

Young local man wins Harcourts Dancing for Hospice (Alternate Title: Wife Takes Big Risk!)

Teaching intern at Ngongotaha School, Talor Kahu and his dance partner Mahia Keepa-Hale recently won the Harcourts Dancing for Hospice contest. The Principal at Ngongotaha School, Craig McFadyen also danced in the contest, the evening raising \$130,000 for the running of the Rotorua Hospice.

Talor had always enjoyed dance as well as a variety of sports, but did not intend to participate in this event this year. His wife, Janey-Rose Kahu, however had other ideas. She signed him up and sent him along to the first session, without him knowing what the appointment was about! The challenge didn't stop there. He was partnered with Mahia, who is an active sportswoman, and rather than being assigned the vigorous dance style they preferred, they were directed to waltz, a much slower style than they would have chosen for themselves. Obviously though, they both met the challenge over the 15 weeks of training for the event.. Talor now really enjoys the waltz and is considering continuing dancing. He was impressed by the skills of the other couples, and said his and Mahia's dancing the night before would not have been a winning performance.

But, on the night, in front of a large audience including his family, he and Mahia found the impetus to impress the judges.

This is not the first challenge Talor has faced. At the age of 11, he was paralyzed for over 6 months from a rugby injury, and initially was not expected to walk again. However, he persisted with rehabilitation. When he began to recover, Buck Shelford visited him in hospital, and suggested he should try another sport. He went on to represent NZ, playing volleyball at a tournament in Myanmar in 2013. With his youthful experience in overcoming obstacles, it is not surprising that he was initially keen on joining the police, but decided that teaching would give him more opportunities to support young people at a face-to-face level (kanohi ki te kanohi), and Ngongotaha School suits perfectly, as he grew up here.

When asked what his advice to young people would be, it is to find your passion and follow it. Block out the noise from people around you, including your mates, if they try to distract you from what really matters.



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NGONGOTAHA LIONS CLUB

On 17th September, Members of the Lions Club of Ngongotaha, along with friends, will be serving drinks to runners and walkers in the Rotorua Marathon. The Lions' Club's drink stations will be at Awahau Marae and at the Boat Ramp, in Hamurana Road. The Club has been supporting the Rotorua Marathon in this way for over 20 years.



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Ngongotaha School

Spring has sprung. Ngongotaha truly is a wonderful place in spring. The cherry trees have blossomed, birds are singing, lambs are playing and the sun is out. What a GREAT place to be.

This term, we have been involved in lots of sports and physical activity. Kawaha Point School and Rotokawa School both visited for Interschool Sports fixtures which the children loved. We took 50 children to the Tough Guy and Gal event where they crawled through rivers, climbed cargo nets, walked over balance beams and got completely covered in mud! And just recently, over 100 children took a part in the Winter Sports Field Day event. They spent an entire day playing rugby, football, basketball, hockey and netball. What awesome memories for our young athletes.



Our Production- The Great Journey, will take place on the 27th and 28th of September and tickets for our Thursday evening show have already sold out! The children have been practicing their singing, dancing and acting skills over the past seven weeks and are fine tuning it into what will be a wonderful show. If you would like to come to the 1pm matinee on either day, there are still a few seats available.

The redevelopments of our new entrant classes- rooms 14 and 15, are well underway. We aim to have this job completed by January and move our new students in when we start back in 2023. The classrooms are designed to be modern, welcoming, warm and practical for our youngest learners entering school for the first time. The builders are doing an amazing job but I am looking forward to not having temporary fencing in our school for a while.



Believe it or not, we are nearing the end of Term 3. We are currently planning for next year, organising class lists, teaching spaces and learning programs. As our school continues to grow, we have to limit the number of out of zone enrolments. If you have an 'Under 5' that you are looking at enrolling, please let us know. The earlier the better. This allows us to plan for the future and calculate how many out of zone enrolments we will be able to take in each year level. Pop in and see Julie or I in the office.

For up to date information, download our school app.

Ngā mihi, Craig McFadyen and the team at Ngongotaha School.



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Thank you Ma'am.

Imagine being told you will have the same job for 70 years and 244 days. Then imagine being told you will be at centre stage worldwide during that job. The western media cameras will be on you from day one of that 70 year job.



In fact, you will only just have been given your key performance indicators and job description when the first black and white televisions will roll out of stores. So, people worldwide who used to listen to your Papa on wireless radio will crowd into the houses of the more fortunate who own televisions to watch your crowning and proclamation to your new role as Queen of the Commonwealth. Furthermore, those same cameras will follow you on your upcoming tours of the Commonwealth and indeed, throughout your 70 year reign as Queen.

