golf Club and beginning my pre-shot routine, when a piercing voice came over the clubhouse loudspeaker: "Would the gentleman on the woman's tee back up to the men's tee please!" I could feel every eye on the course looking at me. I was still deep in my routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption. Again the announcement: "Would the man on the woman's tee kindly back up to the men's tee." I simply ignored the guy and kept concentrating, when once more, the voice yelled, "Would the man on the woman's tee back up to the men's tee. please?!?!!" I finally stopped, turned around, cupped my hands and shouted back: "Would the jerk with the microphone please keep quiet and let me play my second shot!"



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JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION : Mom, Mommy, Mama, Ma Dad, Daddy, Dada, Pa, Pop

Long term, team players needed, for challenging, permanent work in an often chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work variable hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24 hour shifts on call.. Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in far away cities! Travel expenses not reimbursed. Extensive courier duties also required.

RESPONSIBILITIES :

The rest of your life.
Must be willing to be hated, at least temporarily, until someone needs \$5.
Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly.
Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the backyard are not someone just crying wolf.
Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets and stuck zippers.
Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework projects..
Must have ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks.
Must be a willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next..
Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys, and battery operated devices.
Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst.
Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product.
Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility..

POSSIBILITY FOR ADVANCEMENT & PROMOTION :

None.
Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

None required unfortunately.
On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

WAGES AND COMPENSATION:

Get this! You pay them!
Offering frequent raises and bonuses.
A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent.
When you die, you give them whatever is left.

CONTD OVERPAGE.....

The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

BENEFITS :

While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered; this job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth, unconditional love, and free hugs and kisses for life if you play your cards right.

Forward this on to all the PARENTS you know, in appreciation for everything they do on a daily basis, letting them know they are appreciated for the fabulous job they do... or forward with love to anyone thinking of applying for the job.*

**** AND A FOOTNOTE 'THERE IS NO RETIREMENT -- EVER!!**

Things I've Learned from my Children.

A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2,000 sq.ft. house 4 inches deep.

If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.

A 3-year-old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.

If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound boy, who is wearing Batman underwear and a superman cape. **It is strong enough, however, to spread paint on all fourwalls of a 20x20 ft. room.

You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using the ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.

The glass in windows {even double pane} doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.

When you hear the toilet flush and the words "Uh-oh", it's already too late.

Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke... lots of it.

A six-year-old can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36 year old man says it only happens in the movies. A magnifying glass can start a fire even on an overcast day.

Certain Lego's will pass through the digestive tract of a four-year-old.

PlayDoh and Microwave should never be used in the same sentence.

Super glue is forever.

No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool, you still can't walk on water.

Pool filters do not like Jell-O.

VCR's do not eject PB&J sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.

Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.

Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.

You probably do not want to know what that odor is.

Always look in the oven before you turn it on. Plastic toys do not like ovens.

The fire department in Austin has a 5-minute response time.

The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earth worms dizzy. It will, however, make cats dizzy! Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.

Kaharoa School

Kia kaha!

- To our essential services men and women, thank you for all you have done and are continuing to do to safeguard the health and welfare of all New Zealanders.
- To support you in your work we unite together to follow the Alert Level 4 restrictions To do otherwise would put our essential personnel's lives and that of their whānau at risk.

We as a staff are committed to providing the best possible outcomes for your child and the Kaharoa School community during the Covid19 lockdown in New Zealand.

This is a time when our Kaharoa School's Cornerstone Values come to the fore, especially those of Kindness and Compassion.

We can still connect - via technology and how lucky we are to be able to do so! This will be very important to do so especially for those living alone.

We have followed advice from the Ministries of Health and Education. The school has maintained a calm and sensible approach regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. From the beginning of the year staff have maintained a regime of reinforcing the recommended hygiene protocols with the children. We are very proud of how the community has supported and worked with us.

Teachers have put together ideas and links to programmes of work for each class that children could engage with and this was sent via email to each family.

Teachers are also available via their school email and will connect with children for remote learning after the early school holidays.

As you will appreciate this is new ground for all of us as we come to grips with this way of interacting with your child purely online. Please be patient with us and be assured we are doing our very best.

Be safe, take care, ask for help if required.

