



## Ngongotaha Artist Recognized

Local artist and celebrant, Terry Fergusson, also known as The Bushman's Son, has secured a finalists place in the inaugural Kiingi Tuheitia Portraiture Award 2021.

128 entries were received in the award, which calls for emerging Maori artists to portray a tipuna (ancestor). Entries came from as far north as Whangarei and as far south as Otago. Media ranged from contemporary mixed media to oil painting, whakairo (carving) and raranga (weaving). Terry Fergusson's acrylic on canvas features his great-grandfather Hudson Pomare Fergusson who lived on ancestral land near Rawene and "remains a figure of our heritage and Maoritanga to this day".

This is the second award for the artist, who is of Ngapuhi heritage, and who was previously a finalist in the prestigious 2016 Adam Portraiture Awards with "Still Mine". His work "Papa" is displayed in the NZ Portrait Gallery/Te Pukenga Whakaata in Wellington from May 28 to August 15, when the exhibition tours NZ, starting at the annual coronation celebrations at Turangawaewae Marae. He focusses on faces and emotions, and has painted a number of iconic movie stars. Other work by Terry is on his Facebook page.

Terry Fergusson grew up in a large family of intergenerational bushmen, but always felt very different and isolated. At 17 he ran away from Tokoroa with \$10 in his pocket, hitchhiked to Rotorua, and worked in menial jobs. Later, he had a successful career in television, radio and media management, all the while raising his children as a solo dad. However, in the background was depression, anxiety and a change in his sexual orientation. Apart from his mother helping him as a child by providing him with drawing materials, his big creative breakthrough was getting appropriate mental health treatment, and a fortuitous redundancy, both of which gave him the freedom to focus on his artistic expression.

So much so, that he has also written a book, currently being prepared for publication, 'The Bushman's Son' which outlines a chaotic journey from adolescence till now spanning from Tokoroa in the south Waikato, around the globe and back to Ngongotaha. He has also created a fund for supporting arts and writing particularly for young people, through the Geyser Foundation.

As Terry says, "life's short, use it wisely".

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## Ngongotaha School

The winter weather is beginning to set in but things are still all go at Ngongotaha School. Winter sports have begun and many of our children take part in hockey, miniball, football, rugby, netball and a variety of other codes. Our annual school cross country took place recently. The weather hung in there for the day and I was extremely proud of all of the children who took part and displayed persistence and determination. It was lovely to see so many of our whanau come to cheer the children on, thanks for taking the time to join us.

Careers days have started around the school. Again, it has been nice to see parents and family members coming into school to talk to the children about possible career pathways. The interesting thing is that many of the jobs that these children will get when they are older haven't even been created yet. I know being a drone pilot or a Youtuber wasn't ever a job when I was young. What we want to do is inspire children to 'dream big' and then work with them to develop skills like creativity, innovation, problem solving and team work so they are prepared for whatever career they choose.

We have secured funding through Sport Bay of Plenty to continue to grow our Play Based learning program. We have ordered a lot of 'loose play' items which the children will be able to use as a part of their learning and during break time. Wide Span Sheds has come on board and has donated an \$11,000 shed to store all the equipment in. Absolutely amazing! Kurt and Loretta Rossiter who own Wide Span Sheds, have a connection with Ngongotaha School from when their daughters Emily and Hannah attended school here. We really appreciate their generous support.

One of our extension writing groups has been working alongside Lakeview golf course creating signs highlighting significant places that can be seen from the course. Recently, we travelled to Lakeview to see their work which has been made into information boards and placed around the course. The children have done a wonderful job and the boards look sensational. If you're ever playing golf at Lakeview Golf Club, make sure you take a minute to read what the children have made.

Our roll continues to grow. If you have a 4-year-old who is due to start school this year or next, please come and complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. This way, we will know how many children to expect and will be able to make decisions around out of zone enrolments a lot easier.

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Craig McFadyen

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### Drifting through life

There is a bible verse that says, "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways."

There are times when I wish I could be a child again.



Especially the child who spent many hours in Awahou, some of those floating in a dinghy down the Awahou river. I have fond childhood memories of times spent rowing one of our fishing dinghys from the Awahou river mouth up to the main road bridge and then drifting back down the river while looking over the side of the boat.

