

NGONGOTAHA NEWS

*The Sunny side of the Mountain -
FLUORIDE FREE NGONGOTAHA*

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NEXT DEADLINE: WED JULY 1ST 2020

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JOB DESCRIPTION

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

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RESPONSIBILITIES :

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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.

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.**

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He taonga te whakawhetai – Being grateful is a prized treasure.

I am very grateful for many things and people in my life.
I am grateful that I have very close connections with Awahou, Kaharoa, Ngongotaha and Hamurana.
I am grateful that I live in a region that had 16 cases of COVID 19 and all 16 have recovered.
I am grateful that I have friends and whanau who have my back and care about me and for me.
I am grateful that I have purpose in my life and am making a positive contributions.
I am grateful for the education I have enjoyed which encourages me to keep learning.
I am grateful for my health.
I am grateful for leaders in my life including my father who inspire me.
I am grateful to have an amazing wife and two outstanding humble children.
I am grateful for the businesses I have and other organisations that I am privileged to lead.
I am grateful to Ann for organising the Ngongotaha newsletter.
I am grateful for the peace that exists in my environment that I often take for granted.
I am grateful that I can fish in clean lakes.
I am grateful that I can swim in clean rivers.
I am grateful that I can walk or bike on safe paths.
I am grateful that I am Maori
I am grateful that I speak Maori.
I am grateful that I have firewood for my fire.
I am grateful that I am as comfortable in any boardroom as I am at any marae.
I am grateful that I have challenges in my life.
I am grateful that I have many blessings in my life.
I am grateful.

What are you grateful for at this time?

The more I look overseas at various countries and what is happening worldwide...

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Linda Kennedy RACE TALK

You wouldn't be wrong if you were remotely concerned about the status of racing in NZ.

Racing has been hit hard by the COVID virus. There would have been an unprecedented amount of race horses being transported around the country to be placed on agistment properties to sit out lockdown. Most staff would have been sent home, with only essential workers allowed to supply ongoing care for all these horses.

We have now had to sit back and wait and hope that racing will be able to start up as soon as is possible, with talk of this being July but maybe mid June , .

Many of our familiar TV personalities and race callers have now lost their jobs and it seems that racing in NZ will no longer be the experience that we have all come to love and enjoy. What is unfolding is a new experience whereby we will just skip from one race to another with no personal interjection, no pre- race interviews with jockeys or trainers, no on course advice or stories that we are all so fascinated by. You will not be able to tune in to the radio, or even bet on course with your friendly TAB staff members because even that is on it's way out, and to be replaced by electronic betting. It appears that racing is about to lose it's personality.

We shall all have to wait and see, and we can only hope for the best. In the meantime, our Rotorua Trainers are all back in force. Bill Pomare, Iain Kennedy, Michael Murray, Donna Fleming and Grant Stewart are all back at the track and once again everyone is both busy and enthusiastic. Rotorua Racing have kindly offered to give all our trainers free training for the month of June to help soften the blow, and I am sure everyone is very happy to hear this. So we all look forward to our racing futures albeit somewhat different to what we have been used to in the past. We have our fingers crossed, and hope for the best.

ROTORUA RETRO BOOK FIVE PROJECT OUTLINE

After the successful launch of Rotorua Retro Four in October 2019 is has been decided to aim for another book in the series, Rotorua Retro Five in 2020.

I have taken over collecting contributions of early memories of Rotorua from Alison Brown who you will remember, along with Ynes Fraser, has been the driving force of the four earlier books.

I am inviting you to write about your early memories of Rotorua from whatever angle you choose and which suits you.

The suggested length of the article is a total of generally between 500 and 2500 words. However, your particular story may need fewer or more words.

If you are able to accompany at least three captioned photographs relating to your story this would be greatly appreciated. They will be scanned and returned as soon as is possible. However, if you do not have any photos never fear. I am sure that appropriate photos could be sourced from archives, Rotorua Museum or NZME who have all been generously supportive.

Once received I will slightly edit your contribution, if required, although this is YOUR story and in most instances is in your own words and jargon. I will always consult with you if the need arises.

Please note every contribution remains the copyright of its author and as such you will be recognised in the final copy of the book.