Kia kaha Kaharoa School and wider community.

Best wishes

Thank you and best wishes go to Mrs Mandy du Toit who has been one of our valued Learning Assistants for the past 3 years as she takes up a new career pathway. Thank you for all your mahi, care and compassion for the tamariki you have assisted.

Please refer to the Kaharoa website for further information. www.kaharoa.school.nz

Ngā mihi mahana - The Kaharoa Team

Here to help

I know many of you are feeling anxious about the health and livelihoods of your families and community right now.

I am here to help and support you as a member of your community. Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email if you require information or assistance.

I want to serve our community by providing information, advocacy, connection and support for you and your loved ones throughout this period of lockdown and beyond.

To ensure I remain accessible I will be trialling online "Virtual Doorknocking" and "Facebook Live" meetings. You can follow me on Facebook for updates and for an opportunity to connect at: [facebook.com/ ToddMcClayMPforRotorua](https://www.facebook.com/ToddMcClayMPforRotorua)

This unfolding pandemic is changing the way all of us live, work and connect with our communities for the next while, please know you are not alone in your worries and concern. It's important we support each other during this difficult time and I have great faith that the values of New Zealanders will come to the fore as we rise to this challenge.

Kia kaha & ngā mihi,



Todd McClay

Hon Todd McClay
National MP for Rotorua

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Health Information & Advice

The most up-to-date health information on the coronavirus is available at this Ministry of Health website: [health.govt.nz](https://www.health.govt.nz) or call Healthline free on **0800 358 5453**

More general information about New Zealand's efforts to address the virus and its impact can be found here: [covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

If you have other unanswered questions please contact me directly.

Business & Employment Support

The Government has released a package of financial support for businesses and employees, contractors and the self-employed.

Information on the support that may be available to you is detailed here: [workandincome.govt.nz](https://www.workandincome.govt.nz) If you are concerned you "fall between the gaps" or are having difficulty accessing support please contact me so I can help navigate and advocate for you. The Government has acknowledged there will be a need for a second phase of support, so I will provide Ministers with your feedback on what that should look like.

Community Connection & Co-ordination

I am in touch with community leaders and support services. If you want to know what support may be available in your neighbourhood, please let me know and I will connect you.

I am impressed by the efforts of so many already to provide moral and practical support to local neighbours and communities.

Support for the Isolated & Vulnerable

Many in our community are feeling isolated and vulnerable right now. Some don't have access to the internet and may need additional information or help with deliveries, food or other services.

If you are concerned for a community member or relative please let me know so I can give them a call, provide support directly or help connect them with some of the incredible local people and organisations ready to provide assistance. If you or anyone you know is feeling overwhelmed and needs to talk to a trained counsellor they can **free call/text 1737**

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Help us to help others

If you have anything to donate, please contact Tim on
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For those of you Ngongotaha locals that don't already know me, I'm Mandy Lee your truly local Real Estate salesperson.

Born and bred, 3rd generation local, I grew up spending all my life in the surroundings of Ngongotaha. Having a rural background I started my career in farming on one of the local Maori trust farms. For 10 years I thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. After farming I stepped into the banking industry, helping clients to achieve their goals no matter how big or small these were.

Having a passion for helping people achieve their dreams and goals means real estate has come naturally to me. Nothing makes me happier than helping someone into their first or forever home. Ngongotaha has so much to offer.

Allow me to help sell your precious assets and have trust that I will work hard to achieve the results you deserve.

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Operational Changes Due To CORONAVIRUS – COVID 19



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Practice is working between 8.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. BUT ENTRY IS TO THE BUILDING IS RESTRICTED. <input type="checkbox"/> All consultations are initially BY TELEPHONE ONLY. <input type="checkbox"/> Face to face appointments will only be made if a doctor deems that this is absolutely necessary. <input type="checkbox"/> Flu Clinics are planned for Tuesdays & Thursdays 12 noon to 4.30 p.m. subject to vaccine availability. <input type="checkbox"/> Child Immunisations continue and will be booked. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> There is NO “DROP IN CLINIC” UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. <input type="checkbox"/> The Laboratory Service has been suspended indefinitely, however the Pathlab in Haupapa Street remains operational for blood tests. <input type="checkbox"/> All third party clinics are suspended until further notice. |
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Coronavirus – COVID 19 Assessment

- Visit www.raphs.org.nz for all the information you need to know.
- If you meet the Case Definition [Ring the Rotorua and Taupo COVID-19 Helpline on 0800 267 847](#) The Helpline is open from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. 7 days a week.



