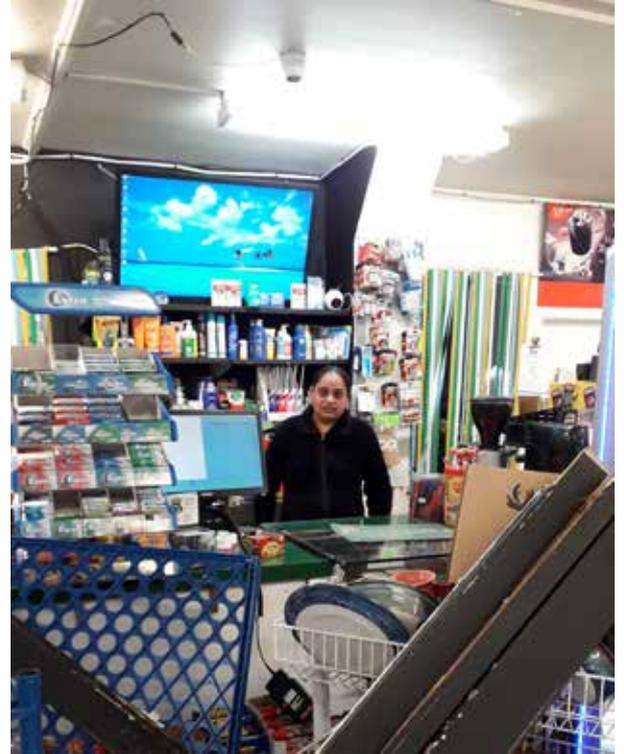


Ram Raid at Hamurana Store

At 2.30 am on the morning of Sunday 27th June, would-be robbers crashed a stolen truck into the front of the Hamurana Store, waking Harjinder Kaur and Avtar Malhi and their young family who were sleeping in the same building. A man came behind the counter and demanded where the cabinet was (possibly for cigarettes) but the panic alarm was pressed and he and 2 others left the truck and fled in another vehicle empty-handed.

Local residents were quickly on the scene, to support the family and secure the building. However, the crash caused a lot of damage to the front of the building and to the stock, so the store was closed for a few days while things were sorted. The store has now reopened but the family are still shaken by the close encounter and their livelihood affected.

Anyone who knows anything related to this incident, or a similar incident at the Happy Angler the week before, is encouraged to contact the Police.



Recent events remind us our households can experience dramatic situations: tornadoes, flooding, crime, fire and illness, just to name a few. The best way to be resilient is TOGETHER.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD A “GOOD ‘HOOD”

“Being a good neighbour is an art that makes life richer” according to Gladys Taber. I say keep on painting. Good neighbours increase the quality of your life, and it takes a team of neighbours to achieve harmony and happiness in your street. They are the ones who assist when the need arises and are the ones who care when a nearby incident occurs.

Do take time to get to know your neighbours and should a disaster strike, they will be the ones who will be more than willing to provide the aid and support you need. Being willing to make a difference is a quality I see in our street contacts for Neighbourhood Support. Those who have not joined us (it is free), please do so and join the happy band of neighbours in your area.

Nga mihi Richard Perkins Coordinator Rotorua Neighbourhood Support

Mamaku

A huge well done to the Residents’ Association for making it happen. Neighbourhood Support is now in Mamaku.

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Firewood & Trailers

As we enter the colder months of the year and start using firewood, if you have a wood burner, please note the following: Thieves target firewood, therefore secure your firewood as best as possible. Thieves also target trailers to cart their stolen firewood, therefore secure your trailer with a chain to an immovable object, fit a wheel clamp or lock it into a secure garage. Every good neighbour should report any suspicious behaviour. So be a good neighbour and if you see someone plundering your neighbours wood stack or stealing their trailer, report it immediately to the Police, call 111.

Who You Gonna Call?

- 111. Call 111 when you need an Immediate Emergency Response from the Police, Fire or Ambulance.
- *555. Call *555 to report road incidents which are urgent but not life threatening, such as dangerous driving or over-taking, as long as you have the registration number of the vehicle involved.
- 0800 555 111. Call Crime Stoppers to report a crime anonymously. Crime Stoppers is an independent charity which passes the information onto the Police.

What Do You Look For When You See Suspicious People?

Describe the people involved, e.g.: Gender/age, race, height (compared to a fixed object), body type, and hair. Things to look for are: Headwear, tops and pants, footwear, jewellery and accessories. If you have the opportunity to observe the person in detail look for: Facial features, eye colour, glasses, tattoos, piercings, and distinctive moles or birthmarks.

You should also look to see: if they were carrying anything, were they smoking, on the phone or wearing headphones. If you heard them speak, did they have an accent, what did they say? If a vehicle is involved: What was the registration number, colour, make, condition and model. Which way did it leave the area?

From the Neighbourhood Support Rotorua Quarterly Newsletter and Facebook

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Hamurana Noticeboard on Facebook

Recently, members of the Hamurana Noticeboard noticed suspicious behaviour from some youngsters. Almost straight away, they were recognised and a neighbour spoke to the family concerned. This may not only have averted a crime, but also supported the relevant young people onto a more positive path. Local residents are invited to join the Noticeboard.

Rotorua Noticeboard on Facebook

Recently, the caretaker of Ngongotaha School put a call out on the Noticeboard for jumper leads, as he is often asked to help parents with flat batteries. In short order, he not only received free jumper leads, but also a battery, and many thanks for the help he provides. Another example of social media being a force for good.



Rotorua Community Patrol is one of nationwide voluntary groups of people giving some of their time and taking responsibility within their own community to help the Police make the local community safer for everyone. Our local group currently needs a Secretary and Treasurer, either a separate or combined role, requiring approx. 5hrs input per month. Active patrolling is not required for this role. If you have experience in either of these roles and would like to help us, please contact Jan at 07 357 5138 / 0210544116. New patrollers are welcome! Training is given; criteria apply. Contact Dave at 07 357 4734 / 0274902816.

