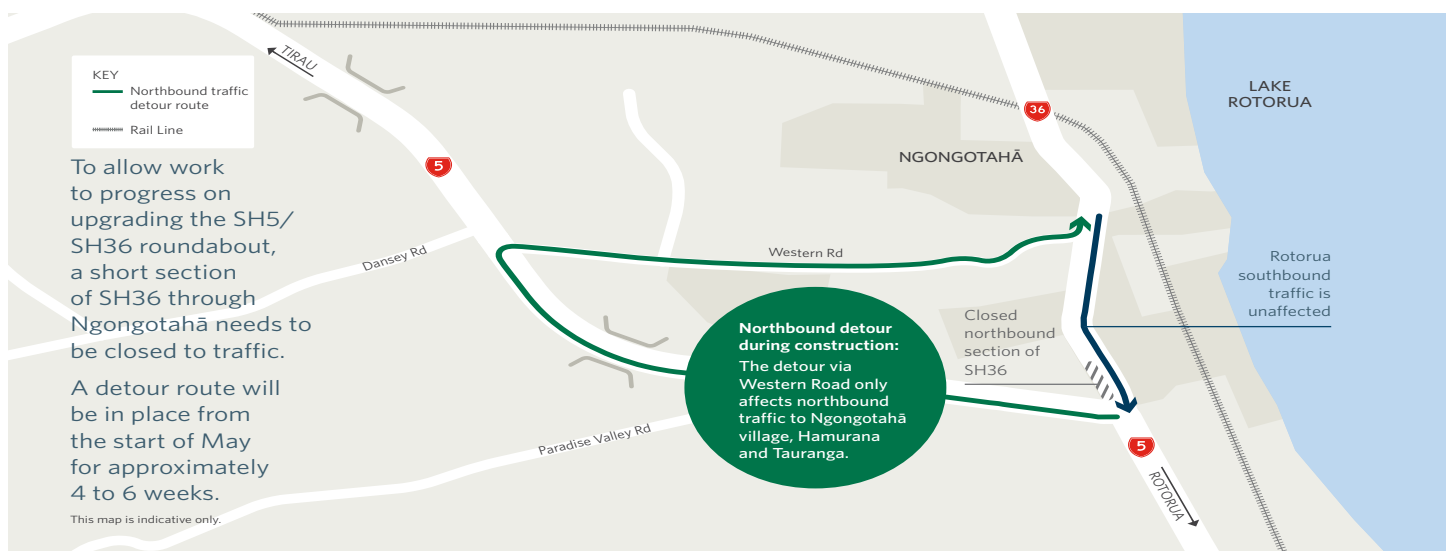


Roundabout Update

The date for the Western Road detour (outlined in April Ngongotaha News) and plans to put it in has moved to this Monday 10th May as there's some extra work to do on the slip lane. School is back as well, so it made sense to wait a few days as traffic resumes after the holidays. Weather permitting, from this Monday 10th May, a short section of SH36 will be closed to traffic and people travelling from Rotorua to Ngongotahā village, Hamurana and Tauranga will have to travel via State Highway 5 and Western Road. The new SH5/SH36 free flow (slip) lane will be open. The detour does not affect southbound traffic heading into Rotorua. While the detour is in place there will be extra traffic along Western Road. The detour will be monitored to ensure traffic is flowing and adjusted if necessary.

5 SH5 Tarukenga to Ngongotahā safety and SH5/SH36 roundabout improvements NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC DETOUR MAP



New Zealand Government

To help with traffic flow two temporary roundabouts will be installed - one at the SH5/Western Road turnoff and one at Ngongotahā Village at the SH36/Western Road intersection. At times, there may be manual traffic control. People are asked to take extra care, especially at the Ngongotahā Village end. The SH5/SH36 Ngongotahā roundabout is programmed to be finished and operational by the end of July. NZTA/Waka Kotahi would like to thank all Ngongotaha residents for their patience. NZTA/Waka Kotahi A map of the Western Road detour and the Roundabout design can also be found under Newsletters at www.ngongotahanews.co.nz



Doing the Right Thing for Our Lake

Did you know Lake Rotorua is the highest researched lake in the southern hemisphere, if not the world? Our geography presents some particular challenges which makes for Rotorua being one of four priority lakes for attention. NZ Landcare Trust and the Ministry for the Environment, together with BOP Regional Council held an information session about new requirements of rural landowners (Plan Change 10) on 10th April at Kaharoa. This is related to concerns about water quality in Lake Rotorua.

There have been blue-green algae warnings, the swimming quality is poor (e.g. Ngongotaha and Waiteti Streams), kakahi (fresh water mussels) are thriving but koura not, and stream mouths show a build-up of sediment. Farmers present were keen to continue their work on reducing run-off and contaminants where possible, and were shown tools to assist in this. We can all help by being more aware of our beautiful waterways and environment. For further information, contact Robert Barry, the Land Management Officer from BOP Regional Council. He can answer questions on Plan Change 10, catchment/ environment work or critical source mitigations. Email Robert.Barry@boprc.govt.nz or phone 0800884881 extn 7471 or cell contact 0272456171.

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A thought: the most important thing in life is not a thing...

Attention Boaties!

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Village Focus Thoughts !Kia ora, koutou, Hello Everyone, Community Building Conversations

There have been a number of "conversations" in our community over recent weeks. We had the pleasure of being invited along to a 'get together' held in Tamaki Street. We met up with people that we had never met before, as well as 'old' friends. It was really great to share time together. I am not too far away from Tamaki Street, but we all have different needs, dreams, depending on the place that we live in and the environment around us.

So how did this come about? A resident in Tamaki Street invited neighbours over to discuss the possibility of a general tidy up at the lake front and the potential re-planting of the wetland, nearby. We were really thrilled and encouraged by the enthusiasm shown and the ideas that were shared in the group of about twenty people. This all happened with one person, putting the word out to his neighbours and it happened. They have since held a social gathering, with even more people getting together. Well done Matt.

