

Vote 2022

The next local Government elections are on Saturday 8 October 2022. Anyone who is currently enrolled can vote in local elections where they live and have a say on the people who will make decisions on what happens in their region over the next three years. In New Zealand, all local body elections are held by postal vote. That means you need to fill in your voting form and post it back before midday 8 October.

Nominations for candidates open July 15 and close August 12th. Candidates are announced on 17 August 2022. You will then be able to find information on them on the Rotorua Lakes Council website. You can also use www.policylocal.nz to compare information supplied by candidates.

Enrol to vote

If you are registered to vote in Parliamentary elections, you are automatically enrolled as a residential elector to vote in local authority elections. The address where you are registered as a Parliamentary elector will be in the council district for the local authority elections. You will receive a voting document in the mail so that you can vote by post.

Rotorua Lakes Council

The model that will be used for this year's elections will be the model determined recently by the Local Government Commission:

- A Maori ward with 3 elected members
- A general ward with 6 elected members
- A rural ward with 1 elected member (the ward covering the same area as the existing Rotorua Rural Community Board)
- A rural community board and a lakes community board, each with 4 elected members

The Mayor will be elected at-large (i.e. all voters will be able to vote for their preferred mayoral candidate). 10 councillors elected from across 3 wards.

- Those on the Maori electoral roll will be able to vote for 3 Maori ward candidates and mayor. Maori on the Maori electoral roll and living in the rural ward will not be able to vote for a rural ward candidate.
- Those living in the rural ward and on the general roll will be able to vote for 1 rural candidate and mayor.
- Those on the general roll who are not rural or on the Maori roll will be able to vote for 6 councillor candidates and a mayor.

The Rural Community Board is made up of 4 elected members and 1 appointed Councillor - The area covers - Kaharoa, Mamaku, Paradise Valley, Kaingaroa, Rerewhakaaitu, Reporoa, Waikite Valley, Ngakuru, Upper Atiamuri and Horohoro. The diversity of this area makes it a unique challenge covering everything from NZ's largest papakainga, villages, rural residential, lifestyle, tourism, businesses and pastoral farming.

There are 3 members not returning to the Board, so there is an opportunity for those interested in making a difference to the wider rural network to continue the good engagement the Board has established. Time commitment is approximately 5 to 10 hours per week. A mix of reading, researching, attending various meetings, workshops, on-going learning opportunities. The Chair role is probably double and depending on the structure of the new council, there are possibly Council Committee meetings to attend.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Bay of Plenty Regional Council has 14 councillors, with 11 of these councillors elected from four general constituencies – Tauranga (five councillors), Rotorua, western Bay of Plenty and eastern Bay of Plenty (two each), while voters on the Māori roll elect one councillor from three Māori constituency areas – Kōhi, Mauao and Ōkurei. Nominations for BOP Regional Council open on 15 July.

BOP Regional Public Transport Plan

This is now open for public submissions, closing at 4pm on 29 July 2022. The current plan has been in operation since 2019 and it needs to be updated to better reflect the changes in public transport that have happened since then. Any person can make a submission. A summary document, the draft RPTP and a submission form are available on the Council's consultation website "Participate" under Regional Public Transport Plan. All documents will also be available in print form at your local Regional Council offices and libraries, or by emailing rptp@boprc.govt.nz or phoning 0800 884 880. Have your say on future public transport planning and investment in the region www.boprc.govt.nz

A change to BOP Regional Council rates payments

If you are a Bay of Plenty ratepayer, you will now be invoiced directly by BOP Regional Council. They'll be sending invoices for Rotorua on 29 August and rates must be paid in full by 20 October 2022, unless you are paying by a direct debit arrangement. This means payments will be calculated to be spread across the rates year. It also means that you won't get charged a late payment penalty for not paying prior to 20 October.

You will continue to receive a rates invoice from your city or district council for their rates.

It is recommended to set up a direct debit as then your payments would be calculated out across the year to 30 June 2023. If you are currently paying your rates by a direct debit you will need to set up a new direct debit for the Regional Council portion of the rates.

Within the direct debit set-up, there is a wide range of frequency options and timings of instalments, including weekly or fortnightly on a Tuesday or Thursday, or monthly (on the 20th), or annually. This is handy for budgeting and means you don't have to worry about remembering to make a payment.

If you sign up to pay your rates by direct debit before October 16 you will go into the draw to win one of three \$250 grocery vouchers. Terms and conditions apply.