In short, you are about to become the first of 61 monarchs over a period of 1200 years of the Royal family to be broadcast on news programmes and documentaries worldwide as you transcend across many countries and various cultures over your 70 years. Your every move will be recorded. Oh, and by the way, you will also become the head of The Church of England with all of its vestitures, values and faith pinnacles to boot. However, that same Christian faith will give you peace, wisdom, grace, perseverance and hope.

You will live to the age of 96. Your husband of 73 years, best friend and the father of your children will die just 18 months before you at the age of 99. During your role as queen, you will meet many famous people such as Winston Churchill and Nelson Mandela. Or should I say, they will meet you. Kings and queens, wealthy and poor, young and old, Presidents and Prime Ministers, athletes such as the All Blacks, ladies and gentlemen and untitled unprivileged people of various countries and cultures will be drawn to your light. Your light will be a strong one.

Your light will shine in the darkest times of your Commonwealth such as world wars and pandemics and you will see off the most dreadful times of your country and Commonwealth. Your experiences in worldwide movements such as the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa and the Black Lives Matter movement will shape your leadership and Commonwealth.

As centre stage of the media you will even see out many James Bonds and play a leading role with one of them for the opening of the Olympic games held in your country. Your stunt double will be amazing. You will also star with your childhood friend, Paddington Bear, during your Platinum jubilee. Yes, Platinum jubilee. Ma'am, you will be the first and possibly only Royal to have a Platinum 70th jubilee and what an occasion it shall be. At that time, you and your childhood friend Paddington bear will reveal where you hide your marmalade sandwiches to a television audience of billions. Your humility, love and humour will be a part of your legacy.

You will be a constant in an ever-changing world and an example of what leadership should look like and act like. Sure, you will make mistakes. One in particular will be tough for you and will be discussed worldwide. However, you must remember that every leader makes mistakes. Even though the motive may be looking after your grandchildren and protecting them from the same media that have had you in their spotlight and cameras for your entire reign. It will be a tough, sometimes thankless job. A 70 year and 244 days job. You will be in this job longer than any other British Monarch before you and it will be the longest recorded job of any female head of state in history.

Knowing all of this. What say you Ma'am?

“I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.”

Thank you, Your Majesty. Thank you Ma'am.

Nga mihi ake nei ki a koe e te kotuku rerenga tahi o Aotearoa. Kua tae mai to wa. Me rerenga atu ki to hoa Rangatira, to teina, o tupuna, ara to Ariki a Ihu Karaiti hoki. Kua ea aau mahi. Haere, haere, haere atu ra. Moe mai ra.

Ngahihi o te ra Bidois is a columnist, author, motivational speaker, leader, husband father and koro. See <https://Thefaceofnewzealand.com> for more of his story.

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On Fathers

My dad passed away ten years ago. He died of an enlarged heart, and when the news spread in our neighbourhood, well-meaning friends and acquaintances would walk up to my brother and me and tell us, "Your dad died as he lived, with a big heart." It never failed to annoy us. We didn't want to be cheered up with idiotic aphorisms that put a positive spin on his medical condition. So, we started telling people that he'd been killed by a colon parasite.

"He died as he lived," we'd say, nodding meaningfully. "With angry, irritable bowels."

It made us laugh. But more importantly, we knew it would've made our dad laugh. For most of his life (or at least as long as I knew him), he was a huge advocate and gleeful teller of Dad Jokes.

Notice about Rotorua Trust, formerly Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust

We encourage you to vote in the Rotorua Trust election.

About Rotorua Trust

Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust, operating as Rotorua Trust, is a community funder that grants to charitable projects in Rotorua.

You may be involved in an organisation or know someone who has received a grant from Rotorua Trust.

Each year the Trust grants \$3-5 million, benefitting countless Kaupapa and organisations.

Why should I vote?

Voters on the electoral roll select Trustees!

Trustees provide governance over investment policy and objectives. Each month Trustees meet to consider grant applications. Trustees advocate for and facilitate the delivery of positive change in the Rotorua community.

How do I vote?

Voting starts Friday, 28 October 2022, and closes 12 noon, Saturday, 19 November 2022.

All registered on the electoral roll will be sent a voting pack.

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Nga mihi,

Kaycie O'Connor

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Kaitao Intermediate

It has been a very busy term, and we apologise that Kaitao Intermediate has not updated you recently on all the wonderful things that have been happening. Today's submission will briefly outline all the great initiatives and events that have dominated our time. I hope that you enjoy the update.

AIMS Games

For the first time in what feels like forever, the Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools (AIMS) games are back on. More than 50 students braved the elements and participated in hockey, badminton, rugby, soccer, and basketball. This is an elite tournament that attracts the very best in their fields from across the country. Our students demonstrated resilience and persistence throughout the week and walked away with lifelong memories. This could not have been achieved without the sacrifice of our coaches, all volunteers, and we thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Orientation day

On the 29th of August, Kaitao Intermediate hosted 250+ students from all of our contributing schools. The students experienced sports, iPad learning, wood tech, cooking, robotics, art, science, Mandarin language learning, planted an orchard of over 150 fruit trees, and checked out our new room "Te ara o Māui" which is dedicated to digital creativity.