I know, I can hear you, "some people are just so natural at bringing people together". People start out as near strangers and end up building strong, creative, micro communities of help, support, & friendships. If you would like to connect more with your neighbours and if talking over the fence is not an option; some fences are very high, maybe consider joining Neighbourly www.neighbourly.co.nz 'Neighbourly' a Private & Free neighbourhood website, is growing in Ngongotaha, presently there are seven hundred plus members in our area.

On a last note, all the very best to all who live and work along Western Road now that NZTA will control it as SH5, over the next four to six weeks. Let's all keep 'safety' in mind and watch out for each other, as we travel into the Village. It will be a really busy stretch of road. Watch out for our children, & older people. Will the small roundabouts handle things in the Village?

Plus 'Crafting Opportunity' coming up soon.....

Nga mihi nui,

Lynn Benfell CE & Team

Ahh! Autumn...

At an art gallery, a woman and her ten-year-old son were having a tough time choosing between one of my paintings and another artist's work. They finally went with mine. "I guess you decided you prefer an autumn scene to a floral," I said. "No," said the boy. "Your painting's wider, so it'll cover some holes in our wall."

It's been raining for 3 days without stopping. My mother-in-law is in depression, she is standing and looking through the window. If the rain doesn't stop tomorrow, I'll have to let her in.

Q: What's worse than finding a worm in your apple? A: Finding half a worm.

"It's so cold that lawyers have their hands in their own pockets."

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Home

Many years ago, when I had been away from Rotorua for around 17 years and was living in Tauranga, my wife and I decided to update our last testament and wills.



My will had a statement that went something like this.

“When I die I wish to lay in state in Tawakeheimoa Tipunawhare at Tarimano marae and be buried at Puhirua urupa, the cemetery up the road from Awahou marae.”

Much to my surprise my cousin, who was a lawyer at the time, who we had taken our wills to scribbled out that whole sentence. I was horrified and asked him why he had done that. He looked me in the eyes and said, “Nga, you don’t need to write that in your will. That is a given no matter where or when you die.”

Since that time I have had a peace that passes all understanding about my final resting place, my home, a knowing that whatever happens to me, Awahou will be my home. I will lie in the same place as my mum, sisters, cousins, whanau, Hapu and Iwi.

Over the last decade or so I have travelled worldwide on business trips that have covered the globe many times as an international Keynote leadership Speaker. Each time I left Aotearoa I knew that if anything happened to me, my whanau would do their best to return me home to Awahou. There is a security about that fact which many will not feel or understand. Please allow me to try and explain my perspective to you.

For many people their journey ends when they breathe their last breath. However, for many Maori it is the start of another journey, their final journey. For their tinana (body) anyway. When a Maori person dies they are treated and respected and their final journey is one of honesty, honouring, humility and aroha.

It is a journey of honesty because the deceased or Tupapaku will be spoken to honestly as people come to share their last words, good and bad, with that person. If the person was a generous and kind person or a grumpy person or even a humbug, then someone will tell everyone as much. It is a time when last words are just that, last words. Ongoing conversations or debates will end with the living surviving person having the last say. In this realm anyway.

It is a journey of honouring because people will come to the marae to pay their last respects. The Tupapaku will be honoured as much as possible in many ways including speeches, koha and kapa haka performances. This may be hard to understand but some people seem to be honoured more at their tangi or funeral than when they were alive. That is just what happens on your final journey.

Which leads nicely to a final journey of humility and aroha. For obvious reasons the Tupapaku is totally reliant on the actions and thoughtfulness of others. Their final journey depends on the aroha and resources of their whanau, Hapu and Iwi. They are no longer able to turn down acclamations, honouring or praise. They must lie in a state of humility accepting all that is bestowed upon them. They must accept the final farewells of aroha expressed openly for them and those they leave behind. Aroha will always prevail in many situations including that final farewell.

So, when people talk about Awahou, Hamurana, Kaharoa or Ngongotaha I don’t just think about the past and the present but what the future final journey looks like as well. Hopefully not for a while though. Unlike a house that can be bought or sold or even a vehicle that does the mileage before it is replaced, there are aspects of Awahou is home, past, present and forever future. For my tinana anyway, as for my wairua, well, that’s a different story altogether.

Ngahihi o te ra Bidois is an international Keynote speaker, businessman, author, husband, father and MBA. A Maori Boy from Awahou.

See www.ngahibidois.com



Todd McClay Member of Parliament for Rotorua

Governments don't build houses, Builders do.

New Zealand needs swift action that will resolve our housing supply problem.

A recent study commissioned by Rotorua Lakes Council shows a deficit of up to 1700 houses in Rotorua and growing.

Rotorua has 45 motels currently in use for emergency housing and homelessness with thousands of people being left to languish in small motel rooms. This is unacceptable!

Governments don't build houses, builders do. And neither do councils!

A shortage of housing and escalating prices and rents is a problem facing most of the country but is especially acute in the city we live in.

Judith Collins and National recently released a policy that will urgently address the issue of land supply that will enable developers to build homes and develop communities for the future.

Ngongotaha has land that could be built on to provide healthy warm homes for our first home buyers or families seeking their forever family home. Current consenting processes make that seem like a dream not a reality.

The Emergency Response (Urgent Measures) Members Bill, will put in place emergency powers similar to those used to speed up the building in Canterbury following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes.

This proposed new law will require Council to immediately free up enough land for at least 30 years of housing development so that we can have a long-term solution for our community.

It will also enable developers to move forward with construction by focusing on the process under the Resource Management Act so that we can get people into warm dry homes across Rotorua faster.

The law change would support Council with infrastructure development by providing a grant of \$50,000 per house, for every dwelling they consent above their five-year historical average, supporting the development of local infrastructure including sewerage, waste water, fresh water and roads.

The time has come to take action and to provide a housing solution that is timely, effective and affordable.