Rotorua Lakes Council is reviewing whether to reduce speed limits on the following roads: Waiteti Road, Leonard Road, Gloucester Road, Maxwell Road, Arahiwi Road (section leading up to Mamaku village), Cecil Road (section leading up to village), Maraeroa Road (section leading up to village), Old State Mill Road, Kaharoa Road (section by school), Jackson Road, Keith Road, and Paradise Valley Road (section at SH5 end).

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Ngongotaha School

Another term of fun and exciting learning experiences comes to an end at Ngongotaha School. School holidays begin on Friday 9th of July and Term 3 will start back on Monday 26th of July. I know both the students and the staff will be looking forward to a well-deserved break.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Lynden Cook, the new principal at Kaharoa School. I know he will enjoy the Ngongotaha/Kaharoa/Hamurana community as much as I have over the past three years.

Here at Ngongotaha School, we are extremely fortunate to be surrounded by such a supportive community. In addition to the \$11,000 shed that WideSpan Sheds has donated to the school that I mentioned in the last Ngongotaha News, Dylan and Tracey Oswald from Oswald Construction have designed and built our outdoor kitchen. This sits beside one of the sandpits and was constructed free of charge by their team. The children absolutely love the new kitchen and we have managed to incorporate it into some of the play-based learning planning.

Alongside this, we are lucky enough to have the support of the Brake boys. Any plumbing issues, Matty Brake from Bay Plumbing and Drainage comes in straight away to ensure the children are safe. His brother Kenny from KDB contracting helps us out regularly with any electrical issues, and their other brother, James from JDB Builders, does a lot of the building jobs around the school. Thanks Heather Brake for raising such handy boys. Please support these local businesses who support our children.

As a part of our Careers day, we had dozens of amazing locals come and inspire the children. Thanks to Leon Mativa-Horn, Viv Sutton, Virginia Buchanan, Dylan Oswald, Jordan Ormsby, the Doctors and Nurses at Ngongotaha Medical Centre, Federated Farmers, Erica Withington, Rylee Fletcher, Kelly Lelieveld, Ashley Amon, Linda Tomokino, Joy Kelly, Imke Katua, members of our Armed Forces, Wiremu Te Are, Tina Michewski, Chris Cookson, Jordan Fiola, Whaea Ange, Tane Lagah, Tinihi Grant, Grant from 4 Square, Mark Smith, Mike Bodie and Bridget Gifford for taking their time to come and speak to our children.

Currently we are working alongside Lakes Council and local community members to try and reduce the speed of cars travelling along School Road and Hood Street. Even before the Western Road Detour, we have noticed an increase in cars travelling very fast along Hood Street, especially around 3pm. Obviously, the safety of our children is paramount. Please help us by contacting Lakes Council and sharing your stories and concerns of speeding drivers or contact the Police if you feel that drivers are being unsafe.

Next term, we will produce another whole school production. Reading through the script, I am really excited to see how it is all going to come together. We would love to have as many of our local community come and watch as possible. Keep the week of the 20th of September free.

Craig McFadyen and the team at Ngongotaha School.
Ngā mihi
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Thank you Avtar and Harjinder!



I want to thank Avtar and Harjinder as well as your tamariki for the excellent service you all provide to our small rural community of Hamurana, Kaharoa and Ngongotaha.

I have eaten many pies and ice creams on the tables outside your store after either a hard day fishing on the coast, or an even harder day of golf at the Hamurana Golf course.

Your service and kai have always been friendly and hospitable, encouraging us to return at the end of hard testing days for a bit of kai, rest and replenishment.

Avtar Malhi and Harjinder Kaur are the owners of one of our community superstores namely, the Hamurana Store. A few days ago, their world was shaken at about 2.30am when they were suddenly awoken by some idiots doing a ram raid on their store in search of cigarettes and other items of interest. The same idiots making a mess of the store on their exit.

This stupid action is not just an offence to Avtar and Harjinder but I see this as an offence against everyone in our rural community. As outlined above, the Hamurana Store is more than just a shop where we buy kai and stuff. It is the last bastion of community provision and support. It is a whanau looking after our community whanau. People looking after our people, which is what our community is all about.

The Hamurana Store has always been there. Long before the new walking and biking paths along the Hamurana reserve, long before the speed limits were increased, and I have no doubt that several generations of people from the same whanau have frequented the Hamurana Store. For example, back in the day, I remember driving to the Hamurana Store from Awahou to get some milk and bread because it was closer than Ngongotaha and I was a young 15-year-old with a brand-new driver's licence. Driving that way so I could beep the car horn to my ancestors lying at Puhirua Urupa always made more sense to me. Those winding corners just past the urupa were also a nice test for a youngster driving his father's V8-powered motorcar. The Hamurana Store was always more than a destination, the journey to get there was a part of the experience.

I hope the actions of a few idiots do not overshadow the aroha that we all have for you at this time. I could not think of anything worse than having your home intruded by people who know no better. Stupid and foolish behaviour done by those who obviously had no idea of how important you and your business are to our rural community, Kia kaha kia maia kia manawanui.

Nga mihi ki a koutou te whanau o Hamurana Store. Avtar, Harjinder koutou ko a korua tamariki. Thank you for being there for more than milk and bread and ice creams, although they do help! You guys are awesome.

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

Transport Initiatives Need to Work for All Kiwis

The conversation around transport and car taxes is hotting up. And the reality is that the current Government is not on track to meet New Zealand's transport needs. Every transport initiative that Labour oversees - around the country and in the Bay of Plenty is either stalled, cancelled or on a go slow. In Rotorua we are gridlocked by the slow pace of our roading upgrades.

At the same time Labour is intent on telling Kiwis what they should drive or getting them out of their cars, and onto bikes. But we need a more comprehensive solution, one which properly takes into account how Kiwis want to – or practically can – get around.

