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Rotorua Lakes Council Representation Review

Council is asking for feedback about:

- How many elected members should the district have;
- Whether elected members should be elected from across the whole district or split into wards;
- If wards are introduced, what the boundaries should be;
- If we have wards, how many elected members we should have per ward;
- Whether Community Boards be retained and/or new ones introduced.

The current model for the Rotorua district is :

One mayor, 10 councillors elected from across the district (at large), plus a Lakes Community Board and a Rural Community Board, each with 4 members elected to them (supplemented by one councillor per board, appointed by the mayor).

The proposed structure is:

One Mayor elected at large, 1 Maori ward with 2 seats, 1 General Ward with 4 seats, 4 at large seats, plus a Lakes Community Board and a Rural Community Board.

Following public consultation from 8 September to 8 October, and after considering feedback from submissions and hearings, Council will make a final decision on its representation arrangements for the 2022 election and adopt a final proposal in November.

Once final, the updated representation arrangements will stay in effect for six years (two election cycles) or until the next review.

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FOUND: a gents 18 speed bicycle dumped in scrub. Police have been informed but I have it at home . Ph.. 0212924565 Laurie.

THANKS: I walk a lot around the Parawai Rd area and would like the chance to pass on a big thank you to the person or people who have over the years, taken it upon themselves to build and maintain the foot bridges over the ditch. Much appreciated and thank you from the locals. Alex.



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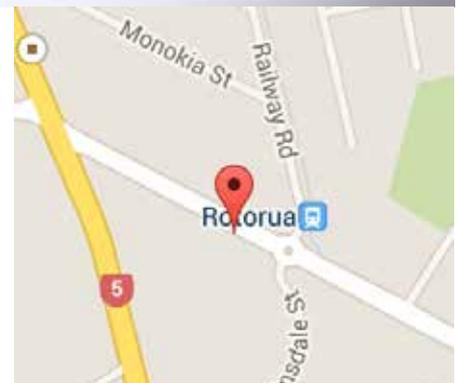
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At the time of writing, we are in Alert Level 3 and heading down to Delta Alert Level 2. We hope everyone has stayed safe and sane and we look forward to a little more freedom! These are certainly very challenging times. This latest lockdown is a wake-up call to the fact that Covid is still very much out there even at the bottom of the world with controlled borders.

Competition has been turned on its head and we are yet to re-organise the schedule.

Unfortunately, our planned Whanau Day was cancelled so we are looking to fit this in some time soon.

We were due to do more golf sessions with the tamariki at Ngongotaha School the week of lockdown so again will be looking to start these up when things settle down a bit.

The after-school sessions will start up again from Tuesday 14th September 3.30-4.30pm, all welcome. If you have or know of a child looking for a sport for summer or a child who wants to try something new, bring them along. All equipment provided. Help a child start the journey of a lifetime!

Depending on the Alert level situation, we were hoping to have another quiz night on Friday 24th September, so pencil this into your diaries and book your spot with Josh in the shop.

We are looking to hold a training day for the operation of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and we would like to offer this opportunity to the community. It will be free to attend. So, if you are interested, please phone Sue 027 2010 940. We do not have a date as yet but when we get an idea of numbers we can go ahead and book a session. The more people in the community who are confident in operating an AED and have basic CPR skills the more lives we can save in our community!

As always, we welcome everyone to Lakeview whether it is to play golf on the course, hit balls on the range or maybe just to visit to see our beautiful environment!

Until next month stay safe, scan everywhere you go and enjoy the freedom that comes with Delta 2!

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of the golf prizes, the prize for the longest drive, which was going to be won by my brother-in-law Alan and his wife Betty because they would have had the longest drive all the way from Palmerston North.

I was finalising the invitations, which basically meant me still inviting people I was running into such as whanau and friends and anyone who had played golf with me in my first 60 years and then along came the COVID 19 variant.

Funny thing was that I was starting to feel a bit sorry for myself after having to cancel my celebrations. After all it was going to be a fun time and a great excuse to catch up with whanau and friends, eat lots of Tony’s nice kai, chill with Krissy and her live music etc, etc etc. But then I found out that people had to cancel their 70th birthdays due to Covid last year and then I saw on television that a ninety-year-old kuia had to cancel her celebrations which were due to take place last weekend. I was reminded that no matter how bad my situation may seem, there is always someone in a worse position or situation.

So, what did Covid cost you?

Perhaps you missed out on celebrating your birthday, or Father’s Day or something that is important to you. Perhaps you missed out on going whitebaiting or golfing or a trip you had been planning since last Covid. Even worse, perhaps you were on that trip somewhere down South when Covid struck and you had to quickly make your way back to paradise in Ngongotaha, Hamurana, Kaharoa or Awahou. Covid cost everyone something.

And what did Covid give you?

As my uncle Mita Mohi from Awahou used to always say, “Kimihia nga mea pai I waenganui I nga mea kino”. Always look

Post Covid

I had it all planned.



I was going to celebrate my 60th birthday at one of my favourite places in my first 60 years, namely the Hamurana Golf club.