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Masks must be worn on public transport and at transport hubs like airports and bus stations, inside public venues like museums and libraries, when visiting health care services, and inside retail businesses like supermarkets and shopping malls.

Farewell to Donna and Lindsay who are retiring from Bike Force. They would like to thank all their customers, many of whom have become friends over the last 22 years.



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LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

When this comes to print it will be mid winter, but on the positive side, we will be closer to summer! Even though it seems like we have not had a lot of sun lately, we have been lucky with club competitions and the rain has obliged and waited until after golf!

The Match Play Champions have been crowned. The finals over 36 holes were played on Saturday 25th June, alongside a mixed format pairs competition which was very well supported. A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to the winners Dave Steele Senior Champion, Sonny Paringatai Intermediate Champion and Sona Jacobs Junior Champion.

It was fantastic to see Sona's whanau out caddying for him and giving him support! The celebrations afterwards went well, making the victors feel pretty special and rightly so, as what they have achieved deserves recognition.

Competition in July is the Managh Cup and Trophy. The Pop Up She Loves Golf 6's event was a great success with 14 awesome ladies, all new to golf, playing 6 holes of Ambrose. They had a laugh while getting some exercise and enjoyed nibbles and a drink after.

As a follow up on this Josh is running a Women's Golf Clinic. This will be held every Sunday in August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th from 11-12pm with the option to play a few holes. This is a beginner level 1 coaching clinic. Group size 6-8 ladies \$100pp. If you can't make every Sunday, Josh is flexible so have a chat with

him to arrange another option.

Tuesday Vets golf continues with the 9-hole option available which has proven popular and encouraged some golfers back to the sport! This is always good to see! As the body gets less able to cope with 18 holes it is always sad to see people give up altogether, so to have a 9-hole option and keep people in the sport, still exercising and getting that all important social connection is a win-win.

The AED/CPR training was attended by 14 people including Lynn from Progress Ngongotaha. It was lovely to have Lynn at Lakeview! It is comforting to know that there are now an extra 14 people in the community who are proficient at CPR and feel confident to use an AED should the occasion arise which of course we hope never will.

After the school holidays, the after school junior golf sessions will continue: in the mean time we hope to see some juniors out on the course enjoying what they have learned from Josh during the term.

Remember we are still looking to share our new clubhouse space with any community groups looking for a "home". This might be a knitting group, bridge group, scrabble club to name a few. Please contact us we would be happy to discuss your needs.

Until next month we hope you manage to avoid all the ills of winter!

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Lion King te reo Maori

I grew up not knowing my native mother tongue te reo Māori. My Māori parents started school both fluent in Māori and had it strapped out of them as kids.

In other words, along with my aunties and uncles from Awahou, if they spoke te reo Māori at school they were strapped by their teachers. Until they decided not to speak it again.



So, when I was born as their eldest son, they decided not to teach me te reo Māori either. They had been colonized and it was not their fault that I became an adult who did not know who I was and what it meant to speak or be Māori.

I married Carolyn, a beautiful Pakeha woman and after about 5 years together we decided to start learning te reo Maori. We basically took a year out to do a te reo Māori course in Palmerston North where we were living at the time.

Following this course Carolyn decided to go to Massey University and she completed a Bachelor of Arts in management information systems and Māori studies. In doing so she became the first person in her whanau to get a university degree. One day she came back from one of her Massey University lectures with Tuhoe Professor Tairahi Black and said " Honey, if we are blessed to have children, I would like us to only speak te reo Māori to them."

A couple of years later, our son Eruera te reo Bidois was born, and our journey of decolonization and learning te reo Māori was reignited. We only spoke te reo Māori to Eruera from day one. We were blessed to receive our daughter Tumanako Titihuia Tanirau Bidois a couple of years later and they were both taken through Kohanga Reo by Carolyn and also through nga Kura Kaupapa Māori o Otepou in Tauranga and Te Koutu here in Rotorua when we returned home.

My wife and I continue to learn te reo through night classes with Anaha Hiini and can hold our own in conversational reo Māori.

My father Michael John is the tuakana of our whanau. So, when our son Eruera went back to his koro and spoke te reo Māori to him, my father relearnt his native mother tongue te reo Maori to the extent that he now sits on the paepae at our Awahou Ngati Rangiwewehi marae. We have our Maori voice and te reo back. My mother Doreen died aged 43 and never met her mokopuna.

Our children are now grown up and Eruera is a medical doctor, and Tumanako is in Med school in Auckland. They converse fluently in their native mother tongue te reo Māori within their ever-changing world.