I look forward to hearing from you and helping you to share your memories with the wider community.

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LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB.

At time of writing we are experiencing life at Alert Level 2. As a golf club it has meant that apart from the physical distancing requirement and sanitation procedures golf has become a lot closer to "normal". We are sure that a lot of tourist attractions and businesses have breathed a slight sigh of relief as they have been able to open up in some form. We look forward to what Alert Level 1 brings.

Club competition has started again with Matchplay Champs being played through June. The turn out for qualifying was amazing with all divisions very well represented. The new World Handicap System which came into effect during lockdown threw a curve ball at players with handicaps significantly lower

than normal. The inability to play during lockdown meant that handicaps had not had time to adjust to standard of play!

We have had a good response to our "try before you buy" offer. This is still available and is a great opportunity to give golf a go while you wait for your sport of choice to kick in again. We have had some keen ladies who normally play netball take up the offer which is fantastic we can do with more ladies! So come on everyone take up the challenge of golf it is great fun, good exercise and a good way to mentally chill out. Contact the shop for more information.

The temporary clubhouse (an old prefab classroom) is getting a good makeover. With services and products needed we are proud to be able to support local! We are hoping to be able to move in soon. With winter well on the way it is getting a bit chilly outside so it will be great to have a warm and dry place to socialize après golf.

The new clubhouse/community facility is still in the planning stages but the vision is to have a multi purpose, energy efficient, environmentally friendly member/community facility that everyone can be proud of....exciting times and a journey we are looking forward to.

We are having a lot of success with our trapping programme. Rats obviously do not observe lockdown rules and were out and about! We look forward to reaping the benefits of pest control with more native bird life on the course. We would love to hear from any members of the community who like to walk and would enjoy a walk around our beautiful course while checking traps. Please phone the shop if you are keen!

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A reminder that we welcome everyone to Lakeview whether it is to play golf on the course, hit balls on the range or maybe just a visit to see progress on the clubhouse!

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Back to Business.

Ngongotaha Roundabout

Often, I have driven along Hamurana Rd and marvelled at our beautiful country, driving through the township of Ngongotaha, you get the feeling it is a corridor into the wonderland of Rotorua and all it beholds. But as every hard-working resident will know, driving through the village from 7.30am to 9am can be a traffic congestion nightmare. Just over \$43 billion of new spending was announced as part of Budget 2020, but not one cent of that was put towards the Ngongotaha Roundabout or for upgrades to Te Ngae Rd. Ngongotaha residents and those who travel through the township deserve better from this Government. Upgrading the roundabout at Ngongotaha is critical to ease growing congestion through the township.

I have been a vocal advocate for the upgrade and other roading issues around this electorate and I was behind a 7000 signature petition for upgrades to the Ngongotaha roundabout and a four-lane highway along Te Ngae Rd.

The current Government has shown they have no commitment to the project and I predict they will now look to use it as an election sweetener.

While the NZ Transport Agency announced some funding a few months ago this was for safety improvements on State Highway 36 and not a full upgrade to the Ngongotaha roundabout.

Holding off on essential infrastructure is a cause for concern for Ngongotaha locals.

I'm hearing from people and business owners around town, that they want it now.

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The Economy and Debt

Many businesses have incurred huge debt through no fault of their own over the past couple of months. As they start to open again, some with heavy restrictions, the economic and social impact of Covid-19 will be felt for many, many years to come.

The Government will borrow \$140 billion extra over the next 4 years which is staggering \$80,000 of additional debt to be paid back by every single household in the country. Paid back through your taxes.

The tourism sector and all other small and medium sized businesses need help. They need direct help rather than more debt. Every business saved means jobs are saved. And every job saved means a local family can provide for themselves.

It's for this reason that National proposed an \$8 billion package to provide grants to small business and to incentivise investment across the economy. Saving livelihoods of people across New Zealand and Rotorua remains National's priority.

A New Leadership Team

As you will be aware, National MP for the Bay of Plenty Todd Muller has taken the reins of National and Nikki Kaye is his deputy. They are fantastic MPs, who care deeply about New Zealand. Todd has extensive business, trade, international and political experience and will be our next Prime Minister.