As I drifted I would see things like the abundant amounts of watercress under the water and trout darting upstream from their hidden places to escape the shadow of my boat. I would recite the names of each of our swimming holes as I drifted over it, as if I would one day forget them and the memories each hole held for us children that frequented them. Aunty Liza's, Uncle Jimmy's, Green Acres, the drop and the clubhouse bring back memories etched firmly in my adult mind. For example, Green Acres, the drop and the clubhouse being places where kapa haka whanau used to cool off after practices by scaling tall trees and doing awesome swan dives. People like Tapu and Taka come to mind.

The depth of the river at those swimming holes always amazed me along with the swiftness of the current that carried my boat and those of my cousins back to the relative safety of the lake. The water always changed colour in these places and if you were lucky, you might see a large school of trout swimming far below you. However, the standout feature of the river was the clarity and purity of the Awahou river water. The river was our bath any time during the day with numerous swims and our water supply early in the morning. This would see me and my cousins carrying early morning buckets of that same water back to our whanau tents for the endless cups of teas that the adults enjoyed throughout the day.

As a child I would think about things like when that watercress would be due to appear above the water so we could come to harvest it a pot full at a time, along with the rest of the Awahou whanau. I also thought about the water rats that lived at various places on the river and made sure to avoid their homes in case they tried to hitch a ride in my boat, the big grasses at the old tram bridge site just up from Uncle Jimmy's being one of those. Uncle Jimmy's whare was the main riverside landmark because his and Aunty Kardi Simons home was the only one on the river. If they were outside doing their gardening, they would always wave and greet us with huge smiles as we drifted past. My childhood mind thought they would always be there to do that.

As a child I reasoned like a child while floating down the Awahou river and would convince myself that it would be okay if I fell out of the boat because our guardian taniwha Pekehaua would look after me, that's if my cousins didn't get to me first in their boats. I also reasoned that I was pretty good at rowing anyway, having spent hours in a dinghy from an early age. I recall thinking I was cool drifting backwards down the river and dunking the oars now and then to avoid the water rats and stay in the flow, or main part of the current. Looking back as an adult, I think it was luck more than skill that got me home each time.

I also thought that rowing boats up and down rivers is what all kids did, because that is what we did. The last time I rowed a boat up the river and drifted downstream is a distant memory for me now. I know it was during one of my university holidays when I had returned from Massey and had a local holiday job. I did not get all the way up to the bridge because a tree had fallen across the river up at Aunty Lisa's place. Speaking of fallen trees, Aunty Lisa and her husband uncle Steve had passed. So had Uncle Jimmy and Aunty Kardy, Tapu and others were soon to follow. My mum had also passed a year earlier. I remember the river being quieter and more peaceful. More healing for me. My rowing strokes were more deliberate and the Awahou river, like me had changed. No watercress could be seen and drifting down the river was slower because the current was a lot slower. The deep places were not as deep and some of the diving spots were replaced by lower spots the next generation of kids were jumping off.

The river had become a library of memories for me. Those made by me as a child and now recalled as a man. As an adult man I had given up childish ways, well, most of them anyway, but I knew that my childhood memories would be with me forever.

There are many places in our district of Ngongotaha, Awahou, Hamurana and Kaharoa that are like memory libraries to many of us. My children are now making their own memories as I know yours will be too, and so will the next generation. One of our adult roles is to make sure the next generations of children still have rivers, and other taonga to make memories with. Water rats and all.

**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](http://www.ngahibidois.com)**



## Todd McClay Member of Parliament for Rotorua

### Growth of Gangs Needs a Better Response

New Zealand urgently needs a new approach to the problem of gangs, and Rotorua city knows this only too well. Sadly, Rotorua has been in the media headlines again. Only two weeks ago a major brawl between gang members in downtown Rotorua resulted in members of the public being affected.

The business of emergency housing has only compounded the problem, with the transient and stressful nature of such accommodation giving rise to further gang presence, recruitments, harassment and drug dealing.

Latest police figures estimate that there are 8000 gang members in New Zealand, with a staggering 1493 in the Bay of Plenty - this is an increase of 41% over the last 4 years. We have the highest number of gang members in the country!

Despite a steady nationwide rise in gang recruitment, the government has this year reduced the Police budget by \$90 million.