This afternoon my beautiful Pakeha wife Carolyn and I went to see Lion King te reo Māori. We laughed and we cried and thoroughly enjoyed the movie. Not only was the movie brilliant and amazing and everything that te reo Maori is all about but a real bonus was sitting in a cinema full of kohanga reo and kura kids watching a movie on the big screen in their native mother tongue te reo Māori. He rawe. It was an awesome experience.

Lion King is about Simba answering the question "Ko wai koe?...Who are you?" It has taken me many years to answer this question and return to who I am as a Māori Boy from Awahou. It is an indication of our ever-changing world and indeed the support of communities such as Awahou, Ngongotaha, Hamurana, Kaharoa and Mamaku that te reo Maori is being spoken more frequently by the next generations of tamariki, whatever their ethnicity. It was also a real pleasure to sit in a theatre full of kids who already know what it means to speak and be Māori at such a young age.

Me u Māori mā. I encourage you to speak te reo Māori even if you only know a little, it is still precious. Ahakoa he iti he pounamu. Akuma Ratara!

Ngahihi o te ra Bidois is a Motivational Speaker, Professional Director, businessman, author, husband, father. Koro and MBA. A Maori Boy from Awahou. See <https://thefaceofnewzealand.com/>

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Husband: Earlier you were 36-24-36. But now you are 48-40-48.

Though you have everything bigger than before, your value has become less than before. This is INFLATION

I used to be able to go to the store with only a dollar and come back with a carton of milk, but now I have to pay five whole dollars. Some people blame inflation, but personally, I blame the security cameras.

Feeling sick over increasing gas prices at the pump? It's called car owner virus.

Inflation at the veterinarians office

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet..

"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman..

The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."

Gas prices are getting out of hand

There was an attempted heist at the art museum. It seems the gang was Baroque and needed Monet. But they didn't buy enough of Degas to make the Van Gogh so they all got arrested.

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Hon. Todd McClay MP for Rotorua



I value your views and the views of our community. Please take a moment to complete this survey and send it back to me freepost at Parliament:

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1. Are you concerned about Council seeking to revoke the status of some Rotorua Reserves so that they may be sold?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

2. Is the rising cost of living affecting you and your family?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

3. Are you worried about an increased level of crime in Ngongotaha?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

4. Would you like more community services in Ngongotaha?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

5. Have you noticed an increased gang presence in Ngongotaha?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

6. Do you support the Government's Three Water's plan to centralise the ownership of Rotorua water assets to Hamilton?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

7. What issues are important to you?

- Reducing New Zealand's debt
- Greater home ownership
- Welfare that supports people into work
- Safer communities for families
- Boosting trades and skills for teenagers
- Better roads and broadband
- Growing our economy to create jobs & lift incomes
- Other (please specify)

8. What are the most important things that Todd should work on as your elected MP?

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Age Concern

The good news I promised in the last newsletter has come to fruition. Age Concern have purchased a section in Ngongotaha to put 3 Tiny Homes on and although this is not what we had first envisaged, it will provide a comfortable home for some of our members.

We would like to thank the ROTORUA TRUST for their generous support of the project. Without them we would not have been able to employ SIGMA CONSULTANTS to guide us through the minefield of bureaucracy that accompanies any building project. I find it ridiculous that we must dig down the foundations to a depth of 1.2 metres and then build up with pumice to 300 cms above ground. Very expensive and must be done for each house. The houses will be available to members of Age Concern, who do not own their own home, are paying market rentals or are living with a relative. We will be calling for expressions of interest within the next month.

Once again with the support of the Rotorua Trust, Age Concern Rotorua will be able to hold a Positive Ageing Expo on the 24th of September 2022. It will be held at Parksyde, and we already have 25 groups who have expressed an interest in being a part of it. We are hoping that by then, things have settled down even more and our over 65's feel a little more comfortable about venturing out.

Age Concern Rotorua says online scams – romance scams in particular – are an emerging risk for older people in the region. This type of financial abuse is also seen as a form of psychological abuse because of the impact and implications the victim suffers.

Older people being more confined to their homes and away from previous social interactions due to Covid-19 restrictions, and health risks in the community may be a cause for the emerging risk from online scams. They may become lonelier and more isolated and reach out for inappropriate

connections and relationships online and this type of scam is controlled by quite ruthless organized crime gangs scattered throughout the world.

The team at Age Concern Rotorua has also noticed an increase where a family member of an older person had struggled with housing and moved in with a parent or grandparent. This arrangement can often have benefits for all these generations, however, occasionally the older person will be taken advantage of and provide funds for the running of the home with little or no input or support from those family members living with them.