There was going to be lots of fun and laughter and kai and awesome Ambrose fun golf followed by live music and lots more fun and laughter. No one was allowed to bring presents, but what I requested was an entry fee of a prize for the prize table so that everyone went home with something. I wanted my birthday to bless people in some way.

My wife and I had discussed the details with Tony Moore who is “The Man” at Hamurana Golf Club and the food was organised, the band was booked and even the golf carts for VIPs such as my father and my uncle Popeye were sorted. We had also sorted one

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for the good things amongst the bad things or bad situations you find yourself in. So I did.

I chilled.

I gardened.

I watched golf on television. I watched lots of golf on television.

I Chaired Board meetings via Zoom.

I phoned whanau and friends.

My wife and I got back on our electric bikes and cruised the neighbourhood on carless streets.

I watched more golf on television.

I made sure that Covid gave me more than it cost me or took from me. Even now as Covid 19 continues with levels decreasing I am making sure that Covid continues to give me more than what it tries to take from me. For example, I am now at a level where I can go and play nine holes of golf in my bubble of just me, because the other person in my bubble, my wife, does not play. After which I can go home and watch how real golfers play golf.

Sixty years of living have taught me that life is for living and giving and receiving and blessing and no matter how bad my situation may ever become, there will always be someone else somewhere in a worse situation, wishing they had it as good as me. My mates in Auckland still in Covid level 4 come to mind.

Be well and be safe everyone in paradise. Kia kaha kia maia Kia manawanui.

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Todd McClay Member of Parliament for Rotorua

Vaccinations Key to Business as Usual

As I write, much of the country is getting ready to move to Level Two and for most, its about time. This lockdown was different than last year's. For many there was less uncertainty, and of course for those who were vaccinated, there was much less risk.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our essential workers, in particular policemen and women, our nurses and healthcare professionals and the people who turned up for work each day at petrol stations, supermarkets and dairies.

I'd also like to recognise the important role those who work in the local vaccination centres play. There is one way to keep the country safe and prevent future lockdowns – and that's to vaccinate. It has been a frustration for many to see the slow start to the vaccine roll-out, when it is so vital for the country. There has also been a lack of clarity concerning the amount of vaccinations in the country, and we continue to need ongoing transparency on these issues so we can all know what to expect, and how best to respond.

Vaccines are free and voluntary – available to everyone over the age of twelve. To book, you can visit <https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz>. This website will offer you two Rotorua locations for vaccinations: the Drive-Through at 33 Clayton Rd, and the Immunisation Hub in the Central Mall next to Noel Leeming.

There are, of course, numerous businesses which have been affected by this lockdown – its hard to pay the bills when your shop is closed. I am extremely pleased to have been part of the push to have newly established businesses recognised as eligible for the Resurgence Support Payment, and to see concrete results.

Previously, small businesses had to have been trading for at least six months to receive government support because of Covid. This requirement was clearly unfair to newer businesses who were equally needing of assistance. I raised this issue in Parliament and wrote to the Minister of Finance asking for a change. I am delighted that the eligibility has now been changed so that any business one month or older is now able to apply for funding to keep the doors open. This is a much fairer arrangement, and will include those businesses who, through no fault of their own, happened to start trading fairly close to the lockdown. <https://www.ird.govt.nz/covid-19/business-and-organisations/resurgence-support-payment>

There is, of course, one very important thing we can all do to help support our local economy: shop local! Your local bakeries, bookstores, and four square all need you: shop local and save a local job!

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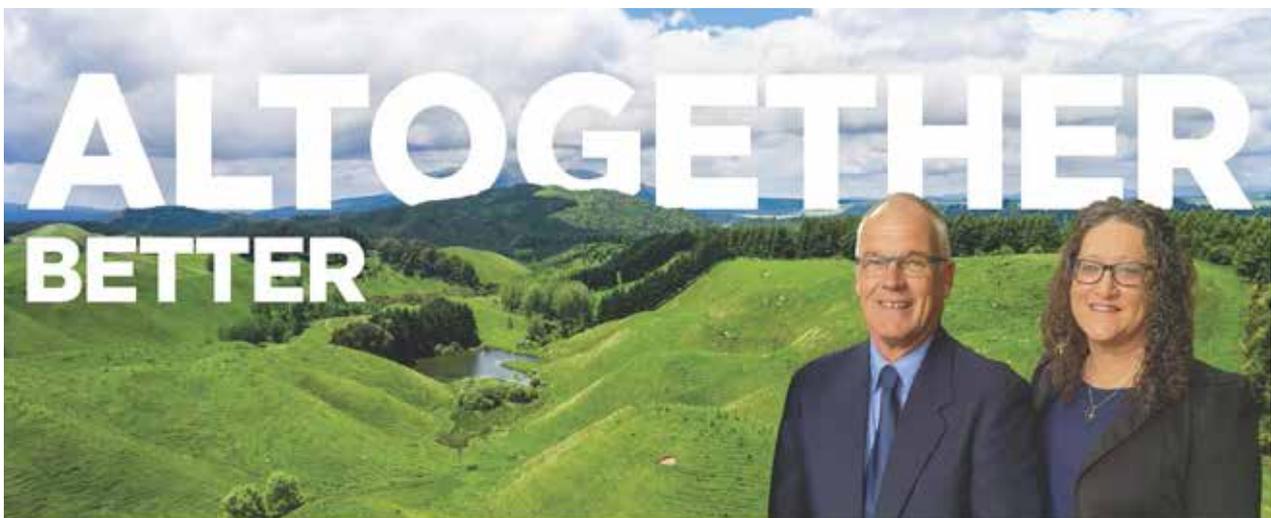
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Age Concern

The first day of spring has come and gone and Daylight Saving is not far off, being the last Sunday in September. This winter has been mild and you could count the frosts on one hand.