We clearly need to crack down on gangs, and the violence and misery they bring. Our Police men and women do a good job under very difficult circumstances, but their resources are too limited. They are being hampered by a Government that has no clear plan for responding to the gang issue and no commitment to making people safe.

National is committed to addressing the problem of gangs and has outlined some clear action points. At the announcement of its new Law and Order Policies towards the end of 2020, there were a wide range of policies aimed at making New Zealand safer for everyone, including greater resourcing and power for the police to investigate gangs, tougher sentences for gang-related crime, and the banning of gang insignia in public places.

These concrete action points indicate the seriousness with which National approaches this problem, and the coherency of its response. New Zealand needs such clarity in order to properly tackle gang violence. The Government needs to step up and show leadership here.

You deserve to be safe from intimidation and threat in our community. It's time the government backed the policy to deal to the gangs and the harm that they cause!

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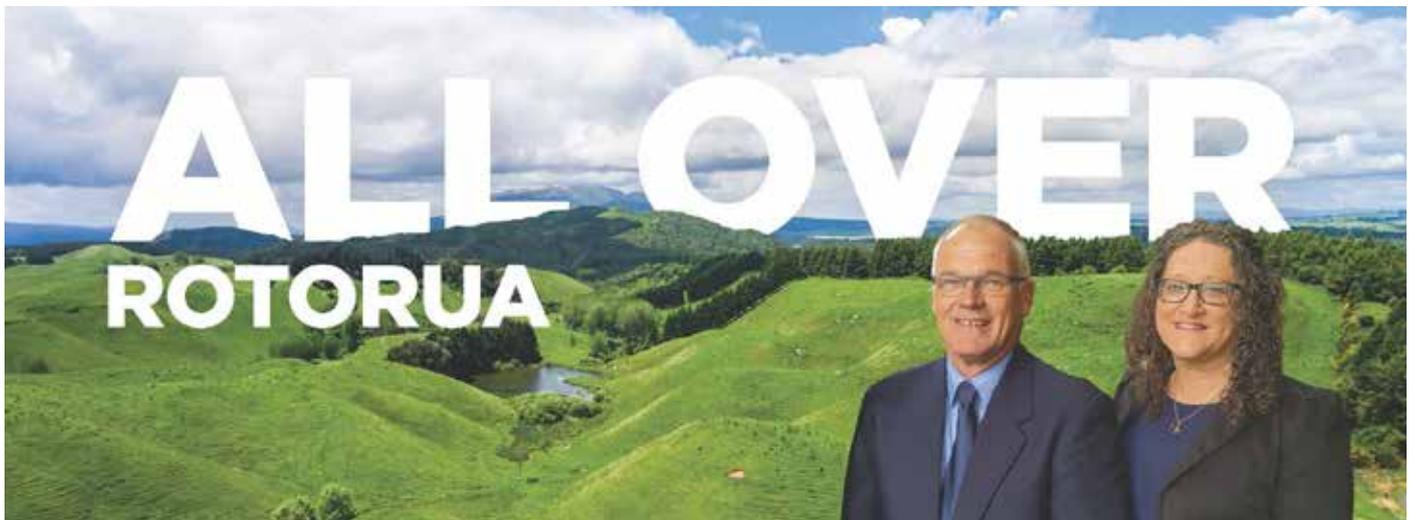
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Stray and feral cats wander the area scavenging and often killing native wildlife to survive. Diseases such as toxo plasmosis can be transmitted to humans and other animals. Education programmes will be helpful to understand the problem and associated issues with stray cats.

There are some people in the community working to help stray cats. There is an opportunity for more progress to be made with a joined-up approach. Organisations such as SPCA, Rotorua District Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Department of Conservation and MPI together with local vets are an important part of community collaboration.

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*"Really?" said the elderly lady, "Will that stop them?"*

*"Well, it should," said the vet, "It stopped ME!"*

## Age Concern

If you have not heard yet, we have sold our old premises in Eruera Street where Age Concern have been since 1986 and during the 35 years since have undergone many changes in both programme delivery and personnel. Initially we were only going to lease the building but we had trouble finding a suitable lessee so when we were asked if we would sell, we jumped at the chance. We are all very happy in our new premises beside Parksyde and can keep an eye on the further development of the Service Hub for the Elderly. We have noticed a lot more foot traffic with people dropping in and have increased our membership and volunteer base.