Minister for Seniors Dr Ayesha Verrall said World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, just gone in June, was about taking the time to understand what elder abuse looked like and raising awareness for how those affected could get the help they needed. The thing to know is that support is available – whether you are concerned about how you or someone you know is being treated.

A free 24-hour confidential helpline is available via the Elder Abuse and Response Service. If you have any concerns about yourself, a loved one, a friend or a neighbour, call 0800 32 668 65 (0800 EA NOT OK) and if you are in danger, call 111 and ask for the police. You can also text 5032 or email support@elderabuse.nz for help.

On the 1st of July, Age Concern National held a launch event at Parliament with the Minister for Seniors Dr Verrall, of our new logo which has been a while in the planning and final roll out. This is an exciting time for Age Concern as we have had the same logo for over 30 years since our first inception. It is quite a task to change something like a logo as it is embedded in a wide variety of items which all need changing.

Stay Safe
Rory O'Rourke
Manager, Age Concern



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Inflation?

I encountered a time traveller from the US in 2045 today. During my self-isolation he came to the door dressed in a hazmat suit. I was of course alarmed when I opened the door to such a sight. He quickly explained who he was and asked if he could have just a few minutes of my time.

I didn't believe anything he was saying but I figured the risk of transmission was low due to his protective gear and frankly, I was ready for some human interaction, even from a potential crazy person, so I let him in.

He sat down and said he wanted to tell me some things about the future because if this knowledge was entrusted to me, I could be trusted to use it for good. Over the next few minutes, he told me about many things but I was left with many questions. He said I could ask a few, so I did.

I asked about climate change. He assured me that after 2035, nations got serious and the problem has been all but solved.

I asked about Covid-19. He assured me it would be a blip on the radar of human history and nobody worries about pandemics anymore.

I asked about the massive economic turmoil we are in. He said despite the borrowing and deficits of earlier times, those debts are now repaid. The United States has never been a better, more united society. Everyone has free healthcare.

I was so happy to hear all this. I asked about inflation and how much it costs for a litre of water; or a loaf of bread or a cup of coffee. He chuckled and said I didn't need to worry about such trivial things.

In the year 2045, it was possible to still get coffee at Starbucks in America for under 150 Yuan.

Our Government's plan puts people first

Like many here in Rotorua, I enjoyed New Zealand's first Matariki public holiday with family and friends, celebrating the Māori New Year and reflecting on the year that's been.

It's been a busy year, and I'm proud of the progress our Government has continued to make on the long-standing issues facing New Zealand – from housing, to climate change, inequality, and more. We've also stepped up to meet new challenges head-on, and, as a result, the fundamentals of our economy are strong.

We have a record low unemployment rate, economic activity that is higher than it was before COVID, debt lower than most countries we compare ourselves to, and international tourists are again enjoying our great community, boosting our region's economy.

The strength of our economy means that we're able to provide further support for people here in Rotorua, including through our new temporary cost of living payment and reduced transport costs. We're also able to keep a lid on debt and continue investing to secure our future – making sure Kiwis can access world class healthcare, growing a skilled workforce, accelerating our transition to a low emissions economy, and more.

Together, we've navigated COVID and the challenges of the past few years better than almost any other country in the world. We did that by pulling together and having a plan that puts people first.

As we take the next steps, we're striking a careful balance, supporting people through this tough period while ensuring we're ready for whatever lies ahead.

Tamati Coffey – Labour List MP based in the Wairariki www.parliament.nz

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Toku Kaupapa

Kaimai Kaponga Restoration Project is an iwi led, Te Ao Māori Matauranga initiative to restore the mauri of the ngahere in the southern Kaimai-Mamaku Range to a state of mauri-ora. The area included in this project is the Southern Mamaku Range from the South Road and Mokaihaha Reserve area on the southern boundary to North of SH5 and is approximately 80,000 Hectares.

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Please call the nurses if you have any questions

SHINGLES VACCINE

- The Shingles Vaccine, Zostavax is fully funded and administered FREE of CHARGE for persons when they turn 65. It is only funded for 1 year from the date you turn 65 so it is important to ACT NOW IF YOU ARE 65 YEARS OF AGE.

If you qualify, please contact the Surgery to book a nurse appointment to have the vaccination.

- There must be a 7 day gap between the Shingles Vaccine and any of the COVID-19 vaccines.