Here's an example. Labour has promised to build a cycle bridge across the harbour in Auckland, with a price of \$785 million and growing. But to pay for this project, which will only help a few thousand cyclists, Labour cancelled many much-needed roading upgrades around the country. What they should be doing, instead, is using that \$785 million to restore the funding it cut for regional roads. This isn't about building new roads. It's making sure we can drive safely on the ones we've got. And while motorists around the Rotorua electorate drive through potholes every day, some cyclists will get to bike over the harbour.

Let's be honest: a cycle bridge is not a climate initiative; at least, not a good one. This is just a Government vanity project that is taking funding away for vital infrastructure projects. And it's another example of the Government focussing solely on getting people out of their cars. I'd love to see the Transport Minister cycling across the harbour bridge with groceries, sports gear, and the kid's netball team!

But there's more. Now Labour is hitting Kiwis with a Car Tax.

Labour will be slapping up to \$3000 extra onto the purchase of utes as a penalty for being diesel vehicles. These taxes will then be used to reward the purchasers of electric vehicles, hybrids, and low-emission cars. So, one person's work ute could be taxed to pay a subsidy for someone else's Tesla. Labour tried to introduce this back in 2019, but the public outrage was so severe that it backed down. They didn't even take it to the election as a policy. But immediately after being elected, Labour started working on it again.

Labour's Car Tax unfairly punishes farmers, tradespeople, and low-income families for whom an electric vehicle is unsuitable, unavailable or too expensive. The Prime Minister even had the audacity to claim that only farmers and tradespeople can 'legitimately' drive utes. But there are plenty of other New Zealanders who have jobs or lifestyles that require more than what the current electric vehicles can offer them. For example, try going off-road or towing a trailer or your boat with a Nissan Leaf.

This Government is making work more expensive and more difficult for those Kiwis who produce this country's food and goods. It's not fair; and it's not for the Government to dictate what is and isn't legitimate car use.

National's transport policy includes the repeal of Labour's punitive Car Tax. We know that electric vehicles will be an important part of combatting climate change, but we shouldn't be unfairly penalising those Kiwis who can't yet make the switch.

National believes that there are more positive ways we can encourage the uptake of electric vehicles. At the last election, we supported moves to exempt EVs from fringe benefit tax, extend road user charge exemptions, allow EV users access to bus lanes and free parking, and provide more funding for the development of low-emission technologies.

We'll keep fighting the Government's Car Tax on behalf of all hard-working New Zealanders.

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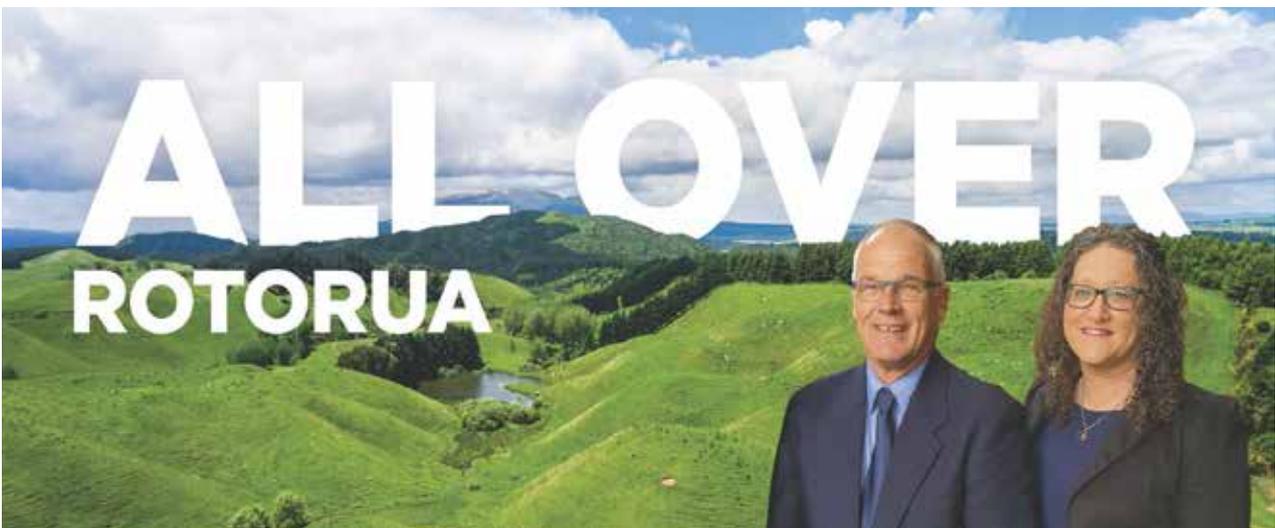


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The genie disappears and only the gentle lapping of beer on the hull breaks the stillness as the two men consider their circumstances. The second Aussie turns to the first and says, "Nice going mate! Now we're going to have to pee in the boat."

A dying man wants to prevent his family from inheriting his wealth. So he entrusts the money to his three closest friends: a doctor, a priest, and a lawyer. He gives each friend an envelope with \$1,000,000 in cash, and makes them all swear to bury the money with him when he dies. They all shake hands and solemnly agree. A few months later the man dies, and the three friends place their envelopes in the casket.

Later, privately, the doctor tells the others: "Gentlemen, I confess that my envelope did not have the full million dollars in it. Last winter the hospital badly needed a new dialysis machine. It cost \$50,000. I feel that Bob would have approved, as it will save countless lives."

Then the priest says: "I too have a confession. My envelope also did not have the full million dollars in it. The church orphanage badly needed repairs, which cost \$60,000. We are naming a new wing in Bob's honor, and I am sure he would have approved."

Then the lawyer speaks up: "Gentlemen! I am ashamed of you. This was Bob's dying wish! And you could not obey it? I assure you that MY envelope contained a CHEQUE for the FULL million dollars!

Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce, and cheese. FINE, it was a pizza....OK, I ate a pizza! HAPPY NOW ?

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

If it takes an IQ of 60 to tie shoelaces, why do so many Australians wear jandals?