It’s been a while since the Ngongotaha Fire Brigade wrote an Update here in the Ngongotaha news. We would like to thank the Ngongotaha News for allowing us to continue providing the community with information and updates around your Brigade. The one thing to ensure to the community is during the COVID-19 lockdown the Brigade is available and will respond to calls. We have a dedicated team of Men and women on call 24/7 365 days of the year. If you do have a genuine emergency please Dial 111 NOT your local Fire station as the Ngongotaha Station is not crewed unless alerted via Fire Siren. Please also be aware that our Fire Siren alerts us to an emergency callout. This will alert the Fire Fighters of an emergency and will go off 24/7. While this may cause alarm

to some of the general public please be aware that this is the best way of alerting our members of an emergency to respond from their homes to the station. The sound of the siren going off also provides peace of mind to the people requesting our response, that we are on our way. With everyone at home now there is a lot of burning in backyards going on. Things to remember are check to see if it’s ok to light a Fire and if you need a permit. The best way to do this is on the website www.checkitsalright.nz . This will give you all the information required. Remember It’s illegal to burn Plastics and Tyres , this can result in a fine. Also Green leaves branches and fresh offcuts can cause a lot of smoke. In signing off Please look after yourselves respect the lockdown , Keep looking while your cooking and as always make sure you all have working smoke alarms in your house.....

Thanks Chief Fire Officer Tai Thompson
Ngongotaha Volunteer Fire brigade.

To the Ngongotaha community

From all of us at your local Four Square we want to thank you for your support and cooperation. Your support during these unprecedented times has been much appreciated as we have had to implement so many changes at such short notice to the way we operate. We are trying our best with safety as our number 1 priority.

Posted on the COVID-19 website yesterday these are the clear messages we have for you at this time:

How can I keep myself safe at the supermarket?

If you have to travel to the supermarket, for essential supplies, be efficient and sensible. Limit your trips to the supermarket and the time you spend there.

1. One person per household

Nominate one person in your household to go and get essential supplies so we reduce the number of people out and about.

2. Keep your distance.

When you're at the supermarket, in the carpark or in a queue, remember to observe the 2 metre rule, so you don't come into contact with other people. Make sure you wash and dry your hands thoroughly and don't touch your face.

If you are having your groceries delivered, they need to be dropped at your door so you do not come into contact with the person delivering them.

3. If you're a parent on your own with children, move to online shopping if available.

It is important for the safety of your children and others, especially essential service providers that we limit contact, which is why supermarkets are only allowing one person in to do shopping. If you can, reach out to friends and family who can assist you with the shopping and get it to your doorstep. Your local community may also be able to assist

4. If you are at risk or have someone at risk in your household get someone else to shop for you.

If you are over 70, have a compromised immune system or an underlying health condition, stay at home and ask others to get supplies for you.

5. Handling groceries

When you get your groceries home, make sure you wash your hands thoroughly after unpacking, as well as before and after preparing food. New Zealand Food Safety recommends washing fresh produce under running water before you eat them.

We do offer deliveries from our store, however given the immense pressure we are under we are limiting this to whom really need it at this time such as the elderly and immunosuppressed. If you would like to enquire about a delivery please ring the store on (07) 3574475 or Crystal on 0224301412.

Our trading hours have changed during this alert also:

Monday - Friday 7am - 7pm

Saturday and Sunday 7.30am - 7pm

With Easter around the corner we will have the same trading hours as above except we will be CLOSED on Good Friday this year.

Thank you once again. Kia Kaha Ngongotaha! Wash your hands and Stay in your Bubble.