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So why would you register? Registered cardholders get offered promotional discounts. For example, at the time of writing, Mobil offers 10¢/L discount at some South Island outlets. Registered cards also earn points for every fuel purchase. However, the rewards are hardly generous – buying 300L of regular petrol or diesel would get you a \$5 voucher.

BP and Caltex

The AA Smartfuel loyalty card can be used at BP and Caltex outlets. Existing AA members can use their membership card, and everyone else can pick up and register a Smartfuel card at BP, Caltex or Countdown.

Cards must be registered. You get 6¢/L discount that can be used instantly or saved for later. This is where it gets complicated.

Making several smaller fills, saving the discounts, then using the accumulated amount on one full tank saves more than taking the instant discount each time. For example, if you used the instant saving on fills totalling 150L of fuel, you’d save \$9. If you put the minimum qualifying \$40 of fuel in your tank five times, then used that accumulated discount on the maximum redeemable 50L, you’d save \$18 (also on 150L, assuming the fuel price is \$2/L).

There are conditions: saved discounts expire at the end of the following calendar month and reset to zero after you redeem them. Is saving three percent on your fuel cost worth the extra trips to fill up and the mental baggage of tracking your rewards?

For many it isn’t. In a survey of 323 Consumer NZ members who said they’d used a voucher or loyalty card to get a fuel discount, 81% said they’d used Smartfuel. Of those, just a quarter said they save fuel discounts to accumulate a larger per-litre reduction “all or most of the time”, while more than half told us they just take the instant 6¢/L.

Smartfuel users can boost their fuel saving by shopping at “partner” retailers, such as Countdown, Contact Energy and 100% Appliances. For example, the Smartfuel card doubles as a Countdown “Onecard” and offers up to 6¢/L every week (for a spend of \$200), while dropping more than \$500 at 100% Appliances cuts 20¢/L off your fuel.

Z Energy

Shoppers at most New World and Pak’nSave supermarkets receive a Fuelup voucher attached to their receipt. Redeemable at Z Energy outlets, the discount is typically 6¢/L, although larger promotional discounts are occasionally offered. A minimum spend may apply to qualify and you can only redeem one voucher per fill up to 100L. Vouchers expire a month after the date issued.

Gull

Gull promotes “discount days” on its website and Facebook page. On a discount day, all Gull stations offer a cents-per-litre discount to all

customers. There is typically one discount day offering 10¢/L discount every month, though occasionally the reduction is larger (for example, in December 2018 they offered 20¢/L).

Kora fuel card

Kora is a company offering fuel cards with the aim of providing petrol discounts for all. Kora’s aim is to provide a fuel card that doesn’t require you to be a business running a whole fleet of vehicles, and one that doesn’t rely on minimum spends, loyalty programs or rewards.

Kora fuel cards offer everyday Kiwis 10c per litre off fuel. Which, for the most part, beats individual retailer cards like Mobil Smiles cards, AA SmartFuel, Z and Caltex’s Pumped program. Special promotions aside, these all tend to offer customers just 6c a litre off.

However, while most petrol rewards cards are free, Kora costs \$2 per month. And if you lose your card(s), you can be charged a replacement fee.

Gaspy: the easy way to compare prices?

Comparing fuel prices is difficult: they aren’t advertised and retailers won’t tell you over the phone. Prices are shown on the forecourt, at least for regular 91 petrol and diesel (though not usually for premium fuel), but there isn’t an easy way to compare local prices. That was until Gaspy came along.

This crowd-fed app (available for Android and iOS) enables price comparison between fuel retailers. Gaspy users log in to the app and update or confirm prices at their local service station, which creates an accurate real-time snapshot of what they’re charging at the pump.

When looking for fuel, the app returns prices from all outlets within a set distance of your current location. Results are displayed along with information about when the price was reported, who logged it, and if it has been confirmed by other Gaspy users. You can sort results by price or distance from your location. You can select the type of fuel to re-display prices and re-order results. You can even load discounts you have through loyalty schemes or vouchers, which re-calculates prices to include the discount.

Gaspy prices aren’t limited to your location. You can search for prices anywhere in the country, which is useful for deciding where you should fill up on a longer journey. It also lets you see whether you are paying more or less than others around the country – though for Wellingtonians or South Islanders, where prices are notoriously high, it’s probably best not to look!