Marriage Counsellor: Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true?

Him: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.



On Wednesday 9th June a pōwhiri was held to welcome Mr Lynden Cook to our staff as our Kaharoa School principal. Mr Cook was supported by his family and Hamilton Christian School students and staff. We were very proud of our children who welcomed Mr Cook with haka, waiata and korero so beautifully. Kaharoa staff, children and parents all look forward to Mr Cook being part of our school family at Kaharoa. Thank you to Matua Guy Ngatai, Mr Bracefield, Mr Veysi, WHHS students and our Kaharoa parents and wider community who attended.



PTA - our very active PTA group held their AGM in May and new officers were elected along with committee members. Alongside the AGM our very capable Year 8 leaders ran a disco for the children so parents could attend the AGM. Lots of dancing and games were enjoyed by all the children. Our PTA runs many activities for our children however our parents are not forgotten with a Quiz night planned for Friday 2nd July.

Pink Shirt Day-in collaboration with the Mental Health Foundation we supported Pink Shirt Day. The school was awash with outfits of various pink hues. Thank you to all those children and parents who supported this day.



Te Maru o Ngongotaha Kahui Ako - Teacher Only Day-this was held on Tuesday 8th June and our staff attended alongside other schools in our CoL at Kaitao Intermediate.

NZ Playhouse-we were excited to have the NZ Playhouse perform for us in June. This year's production was Rumpelstiltskin. It was a hilarious and interactive adaptation of Grimm's beloved fairy tale and had everyone thinking about the value of kindness and cooperation; the consequences of not telling the truth and the importance of keeping a promise.



Cross Country -this year our cross county was held on Tuesday 22nd June.

Our children trained hard for this event with 12 children going through to the BOP champs with their classmates. We were so fortunate to be able to have a wonderful course to run this event thanks to the Walshe, Bridge and Freiesleben families who generously opened their farms which enabled our cross country to be a real cross country.

Paid Union Meeting -on Thursday 24th June our teachers attended a paid union meeting. Thank you parents for your support.



Junior build - The scaffolding is down now and we can see our junior classrooms. The progress and completion is on track for the classrooms to move back early in Term 3. As a staff we have had a walk through and are looking forward to seeing the children's faces when they get to see inside the completed rooms. They look just fabulous! Warm, full of light with plenty of space for everyone.

Olympic Ambassador -We were very fortunate to have a visit from our very own home town athlete, Sarah Cowley Ross. Sarah shared her experiences with the tamariki as a competing athlete in the Olympic and Commonwealth Games.



Glasgow 2014 was the second Commonwealth Games for Sarah competing in High Jump. Previously Sarah had represented New Zealand at the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games competing in the Heptathlon placing 10th. She also competed in heptathlon at the London 2012 Olympic Games.



Netball game -The intermediate team vs the staff. What a game!! Our Intermediate netball team played like champions but the winner on the day was...the staff. Admittedly we had only 5 minute quarters, but we needed to fit the game in a lunch time space:) Well done to the netball girls, you are all stars.

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*The school holidays are over and returning to school is tough for my girl...
...the crying, the kicking, the screaming...but it has to be done, after all, she's the teacher.*

An old man placed an order for one hamburger, French fries, and a drink. He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half placing one half in front of his wife. He then carefully counted out the French fries dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one in front of his wife. He took a sip of the drink, then his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them.

As he began to eat his few bites of the hamburger the people around them were looking over and whispering. Obviously, they were thinking, that poor old couple...all they could afford is one meal for the two of them. As the man began to eat his fries, a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple.

The old man said they were just fine, they were used to sharing everything. People closer to the table noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink. Again, the young man begged them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old woman said, No, thank you we are used to sharing everything.

Finally, as the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked, "What is it you are waiting for?"

She answered "The teeth".

The Funny Side of Covid

Two grandmothers were bragging about their precious darlings. One of them says to the other, "Mine are so good at social distancing, they won't even call me."

If you bought 144 rolls of toilet paper in preparation for a 14-day quarantine, you probably should have been seeing a doctor long before coronavirus.

Why did the health experts lie? They said a mask and gloves was enough to go to the grocery store. When I got there, everyone else had clothes on.

After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, during lockdown I discovered that wasn't the reason.

What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.

The World Health Organization announced that dogs cannot contract COVID-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands—that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.

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On the local front, racing for the Rotorua team has been a bit on the slow side. Mostly we all have our young ones in training which means things are a bit slower race wise. Bill Pomare's Call Me Evie ran a nice 3rd in the R74 1600 at Ellerslie at the end of May with Jasmine Fawcett onboard. Bill is also just bringing Ocean Billy back into work with an eye to racing him in the Melbourne Cup later in the year. Fingers crossed it all goes well for him, what a buzz that will be.

Iain Kennedy's Endean Bay also ran 4th at Cambridge in the maiden 1550 with Erin Leighton onboard. She has had a quick freshen up and will be back in work tomorrow along with Endean Lass and Karo Amilia, who have both had a nice break. Dona Fleming has Koolascuz back in work along with all her young ones. Grant Stewart has just started racing his two, Cin Cin and Eva Amelia, and Michael Murray has also been seen at the track.

So, it appears that we are all about to get back into it once again.