Grant and Crystal

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Ngongotaha Indoor Bowls

2nd March Graded Pairs .It was a full house tonight. The winners were Murray Harris, Brian Flett and Helen White with four wins. Runner up was John Rayner, Delwyn Hughes and David Fleet. Well done those teams.
9th March Buttons. It was a little cooler tonight as we had some well needed rain. Bruce Wiggins and Martin Burtling held the buttons till they were defeated by Andrew Flett and Delwyn Hughes. If it was point's night Cheryl Wiggins and Helen White would have done very well with 40 points. Some members from the club played in the Singles Tournament on the Sunday at Westbrooke. No major prizes but they enjoyed the day.
13th March BOP Fundraiser. We had a very successful night with 42 people took part. Three of our members did very well for the night. Winners Skips Bruce Wiggins, Runner-up Eddie Dibley and Two's Grahame Turner.
15th March Rotorua Pairs. We had about nine players from our club participate. Bruce Wiggins and Paul Grotcott were runner-up for the plate event for non-qualifiers. We had Wayne Hitchens, Delwyn Hughes, John Rayner and Cheryl Wiggins, in the semi-finals. Well done to those members. They may not have won but they enjoyed their day.
16th March Graded Pairs (Curry Cup) Winners for the night were Cheryl Wiggins and Jan Drabble. Runner-Up was Bruce Wiggins and David Fleet.
Due to Covid 19 Virus all bowls have been suspended until further notice.
Keep safe everyone.

Anyone looking at playing bowls can contact:

John Rayner 07 5625012
Kevin Whyte 07 3574766

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question: "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied I DID have a drug problem when I was young:

I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.

I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flowerbeds and cockleburrs out of dad's fields.

I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood; and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

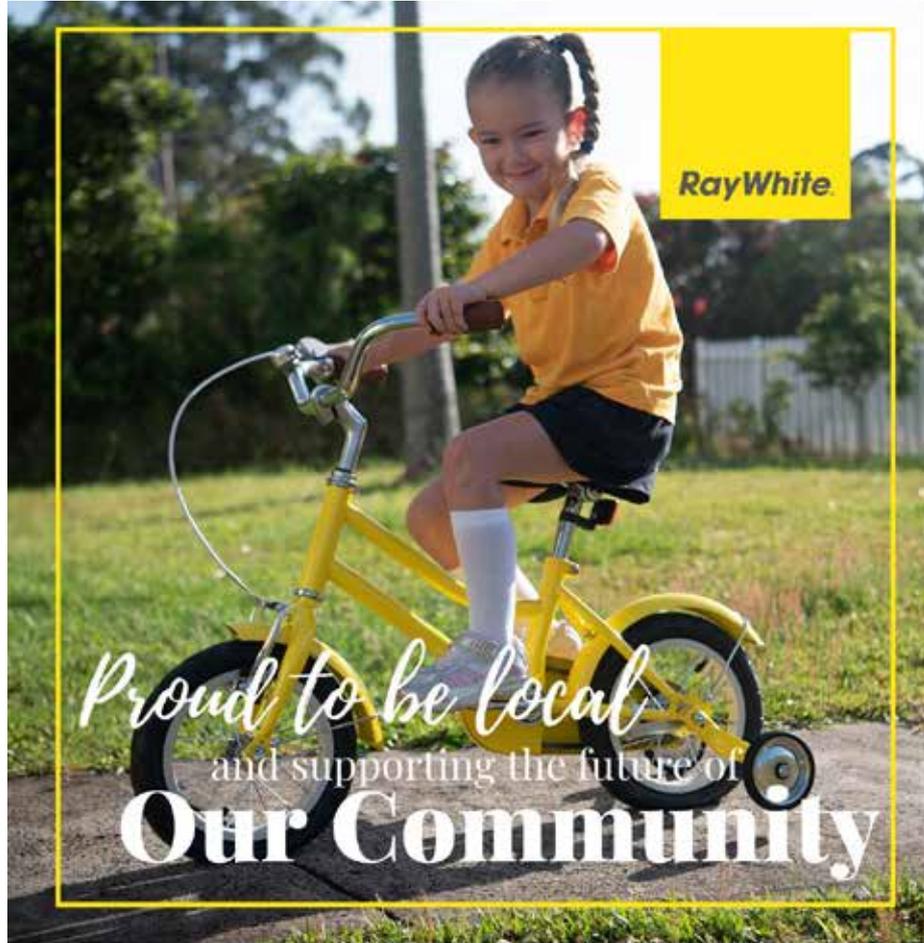
Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, the world would be a better place.