The sale of the house has left us with some funds to develop a major project and what we have decided to do is to use the funds to develop a Pocket Neighbourhood for the Elderly. A Pocket Neighbourhood is several smaller homes configured in such a way that they form a community of homes with a central space for social connection and communal living. Our idea is to offer these tiny homes to couples over 65 who do not own their own home, are perhaps renting and are finding it difficult to make ends meet. Age Concern would be the landlord and the rents would be at a manageable rate.

We are all set to put things in motion but we obviously need some suitable land to develop our idea and this is proving to be problematic. The Rotorua Lakes Council is very supportive of the idea and have made moves to find us some suitable land but unfortunately the spare land they do have is not suitable or tied up in Reserve which is difficult to free up. If you know of anyone with suitable land, please get them to get in touch with me to discuss their expectations. Some land at Ngongotaha would be just as useful. This is an exciting project to be part of so we would love to realise our vision for the elderly and recent articles indicate that our elderly are not managing to survive on the pension alone especially if they are still paying rent.

Recently we have been successful in receiving a grant from the Rotorua Lakes Council Te Rakau Tu Pakari Fund and the funds will go towards two projects: Project one is a series of Senior Seminars (SENSEMS) dealing with subjects that are relevant to our elderly such as on-line shopping, internet banking, Enduring Power of Attorney, recognising scams, transport options, moving to a care home, and health options. Project two is the purchase of a covered trailer for the minibus which will enable us to safely carry walkers and collapsible wheelchairs, therefore enabling more people to become part of our Out and Abouters.

Age Concern held a very successful Pink Breakfast to raise funds for breast cancer research. We had about 30 people attend the event held at Parksyde Café and we managed to raise about \$500 which was a good effort considering the number of similar events that week.

Events that are coming up and Age Concern will be actively involved in are Elder Abuse Awareness Day, 15th June, followed by a week, 15th to 22nd June, and Volunteers week which follows on immediately following it, 21st to 26th June. We will be outside Countdown Fairy Springs on Tuesday 16th June (Goldcard Day) disseminating information on Elder Abuse and our volunteers will be invited to drop in for soup and rolls on Thursday 18th June.

I read an interesting article in Stuff recently about older New Zealanders and what they do after retirement. The age of 65 does signal that time in life when you are eligible for Superannuation but should not signal a time in life when you become less valuable to society.

We have an ageing population and by 2036, 22% of the population or roughly 1.3 million people are expected to be over the age of 65 up 77% since 2016. This is natural and due to a lower birth and lower death rate. Employers need to plan for an ageing workforce. Seniors have wealth of knowledge, experience and wisdom and yet many face discrimination and ageism in our workforce. Depending on the type of role, and the health of the individual, continuing to work in your 70's (I count myself in this bracket) and even into your 80's is a choice but some do it to make ends meet. Stereotyping around seniors ability to use technology and their future health often works against them and this was very evident during the Covid lockdown where older workers were first to go. When it is all said and done our Seniors make valuable and meaningful contributions to the workforce and many continue that outside by becoming actively involved in the community and often volunteering for various organisations.

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- 21-26 June Volunteers week
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*He kept taking the cat further and further but the cat would always beat him home. One day he decided to drive hundreds of miles away. He drove out of town, through the desert and into the next state until he reached what he thought was a safe distance from his home. He let the cat out and headed back.*

*Hours later the man calls home to his wife: "Jen, is the cat there?"*

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*"Put him on the phone," the man replies. "I'm lost and need directions."*

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Johnny: "Seven."

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Johnny: "Six."

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Johnny: "Seven!"

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# Separation and dividing relationship property - it's probably not what you think

By Ros Morshead of Lawbox

There are lots of misconceptions about separation and dividing relationship property. Most of the time people aren't aware of the full extent of the Property (Relationships) Act 1976 until separation, and the statutory provisions for property entitlements come as a shock. So, what are the key points of the Act?