The Emergency Response (Urgent Measures) Bill requires Councils to say "yes" to housing development, and will enable developers to move swiftly and develop neighbourhoods for more families to call home.

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If we can sort your problem with a telephone consultation we will, however if we do need to see you in person we will arrange for you to come in to be seen. (Please note that there will only be a single consultation charge whether your issue is resolved by telephone consultation or face to face). **Benefits for you are:**

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The Where and How of Defibrillators (Automated External Defibrillators or AEDs)

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Lakeview Country & Golf Club – Pro Shop
 Inside Ngongotaha Bowling Clubrooms
 Kaharoa School
 Rainbow Springs – Toilet corridor in main building

Gull Ngongotaha (on the wall to the left of the main entrance, 24/7) Purchased by Progress Ngongotaha Inc. with the help of generous donations from two locals, the Motorcaravan Assn. RLC & Gull. (Source: aed.mapmysites.com and Progress Ngongotaha)

How to use an AED on an adult

- o Confirm Sudden Cardiac Arrest: The victim is unresponsive to you. You've shaken them (note: Do NOT shake infants or children). There's no breathing and no pulse.
- o Call 111, they will ask you some questions, and give you the number to open the box and retrieve the AED.
- o Start administering CPR: Begin by giving 30 chest compressions (5cm deep into the chest) and 2 quick rescue breaths to the victim. The chest expands so it's clear that air is coming into the chest. The cycle has been repeated, with up to 100 chest compressions per minute.
- o Turn on the AED: position near the victim's head. You'll see either a button to turn on the AED or simply be able to lift the lid in order to power it on. As the AED is turned on, it will display a series of prompts, such as how to attach the cables for pads into your AED, usually on top of the device.
- o Expose the victim's chest and make sure it is dry. Remove any metal jewellery or accessories on the victim. Shave the victim's chest if hair is present. If the victim is a female with an underwire bra, remove it to prevent electrical conduction.
- o Apply the AED pads to the chest area. Place one pad on the upper right side of the victim's chest, just below the collarbone. Place the other pad on the lower left side of the victim's chest. The lower left ribs below the armpit are best for placement on this side. If two rescuers are present, one person can perform CPR while the other applies the pads correctly. If you are the only one near the victim, alternate between administering CPR and operating the AED. (continued on page 9)

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- o Follow the AED prompts. The device will analyze the victim's heart rhythm to see if an electrical shock is needed. The device will alert you if the CPR you've been doing prior to retrieving the device needs to continue. Make sure everyone stands clear and does not touch the victim. There are two possible prompts after the AED analyzes the heart's rhythm:
Shock Advised: The victim has no pulse, so the device is charging in preparation to deliver an electrical shock.
No Shock Advised: The victim has possibly regained a pulse but is not moving or breathing, so a shock from the AED is not needed. Continue with CPR until paramedics arrive on the scene.
- o Shock the victim
The AED has advised that you shock the victim. Shout "clear!" to ensure everyone stands clear of the victim. Then press the shock button on the AED. One electric shock will be delivered through the pads in an effort to restart the victim's heart. You'll see the victim move due to the shock's force.
- o After the shock, give 30 chest compressions and two breaths.
Over the next two minutes, you'll return to CPR, following a pattern of compressions and quick breaths. You may see the victim regain consciousness in this stage. After two minutes has passed, let the AED re-analyze for a heart rhythm. It can tell you if another shock is needed and if you need to stop CPR.

(Source: Heartsmart.com)

A Poorly Placed Joke (after AED's!)

A middle-aged woman has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she has a near death experience. During that experience she sees God and asks if this is it. God says no and explains that she has another 30 years to live.

Upon her recovery she decides to just stay in the hospital and have a face lift, liposuction, breast augmentation, tummy tuck, etc. She even has someone come in and change her hair colour. She figures since she's got another 30 years she might as well make the most of it. She walks out of the hospital after the last operation and is killed by an ambulance speeding by. She arrives in front of God and complains, "I thought you said I had another 30 years."

God replies, I didn't recognize you."



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Happenings

11 May Lions Club of Ngongotaha meet in the Ngongotaha Community Hall for a Business meeting from 6.15pm, for a social time before a catered meal at 7pm, with the meeting to follow. Interested people are welcome. Phone 02102666753.

20 May Pink Breakfast at Age Concern/Parkside Café, proceeds to Breast Cancer research. Numbers limited, phone 073471539 to book.

25 May: Lions Club of Ngongotaha Social meeting from 6.15pm, with a catered meal at 7pm. Interested people are welcome.

28 May Lakeview Country and Golf Club Quiz night

5 June Ray White Charity Auction at Ngongotaha Rail Park 9am to 12pm, proceeds to Rotorua-Ngongotaha Rail Park

5-8 June EPIC Share Club e-meeting. Information available from Ngongotaha-residing Secretary and Treasurer at epic@onthenet.net.nz

9 June Free Road Safety Update at Parkside 9.30 to 2.30. Register with Rotorua Lakes Council

(Apologies for the wrong location given for Ngongotaha Rugby last month)

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2nd Wednesday of the month 9.45 at St Barnabas Church Hall
Every 4th Wednesday of the month 1 p.m. at Ngongotaha Hall
Last Thursday of the month
Last Monday of the month at the Arts Village
Last Wednesday of the month at Skyline

The Joys of Winter

Wife texts husband on a cold winter's morning: "Windows frozen, won't open."

Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it."

Wife texts back 5 minutes later: "Computer is really screwed up now."

This is the first year that I have had to cancel our family trip on winter vacation to Europe because of Covid...
Otherwise every year we had to cancel because of lack of money.

Age Concern

Well, my staff and I have had our Covid19 Immunisation first round injections and we will have our second shot three weeks from now. We were identified as round two candidates as we work with the vulnerable age group over 65 although if we look worldwide the new strains of the virus do not seem to discriminate between young and old.