A father is one whose daughter marries a man who is vastly her inferior, but then gives birth to unbelievably brilliant grandchildren. ~ Anonymous

Watching your daughter being collected by her date feels like handing over a million-dollar Stradivarius to a gorilla. ~ Jim Bishop

A father carries pictures where his money used to be. ~ Anonymous

For Father's Day we got my dad a t-shirt that says: "Do not resuscitate." He wears it whenever my mom takes him to the ballet. ~ Greg Tamblyn



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Competition to win great prizes including this Ray White Childrens bike or an Easter Hamper Drawn May 29th
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Leanne Leef

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I hope everyone is safe and keeping well during this time.

Staying home and living within our bubble has its challenges but New Zealanders have proven their resilience time and time again and this will be no difference if we unite, follow instructions and continue to have a shared sense of community, and realise we each have an important part to play.

I would like to thank all the men and women servicing the front-line in essential services. These workers risk

their safety everyday to maintain our safety and livelihoods. Some have selflessly come out of retirement or have moved back from other industries. This is a stressful time and they are doing their best to help. I urge you all to continue to show kindness and appreciate their work, not only those in the health sector but other unsung heroes such as supermarket workers, rubbish collectors, freight drivers, petrol station attendants. Our society depends on them more than ever.

Stay safe, stay home, united we can get through this.

There were four men, a Maori, Irishman, Englishman and Chinese. All four were stuck on an island with no food, suddenly the Chinese died so they decided to eat parts of him from what town they were from. The Irish man said, "well I'm from Brainsworth so I get to eat his brain." The Englishman said "I'm from Liverpool, so I get his liver" The Maori starts crying all of a sudden, both men look at him and ask what is wrong, "why are you crying???" The Maori replies "I'm from Te Teko"

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided, he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

"Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went? "



The image is a campaign poster for Fletcher Tabuteau, a Member of Parliament for New Zealand First. It features a portrait of Fletcher Tabuteau on the left, smiling and wearing a suit and tie. The background is a scenic view of a coastal town. The text on the poster includes: 'NEW ZEALAND FIRST' with a logo of three stars and a chevron; 'AOTEAROA TUATAHI' in the top right; 'NEW ZEALAND FIRST LIST MP' above the name 'FLETCHER TABUTEAU'; 'BASED IN ROTORUA' below the name; 'OPEN 10AM-3PM DAILY' in large letters; contact information: 'P 07 347 4045 E Fletcher.Tabuteau@parliament.govt.nz A Level 6, Hinemoa Tower 1154 Hinemoa St, Rotorua 3010'; the website 'www.nzfirst.org.nz'; and the text 'Authorised by Fletcher Tabuteau, Parliament Buildings, Wellington.' There is also a small circular logo for the House of Representatives in the bottom right corner.

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as the 9th floor, and goes the rest
of the way up the stairs. Why?



This too will end

I would like to start this article by thanking Ann and all of the sponsors for ensuring this Ngongotaha newsletter was produced albeit in online form only. Community newspapers are an important part of communities and the Ngongotaha newsletter is certainly one of those. Nga mihi ki a koutou Ann.

Did you notice how it has been a bit colder lately, one of my mates Stan Hickey reckons it is because we are all in ice-so-lation. So how is your ice-so-lation going? As a leader in a few areas I have tried to stay up to date on COVID19 information. So I thought I would share some pieces of information with you on how to stay ahead of the COVID 19 Virus. There are many things I could recommend, and this is not the be all and end all list but I decided on eight things for now,

1. Please take this COVID 19 Virus very seriously
2. Yeah nah yeah just Stay at home.
3. Act as though you already have the virus
4. Have a routine at home
5. Wash your hands frequently
6. Keep in touch with whanau and friends but do not visit them
7. Laugh and sing as often as you can
8. Be nice, be kind and be respectful.

Please take this COVID 19 Virus very seriously.

This virus has decimated communities like ours all over the world. It could decimate ours too if we do not give it the respect it deserves. It is more deadly on us then you fellas are on the trout at Hamurana, Ngongotaha and Awahou. Hopefully you get the picture. He mauiu tino kino a COVID19.