Going back to Lockdown Level 4 was strange and although we had coped and learned our lessons from last year it was nice to go down a couple of levels, albeit with some extra conditions around Level 2. At Age Concern, we were heartened by the way our elderly seemed to cope better and require less assistance, or at least know where to get help, than the last Lockdown in 2020 and when I look at what is continuing to happen overseas I am thankful that I live in New Zealand. It has also been great to be able to watch the Paralympics which I have found to be inspiring and uplifting.

For our elderly population, this Lockdown has been different. Fit and able older people need less external support during the Covid-19 lockdown this year because they are not being asked to stay home like they were in 2020. Over 70's haven't been singled out this time and it's a lot easier for people to get their shopping. During the nationwide lockdown in 2020, people aged over 70 and those with compromised immune systems and underlying respiratory conditions were urged to stay at home as much as possible. That call to stay home and the longer initial lockdown in 2020 created anxiety for some older people and meant fit and able residents aged over 70 who normally did their own shopping needed help.

Victoria University of Wellington have been awarded a contract for one of its health research centres to carry out a study into the impacts of COVID-19 on people in Aotearoa New Zealand. The study will have a particular focus on key populations including Māori, Pacific people, people with disabilities, elderly and those people who contracted COVID-19 through their employment. The evidence will be used to generate recommendations for how health services can best be oriented to be accessible, equitable, and meet the needs of people with COVID-19. It's important that we improve our understanding of the short and longer-term physical, psychological, and economic impacts of COVID-19 on affected people in Aotearoa New Zealand, and to highlight any

equity issues faced by this cohort. The SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 is constantly evolving, as we are seeing with recent cases of the Delta variant in the community. The more we understand the different effects the disease has on people, the more we can plan our health responses.

The major project we have on the go at Age Concern now, around the establishment of a Pocket Neighborhood of Tiny Houses, has been delayed because of Covid and the Level 4 Lockdown. We were at the stage of meeting with our Planners and Architects to begin the process of getting council planning permission and deciding on which of the several Tiny Homes providers we will go with. The land we have been offered is on Hall Road in behind the church on the corner and is handy to all amenities.

Once all the consents are given we will begin the process of allocating the homes to interested parties. At present, we think the process will look something like this. Members of Age Concern will express an interest in renting one of the tiny homes. The rents will be in line with the Council Pensioner flats. We will be looking for people who do not own their own home and are in a rental situation at present and find it difficult to make ends meet. Are most likely retired and can be a couple or a single person who has lost their partner. We hope to have a mixture of 1 and 2 bedroom homes. What is happening in other parts of the country is predicted to happen in Rotorua and surrounding suburbs, and to some extent has already started to happen.

A rural Waikato district will see its population aged 65 and older almost double in the next 30 years, but the town's ageing community is already in "dire straits" trying to find a place to live. The over-65 population within Matamata-Piako is projected to grow from 7,300 to 11,800 by 2051, outnumbering youth. The district has always been a retiree paradise but it's become a hot commodity for first home buyers and young families too.

Elderly-suitable housing is running thin. Rest homes, pensioner flats and retirement and lifestyle villages are already at capacity. Te Aroha doesn't have a retirement village, it has subdivisions and pensioner flats, but they're very hard to come by and the prices are increasing. The district's population has grown steadily

over steadily over the past 15 years, from 30,900 in 2004 to 36,000 in 2019 and is expected to peak at 39,500 in 2039, according to a Matamata-Piako District Council report by Infometrics in 2020. Population aged 0-14 and 15-64 will ease, while population aged 65 years and over will grow strongly.

Events we had planned for the near future and have had to cancel or modify are a Technology Expo in late September and The International Day of the Older Person on the 1st of October. The new rules around Level 2 which only allow for 50 people at a gathering have made us rethink how we are going to achieve it safely.

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Rory O'Rourke, Manager

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Kaharoa School

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Happy Spring everyone! It's been lovely to see the longer days and warmer weather!

Well, it has certainly been a different start to term 3 going into lockdown mid-week 4.

We send our thoughts and aroha to our/your colleagues, families and friends up in Auckland where Alert Level 4 still continues. What a difficult and uncertain year it has been for them all.

Our thanks to Kaharoa School's incredible parent community who have come on board by facilitating teaching at home. Parents, you are amazing! Thank you to our teachers who have created exciting home activities for students and support both students and parents through zoom meetings, emails and phone calls.