Underpinning the whole relationship property regime are various definitions and statutory provisions contained in the Act. For example, a qualifying relationship is defined as a relationship that has existed for more than 3 years, whether de facto, civil union or marriage (note the timeframe may differ where there are children of the relationship). The default provision in the Act for dividing property is 50/50 unless there are exceptional circumstances that warrant a lesser or greater split (again, this could be where children are involved for example), or where the parties have entered a formal document certified by lawyers specifying separate property and contracting out of the Act.

Frequently, people come in to see me following separation and say they have agreed to a division with their ex-partner. Sometimes the parties have even signed something between them. It's often not so simple, and certainly no agreement is ever legally binding until each has had legal advice. When a client tells me they've agreed to a split, it usually means one party has told the other what they perceive the ex-partner should get – usually much less I might add. The views are often incorrectly validated in one party's mind along the lines of: 'but I put in \$50k more when we bought the house 3 years ago, so we should split the equity according to our initial contributions' or 'but they just stayed at home looking after the kids and didn't contribute financially' or 'but we signed an agreement in writing just between us' or 'but I earn twice as much so have contributed more' or 'but I sold the house I owned prior to buy this one, so should get my equity back' or 'but they just spent/gambled/wasted money and got us into debt' or 'we've been on and off for the past xyz years so it's not really a relationship'. There is often relief/disbelief or shock/anger on becoming aware of what's relevant and what's not legally, and none of the above excuses will fly.

Firstly, the Act is clear that the default position is 50/50 where the parties have been in a relationship for 3 years unless there are exceptional circumstances. Note that 'relationship property' also includes assets and liabilities (with limited exceptions), and perceived relationship difficulties don't change relationship length or property division entitlements. Secondly, the Act considers all contributions to be equal whether paid (e.g. a job or other income of any amounts) or unpaid (e.g. childcare, looking after and running the home etc). Thirdly, for any division of relationship property agreement to be binding and final under the Act, the agreement must be certified by a solicitor as to their advice pursuant to the Act for their client. Among other things, this certification means an obligation on us to ensure that all assets and liabilities have been disclosed, that the split is fair, our client understands their rights and entitlements, and that the agreement is final and binding. It's not a tick-box exercise.

I recommend seeking early advice so you know your legal position at the outset, whether about getting a contracting out agreement in place early on in a new relationship, or where you stand legally on separation.

Ros Morshead



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## NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

*3rd May Open Triples Tournament It was a very full house tonight with players from RSA, St Andrews, Westbrook, Owhata, and Ngongotaha clubs. It was a very good night. There was a good selection of raffles to be won. We had some new players come along to their first competition. The winners for the night were Derek Owen, Gina Owen, and Delwyn Hughes who won four games to win the night. Karen Te Tamaki, Pai Te Tamaki, and Gloria Moyes were second with three wins and a draw. Professionals - Denise Sturt sponsored the meat packs. Richard Mills' team won the booby prize for the night.*

*10th May Trophy Tonight some members had some good competition. Not me though. In the end, it was a battle between Murray Harris, Delwyn Hughes, John Rayner, and Jan Drabble. The winners were John Rayner and Jan Drabble.*

*17th May Championship Triples We had three teams qualify; they were John Rayner, Delwyn Hughes, Helen White, Wayne Hitchen, Robin Campbell, David Fleet, Kevin Whyte, Richard Mills, and Bruce Mapson. We will have a playoff for the winning team in a fortnight's time.*

*24th May Roll-Up It was very quiet tonight as we had six of our members away for various reasons. The winners were Kevin Whyte and Martin Bertling with 3 wins and 24 points. Runners up were Richard Mills and Jan Drabble with 2 wins 27 points.*

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## Looking for work?

Rotorua Library/Te Aka Mauri has responded to an increased demand for job-seeking related services and resources by offering new, free community based, employment literacy programmes, designed to support and provide help for those looking for employment. Initially there will be two streams, Whakapuāwai Tāngata: open to anyone and Whakapuāwai Wāhine: designed specifically for women.