Age Concern nationally are ramping up educational classes to help the elderly navigate a cheque-free society as banks phase out the payment method, amid criticism. Once the major banks had announced the decision to phase cheques out, advocacy groups for senior citizens began to deal with an increased volume of concerned callers. Every week we are receiving calls from concerned elderly asking what they are to do, and the decision by the banks has cut out a large group of the population, mainly elderly. A large percentage of our members still pay their subs and financial transactions by cheque and as we do not have EFTPOS the only alternative is cash. Throughout the country people who want to retain cheques as an option need to begin to push back on the banks.

Age Concern Rotorua has some funding from the banks, strangely enough, to provide a series of seminars about the effective use of technology from smart phones, to tablets and desktop computers. There will be seminars on on-line banking and security as well as scamming and what it looks like. One of the biggest hurdles for the elderly to overcome is the mistrust of all types of technology and therefore a reluctance to have internet banking, and they have all heard horrific stories about people losing large sums of money at the hands of scammers.

Our annual Charity Garage Sale went ahead on the 1st May at the Ngongotaha Railway Park and as usual was a roaring success. The weather was fine, the crowds were great and most people went away with a bargain. It never ceases to amaze me the amount, and quality of stuff, donated by our community and as usual a big shout out needs to go to Tim O'Sullivan and the team from Ray White Real Estate for initiating the idea and supporting so many charities through their generous giving of time. These Charity Garage Sales happen once a month in Ngongotaha so you all do not have far to come and find a bargain. We managed to raise about \$2,400 which will most likely go towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the van as we are taking older citizens more at risk.

Our new minibus is getting plenty of use at present and this is fine as we develop partnerships with other groups who deal with the elderly. Groups that have used our minibus to date are St Barnabas, Oranga Tinana o ue, the fitness group attached to Kaumatua Olympics, Maori Women's Health League, the Rotorua Pacific Islands Development Charitable Trust and Dementia Lakes.

On the 20th May, Age Concern in conjunction with the Parksyde Café will be holding a Pink Breakfast with all proceeds going to Breast Cancer Research. There will be prizes for the pinkest person and the cost is \$25.00, which includes your breakfast, so if you would like to go, please ring 073471539 and book a spot. Numbers are limited so it will be first in first served basis.

Rory O'Rourke, Manager

Lions Club of Ngongotaha

The Lions Club of Ngongotaha are manning two drink stations for this year's Rotorua Marathon. The two drink stations are at Awahau Marae and the Boat Ramp at Hamurana. The Club has been serving Marathon runners on these drink stations for many years and will be on site again this year supporting all the runners.

The Lions Club of Ngongotaha are supporters of the Lions Tree Grove at TECT Park. Working Bees are held at the Tree Grove every month and interested people are welcome to come along and help in whichever way they can.

The usual work includes spraying of Himalayan Honeysuckle, lawn mowing, blackberry culling, weeding round the trees, tree trimming and general maintenance. The working bees usually begin at 9am, and you may take your own lunch.

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- C See what you've got in the fridge or garden
- D Get out your recipe books
- E Ask your friends to bring something with them

3 Saving money is:

- A Not something I'm interested in
- B Really hard to do
- C Something I aim for
- D Something everyone should do
- E The most important thing about money

5 How often do you borrow money:

- A Always
- B Sometimes
- C Not often
- D Never
- E People borrow from ME

7 When planning a holiday do you:

- A Book the best holiday I can
- B Make a choice at the last minute
- C Shop around for a bargain
- D Use the internet and adverts to find the best deal
- E Stay at home and save the cash

9 What is your financial goal:

- A I don't really have one
- B To be able to afford whatever I want
- C To have enough to enjoy myself
- D To always know how much I have
- E To save as much as possible

2 How do you feel about money:

- A I don't think about it
- B I manage to get by somehow
- C I think I should think about it more
- D I keep pretty good control
- E I always end up with more than I started with!

4 What are you doing to save for the future

- A I'm too young to think about that
- B I will get around to it one day
- C I try to save a little every week
- D I have a plan and I'm sticking to it
- E I save as much as I can for the future

6 When you go to the supermarket

- A I buy whatever I want
- B I get distracted by so many things to buy
- C I make a list but I don't always stick to it
- D I stick to my list
- E I buy what is cheapest

8 When you feel a bit down shopping makes you feel:

- A Happier
- B It takes my mind off things for a bit
- C It doesn't make any difference
- D I wouldn't go shopping if I was upset
- E Spending money makes me feel worse

10 At the end of each week I have:

- A No idea what I spent
- B Got further in debt
- C Just about got by
- D Planned next week's spending
- E Saved a fair bit

If your answers are:

Mostly A's

You're a debt collector's dream! You have very little awareness of your money and this could lead to trouble. If you carry on like this you risk getting into serious debt problems. It would be a good idea to learn more about controlling your money before it's too late.

Mostly B's

You're a casual debtor. You like to live for the moment and you don't think much further ahead than lunchtime. You usually don't know how much money you've spent or how much you've got left. If you're not careful you could be an ideal candidate for debt. A little bit of planning can make your money work better for you and help you avoid stress.

Mostly C's

You're a Smart Spender! You enjoy spending money but not wasting it. You are reasonably in control but could benefit from a little bit of help. Getting a better grip on your money would make you feel more at ease.

Mostly D's

You are a careful spender. You know pretty much what happens to every cent. Unexpected expenses can cause you a real headache. Learning more about money management will help you stay in control.

Mostly E's

You're a Super Saver! The one thing you enjoy the most is having a tidy sum saved away for a rainy day. That's not a bad thing but don't let it hold you back from enjoying what your money can do for you.

Source: www.moneymakesense.co.uk

For help in getting on top of your money, go to sorted.org.nz or Rotorua Budget Advice.

Winston Fleming's Memories of Kaharoa

At the 50th Anniversary of the Kaharoa Hall, Winston was asked to recount some of his family's history in the area.