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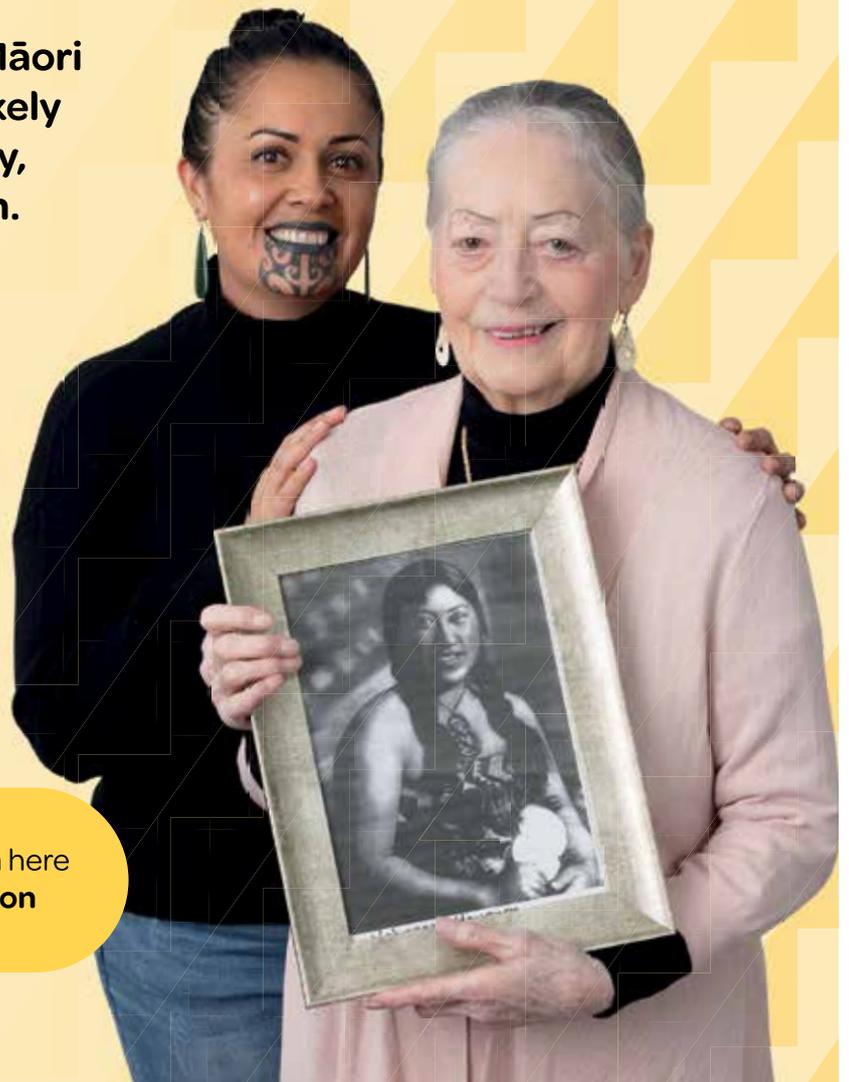
The first horse turns to the other and says, "Hey, a talking dog!"

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NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

31st May Championship Triples Tonight we had the playoff for this. We had three teams that had qualified. The winners for the night were Wayne Hitchens, Robyn Campbell, and David Fleet. Nonqualifying members just had a roll-up and by the sounds of all the laughter that was going on it was a good night for them.

14th June Pairs RSA/Ngongotaha The rain did not deter people from coming out and having a fun night of bowls. It was a night where we played with RSA members, not against them. We had four games: first one was 2-2-2, the second game 2-4-2, the third game skip and leads changed position and the last game was normal bowls. Going by the atmosphere around the hall everyone was enjoying themselves. I know I did. Raffles were won by various members. The winners for the night were Skip John Rayner, Lead Helen White from Ngongotaha Club. Runner-up was Wayne Hitchens Ngongotaha Club and Dot from RSA. The booby prize went to Nicole Ruthe Ngongotaha Club and Lil from RSA.

21st June Buttons The shortest day but the longest night as they say. That's why some of us played good bowls. Wayne Hitchens, Grahame Turner, and Nicole Ruth held the buttons but it wasn't long before they lost them to Eddie Dibley and Cheryl Wiggins. Along came Bruce Wiggins and Helen White who then took the buttons off them. A good night was had.

28th June Championship Pairs It was a bit chilly tonight but no one seemed to mind the cold. We had four teams qualify. John Rayner, Nicole Ruthe, Grahame Turner, Helen White, Eddie Dibley, Martin Bertling, Wayne Hitchens, and Bruce Mapsom. The winners for the night were Wayne Hitchens and Bruce Mapsom. Both members were playing great bowls. Runners-up were John Rayner and Nicole Ruthe. They just didn't seem to get a look in. Well done to those two teams.

I would like to make an apology to Four Square and Zero to 100 for not mentioning them for their sponsorship when we had the Open Triples Tournament on 3rd May. I would just like to acknowledge you both as well. Thank you.

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What happens with gifts and loans from parents on separation

There are oodles of articles about how dire the situation is for home buyers and their financial plights as though it's some sudden market phenomenon never heard of before. Supply and demand free market forces aren't new, and the colloquial 'bank of mum and dad' to help adult children get into a home is a thing that's been around for decades. The tricky bit is when the adult child's relationship falls apart and M&D Bank want their helping hand money back when the house is sold. Where do they stand?

First up, not very well. Banks always require these types of funds to be given outright as a gift, and for the parents to sign an irrevocable gifting declaration to the bank regarding the status of the funds. The reason for this approach is that the bank needs to meet its obligations under Anti-money laundering regulation as to legitimate source of funds. Secondly, the bank's responsible lending code means it can't allow additional lending/debt attached to a borrower that might affect the ability to repay the bank's loan. It is unfortunate that parents think they'll automatically get their money back in the situation where their adult child's relationship breaks down, but a gift is a gift, and the parents are often miffed to find they don't have a leg to stand on.

Another classic is home-made 'loan agreements' signed by an adult child that conveniently fall out of the sky after separation - but dated some time earlier - purporting to secure a gifted deposit or other purported loans. Yes, this is exactly as it sounds. And the ex-partner usually knows nothing about the loan arrangements at all and (understandably) doesn't agree they should be responsible to pay back half in the split. The parents then end up seeking legal advice about the money they've apparently handed over (because they didn't get legal advice about the 'loans' in the first place) and aren't usually pleased with what they are told.