The Whakapuāwai programmes have been put together by newly appointed Community Learning Co-ordinator, Martina Wineera. Martina has years of experience working with job seekers and running courses and has strong networks throughout the region. The Whakapuāwai programmes are purposely designed to be adaptable to the needs of the individuals and there is also provision for one-on-one sessions, if required. Martina is excited to be offering this service to the Rotorua community and believes strongly in making a difference whether it be helping people to access job information, improve digital literacy, navigating childcare arrangements or assisting to produce a CV for a job interview. She says, "Many people already have employable skills they may not recognise as such or need help putting all the information required together in one document." She recognises that some people have emerged "battle-weary" from 2020 but she is confident her Whakapuāwai courses will inspire them to get back on track.

The Whakapuāwai programme has been funded by the New Zealand Libraries Partnership Programme which has been established by Central Government. This funding enables librarians and library services to play a key role in supporting their communities and people seeking jobs as part of the recovery from COVID-19. For more information, contact Martina at Rotorua Library Ph. 07 348 4177 or by email: [Martina.Wineera@rotorualc.nz](mailto:Martina.Wineera@rotorualc.nz).

*This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I went home and told my dog... we had a good laugh.*

My goal for 2021 was to lose 10 Kilos. Only have 14 to go.

*If you can't think of a word say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.*

Now I'm older, I see people my age mountain climbing; I feel good getting my leg through my undies without losing my balance.

*I love old age, I learn something new every day and forget 5 other things.*



# Hamurana and Awahou Residents and Ratepayers Association

We hope you are all keeping warm and well now we are officially into winter.

The Hamurana walkway just seems to be getting more and more popular being enjoyed by walking groups, families, cyclists, dog walkers and many more. To enhance this experience HARRA is making a start on the interactive walkway. First up will be the installation of 3 weta hotels - it will take about 3-4 months for the weta's to 'move in'. To help with this it would be great for Hamurana residents to continue to be diligent with their pest management/trapping as rats and stoats eat our native wetas.\

If you don't have traps there is plenty of information at [www.predatorfreenz.org](http://www.predatorfreenz.org) or contact HARRA if you would like to be part of a community pest control initiative.

Future installations will include Interactive information boards, Doggie stick stations and a Little Free Library. The flooding issues that have affected some of our residents have been discussed at Council level and there has been some progress made but only time will tell if the issue is resolved.

Over the summer there is always concern of risk to both the people who jump off the bridge into the Hamurana Stream and motorists using the bridge. A public meeting with the Rotorua Lakes Community Board confirmed that by this summer there should be a fence installed on both road sides of the bridge to ensure pedestrians, jumpers and motorists are all safe.

HARRA is working with Council on other initiatives that would benefit the community such as the boat ramps, toilet blocks, freedom camping (currently difficult to move forward due to Covid and travel restrictions for tourists) and more rubbish bins etc. AGM is scheduled for October 20th - a little later than usual to take advantage of daylight saving and the warmer weather.

If you have anything you would like to discuss with us please contact:  
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*Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. So remember..Don't sing!*

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The Ngongotaha Stream borders 99 hectares which was retired from stock in the 1980 under the Upper Kaituna Catchment Scheme. This farmland has been returned to native plantings and 2.5 km of paths by a dedicated group of volunteers with very little official support. For the first time in a very long time, the area now has Northern Rata. Plantings filter the runoff and work against flooding erosion. The stream is a very important spawning stream with large numbers of fish entering during the colder months. Many of the fish reach trophy size.

The Ngongotaha Stream and its walkway need your help, and for you to enjoy it more. The help most needed is your time, but also native plants and landscaping materials would be helpful. Please contact Gavin on 021 226 3978 to discuss how you can help.