It is also a huge privilege to remain on the front bench as well as be National's Trade and Tourism spokesperson. These are two areas that are extremely important to creating and protecting hundreds of thousands of jobs and will play an equally important role in rebuilding our economy.

TODD McCLAY MP
Member of Parliament for Rotorua
Spokesman for Trade & Tourism

Authorised by T.McClay, Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

Operational Update - Level 2 of the COVID 19 Pandemic

- The Practice is working between 8.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. BUT ENTRY TO THE BUILDING REMAINS RESTRICTED.
- All consultations are initially by telephone only.
- Face to face appointments will be booked if a doctor deems this to be necessary.
- Flu Vaccines are available to all patients of the practice. Please call to book a nurse appointment.
- Child Immunisations continue and will be booked as normal
- There is NO “DROP IN CLINIC” until further notice. We are however running a doctor telephone consultation service for acute matters.
- The Laboratory Service has resumed and is available from 8.00 a.m. to 12 noon daily.
- Third party clinics are recommencing. Please phone the surgery for details.

Coronavirus – COVID 19 Assessment

- Visit www.raphs.org.nz for all the information you need to know.
- If you are unwell [Ring National COVID-19 Helpline on 0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) The Helpline is open from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. 7 days a week.

Things I've Learned from Children.

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

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

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.

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 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.

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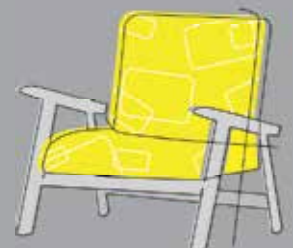
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Age Concern are back working out of our office, and it is great to be back, after working from home as an essential service during the Level 4 and Level 3 lockdowns. It is amazing how we have all become used to the new way of working and connecting with people through different media platforms like Skype. It has changed the way that Age Concern managers from around the country now connect and we will no longer be travelling for meetings within our geographical area. Now as we work towards level 1 and some sense of normality we are all looking forward to having our tourism sector, of which Ngongotaha is the centre, being surrounded by activities, to get up and running albeit with New Zealanders initially. We all need to support our local businesses in any way we can and it is heartening to see that most of the village is now up and running under Covid 19 safety protocols and guidelines. The long weekend also was a cause for celebration with all the tourist attractions I saw doing a roaring trade as many New Zealanders travelled outside of their areas to take advantage of the level two protocols. All indications are that we will be in level one before we know it although I personally am a bit wary of this virus and its long tail as witnessed in some overseas countries that have opened up too early.

Because Age Concern is a not for profit charity we do rely on the gaming trusts to support us with staff salaries and general running costs. Most of our normal funders have shut up shop because no one is playing the pokies during the lockdown and they have no income to give away. This could cause us problems moving forward but thanks to the government we have been able to take advantage of the wage subsidy. Some of our normal funders are operating and as I mentioned last time we have \$30,000 granted from Bay Trust for our minivan. We have recently applied to Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust for the remaining money and hope to have a new vehicle to use for our shopping service and regular outings as well as other things.

Upcoming events that were either postponed or delayed include the Positive Ageing Expo that will now be held on the 7th of November which gives us all time to, hopefully, be in level one and back to some sense of normality. The venue will remain the same at the Event Centre Grand Hall and we hope to sign up the same 40 organisations dealing with the elderly involved in our last postponed event. On June 15th is Elder Abuse Awareness Day followed by Elder Abuse Awareness Week until the 22nd June. During this time, Age Concern, along with several other organisations, will hold activities which make people aware of this, often unreported scourge on our elderly. Elder Abuse in New Zealand takes many forms with psychological Abuse being the highest form followed by financial abuse, physical abuse, active and passive neglect and sexual abuse. Studies also show that the abusers are most likely to be family members and men are most likely to be the abusers and women the ones more likely to be abused. If you are experiencing any kind of abuse or you know someone who is, please ring us at Age Concern (07 347 1539) and we will provide support and guidance.

Our volunteer visitors to our lonely and socially isolated members are still not fully operational and can visit subject to the approval by both parties. Most of our volunteers, and of course our members, are in the high-risk group of over 70 years old so it is only common sense that there are some precautions taken. We are still seeking new volunteers to support our Accredited Visitor Service and if you were one of the many people who stepped up during Level 4 and 3 of the lockdown and volunteered your time and enjoyed so much you would like to do more we would love to hear from you. Please just ring on the number above.