Covid19 has taught us all not to be complacent and that our ongoing good hygiene practices are paramount in keeping us all safe. Thank you to our caretaker Mr Shoebridge who has constantly been ensuring our school is safe by topping up hand pumps and ensuring touchpoints are thoroughly cleaned. This has been particularly appreciated before we moved into Alert Level 3 where our 'bubbles' were set up for children who needed to return to school.

As will have been the case in your work and home situations, many learning activities have been either postponed or cancelled this term. Unfortunately, our biannual Kaharoa School production has had to be cancelled this year. However, once we are back at school, each class will have a special time at assemblies to present an item of their choice for everyone's enjoyment.

Please keep reading our latest newsletters and updates on our Kaharoa website or Kaharoa Facebook for updates.

Finally, on behalf of our school community we thank the many, many people who are essential workers. Without you going out to work many of the conveniences we are still able to access would not be there. You are all heroes.

Take very good care of yourselves during this time. Arohanui.

Ngā mihi mahana - The Kaharoa Team



Chocolate Chip Biscuits

An elderly man lay dying in his bed. In death's agony, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favourite chocolate chip biscuits wafting up the stairs. He gathered his remaining strength and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both hands. With laboured breath, he leaned against the door-frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven: there, spread out upon racks on the kitchen table and counters were hundreds of his favourite chocolate chip biscuits.

Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man? Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table, landing on his knees in a rumpled posture. His parched lips parted — the wondrous taste of the cookie was already in his mouth, seemingly bringing him back to life.

"Stay out of those," she said. "They're for the funeral."

SENIOR MOMENTS

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two elderly gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant, and it was great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that is red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes," the man said. He turned toward the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

Beer

After Great Britain's Beer Festival, all the brewery presidents decided it would be fun to hit a pub in London and go out for a beer.

The first sits down and says, "Hey, Señor, I would like the world's best beer, a Corona."

The bartender dusts off a bottle from the shelf and gives it to him.

The second says, "I'd like the best beer in the world. Give me 'The King of Beers.' One Budweiser please."

The bartender gives him one.

Another guy says, "I'd like the only beer made with Rocky Mountain spring water; give me a Coors."

The bartender gives him one.

The guy from Guinness sits down as he orders a Coke. The bartender is a bit taken aback, but gives him what he ordered.

The other presidents look over at him and ask, "Why aren't you drinking a Guinness?"

The Guinness president replies, "Well, if you guys aren't drinking beer, neither will I."

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Race Talk Pre-Lockdown

Well, the 2020-2021 racing year has drawn to a close and all racehorses celebrated another birthday on the 1st August. The jockey Premierships were finalised and the girls are rocking it! Danielle Johnson amassed a massive 151 wins for the season. That girl is flying!

But more impressive was the fact that 2nd and 3rd places were also taken by two other female jockeys. Samantha Collett 2nd with 91 wins and Lisa Allpress 3rd with 90 wins. Actually, if it wasn't for Craig Grylls in 4th place with 83 wins it would have been a top 4 female victory as apprentice Hazel Schofer managed to take out 5th place with 78 wins. A fantastic achievement for Hazel who started her career as a jockey in 2018.

Spring bulbs are starting to appear and hopefully that means we can look forward to some lighter days ahead. The first foal of the season has arrived already at Cambridge Stud. An Almanzor Colt out of Rose Meer, so spring is definitely in the air.

On the local front, things are still on the quiet side. Bill Pomare's Call Me Evie ran a nice 4th in the Te Rapa R74 1600 followed up with a 5th at Te Rapa in another R74 1600 and then a 3rd in the Open 1215 at Rotorua.

Iain Kennedy's Endean Bay ran a nice 3rd at Cambridge in the Mdn 1550 with Erin Leighton onboard. Endean Lass and Karo Amilia are both back in work and look to be heading to the races this month.

Donna Flemings Goodo Jo ran a nice 7th in Cambridge in the Mdn 1550, having missed the start he was sure running home so one to watch for the future.



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A young blonde woman decides to try horseback riding, even though she has had no lessons or prior experience. She mounts the horse unassisted and the horse immediately springs into action. As it gallops along at a steady and rhythmic pace, the blonde begins to slip from the saddle. In terror, she grabs for the horse's mane, but cannot get a firm grip. She tries to throw her arms around the horse's neck, but she slides down the side of the horse anyway!

The horse gallops along, seemingly oblivious of its slipping rider. Finally, losing her frail grip, the blonde attempts to leap away from the horse and throw herself to safety. Unfortunately, her foot becomes entangled in the stirrup, and she is now at the mercy of the horse's pounding hooves as her head is struck against the ground over and over and over. To her great fortune, Charles at Motion Entertainment sees her and unplugs the horse.

SH5 Tarukenga to Ngongotahā Safety and Roundabout Improvements (abridged)

Works on State Highway 5 Tarukenga to Ngongotahā have resumed under strict COVID-19 health and safety protocols provided by Construction Health and Safety NZ (CHASNZ). While some activity has started straight away, it may take some time for the site to be fully operational.

Works will continue at the roundabout, constructing the bypass lane from Ngongotahā to Rotorua. This includes excavating the bypass lane and constructing new kerbs and islands.