Queue: correspondence from parent's lawyer that goes along the lines of "Well, the ex-partner has benefited from the loan, so if they don't acknowledge the debt as relationship property then they can't say the house is relationship property either". Umm, no, that's not how it works. In these situations, it will be for the parents to prove the loan and its intention - remembering they will almost surely have had to sign an irrevocable gifting declaration for the bank when the house was bought as part of the bank's deposit criteria. I certainly would not want to be them explaining that to a Judge!

It's my view that the best way to preserve funds provided by parents is by way of a formal relationship property agreement under the Property (Relationships) Act. Sometimes called a 'contracting out agreement', this type of document is one where the couple agree that if they separate, the amount contributed by parents is the separate property of their adult child. They might also agree to how the property will be split on any separation.

But what this also means is that each of the parties to the relationship then need to seek their own relationship property advice and get a formal legal agreement drawn up.

Unfortunately, all of this adds significantly to the cost of buying a house when parents money is involved, but it is worthwhile remembering what exactly is being protected.

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Ngongotaha Rail Park News

The Ngongotaha Rail Park needs your help!

For those of you who do not know us, we are located on the Northern edge of Ngongotaha Village in the old Ngongotaha Railway Yards. We are a nonprofit registered Charitable Trust, and our aims are to preserve the rail heritage of the Ngongotaha area.

We are open at the weekends and for special events. We have the only operating miniature Steam Engine in Rotorua complimented by our smaller diesel engine.

There is a bouncy castle, and we are in the process of rebuilding a large playground, which was kindly donated to us, for the under tens. We have hosted many children's birthday parties and end of year kindergarten and classroom events and are accepting bookings for these for a time suitable for you. There are extensive grounds with picnic tables and large shady trees which lend themselves to your family occasions and Community events.

There is an extensive museum featuring Railway memorabilia and a large operating model train. Along with these, there is a library of railway publications, a model retail store, and a photographic display of old Ngongotaha with the emphasis on the railway.

We have no paid staff, so operate solely with the help of volunteers. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to help we would love to see you.

We are looking for people to train as train drivers, both steam and diesel. Even if you can just give us a couple of hours helping with maintaining the grounds you would be most welcome. Other areas that you can help with are the retail shop, the museum, and the model train room.





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Want to make sure your home is fire safe? Here's a quick and easy checklist you can use to spot any risks or hazards that might cause a fire.

Kitchen (one in 4 housefires starts in the kitchen)

- Check that the stovetop is clean and free of any spilled fats or burnt foods.
- Rangehood filters should be cleaned regularly.
- Have a fire extinguisher near the kitchen and know how to use it.

When you're cooking

- Don't drink and fry. Alcohol is involved in half of all fatal fires. Instead, pre-prepare a meal, get takeaways, or use the microwave. Never attempt to drink alcohol or take medication that makes you sleepy when cooking.
- Don't leave the room when cooking. If you have to, always turn off the stove first. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of house fires in New Zealand.
- Keep curtains, tea towels, oven mitts and any flammable items well away from the cooking area when you're cooking.

If a fire starts

- If your frying pan is on fire, place the lid of the frying pan, a wet tea towel, or another large flat object (like a chopping board) over the pan to starve the fire of oxygen.
- Never throw water onto a frying pan that's on fire.
- Never, ever attempt to carry a burning frying pan outside.
- If you have a fire in your oven, try to turn off the power or gas, either at the stove or at the mains and keep the door closed.

Living room and bedrooms (1 in 6 house fires start in a bedroom)

- There should be smoke alarms installed in every bedroom, living area and hallway in the house — ideally, long-life photoelectric ones. If you are renting, it's your responsibility to make sure batteries are replaced regularly on smoke alarms that are not long-life smoke alarms. These usually have an easily accessed 9-volt battery. If the smoke alarm stops working you must tell your landlord.
- Many people keep candles in the bedroom or elsewhere around the home. If not used safely, candles can be a serious fire hazard. Never leave candles unattended.
- Ensure candles are placed on a surface that won't catch on fire, like a ceramic plate or a special holder.
- Don't let children use, light or play with candles.
- Keep matches, lighters and anything else that can start a fire out of reach of children.
- Power points or multi-boards should not be overloaded with appliances that use a lot of power, like heaters.
- Lights should be fitted with the correct bulb size and rating (in watts).

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- There's a torch near every bed (in case of emergencies).
- The fireplace has a screen with a proper fireguard, and the chimney has been checked and/or swept in the last year.

Electric blankets

- If you use an electric blanket, make sure it lies flat on the bed and the controls or cords are not twisted or caught. Twisted cords are a common cause of electric blanket fires.
- Worn and old electric blankets (over 5 years old) can cause serious injury. At the first sign of wear, replace the blanket or have it checked by a qualified electrician.
- Never sleep with an electric blanket turned on, even on a low temperature. Always switch it off before you hop into bed.
- If storing an electric blanket off the bed during summer, roll it up rather than fold it.

Outdoors

- Check BBQ fittings are tight and secure, and there's at least 1 metre of clear space around the BBQ. Use the soap bubble test to make sure there are no leaks.
- Flammable liquids in sheds or garages should be stored in appropriate containers.
- Keep flammable materials including vegetation firewood away from the house.

Laundry

- Check there's no lint built up in the clothes dryer filter (you should check this after every use).
- The clothes dryer should be checked by a professional to ensure there's no dust built up in the back (don't open up the dryer yourself, as this will breach any warranty).
- There's plenty of ventilation and air space around the clothes dryer.

Source: fireandemergency.nz

A man who was dining with an elderly couple was very impressed by the man's terms of endearment to his wife. He said things like, "Thank you, my sweet," "Please, my dear," or "Okay, my beloved.". When the wife went to the kitchen to get dessert, the man turned to his friend. "George, after all these years, it's very touching that you speak so lovingly to your wife.". The old man sighed and shook his head slowly, "It's not that Peter. I'm embarrassed to admit it, but I forgot her name years ago."

Winter is like the Justin Bieber of seasons...It was kind of cute and exciting when it first started out, now it's a bit obnoxious and should probably just stay in Canada.