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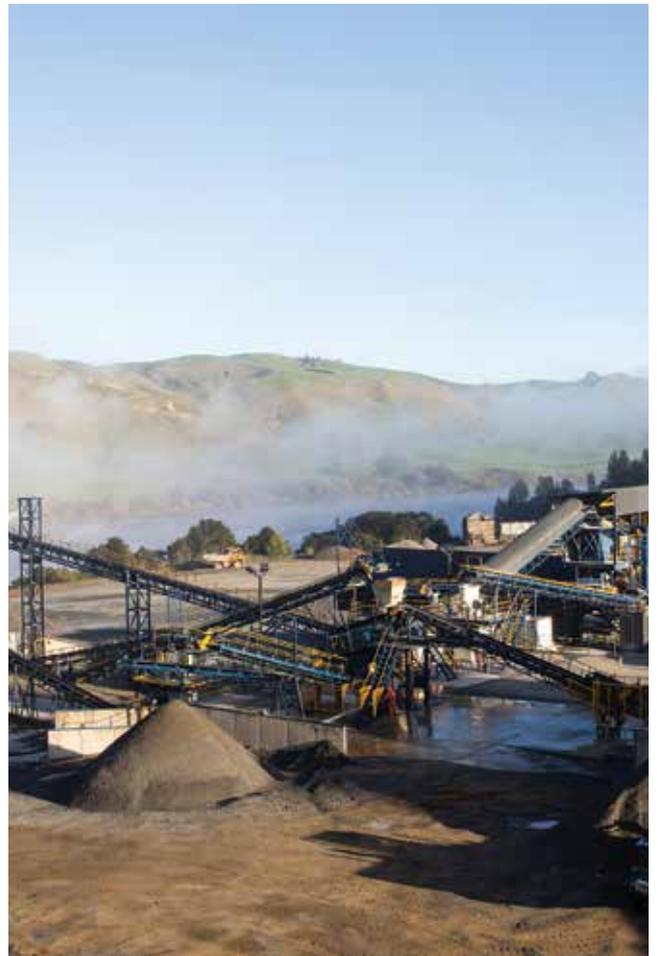
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"That was a really nice thing to do," the second golfer says. "It's good to see there is still some respect in the world."

"Well, it's only right," the first golfer replies. "I was married to her for 35 years."

A golfer was having a terrible round — 20-over par for the front nine with scores of balls lost in water or rough. When his caddie then coughed as he steadied himself over a 12-inch putt on the 10th, he lost it. "You've got to be the worst caddie in the world!" he yelled.

"I doubt it," replied the caddie, deadpan. "That would be too much of a coincidence."

I was recently playing a round of golf with a nice young fellow. On the first hole, with water to the right and a deep ravine to the left, the young man took out a brand new sleeve of balls, teed one up, and immediately hit it into the water on the right. Undaunted, he pulled another ball from the sleeve and hit that one into the ravine, as well. Then he took the last ball from the sleeve and hit it, too, into the water. He then reached into his bag and pulled out another brand new sleeve of balls. "Why don't you hit an old ball?" I asked. He responded, "I've never had an old ball."

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They advise golfers to wear noise-producing devices such as little bells on their clothing to alert, but not to startle the bears unexpectedly.

They also advise golfers to carry pepper spray in the case of an encounter with a bear. They say that it's also a good idea to watch for signs of bear activity on the courses. They recommend that golfers be educated so that they can recognize the difference between a Black bear and Grizzly bear droppings.

Black bear droppings are smaller and contain remains of nuts, berries, and possibly squirrel, rabbit, or gopher fur.

Grizzly bear droppings have small bells, golf-gloves, sunglasses, and other similar golf items in them and they usually smell like pepper spray.

Fred had tried to be particularly careful about his language as he played golf with his preacher. But on the twelfth hole, when he twice failed to hit out of a sand trap, he lost his resolve and let fly with a string of expletives. The preacher felt obliged to respond. "I have observed," said he in a calm voice, "that the best golfers do not use foul language." "I guess not," said Fred, "what the hell do they have to bitch about?"

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What is the difference between a golfer and a fisherman?  
When a golfer lies, he doesn't have to bring anything home to prove it.

*A golfer standing at a tee overlooking a river sees a couple of fishermen and says to his partner, "Look at those two idiots fishing in the rain."*

## LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Heading into the first month of winter when the weather starts to have that winter feel to it, think on the positive side... the shortest day is just around the corner!

Congratulations to Roku Mihini who won the Mamaku Cup challenge. Also, congratulations to the runner up Paige Sander, a fantastic effort for a young girl fairly new to golf! The month of June sees Match Play Championships being contested. This is one of the top club competitions with a battle going on for Club Champion bragging rights in three divisions. Good luck to all players involved.

It has been asked why golf club competitions are run during the worst weather season i.e. winter, and the answers are varied and inconclusive! One reason put forward was the fact that golf was invented by the Scots and they are weather hardy and our winters are probably not really winter by their standards. So, in other words, suck it up and get out there and play!!