A number of farms in Kaharoa were abandoned in the early days because of "bush sickness", caused by a lack of cobalt in the soil. Winston's father, Len, came to Kaharoa in 1934 to hand milk cows for his brother and his brother's wife, Jack and Ivy Fleming. Over winter in 1934, with George Coppard, he trapped 12,000 rabbits. In 1936, Len won the ballot for an abandoned farm and took possession with 7 cows and 1 bull. Times were so tough he went to work barefoot for 18 months, and used to bike 20 miles to Rotorua to play rugby, biking back with food stores in his pack. He lived in a canvas tent for 18 months.

By 1937 he and Arthur Florey had built a house – the concrete piles were made on site and today still have the kerosene tin molds around them. All timber was sawn by hand – there was no power until 1955. Over the years, Len and Gloria Fleming split and sold over half a million battens. Len cleared the horse paddock at Kaharoa School of stumps, logs and blackberry using horses and chains to make a play area for the children, which is now the tennis courts. Winston recalls their "party line" telephones shared between 5 families. It was a toll call to Ngongotaha and Rotorua.

The first Kaharoa Hall burnt down and many working bees and fundraisers were held to build a replacement. Jack and Val Florey donated the heart Matai floor, and many locals were on hands and knees filling the nail holes. The new Hall was completed in 1971.

Len and Gloria supplied cream for 17 years to the Ngongotaha Butter Factory, but when the Reporoa Dairy Factory opened, NZ Coop Dairy Company refused to pick up cream from their farm gate, so they had to transport it 6 km for pick-up. However, when petrol went from 78c to \$1 a gallon, they sold most of the cows and reared a few pigs.

Around 1970 the first farmbike came to Melville's farm, locals thinking this was crazy – "he should ride a horse"! Another event told was a murder. A wife found a chocolate box of love letters to her husband, and she shot her husband at the door. When Dr Trott and a policeman came to certify the death, the woman took a shot at the doctor, who dived out the door.

A school trip to the ballet to see Peter and the Wolf at the Rotorua Soundshell had the children highly amused by the man dancing in tights – "a real man should wear trousers". In 1975 a helicopter crashed in the forestry development in northern Kaharoa. The pilot and passenger remarkably escaped with some burns. Winston is among the 3 Kaharoa men who have won the Mt Ngongotaha King of the Mountain race.

Winston recalls seeing the first possum in Kaharoa in 1967. Since then, he has shot over 7500 possums, 84 in one record night, and in 1986 won the North Island Possum Skinning competition (in 1980 a dry possum skin earned \$6). In 1992 he first used aerial top-dressing. He has fenced off many reserves on his (previously his parents') farm. The biggest reserve is over 30 hectares and has kokakos. He has won 2 Ballance Farm Environmental Awards, has been involved with the Kokako Trust since its inception, and worked in eco-tourism. Thanks for sharing your story, Winston. Photos: Winston Fleming, the old Kaharoa Schoolhouse.

Why Parents Drink

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see that his bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then he saw an Envelope, propped up prominently on the pillow that was addressed to "Dad". With the worst premonition he opened the envelope with trembling hands and read the letter.

Dear Dad: It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mum and you. I have been finding real passion with Stacy and she is so nice. But I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercings, tattoos, tight motorcycle clothes and the fact that she is much older than I am. But it is not only the passion...Dad, she is pregnant. Stacy said that we will be very happy.

She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children. Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with the other people that live nearby for cocaine and ecstasy. In the meantime we will pray that science will find a cure for Covid so Stacy can get better. She deserves it.

Don't worry Dad. I'm 15 and I know how to take care of myself. Someday I'm sure that we will be back to visit so that you can get to know your grandchildren. Love, Your Son, Dave

P.S. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Craig's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the report card that's in my desk drawer. I love you. Call me when it is safe to come home.





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Ngongotaha 16 Paraone Street

This quaint cottage needs a savvy renovator to move in and complete the dream. Amazing first home opportunity. 1930s character with high stud ceilings, subject to final subdivision and title. Great location close to the lake reserve for relaxing strolls. The covered in front porch and high stud ceilings are just a few of the features retained in this lovely cottage. Fresh paint to the exterior and the 3 bedrooms, with double glazing in the lounge, main bedroom, and dining. Insulation in the ceiling and floors hold the heat of the newly installed heat pump. Add your personal touch and make this house your home.

By Negotiation View rwrotorua.co.nz/ROT25874 Leanne Leef 021 835 915 and Anne Warren 021 723 180



Ngongotaha 6 Whyte Place

This property lends to a multitude of options. The front house is a solid brick three bedroom home with polished floors throughout. Insulated ceiling and underfloor and heated by a gas fire. At the rear is a separate one bedroom dwelling, wheelchair friendly, fully insulated and heated via a heat pump. The generous sized double garage has a sleepout, workshop and bike room. The power is separate for each dwelling. Perfect home and income opportunity or to accommodate extended family.

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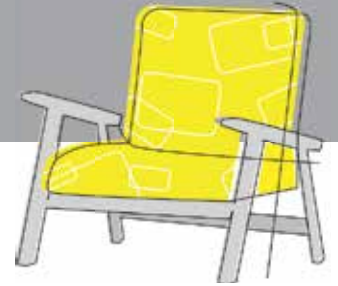
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Ngongotaha 15 Harris Street

This low maintenance brick home offers 3 good sized bedrooms, modern kitchen with open plan living that flows out to an easy care, fully fenced backyard ideal for children and entertaining. Plenty off-street parking and internal access double garage provides room for cars or toys.

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Don't be scared of a cross-lease property

In my view cross-lease properties are a cost-effective form of shared land ownership that has worked well for decades. The cross-lease concept dates back as far as the 1960's but was stopped by the Resource Management Act 1991 in favour of the formal and expensive subdivision process. A cross-lease includes an underlying 'good neighbour agreement' and a Flats Plan of the whole of the land depicting the 'footprint' of each dwelling and any garage or carport, and delineates which part of the property each owner can notionally occupy and use. A recent example of dealing with a cross-lease in a sale and purchase transaction in practice is the basis for this month's article.