Ray White Real Estate have begun to do their monthly Charity Garage Sales at Tim O'Sullivan's place at 11 Tamaki Street. The first after the lockdown will be 6th June at 9:00 am and all proceeds will go to Dementia Lakes. Keep your eye out for the Charity Garage Sale in July.

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Kia ora everyone.

I hope you are all coping through these interesting times. Ngongotaha School managed extremely well through the lockdown but we are very happy to be back together once again.

Throughout Alert Level 4 and 3, our remote learning plans were put into place and were very successful. Many of our students opted into the daily learning activities and Zoom sessions. Communication between home and school flourished and we saw our children have the time with whanau to participate in some amazing, fun activities within their bubbles. As we moved to Alert Level 2, we prepared school for the return of the majority of our students. Hand sanitizer, contact tracing and social distancing play an important part in day to day life and we have put other measures in place to keep our students, the staff and our families safe.

We are now back to 'normal' but have continued many of our new H&S practices. Students are enjoying being back with their friends and their teachers. Our junior classes are focusing their learning on 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' and have completed some very exciting learning activities. We will hold a 'Safety Day' later on in the term, where whanau will be invited to school and children will share their new learning. In the senior and middle school, we have been focused on Geography and World History. Children will also be learning about speeches in time for our biannual speech competition, early next term.

We have enrolled several new students over the past few months and I want to take this opportunity to welcome them and their families to the Ngongotaha School whanau. The number of whanau who have opted for Rumaki education has grown, so we have moved our entire Rumaki unit into the Library to accommodate them. It is fantastic that so many of our families see the importance of developing te reo and tikanga Maori within their children.

We have several exciting projects underway around the school. Most notably, the development of Rooms 10-13 which is the 103 year old block. Since the first day of planning, I have said that I want to maintain the character of the exterior of the building but ensure that the interior is a exciting learning space designed to meet the needs of our junior children. We are replacing all lights throughout the school with LED lights which will reduce the impact on the environment. We will be replacing the fence which goes around the outside of the school and erecting five flagpoles

to display our school values also. I look forward to inviting the community in to see the developments when all of these jobs are complete. As always, I am just a phone call or email away. If you would like to contact me please call 07 3574531.

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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
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

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"

Rotorua Forest & Bird

Greetings to Forest & Bird members

We are all looking forward to restarting the branch activities that were put on hold when the country moved to Level 4 lock down in response to the COVID19 pandemic. The first event to be postponed, in early April, was the branch AGM at which we also had scheduled Te Atarangi Sayers to speak about the newly established Motiti Reserve.

We will now hold the Rotorua Branch ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Thursday 18th June, 2020, at 7.30pm. This year we will hold an on-line Zoom meeting chaired by Judy Gardner. There will not be a speaker at the AGM - we hope to get Te Atarangi to Rotorua later in the year instead.

Any member may join the meeting and all are welcome. An internet link to the meeting will be sent out closer to the date. If Zoom meetings are new to you - you will have to download the Zoom application from the internet beforehand. Your committee have had a couple of Zoom meetings over the past few weeks and found it an easy forum to run and to attend.

The AGM will comprise:
minutes of the 2019 AGM,

- Election of officers,
- Financial statement
- F&B committee report,
- KCC report,
- FYouth Hub report, and reports on major projects including trips. The Committee comprises the Secretary, Treasurer, Tikitapu Care Group Coordinator, KCC Coordinator, Violet Bonnington Reserve Coordinator, Publicity Officer and various other roles. These include, but are not limited to: newsletter editor, field trip coordinator, advocacy/submissions.

Join the team

Are you interested in being part of the team? Do you know someone who would be an asset to the group? If you would like to discuss joining the committee or be nominated but unsure who could nominate you please contact one of these committee members Margaret Dick (Secretary) Home 07 357 2024 Mb: 0274202022 Judy Gardner Mb: 021 109 3803

All nominees, proposers and seconds must be current financial members of the branch. A nomination form follows for your convenience. Nominations will also be accepted at the meeting.