Yeah nah yeah just Stay at home

When you stay home you are keeping you and your bubble safe. This virus currently has no cure and is on the prowl looking for its next victim 24 hours a day every day. It does not care if you are the leader of a country, the King of Awahou or the Queen of Ngongotaha. COVID19 is looking for you and the safest place you can hide is at home. I know we have to go out to get kai especially when we run out of Watties tomato sauce, but the best thing we can do is limit the times we leave home. Staying home and not doing things like hunting also means you are not putting more stress on our frontline medical people who need all the support they can get at this time. Me noho koe ki to kainga.

Act as though you already have the COVID19 virus

Being from the Awahou, Hamurana, Kaharoa and Ngongotaha community I know you will want to look after everyone else in our community and the best way to do that is to act as though you already have the virus and do not want to give it to anyone else. A safe community starts with you. Stay 2 meters away from your neighbours or other peoples animals. You don't want to give it to them – well I hope you don't anyway. Manaaki me tiaki tangata.

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Try to have a routine at home and set one goal for each day.

Get out of bed each day at around the same time, make that bed (unless your bed mate is still in it) and try not to get back into bed during the day unless you really must. I don't care if that time is 5am each morning or 2pm each afternoon depending on your lifestyle or mahi. Pick a time to get up and try to stick to it. Also try and set one goal of what you will do that day, whether it is painting the house, cleaning the tractors, working from home, fixing the fence or building a golf course in your back yard. Just doing dishes after each meal works to. You get the gist. Adapt the Nike logo and JUST DO IT! Accomplishing something each day keeps us healthier. Me mahi ai whanau i te mahi pai.

Wash your hands frequently

This virus lives on surfaces for a number of hours possibly days so whenever you are out and about in the public touching things like shopping trolleys then the virus is possible reaching out and touch- touch- touching you. Washing your hands deals to this. Horoi o ringaringa.

Keep in touch with whanau and friends but don't visit them

Physical ice-so-lation does not mean social ice-so-lation. Now is not the time to give whanau and friends the cold shoulder (get it-ice...cold?) While we may not be able to visit them we can always phone them, text them, message them or yell across the backyard fence to see how they are. That is what creates community and keeps communities warm. Korero atu korero mai.

Be nice, be kind and be respectful

This will not be difficult because you live in our community but try to be even a bit nicer please. Say good morning to people walking past your place or wave to neighbours and give each other the thumbs up. One of the negative symptoms of this virus on communities is it tries to stop us from communicating and behaving nicely toward each other especially when we are in lock down. Let's remember that our neighbours will still be our neighbours when this is all over. Kia ora koe.

Laugh and sing as often as possible.

There really is no excuse for not laughing. Just google "Funny cat videos" and you will see what I mean.

There is a saying that some people who sing in the shower should be singing on world stages, and some people should just sing in the shower. For all it is worth you have my permission to sing in your shower as often as you like! Singing and laughing really are good for us. Like those Readers digest always said. Laughing really is the best medicine. Hopefully you have had a bit of a giggle while reading this article too.

To conclude my article I would like to pass on some advice from one of the wisest, kindest and humble people I know, my Father Tommy who always says, "Look after number one."

If we look after number one (ourselves) during COVID19 then we are looking after everyone else too. Ma te Atua tatou e manaaki e tiaki. This too will end.

The women were then told to take out their cell phones and text their husband: "I love you, Sweetheart!" Next the women were instructed to exchange phones with one another and read aloud the text message they received in response to their message.

Below are 11 hilarious replies. If you have been married for a while, you understand that these replies are a sign of true love. Who else would reply in such a succinct and honest way?

- 1. Who the hell is this?*
- 2. Eh, mother of my children, are you sick or what?*
- 3. Yeah, and I love you too. What's wrong?*
- 4. What now? Did you wreck the car again?*
- 5. I don't understand what you mean?*
- 6. What the hell did you do now?*
- 7. Don't beat around the bush, just tell me how much you need?*
- 8. Am I dreaming?*
- 9. If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.*
- 10 I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.*
- 11 Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she?*

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