So, my elderly clients had happily lived in their cross-lease property for 20+ years. When a buyer knocked on their door offering a private sale my clients were thinking of moving anyway, and verbally agreed on a price based on an old market appraisal. The buyer went off to their lawyer to get an agreement drawn up. Thence matters subsequently escalated into an all-out emergency of epic legal proportion because some time back in the early 1990's there was a small extension done which pushed a wall out just beyond an eave. The cross-lease flats plan and title was 'defective' the buyer was told; it will have to have a new flats plan drawn by a surveyor and the title corrected to reflect the addition to the house, the buyer would have trouble getting insurance and mortgage finance for the property; the vendor has to FIX IT before the buyer can BUY. Queue a panicked call from my clients, how much they'd agreed to sell for (waaaay undervalue which I talk about below), and terribly upset they had a 'defective' title and would have to fix the cross lease up before they could sell the property. Then in rolls a letter from the buyer's lawyer to the same effect. Hmmmmmmm.

So, the effect of having to do all this is that each of the other cross-lease owners (3 in total), their lawyers and those other owners' mortgagees would have to be involved. A surveyor would need to re-survey and re-draw the flats plan for the 3 properties, the cross-lease document would possibly have had to be varied to reflect any other garages and additions or garages etc almost certainly built on any of the 3 properties over time, any mortgagees of the 3 properties would have to formally consent, the new plan and supporting documents would have to be lodged at the land transfer office to update the 3 property titles. This entire process would take several months and likely costing tens of thousands of dollars that my clients would be paying for.

And all this for what? A small council-consented extension done 30-something years ago that the other owners have arguably agreed to by implied consent over time? Sure, the underlying 'paper' agreement between owners is legally technically breached, but does it affect the quiet enjoyment of the other properties forming part of the cross lease? Did the extension infringe the notional boundary area of the other properties? Is anyone running off to the court for an order of some kind for removal of said extension because it technically breaches the cross lease? Of course not. It is as ridiculous as it sounds. Cross-leases the nation over are virtually all defective because of decks, extensions, bay-windows, garages, carports etc built over the course of decades. They are bought and sold the same as any other properties, and hardly ever corrected – because the cost and drama outweighs any real benefit as you now know.

Sadly, it is common for matters concerning cross-leases to be blown out of proportion, as occurred in this case, and all sight of being practical is lost. And for that the buyer lost the chance to buy the house, as I advised my clients to withdraw and to go back to their real estate agent - who subsequently listed and sold the property in about 5 minutes for substantially more! And without one mention of any cross-lease issues!

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NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

12th April International Pairs Everyone seemed to be happy to be back playing bowls after the Easter break. On Saturday Wayne Hitchen and Helen White played for the Geyserland Trophy competition at the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club between Rotorua, Counties, North Harbour and Northland today. The Rotorua team were runners up. Tonight we played under very warm humid conditions for April. The winners for the night were Murray Harris and David Fleet. Runners up were John Rayner and Richard Mills.

19th April Championship Fours I was away for the night but by all accounts it was a good night. The winners were Wayne Hitchen, Cheryl Wiggins, Martin Bertling and Harry Hika. I'm sure Harry would have been very pleased with his first win.

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Welcome to term 2 at Kaharoa School

ANZAC Day- commemoration ceremony - what a wonderful tribute planned by our year 8 leaders to commemorate ANZAC Day. With a great deal of reverence and respect our leaders led the school through a very moving and respectful commemoration service. Thanks to Whaea Denise and the year 8 team for a beautiful service.

Electives-during term 2 our tamariki have the opportunity to explore a variety of new experiences. This term it includes learning about Aboriganal Art, Japanese culture, EV3 Robotics, Knick Knack Art, Lego robotics, science experiments, kiln carving, archery, sock creations, construction with pallets, sport and recreation, anthropomorphic art and dance.

Winter sports- we begin our winter sports this term-we have netball, hockey, and basketball teams. We have parents coaching teams and also two of our senior year 8 leaders Farah and Boh, will coach a netball team.

Book Week- what a way to kick start the term celebrating books and encouraging our learners to read with Book Week. We were very fortunate to have James Russell visit on Tuesday 4 May.. James is the author of the Dragon Rider series and he told us about his wonderful books and read to our children. In small groups James worked with some of our students in writing workshops.

EPro8 Challenge-The EPro8 Challenge is the inter-school science and engineering competition. Every year over 10,000 students from 800 schools throughout New Zealand take part. We had 2 groups of students enter the competition. A group in the Yr 7-8 challenge and a group in the Yr 5-6 challenge.

Science Week celebration-coming up in week 3 we will be having a focus on all things science. Classes will rotate around different experiments and learn from other teachers. The science capability we are focusing on is to Gather and Interpret Data.

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PTA Mothers Day stall.-our incredible PTA held a stall at school with many donated and handmade gifts so our tamariki could select a gift for their mother for Mothers Day. It was very sweet watching them deliberate over the choice and then to finally decide on something they knew their Mother would enjoy. Thanks to the PTA for making this happen and to all the parents for donating the gifts.



Mini Marathon-many of our athletes competed in the Mini-Marathon recently. Some runs were carried out at school with classrooms but most of the distance the children completed with their families. Well done for running for 42 kms, what a great challenge and accomplishment.



Community Hall- our Kaharoa Community Hall celebrated 50 years in May. A celebration was held on Sunday 18 May. This was an event that brought many people who are currently living in the community together and saw many come for the day to share stories, photos and memories. Our year 8 leaders organised games which community members could participate in.

Radio checks-as part of being a civil defence site every week 2 of our leaders in Room Tawa have a check in on our CB radio to the Civil Defence Unit. This ensures we are always prepared in case of an emergency.

As always we are looking forward to another wonderful term of learning and fun.