This is the last stage of works at the roundabout and will take approximately four weeks. Until then, the Western Road detour remains in place to allow for a safe working environment at the roundabout. Following completion, final surfacing will be completed after-hours (night works) and the roundabout will be ready to use.

While our focus remains on the upgrade of the roundabout, we're continuing with the safety improvements along State Highway 5 between State Highway 36 and the Tupapakuraa Stream crossing. This includes widening the road and installing median and side barriers.

Works will also start on the next section on SH5 – between the Tupapakuraa Stream crossing and Dalbeth Road. These works continue with the safety improvements along the highway and will start with installing barriers in this section.

While the Western Road detour is in place, the extended 30km/h speed limit on Western Road will remain. We will continue to monitor traffic and may do further adjustments. As always, please feel free to contact Allen or I if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

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- Plan to drive in the middle of the day or in daylight hours, when visibility is better and ice and snow are less likely to be on the road. Avoid driving at night, when hazards rapidly multiply. If you must travel in difficult conditions, allow extra time.
- Frost is more severe at daybreak, so be prepared for this. While it may not be frosty at 6am, it could be an hour or two later.
- Keep your windscreen clean and non-greasy, wiper blades in good condition and tyre tread and pressure checked.
- Ensure your car is roadworthy and keep at least half a tank of petrol in your vehicle in case you get diverted onto another route.
- Keep your cellphone topped up, and it's a good idea to travel with jumper leads.
- If you're travelling through alpine and higher altitude highways, dress for the conditions, carry warm clothes and keep a survival kit in your vehicle in case you get stuck.
- Avoid jabbing the brakes, sharp cornering and harsh acceleration. Don't steer if you are braking or accelerating and vice versa.
- Drive at a safe travelling distance because it takes longer to stop on slippery roads.
- Winds can be dangerous to high-sided vehicles, and to anyone on two wheels.
- When travelling in fog, rain or snow, drive with your lights dipped for increased safety.
- Look out for black ice, which may appear as a glossy sheen on the road. Take care in shaded areas caused by high banks, tall trees and bridges where roads freeze sooner and ice may not thaw during the day.
- Avoid towing in icy conditions.
- Use your highest gear when travelling uphill and your lowest downhill.
- The golden rule when facing a flooded road is: never risk driving through it.
- If there is grit on the highway, drive on it where possible and not in a wheel track to maximise its effect. Grit and an anti-icing agent called CMA is spread or sprayed on some roads to help travel in icy conditions.

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Stunning home, light-filled, spacious and expertly designed to showcase sensational lake views. 2 living spaces, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms plus ensuite. Potential to generate an income with the lower level previously operated as a B&B. Fully fenced yard with a greenhouse, veggie gardens and fruit trees.

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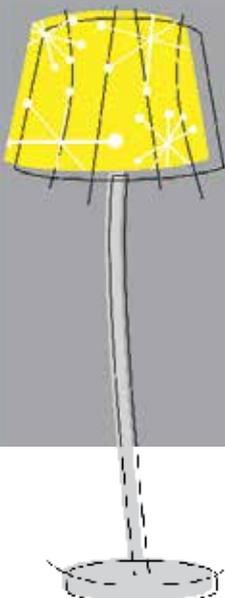
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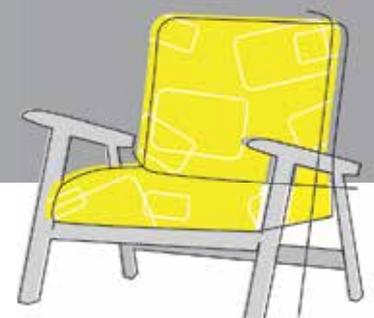
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Nearly 80% of Us Targeted!

Nearly 80 percent of the NZ public have been targeted by online scams and a quarter have fallen victim to one. The average amount of money lost to a scam was \$1638, recent research shows.

Some of the top scams targeting New Zealanders are: remote access scam (something “wrong” with your computer or banking transactions) 35%, inheritance scam 20%, cryptocurrency (e.g. Bitcoin) investment scams – 16%, and scams masquerading as government services or departments 20%. Just recently, a post on the Hamurana Noticeboard reported an \$800 tax refund scam attempt.

Ashley Kai Fong, BNZ’s Head of Financial Crime, says this year in particular has also seen a rise in the use of crypto currencies in get rich quick scams too. Nearly a third of people under the age of 44 have been targeted by a crypto scam. “We’re now seeing scammers make direct transfers to cryptocurrency exchange services from victims accounts. At that point the money is as good as gone, quickly transferred on market to a traceless cryptocurrency like bitcoin, and then transferred on again to a totally unidentifiable ‘wallet’ elsewhere in the world, where the scammer can easily and cleanly transfer it back into a currency of their choice,” he said.

Other scams include “missed” contactless delivery during lockdown, ticket resales, and romance. A BNZ customer who has already sent several payments of \$60,000 to an online romance scammer still refuses to believe it is a con and may yet send more, the bank says.

Here are telltale signs you’re being targeted – watch out whenever you’re:

- Contacted out of the blue
- Asked for your password
- Asked to verify your account or details
- Asked for remote access to your device
- Being pressured to make a decision quickly
- Asked to pay in an unusual way.