How do you know it's raining cats and dogs? When you walk outside and step in a puddle.

Two elderly women were eating breakfast in a restaurant one morning. Ethel noticed something funny about Mabel's ear and she said, "Mabel, did you know you've got a suppository in your left ear?" Mabel answered, "I have a suppository?" She pulled it out and stared at it. Then she said, "Ethel, I'm glad you saw this thing. Now I think I know where my hearing aid is."

Age Concern

It was a great thrill to receive a phone call from a well-known Ngongotaha resident with some land that was available to lease to Age Concern to put our proposed tiny houses on. We have met with the planners and engineers from the council to discuss the project and find out where to from here as we look at the infrastructure required for such a development. They are very supportive of the idea in principle, but are governed by a set of rules and regulations which make it difficult to bring any ideas to reality.

So, what is the rationale behind such a venture? The so-called “big box” model of senior living is no longer the only option for elderly residents. We are exploring new concepts for smaller, more intimate styles of senior housing. These include small-home models of senior housing. Such concepts decentralize the traditional senior living community layout and may help make senior living services more affordable for the masses in the process. It’s an exercise worth undertaking as baby boomers bring a new set of preferences with them as they move into Senior Housing. At the end of the day, it’s about change and thinking differently, and if we don’t do that, we’re in trouble. It’s not doom and gloom, but we’ve got to be comfortable thinking differently about what future senior housing options look like. Consumers see how people live in more compact dwellings in other cities or countries. And all of that is helping change public perceptions about living in smaller spaces. The ability to offer housing at a more affordable rate is another component of the appeal for providers. And offering smaller, less amenitized homes in a pocket neighbourhood could be an easy way to unbundle some of the costly services that residents must buy into under the traditional housing model.

Not-for-profit providers like Age Concern Rotorua, with some capital, is well-positioned to experiment with new models of senior housing. A pocket neighbourhood consists of homes clustered in small neighbourhoods around a common green space, and possibly raised gardens that provide common space for social connection. Initially we would be looking to house elderly who have found it difficult making ends meet after retirement and are possibly looking at homelessness in the long term. The latest research states that a couple retiring will need at least \$800 a week to live modestly on. Age Concern would be the landlord and manage the pocket neighbourhood and charge a rent that would not be exorbitant but reasonable given people’s circumstances, and just enough to cover on-going costs.

Recently we had two important weeks, the first being Elder Abuse Awareness Week and the second being Volunteers Week, when we celebrated our wonderful volunteers who are an integral part of our existence. Research suggests that around one in ten people over 60 will experience some form of Elder Abuse but only a small number of cases are reported. The most common forms of abuse are psychological and financial and Elder Abuse can happen to anyone regardless of their background so if you suspect that Elder Abuse is going on, please get in touch with us and we can provide some support.



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One of our fabulous volunteers will be celebrating his eightieth birthday by throwing himself out of a plane. On Sunday, the 25th July, Warwick Pryce, will go sky-diving in Taupo and he is gathering sponsors through Givealittle, and all the proceeds he will donate to Age Concern. Warwick has a big heart and besides volunteering for us he also volunteers for SPCA, Blind Citizens NZ Inc, and he is a driver for the St Johns Health Shuttle. If you want to donate to this good cause, please just go to Givealittle and donate as much or as little as you like.

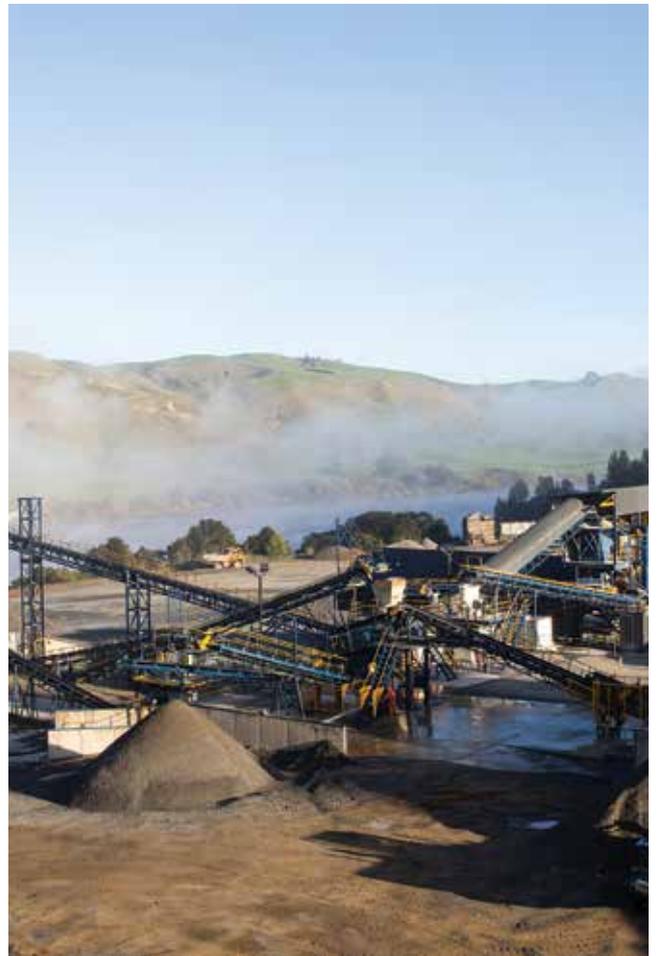
Our other great need at present is to build up our list of handy people, so if you are a retired trades person: builder, plumber, electrician, brick-layer, gardener or anything else that may be useful and you would like to earn some extra money please get in touch. We have many of our members who have small maintenance jobs but are reluctant to phone a tradesperson because of the expense.

Look out for us at the Home and Lifestyle Show coming to the Events Centre in early July. We have a stall once again kindly sponsored by Ray White Real Estate and we be recruiting new members and volunteers as well as any retired tradespeople.