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

Ngā mihi mahana - The Kaharoa Team

Trump steps out onto the White House lawn in the dead of winter

Donald Trump steps out onto the White House lawn in the dead of winter. Right in front of him, on the White House lawn, he sees “Donald Trump Sucks” written in urine across the snow.

Well, he's is pretty ticked off. He storms into his security staff's HQ, and yells “Somebody wrote an insult in the snow on the front damn lawn! And they wrote it in urine! Whoever did it had to be standing right on the porch when he did it! Where were you guys?!” The security guys stay silent and stare ashamedly at the floor.

Trump hollers “Well dammit, don't just sit there! Get out and

find out who did it! I want an answer, and I want it tonight!” The entire staff immediately jump up and race for the exits.

Later that evening, his chief security officer approaches him and says: “Well Mr. President, we have some bad news and we have some really bad news. Which do you want first?”

Trump says “Give me the bad news first.”

The officer says “Well, we took a sample of the urine and tested it. The results just came back, and it was Mike Pence's urine.”

Trump says “Oh my god, I feel so... so... betrayed! My own vice president! Damn. ...Well, what's the really bad news?”

The officer replies “Well, it's Melania's handwriting.”

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Moscow in Winter

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"No, I think that was snow", she replied. He insisted, "No, I'm sure it was just rain."

Well, as couples are wont to do, they were about to have a major argument about it.

Knowing that would be pointless and possibly ruin their vacation, the man said, "Let's just ask our tour guide, Rudolph, whether this is officially rain or snow.

As the tour guide approached,

the man said, "Can you please tell us, comrade Rudolph, if this is rain or snow?" Rudolph replied, "I can tell you with 100% certainty that this is rain." The woman replied, "I know this is snow." The man quietly replied, "**Rudolph the Red Knows Rain, Dear.**"

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



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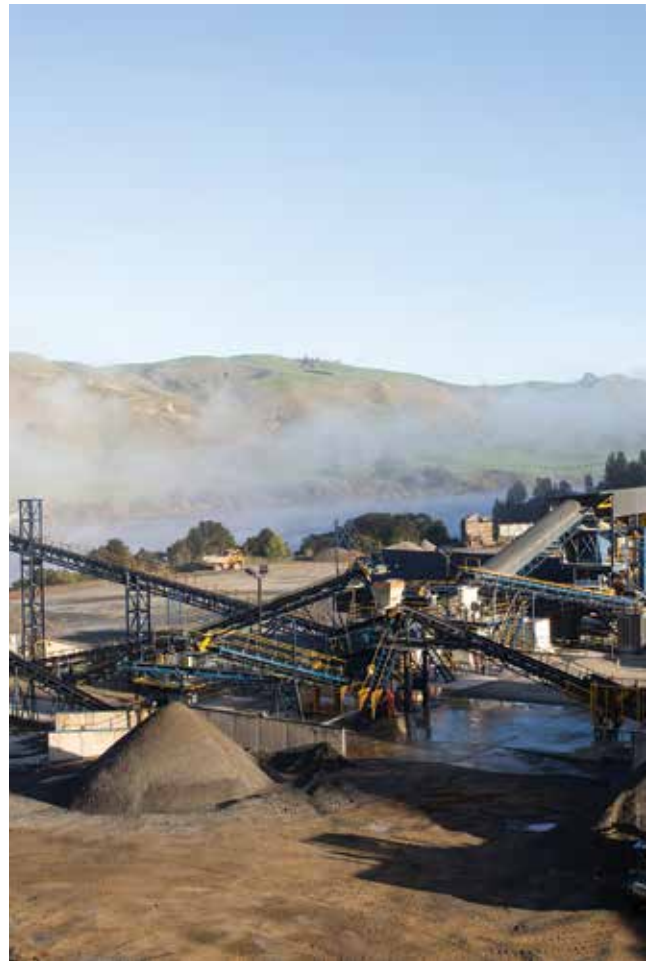
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Hard to believe that we are into the 5th month of the year! As winter rapidly approaches make the most of the last of autumn there are some amazing autumn colours around and the tui on the course are enjoying the Himalayan Strawberry trees!

The Match Play Handicap competition is finished and we congratulate the winners, Sam Ripia who took out the Trophy and Andrew (Stretch) Jensen who won the flights. Special mention must be made to the two ladies who made it through to the semi-finals Heather McKenzie and Jeanette Watkins: well done ladies a super effort! It is so cool to have the combined competitions, they just make the club so much more connected.

Competitions running at the moment are the Mamaku Cup and Manu Matthews Memorial Cup. This is also a combined competition. We thank Melton and Ann Hows for donating replacement trophies for these comps as these were two of many trophies that we lost in the fire. Our junior and senior Pennant teams are doing very well and have made the BOP semi-finals. We wish them luck.

The junior programme being run by Josh continues to grow which is fantastic! Some of these juniors are now out competing in tournaments around the Bay. The sessions are open to all juniors so bring them to Lakeview after school on Tuesdays and let them give golf a go. All equipment is provided and everyone is welcome!

A reminder that we are always keen to share our beautiful course with the community so if you are a keen walker or group of walkers and are looking for a change of scenery, please contact the shop to arrange a walk or walks.

Another successful quiz night was held on Friday 23rd April. Again, a lot of non-member community teams which is great! 12 teams tested their knowledge in a variety of categories with plenty of laughs along the way. The winning team included Kris from Ngongotaha Medical Centre so congratulate her next time you visit! The next quiz will be held Friday 28th May, so get a team together and we will see you there.

As always, 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 our beautiful environment!

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A Chemist, an Engineer, an Electrician and an IT guy get stranded on the side of the road after their car breaks down...

It's the dead of winter and the wind chill is below freezing. One of them gets off the phone with the towing company, "they said it's going to be at least two hours." They all stay in the car.

After a few minutes the Chemist tells the other three, "I'm pretty sure I know what happened... the engine oil probably hadn't been changed in a long time, became oxidized and contaminated, lost its ability to lubricate therefore completely seizing the pistons to the cylinder walls of the engine. It'll have to be replaced."