Scammers’ tactics

‘You’ll make a lot of money from this opportunity.’

‘You can trust me.’

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‘Hurry, time is running out.’

‘You’re getting a really good deal.’

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If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Scammers are often very good at acting as a close friend. Or they may use family or other networks, even stolen email addresses or facebook identities, to establish a connection. A scammer will say whatever they can to convince you to hand over your personal information or your money. They may try to panic you into making a quick decision and skipping the research or careful thought.

Don’t be “Easy Pickings”

If you receive an uninvited contact from someone interested in having you give them money or information, make a donation or to click on a link, treat it with suspicion. If it involves an organisation, business or the government, report it to them directly on their official website.

Even if you fall victim to a scam the sooner banks or the police, are told about it, the more they can do to get your money back and protect you from further harm,” says Kai Fong. The person who conned you is a professional swindler, and they think differently, so don’t blame yourself.

Sources: Commission For Financial Capability website, RNZ, Newshub, RNZ, Scoop

For more information, go to:

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Netsafe – they even have a rescan chatbot which deliberately wastes scammers’ time! *How cool is that?*

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Commission for Financial Capability: particularly The Little Black Book of Scams, Coping with the Aftermath of a Scam

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The Challenge of 'Lawyering' in a Snap Lockdown

Well, it's been a funny ole time in Pandemic lawyer land these last few weeks, and I don't have anything particularly lawyery in my head to write about this month other than something Pandemic-related. It's fair to say the increase in alert levels understandably gets people jittery and the pseudo-psychologist in me is on deck more than usual. Am I a psychologist? Nope, just a lawyer.

But back in the day at law school, they didn't tell us that aside from a bunch of statutes and case law our job is actually reading people, situations, managing expectations and emotions, and crystal ball gazing about risk and what might go wrong (so that when it does we've already planned for it, or cut it off at the pass often without our clients realising). But the Pandemic brings us new and different challenges and complexities to learn from.

As announcements are made about the Covid situation, the first thing people understandably do is call. Worry about 'what happens now' immediately escalates, particularly when it comes to stressful high-stake transactions such as buying or selling a house or business. The answer is that generally everything goes into slow motion or stops, and people just get on and muddle through as best they can. We're able to alleviate client worries and mitigate most issues most of the time.

But occasionally we get curly ones – conditions that can't be met because a builder or valuer can't go to a property to do their reports, or a transaction relating to the sale or purchase of bare land or a business sale/purchase that isn't concerned necessarily with the prohibition on movement of people moving house, for example. These situations are exacerbated where the other party is focussed on their own interest - winning - and won't budge on contractual timelines regardless. Sadly, we've had a few of those to navigate and manage this lockdown unfortunately.

One example was a client in the situation of being given notice to confirm their purchase finance condition or face instant cancellation. In the interim, the vendor had increased the market price because they thought it was worth more. For their finance timeline, our clients needed to get a valuer to the property, but this was thwarted by the snap lockdown. Our clients had already sold unconditionally and had to weigh up the risk of them and their children facing being homeless - or risk confirming finance regardless so they wouldn't lose the house. It goes without saying this is a hugely stressful and unpleasant situation for anyone to be in.

Many readers might not appreciate how hard it is to buy property these days and how long it takes, regardless of your financial or life situation. In short, lenders are much harder with lending criteria, and there's too many competing buyers vs too few houses to buy. Being put in the situation of risking confirmation of finance in the middle of a snap lockdown is not a situation I'm happy about any of my clients being in.

As lawyers we are obliged to follow our client's instructions, but usually those instructions are based on our advice and guidance about rights and obligations, pros and cons. It's always really disappointing when people take advantage of a situation for their own ends, and especially so in a no-fault pandemic lockdown situation like my clients found themselves in.

My closing note is to convey that irrespective of your role in a property transaction, I urge you to remember that buying and selling property isn't a game: it's playing with other people's lives.

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Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades.

Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally, she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

Ah, the modern days. I just saw a grandpa help a youngster who was staring into his phone to cross the street.

Lockdown in Hindsight

During isolation: I finished 3 books yesterday. And believe me, that's a lot of... colouring.

Why does leaving the house feel like I'm making a supply run on an episode of the walking dead?

The buttons of my jeans have started social distancing from each other.

I heard government is putting chips inside of people. I hope I get Doritos.

After the lockdown I'll either be a great cook or an alcoholic.

This is the longest something "Made in China" has ever lasted.

I would never have believed that a few weeks of uncut hair would weigh 10 kilos but that's what the scales say.

It might take a village to raise a child, but I swear it's gonna take a vineyard to homeschool one.

First time in history we can save the human race by laying in front of the TV and doing nothing. Let's not screw this up.

You know what they say: Feed a cold, starve a fever, drink a corona!

During lockdown, many parents discovered that the teacher was not the problem.

A grandma and a grandpa are going out for their daily lockdown walk and grandma can't decide. "I don't know, Joe, should I wear my bra do you think?"

"Yeah, Rosie, you better, it's quite muddy out."

Finally, my winter fat has gone, now I'm just left with spring rolls.



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Husband: Gee, I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

Sergeant: Weight?

Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat..