Watch your driving

How you drive impacts fuel economy. To get the best fuel economy out of your vehicle:

- Drive smoothly
- Don’t speed
- Avoid unnecessary short trips
- Avoid carrying heavy loads

Source: Consumer NZ, Canstar



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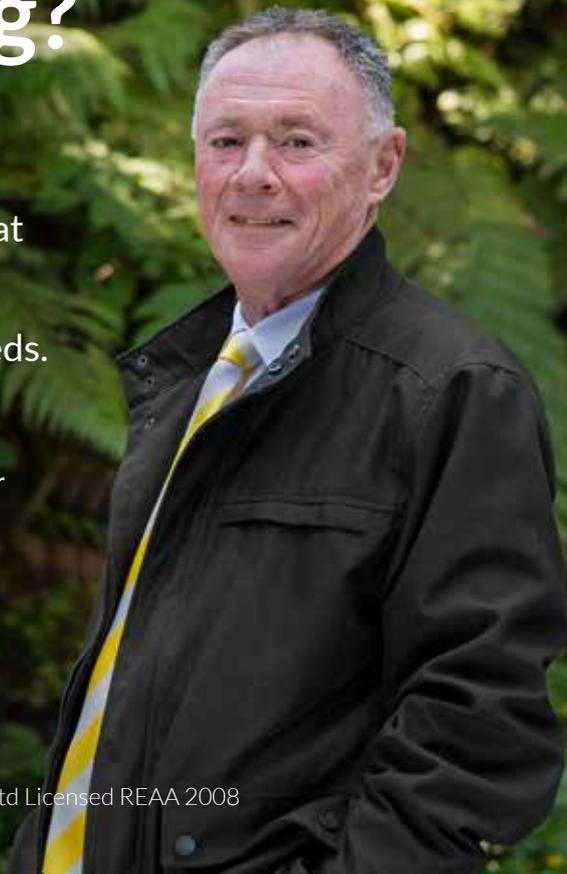


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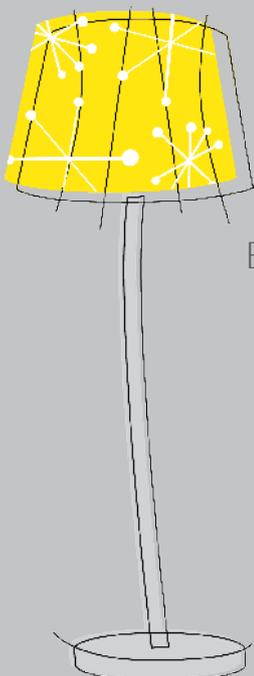
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There's always something really exciting when clients approach me about buying a small business. The admiration of someone taking steps to take control of their own life and responsibility for themselves, even if they're just effectively buying themselves a job: it gets me every time. And there's lots of small businesses out there for not a lot of money that have great prospects and possibilities for the right people.

So, what are some of the things to be thinking about when looking at buying a small business? First, I recommend retaining a lawyer and a management accountant. They'll take some of the load in highlighting things you hadn't thought or been aware of and dealing with other things that need doing to move the sale agreement along. The agent or broker will draft the agreement and both professional advisers should look over it before you sign. Price, stock in trade, goodwill, chattels and so on; plus or ex GST; existing lease arrangements; business financials; restraint of vendor trade; vendor's assistance period after takeover; intellectual property – so much to think about! Getting it wrong can be disastrous.

Lease

What is your exposure under the lease if things go bad, and how long have you got to trade from the premises if things go well? In the current environment, 3 terms of 2 years each (or even 3 years each depending on the business) is an okay timeframe. What is the lease payment, is it gross (including rates, insurance and GST etc) or is it plus all those things on top? How and when are rent reviews determined? Is there an opportunity to tidy up the lease or add further terms or other provisions at the same time the lease is assigned when you take over? Can you negotiate a rent holiday to tide you through the first few months of business?

Bear in mind you will need to provide a statement of financial position to the landlord before they approve you taking over the lease too – they want to be sure that you are sufficiently capitalized to meet the rent payments!

Agreement:

Do you want all the employees? Who are they and what's their skill set? What are their terms of employment? If you are going to work in the business, you may not need all the staff. What is the vendor's restraint of trade period? Often this is anything between 2-5 years from settlement. What fixtures/fittings/items are listed as being sold. How old is the equipment, and is it fit for purpose or about to clap out?

Do you need finance from your bank? How long will this take and what's involved? What intellectual property is or isn't included – phone numbers, social media sites, website and email domains, customer databases, health and safety manuals and so on etc – or what's missing? What other clauses are in the agreement or should be in the agreement, if any?