The Engineer tells the others "I'm fairly certain the planetary gear set or valve body inside the transmission failed, likely due to a poor design. These cars aren't exactly the greatest and it's a known issue, that's why it broke down. The transmission will have to be replaced."

The Electrician says "you guys are overreacting, it's probably just a blown fuse or relay that burned out causing the car to shut off. We can check the integrity of the fuse box, make sure there's no excessive resistance or a short to ground that caused it to blow in the first place. I have my multimeter in the trunk. We can just swap it out and we'll be on our way."

The IT guy looks around and says "What if, uh... what if we just get out of the car and then get back in again?"

If money really did grow on trees, what would be everyone's favourite season? Autumn.

Whenever Autumn comes around, I like to walk around and collect the colourful leaves. It sounds better than saying I'm a street sweeper.

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Before you get a puppy, take the Puppy Test.

Best taken in the autumn or mid-winter.

1. Buy a lead and tie it to a big stone, walk around dragging the stone behind you.
2. Get up at 5am, go out in the pouring rain and walk up and down a muddy path, repeating good girl/boy, wee wees...poo poos, quickly please
3. Stuff your pockets with plastic bags and pick up all the poo you can find, obviously not your dogs as you have not bought it yet
4. Collect leaves, sticks and branches and spread them on the floor
5. Pour cold apple juice on the rug and floor and walk barefoot over it in the dark, drop some chocolate pudding on your carpet in the morning and then try to clean it in the evening
6. Wear socks to which you have made holes using a blender
7. Jump out of your favourite chair just before the movie ends and run to open the back door
8. Cover all your best clothes with dog hair, dark clothes with blond hairs and light clothes with dark hairs
9. Tip all just ironed clothes on the floor
10. Make little pin holes in all your furniture, especially chair and table legs
11. Spread toilet paper all over the house when you leave and tidy up when you get back home
12. Forget any impulse holidays and/or breaks and always go straight home after work or school
13. Go for walks no matter what the weather, and inspect every dirty paper, chewing gum and dead fly you might find
14. Stand at your back door at five in the morning shouting, "Bring Mr Bumble and Mr Lion in, it's raining."
15. Wake up at 3am. Place a full bag of flour on top of yourself and try to sleep, whilst wiping your face with a dirty dishcloth.

Repeat everyday over 6 months and if you still think getting a puppy sounds like a good idea, congratulations, you might be ready to get your puppy.

Q.What's an ig? A A snow house without a loo!

Q What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?A An abdominal snowman.

Q What do you call a bear that likes to spend his summers at the north pole and his winters at the south?
A. A bi-polar bear.

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Beer Money

Max & Arlene lived by a lake in Northern Minnesota. It was early winter, and the lake had frozen over.

Max asked Arlene if she would walk across the frozen lake to the general store to get him some beer. She asked him for some money but he told her, “Nah, just put it on our tab.”

So Arlene walked across, got the beer at the general store, then walked back home across the lake. When she got home and gave Max his beer, she asked him, “Max, you always tell me not to run up the tab at the store. Why didn't you just give me some money?”

Max replied, “Well, I didn't want to send you out there with some money when I wasn't sure how thick the ice was yet.”

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'. The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?' The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE COMPETING OR ASSISTING IN THE ROTORUA MARATHON 8TH MAY



Also well done and thanks to the Alpaca Association and the 3 local farms who opened their gates to the public to find out more about farming these fascinating animals.



Soft Plastic Recycling

The Love NZ Soft Plastic Recycling Programme is about informing New Zealanders about how to keep plastic bags and packaging out of landfill. Collect all the soft plastic packaging which you use at home, make sure the bags are empty and dry and drop them into the Love NZ Soft Plastics Recycling bins at supermarket and retail premises.

The project takes all soft plastic bags including bread bags, frozen food bags, toilet paper packaging, confectionery and biscuit wrap, chip bags, pasta and rice bags, courier envelopes, shopping bags, sanitary hygiene packaging - basically anything made of plastic which can be scrunched into a ball.

This partners with social enterprises Abilities in Auckland; Earthlink in Wellington and Kilmarnock Enterprises in Christchurch who collect the soft plastic recycling from the stores. Customers should bring their used soft plastics to Countdown on Fenton Street and put them in the soft plastics recycling bin, pictured on this page.

Plastic bag recycling can even be turned into useful products you can buy! Love NZ Soft Plastic Recycling have teamed up with Future Post to supply them with soft plastics which are blended with HDPE milk bottle plastic to create the plastic fence post.

In the Lower North Island they are supplying a small Levin company Second Life Plastics with soft plastics which they use to make products such as ducting.

Biscuit bags and chip packets look silver but this is painted on, not foil backed, so these can be recycled. Packaging returned for recycling via the drop off bins should be 'empty, clean and dry'. If you want to recycle bags and wrapping from foods give the bag a quick rinse, then turn it inside out to air dry overnight before popping it in with other collected plastic packaging.

Do I need to cut off the rigid plastic spout and lid from my squeeze pouch before I place it in the drop off bin?

No, you can leave this on - just make sure empty, clean and dry.

Can I recycle degradable, bio degradable or compostable bags via the programme?

NO, we can't accept degradable, compostable, or bio degradable bags. Bags that are labelled degradable or compostable have been specifically manufactured to break down in the general waste stream. We can't use them for recycling because they may start to degrade before they are processed.

What about small paper labels?

These can be left on. They don't need to be cut off. If the label/paper covers the majority of the item, then it should be left out.

Soft plastic refers to grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, plastic wrappers of products such as biscuits, chips, anything you buy that has a soft plastic sheath. Anything that can be scrunched into a ball is soft plastic.

Please Note: We Can't Recycle the Following:

- compostable bags - these are bags made from material that can be composted
- heavy foiled bags
- bags, wrap or film which is contaminated with food and liquid or cannot be easily cleaned out

Source: www.recycling.kiwi.nz



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