Sergeant: Colour of eyes?

Husband: Sort of brown I think. Never really noticed..

Sergeant: Colour of hair?

Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now.

Sergeant: What was she wearing?

Husband: Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts. I don't know exactly.

Sergeant: What kind of car did she go in?

Husband: She went in my Jeep.

Sergeant: What kind of Jeep was it?

Husband: (sobbing)

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(At this point, the sobbing has turned into a full cry.)

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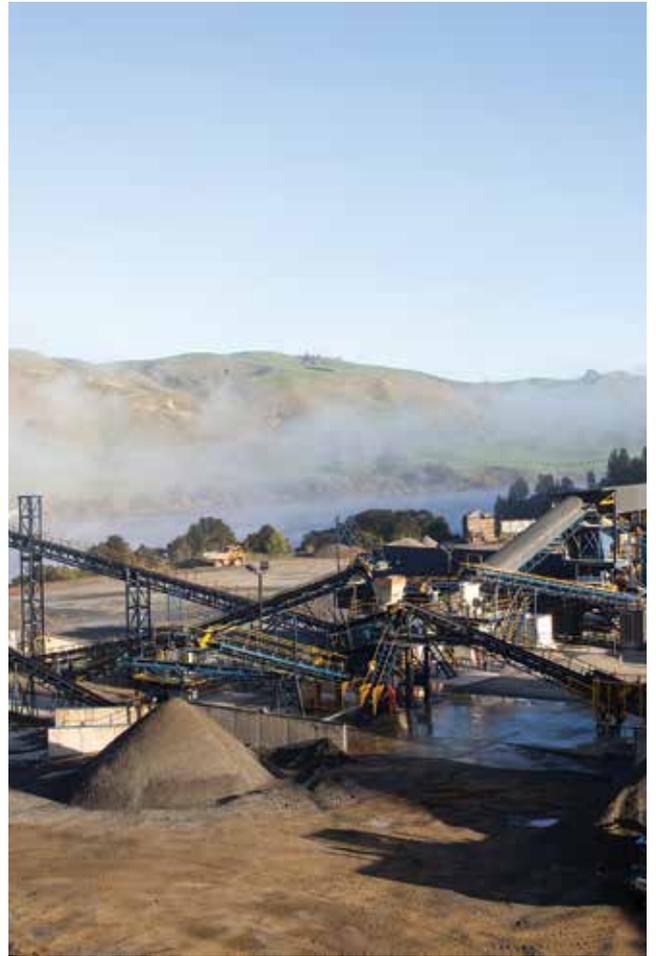


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2nd August RSA Triples Tournament We had a good night at Malfroy School. It is always fun playing against other clubs' members. There was lots of laughter going on and lots of bowls being played. RSA put on a great spread for supper and they had plenty of raffle prizes. I can't say I won any though. Some of our members did well. I know Kevin Whyte was pretty pleased with himself. Wayne Hitchens, Kevin Whyte, and Bruce Mapsom won for the night. I must say well done to that team, and the team to get the booby prize was Eddie Dibley and Martin Bertling with Simon Staples from RSA filling in. Photo right is of the winners for the night, Kevin Whyte, Bruce Mapsom, and Wayne Hitchens. Bottom photo is the booby prize winners are Martin Bertling, Eddie Dibley, and Simon Staples.



9th August Men and Women Singles Tonight was very cold, but it didn't deter the determined ones that wanted to try and win for the night. We had a new member come along, Chris McGoan. Welcome, and we hope to see you join our club. We saw Cheryl Wiggins win with 2 Draws and 2 Wins. Runner up was Robyn Campbell with 2 Draws 1 Win. Nicole and I tried our best. In the men's it was Richard Mills the winner and Bruce Mapsom was Runner-up.



16th August Fun Night It seems it was a good night of bowls. I was unable to attend so I couldn't win anything. The winners for the night were Wayne Hitchens, Cheryl Wiggins, Nicole Ruthe. The booby prize went to Kevin Whyte, David Fleet, and Chris McGoan.

23rd August No bowls as we are in lockdown again. Who would have thought we would be back in lockdown again? This might be the last news from bowls for a while. Will wait and see.

Just thought I would add a small quote to the bowling news this month.

During a competitive 'fours' match, the number 3 called out to the skip "How short am I", the skip replied "You're a foot in front!", "No need to be rude," said the number 3, "I only asked for some information".

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Spring Fishing

Three guys were out fishing and drinking beer one fine early Spring morning. The lake's ice was now completely melted and the sun shone bright. As one of the guys stood to pee, he lost his balance and teetered overboard. When he hadn't surfaced after a few moments, one of his friends dived in to try to rescue him. Minutes later the rescuer pulled his unconscious friend to the surface and rolled him into the boat. The third guy immediately began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seconds later he stopped and said, "Man, I don't remember his breath being so bad!" The other guy replied, "Yeah, and I don't remember him wearing a snowmobile suit either!"

I was walking by the fridge last night and I thought I could hear the spring onions singing a BeeGees song.

Turns out it was just the chives talking.

Happenings *(dependent on lockdown levels)*

18 Sept Ray White Charity Garage
Sale for Kaharoa School
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24 Sept Lakeview Quiz night

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Yet another virus! Watch out for RSV...