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2. Who said, There is only one thing in life worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about?
3. Who is quoted as having said, I've had a wonderful time, but this wasn't it?
4. Which US President is quoted as saying: I never drink coffee at lunch. I find it keeps me awake in the afternoon?
5. Be nice to people on your way up because you will meet them again on your way down is a famous quote attributed to whom?
6. What is mentioned in more Beatles songs – love or the weather?
7. What is the offspring of a Zebra and a Donkey called – a Deborah or a Zonkey?
8. What freezes faster – Hot water or cold water?
9. "I told you I was ill" is carved on the gravestone of which British comedian and cast member of The Goon Show?
10. Who was the first US President to be elected with a criminal record?
11. How is the Synthetic Personnel Using Dialectic Substitution project, in which Boeing use potatoes to test Wi-Fi functionality on aircraft, known?
12. What substance makes up 60% of the brain?
13. Appropriately, hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia is the fear of what?
14. What was briefly know as New Orange, after it was captured from the English by the Dutch in 1673?
15. Which classic children's book came about when the editor bet the author that he could not write a book using fewer than 50 different words?
16. Who owns all the swans in England?
17. Which famous cartoon character's real first name is Minerva?
18. According to government press releases, which world leader bowled a perfect 300 game on his first attempt, struck 11 holes in one-on-one round of golf and could drive at the age of three?
19. What is the longest gap between the birth of twins? 87 minutes, 87 hours or 87 days?
20. In which country are the only ATMs in the world that can be used in Latin?
21. What phrase is inscribed on the tombstone of Mel Blanc, best known for voicing a famous cartoon character?
22. Golfer Phil Mickelson is known unaffectionately on tour as FIGJAM, a reference to his readiness to publicise his own ability. What does FIGJAM stand for?
23. Which US President ran 6 companies that went bankrupt, fought at Wrestlemania at 23 and, whilst at school, punched his music teacher in the face?

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13 July Lions Club of Ngongotaha meet in the St Barnabas Church Hall, School Road for their Change Of Officers Luncheon at 11.30am.

July 23 Lakeview Quiz night

25 July 80-year-old Warwick Pryce sky-dives, proceeds to Age Concern through Givealittle

27 July Lions Club of Ngongotaha Social meeting from 6.15pm, with a catered meal at 7pm. Interested people are welcome Ph:07 347 7191

7 Aug Ray White Charity Auction 9 – 12 at Ngongotaha Rail Park to benefit Special Olympics

Regular Events

Junior Golf Programme

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 3.30 p.m. at Lakeview

Ngongotaha Indoor Bowls

Every Monday night 7 pm at Ngongotaha Community Hall

Ngongotaha Lions Club

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

Ngongotaha Friendship Club 2nd Wednesday of the month 9.45 at St Barnabas Church Hall

Ngongotaha Garden Circle Every 4th Wednesday of the month 1 p.m. at Ngongotaha Hall

Age Concern Breakfast Club Last Monday of the month at the Arts Village

Age Concern Intrepids Last Thursday of the month

Age Concern Skyriders Last Wednesday of the month at Skyline

Answers from page 24

1. Robert Watson-Scott the inventor of Radar
2. Oscar Wilde
3. Groucho Marx
4. Ronald Reagan
5. Jimmy Durante
6. The weather
7. A zonkey
8. Hot water
9. Spike Milligan
10. George W Bush- drink driving, stealing a hotel wreath,,tearing down football goalposts
11. SPUDS
12. Fat
13. Long words
14. New York
15. Green Eggs and Ham
16. The Queen
17. Minnie Mouse
18. Kim Jong Un
19. 87 days
20. The Vatican City
21. That's All Folks (he was the voice of Bugs Bunny
22. F**k I'm Good, Just Ask Me
23. Donald Trump Jnr.

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LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

The second month of winter and we are certainly getting the rain. With over 115mls recorded in the rain gauge on the weekend of 20th June, there were rivers and lakes on the course in places that do not normally feature water hazards!

The Match Play Championship competition has been completed and a big CONGRATULATIONS to Jordyn Fiaola Senior champ, Grant Borthwick Intermediate champ and Tony Kopae Junior champ. Well done also to the runners up who played well enough to make the finals. During July the Managh Cup competition will take place.

The clubhouse re-build is still in progress but the wheels are turning very slowly, so not a lot to show up at the course but a lot going on in the background. Good things take time, so they say, and we know it is going to be GOOD.

The junior programme continues to grow and Josh is getting some great results with new players trying out the wonderful sport of golf. These sessions are open to all juniors. They are run after school on Tuesday and Thursday from 3.30pm. All equipment is provided so just bring those juniors to Lakeview and have them start the journey of a life time!

We have been doing lunch time golf sessions with tamariki at Ngongotaha Primary and the tamariki are just loving the experience. There is some great talent being displayed too!

Another successful quiz night was held on 25th June with the added challenge of answering questions in partial darkness!! Yes, we had paid our power bill, just a phase outage! Congratulations to the team Punk Rockers! The next quiz will be July 23rd so get those teams booked in.

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.

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 keep scanning those QR codes as you never know when you might need to know the places you have visited and stay safe.

Golf shop phone number is 07 357 2341.

A woman told her friend, "I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising."

She said, "So, I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was already over."

A teacher asked me to describe myself using just 10 words.
"I'm very lazy".

A red and white logo for Hamurana Homekill Services. The logo is shaped like a dog tag with a hole at the top. Inside the tag, there is a silhouette of a cow in the foreground, a dog jumping in the middle ground, and a sheep in the background. The text "NGO" is on the left and "2021" is on the right. Below the tag, the text "HAMURANA" is written in large, bold letters, followed by "HOMEKILL SERVICES" in smaller letters. At the bottom, it says "LES DWYER • 027 496 1508". Below the logo, there is a separate box with the address "6 TAUI STREET NGONGOTAHA" and "OPEN 7AM TO 3PM".

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