The information boards designed by tamariki from Ngongotaha Primary have been completed and are displayed around the course. They are stunning and a unique enhancement feature on our golf course! Thanks to Mrs Astwood and her team of super writers and Mr McFadyen for embracing our community project. We had a fun afternoon with those involved admiring their fantastic work and giving golf a go on the range. We have also had 2 groups of proud whanau looking at the awesome work.

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.

The quiz night held on Friday 28th May was a full house which is great! It was an awesome night with fun and laughter and plenty of brain strain. The winning team was Four Play- congratulations! Winning teams are different each month so well done to the quiz master Kelvin for setting varied questions each quiz, which enables the victories to be shared around. The next quiz will be held on Friday 25th June.

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! Until next month stay dry and safe.

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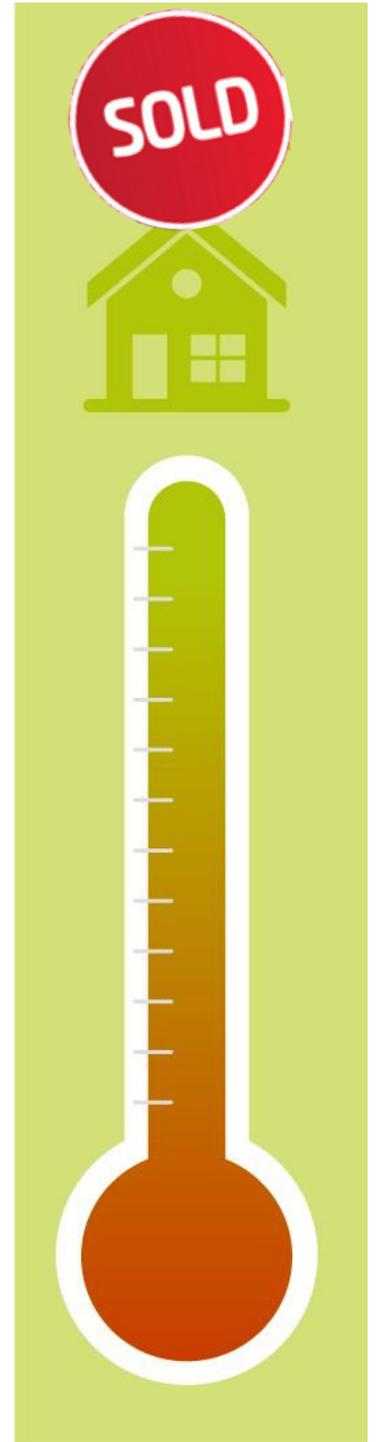
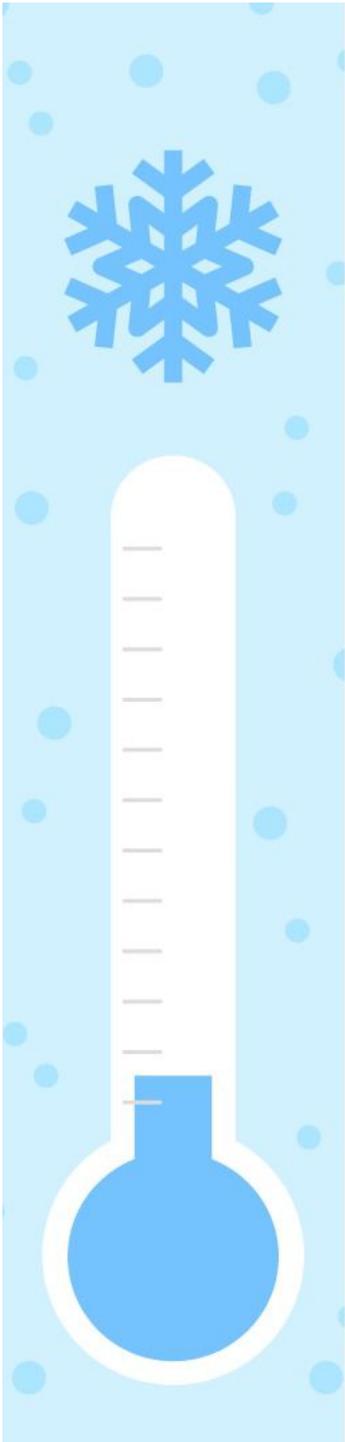
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