Respiratory syncytial virus is a common respiratory virus that causes respiratory tract infections. Most adults and older children with RSV will experience symptoms similar to the common cold. People infected with RSV usually show symptoms within 4 to 6 days after getting infected. Symptoms usually include:

- Runny nose
- Decrease in appetite
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Fever
- Wheezing

However, very young children and premature babies can become very sick and may require hospitalisation. In this age group RSV can cause bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small breathing tubes of the lung) and pneumonia (infection of the lung).

Many children will be able to recover from this illness at home, but some will be admitted to hospital to support their feeding and to be given additional oxygen when that is needed. Older adults, people with compromised immune systems and those with heart or lungs conditions are also more at risk from RSV.

Antibiotics are not usually helpful as it is a viral infection.

An 85-year-old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash. They had been in good health for the last ten years, mainly due to the wife's neurotic interest in health food.

When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion, which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite and Jacuzzi. As they oohed and aahed, the old man asked Peter how much of this was going to cost.

"It's free," Peter replied, "Remember, this is Heaven." Next, they went out back to see the championship golf course the home backed up to. They would have golfing privileges every day, and each week the course changed to a new one representing the great golf courses on Earth.

The old man asked, "What are the green fees?"

"This is heaven," St. Peter replied. "You play for free."

Next, they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out.

"How much to eat?" asked the old man.

"Don't you understand yet?" St. Peter asked. "This is heaven. It's free!"

"Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods?" the old man asked timidly. "That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

The old man looked at his wife and said, "You and your darn bran muffins. I could have been here ten years ago."

American psychologists have isolated two fundamental reasons why men frequent bars.

- 1) They don't have a woman.
- 2) They have a woman.

A red and white logo for Hamurana Homekill Services. The logo is shaped like a location pin. Inside the pin, there is a silhouette of a cow in the foreground and a mountain range in the background. The text "NGO" is on the left and "2021" is on the right of the cow. Below the cow, the word "HAMURANA" is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath that, "HOMEKILL SERVICES" is written in smaller black letters. At the bottom of the logo, "LES DWYER • 027 496 1508" is written in red. Below the logo, there is a red-bordered box containing the text "6 TAUI STREET NGONGOTAHA" and "• OPEN 7AM TO 3PM •".

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For Kids

School Holidays 4- 15 October

Check out Rotorua Library to see what's on during the October holidays. Also, the Rail Park on Ngongotaha Road. The park is open on the weekends from 9am to 3pm.(weather permitting.) Prices are \$6 for the steam train and \$3 for Little Blue.

Auckland Museum at Home on their website has lots of activities for children, like backyard bingo, moth trapping, online jigsaws and stories, videos on whales and volcanoes, a sea monsters exhibition and quizzes on bees, insects, marine life and volcanoes. Go to www.aucklandmuseum.com.

Did you know September is Bee Aware Month?

Not only do our bees produce a vital food source, as commercial pollinators they also play critical roles in our food chain, biodiversity and \$5 billion Apiculture economy.

New Zealand has a healthy bee population with over 900,000 registered hives, however, we can't get complacent about bee health. Bees all over the world face a range of threats including: biosecurity, climate change, disease, bugs and pesticides. If you want to play your part in supporting healthy bee populations, here are some simple and easy things you can do to help our bees.

How you can help

- Feed the bees – Bees need food and water. Planting bee-friendly plants and vegetables like: pumpkin, squash, rosemary, sunflowers, lavender, and providing a saucer of pesticide-free water for bees to drink, are effective ways you can help improve bee health. Well-nourished bees are more capable of fending off disease and parasites.
- Mow your lawns fortnightly rather than weekly. Our bees thrive in longer grass where they can pollinate more freely, being attracted to some weeds and non-grassy plants. Pesticides, herbicides and non-organic fertilizers should not be used on pollinator friendly lawns.
- Spray safely – Choose bee-safe pesticides if you are spraying your garden, or consider whether spraying is necessary at all. Remember to spray when bees are away: early in the morning or at sunset.

On the subject of bees:

How do you shoot a killer bee?

Answer: With a bee-bee gun

What do you call a bee who's having a bad hair day?

Answer: A frisbee.

What's a bee's favorite Disney movie?

Answer: Beauty And The Bees.

What's a bee's favourite sport?

Answer: Rug-bee

KIDS' BISCUITS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 box cake mix, any sort
- ½ cup butter, very very soft
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract (or other flavour extract)
- ½ cup icing sugar for rolling

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350F/180C
2. In a mixing bowl combine the cake mix, butter, eggs and vanilla until the dough comes together.
3. Chill for 30 minutes
4. Roll into balls and then into icing sugar and place on biscuit tray lined with baking paper.
5. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until the centre is just set - don't overcook.
6. Store in a tightly covered container.

You can pop an MnM onto the middle before cooking. Just be careful to let them cool down before eating. They are cakey, not crunchy biscuits. Red Velvet cake mix goes straight through into your poo– you're not dying, it's the food colouring.

You can time it!

Source: Orgasmic Chef

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