Financial

Often we get the profit and loss reports and a depreciation schedule under a confidentiality agreement arrangement. These can tell us and the accountant a lot in the first instance. What is the turnover vs cost of goods sold? Bad debts? Cashflow? Do you have to buy stock or product from particular suppliers? Do you need a trade waste consent? How old is the eftpos machine and will you be stuck with a lease of obsolete technology?

What exactly is the stock in trade? Is it just a bunch of old or obsolete items that the vendor will be glad to move sideways to you? Are there any licensing or franchise-type fees? How do those work and what are the financial implications? Is that new rent figure sustainable? How much depreciation has there been of plant and equipment already? We always recommend asking for prior year's financials even in a Covid environment to assess the realities of the vendor turnover warranty given by the vendor when someone buys a business.

There'll be so much to think about, things like actually finding the money to buy the business, getting a working capital overdraft, business credit cards, assignment or new supplier agreements, GST registration company incorporation, accounting programmes, the list goes on ... all things that you need to actually open the doors and function on that first day.

Moving the mindset from employee to business owner is also a massive mind-shift and can take 6 months to really get into that groove: the reality that no one is paying your wages anymore, it's all on you ...

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July news from Kaharoa School

Kaharoa School

Tēnā koutou whānau

Hope this finds you and your families all well and managing the colder days and nights.



Cross country.

Kaharoa School hosted the Rural Schools Cross country recently for students 8 years and up. This was followed in the afternoon with our Junior School Cross Country and we enjoyed it with a beautiful clear sunny day. Congratulations to all that participated and demonstrated Tā Mātou Pai Ake - giving the race their best shot. A week later this was followed by Kaharoa School hosting the BOP Cross Country where we had runners from schools all over the Bay. It was another lovely...but chilly... day and to watch the athletes get out there and give it their all, was wonderful. Congratulations to all those who qualified for the BOP event. We are very fortunate to have a real 'cross country' where our

runners can run up and over hills and farmland. A big thank you to the Walsh family that have kindly continued to allow for this event for many years now. We appreciate you allowing for the event to be held over your farm.

A huge thank you to all our parent volunteers that provided food, and were able to help on the BBQ and serve food throughout the day - and a huge thank you to our PTA committee and friends of the PTA for all their mahi/work getting things organised.

Epro8.

Our ePro8 Year 7 and 8 team did very well and won the inter school event. They came first equal at the regional finals. The only thing that set them back was a 'build the tallest tower challenge' to decide who would take home the trophy - when their tower (which was heading to be the winner) collapsed at the last second. Awesome work team!

The Year 5 and 6 team also did exceptionally well, coming 2nd equal at the semi-final and then 8th in the final. Well done to you all!

Mr Cook enjoyed coaching the students with their building technique and ideas for making team decisions in the heat of the competition.



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40 Hour Famine.

Again this year we have students who are going to have restrictions on what they can eat and drink, or give up another perk in order to support the 40 Hour Famine. It is a commendable effort to take the time to raise money for others in need.

Kai Rotorua Planting Day

On 15 June we welcomed a crew from Selwyn Primary for some mahi in our community garden. Oats and blue lupin were planted as cover crops so we can plant our kumara later in the year. Thank you to Renee and Jade who welcomed our visitors with a mihi whakataua. Thank you to Blake, Seth, and Reeve who got stuck into the garden and supported the guests. Thank you to the many others in the senior school who supported us with hosting on the day.



Student Leadership.

Our senior students are currently applying for positions of responsibility in our school. These roles include Year 8 Prefects, Year 8 House Captains, and Year 8 Project Leaders. Along with these roles a Student Council comprising Year 4 -Year 7 students is being initiated. This is an exciting move to allow our students to experience and gain leadership skills and work together on school projects. We look forward to seeing what these wonderful young minds come up with.

Keeping Safe

- to keep everyone safe we continue to remind the children and adults each day to practice hygiene procedures. This includes reminders to:

- wash hands often with soap and water or hand sanitiser before leaving the classroom for breaks and again when entering the classroom after breaks as well as after attending the toilet.
- cover coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or cough/sneeze into your elbow.
- put used tissues in the bin.
- to stay home if unwell.
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LIONS CLUB OF NGONGOTAHA

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Since the Houses began operation in 2009, the occupancy rate has been up to 80%, although during Covid there were no families staying. Since the Houses re-opened last year the occupancy has increased to 80-90%. The Lions Club were able to make the donation from funds received for their part in organising a Magic Show for disabled children.