Nomination Form

Nomination Form for Rotorua Branch F&B Committee members

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A man walks into a police station and announces, "My wife's gone missing." - The police officer says, "OK sir, we'll help you. Since when has your wife been missing?" - The man replies, "Since about a month ago." - The police officer is shocked, "What? A month?! Why on Earth are you coming only now?!" - "Well... I've no clothes to put on anymore."

News reporters visit a hen about a shockingly huge egg she laid recently. "This is amazing," they tell the hen, "a two pound egg, that's unheard of! Do you have any goals for the future?" "Yes, I'm really aiming for a four pounder!" says the hen proudly. "And you, sir, congratulations," the reporters approach the rooster, "what are your goals for the future?" The rooster replies darkly, "To beat up that darn ostrich!"

A man is reading his newspaper and says to his wife: "Michelle, look. Here is an article about how women use about twice as many words per day as men do." The wife responds: "That's because we have to tell you everything twice"

At the restaurant, "Sir, would you prefer a red or a white wine?" - The customer shrugs, "I don't really care. I'm colorblind."

The boss asks his employee, "Why aren't you working?" - The employee explains, "Sorry boss, I didn't see you coming."

A Texan tourist stands under the Eiffel tower in Paris and looks upon it in awe. "Amazing tower," he comments to a French guy nearby, "how many barrels does it get out in a day?"

Two men walk in the jungle. One has a gun on his back and the other one a big rock. The one with the rock asks the other man, "Why do you have a gun on your back?" The guy replies, "When a wild animal comes, I can defend myself. And what about you, why the rock?" The guy with the rock smiles proudly, "When a wild animal comes, I can throw the rock away and run much faster!"

Outer Mongolia. One of the few places where your navigation can say, "Keep straight. Prepare to turn right on Tuesday morning."

An old lady comes to her doctor and says, "Doctor, you know how you told me I should avoid going up and down stairs as much as possible?" "Yes," nods the doctor, "we agreed on that after the latest X-rays." "Well I don't know if it was such a great recommendation. All the climbing up and down the rain gutter is really exhausting!"

Have you been sleeping by an open window, like I told you?" asks a doctor his patient. "Yes, just like you said, doc." "And is the bronchitis gone now?" "Not yet, so far the only things gone are my laptop and cellphone."

Firstly, I'd like to commend and thank your united efforts in keeping our community and country safe. We have all had an important part to play and have shown strength and resilience in a challenging time.

It was amazing to see how busy and vibrant our city was during Queen's Birthday Weekend. The influx of holiday makers enjoying our local hospitality gave welcome relief to accommodation suppliers and retailers who reported strong visitor numbers.

It also showed we can have the confidence to travel and provide much-needed cash injection into our regional tourism. Small businesses still need our help and Kiwis making simple choices, makes a real difference in real people's lives. While shopping habits have changed, it's encouraging to see consumers are flocking to support Kiwi-owned businesses in-store and online. Paymark figures show total spending is up 13.7 percent, leaving us only 2.3 percent behind the same week last year.

While it is still uncertain times, this Coalition Government recognises that cash flow is crucial to kick-starting the economic recovery for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). The Small Business Cash flow Loan Scheme has seen more than 55,000

businesses apply for \$960 million in interest-free loans, in its first fortnight of operation. Revenue is also being boosted in other ways to help with fixed costs for SMEs. This includes tax refunds, commercial property reform and consultancy support.

The wage subsidy has also provided relief to 390,000 businesses to pay 1.6 million staff. More than 210,000 businesses who received direct support were the self-employed, and a further 170,000 businesses employ up to 19 staff. We are determined to provide these tools and support to ensure a quicker and stronger economic recovery for individuals and business owners.

As we head in to the winter months, New Zealand First was pleased to see the Winter Energy Payment doubled for our elderly and our most vulnerable. NZ First has long advocated for affordable electricity. This direct payment provides much needed reprieve to those most hardest hit by COVID19 by way of extra cash in their hands, making sure that New Zealanders continue to be able to afford the basic necessities of life.

As we have seen from around the world this pandemic is still unpredictable. It is incredibly important therefore going forward that the Government is nimble and responsive. As we head in to an election, that is exactly what New Zealand First will be focused on. Our nation depends on it.

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