In past years, the Magic Show has been held in December in the Rotorua Girls' High School Hall, but last year because of restrictions due to Covid, the entertainment was a virtual showing and 215 families in Rotorua were able to enjoy watching the Show.

NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

13th June Pairs RSA/Ngongotaha It is always a great game of bowls when we mix with the RSA Club. There was lots of laughter in the hall. Everyone was enjoying themselves, whether they were winning or not. We had four games 2.2.2, 2.4.2 normal bowls then last game no jack we just bowled to the square. The winners for the night were David Fleet, Ngongotaha Skip, and James Schuster, RSA Lead. Runners up were Ady RSA skip, Ngaire Harris RSA Lead. The booby prize went to Eion Gansford and Gloria, both RSA.

15th June Triples Tournament Owhata Some of our members played in this tournament. Was a great night for some including myself. Our team of Kevin Whyte, myself and Delwyn Hughes came second for the night with four wins.

20th June Buttons It was not a very nice night to come out to bowls but most members were there. I think they just wanted to get the buttons off Murray and myself. We ended up losing our buttons to Kevin Whyte and Greg Chase. They ended up losing them to John Rayner, Bruce Mapsom and Chris McGoon.

27th June Championship Pairs Tonight we had three teams qualify. They were Richard Mills and Jan Drabble with 3 wins, Murray Harris, Nicole Ruthe, Cheryl Wiggins and Martin Bertling with 3 1/2 wins. Just like to wish Robyn Campbell a speedy recovery. We miss seeing your friendly face as we walk into the hall.



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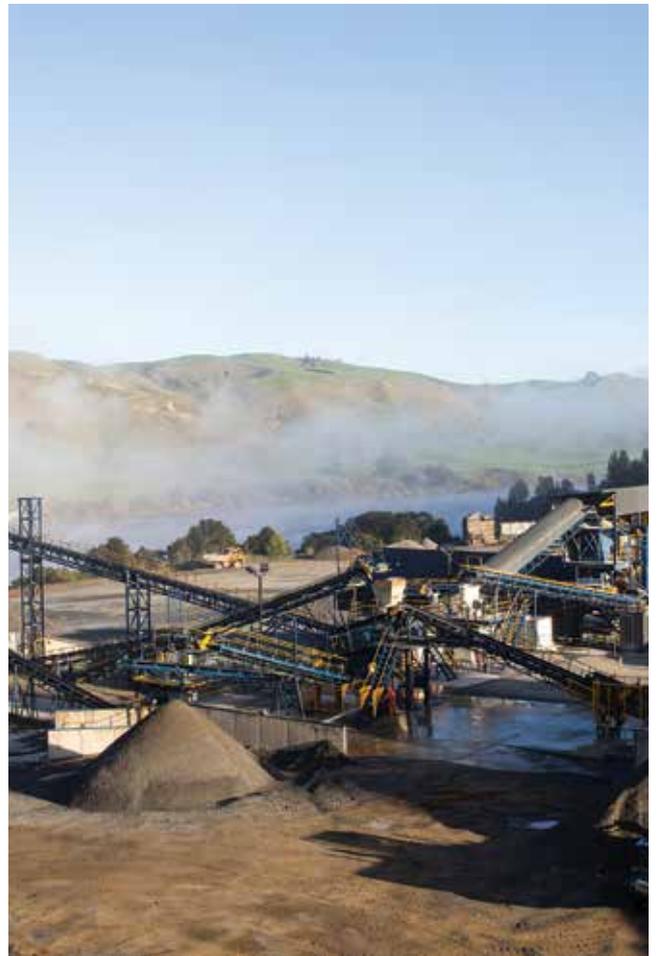
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25 July School term starts

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20 Aug Dancing for Hospice, starring Craig McFadyen, principal at Ngongotaha School

Regular Events

Monday Indoor Bowls 7.00 pm Community Hall

Tuesday Vets Golf 9.30am , Junior golf after school during school term at Lakeview

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Man "Five on average"

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Man: "Say \$2".

Woman: "How long have you been drinking for?"

Man: "Ehm ... more or less for 25 years"

Woman: "So, if each beer costs you \$2, and you drink 5 a day, it means you spend \$3650 in a year.

Man: "Right"

Woman: "If you spend \$3650 in a year, without considering inflation, you have spent \$91,250 over the last 25 years.

Man: "Right"

Woman: "Do you realise that if you did not drink beer, that money could have made you profit, and after compound interest over the last 25 years, would add up to \$243,000. That would buy you a Ferrari!

Man: "Do you drink beer?"

Woman: "No".

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