At the end of the day, a huge number of students brought their parents back to the school to meet some of our teachers and tour our campus. It was a hugely successful day and the year 6 cohort is absolutely incredible. Many thanks to Bunnings who helped coordinate the day and support the planting of our orchard. A reminder to get the enrolment forms in, so that we can begin class placement before our Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday 1st of December. Also, please spread the news that all new enrolments in 2023 will receive 1 pair of formal shorts and one formal shirt, plus a full PE uniform, and a stationery pack absolutely free of charge.

Our amazing artists

Kaitao Intermediate had the pleasure of supporting the Arts Village and Friends of the Museum by painting roof tiles from the museum. Artists from around the country were invited to contribute to the initiative and 40 tiles were sent far and wide. Whaea Wendy, our art teacher, utilised her contacts and secured 12 tiles for our school to paint. Over a literal month of Sundays, the tiles were completed. They then went to auction. Our Principal, Mr Palfrey, decided that he absolutely could not let these beautiful pieces go. With the support of the board, he snapped all but one of them up at auction.

Come in and have a look some time.


Dyslexic learning

Speaking of Whaea Wendy... not only is she a talented artist, but she is also passionate about dyslexic education. She uses research-based methodology to deliver student-specific education to our students with more complex learning needs like dyslexia. Whaea Wendy will be dialling back the art, and dialling up the differentiated learning next year. If you would like to discuss how she may be able to support your child, please make time to come and see us.

There's a lot going on down here, and I will try and make a greater effort to keep you all abreast of all of our initiatives. So, until next time, stay well, happy, and safe.

Adrian Firmin,

Deputy Principal, Kaitao Intermediate.





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The Rotorua housing crisis has been decades in the making, but our Government have taken it seriously and I want to tell you about the real progress that we've made. There's a lot to be proud of that you might not know about.

- Rotorua secured \$85 million of funding from the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund, to enable local storm water solutions which will support 3,000 new homes to be built.
- We have 300 public houses under construction. Together with the houses we've already built, that's over 500 new homes for families who will no longer have to rely on emergency motels.
- Te Pokapū on Fenton St is a one stop shop for emergency housing grants – providing professional wraparound support and getting much needed data on those accessing support.
- The new Affordable Housing Fund supports not-for-profit housing providers to help by building more affordable rentals.
- We've lifted price caps for First Home Grants and removed price caps from First Home Loans, to encourage more first home buyers.
- We've invested heavily in our roading infrastructure - a significant upgrade to the Ngongotaha roundabout, redesign at the Lynmore roundabout, and \$35 million of road works along Te Ngae Road making our roads and paths safer and future proof.

Feel free to contact me at 1213 Amohau St or on 0800 TAMATI (0800 826284) to make an appointment. I have regular weekly time slots to meet with constituents.

There's definitely more work to do but I'm really proud of the progress that we're making for Rotorua. I hope you can share some of the good news about what we're doing.

Tamati Coffey

Age Concern

It never rains but pours and following my bout of food poisoning, I tested positive for COVID. I was fortunate that I only had a mild dose which lasted a couple of days. I had both of my booster vaccine shots and I think that helped in my recovery. Despite the uncertainty around COVID, Age Concern continues to thrive and over the last year we have attracted about 100 new members which has put a strain on our core programs as we have not had many new volunteers sign up to be part of our visiting service.

We have had a change of staff at Age Concern with all of the original staff leaving for various reasons. Our new staff comprises of Karyn Rogers, who is the new Visiting Service coordinator and Staying Safe coordinator, Lisa Wilson who is our new Shopping Service Coordinator and Total Mobility Assessments, Diana Walker who is in a new position and deals with assessing the mental and physical wellbeing of our members and Kirsten Harman who is the longest serving new staff member and does the administration and SuperGold Skills coordination where retired tradespeople help out our members for a reasonable fee.

As mentioned previously we are not far off our Positive Ageing Expo which will be held at Parksyde on the 24th September from 9:30 to 2:30 with free entry. We have attracted over 25 stall holders who represent a wide range of different groups dealing with the elderly and some cross-over to other groups of people. There will also be entertainment throughout the day provided by local talent.

Our tiny house development has had a brief hold up while we deal with some LDC legislation prior to us getting resource consent. Sigma Consultants are doing this work for us and have developed some exciting plans for the complex. We have decided on three homes on the site and will be looking for support from various businesses to help us with the landscaping. (See bottom of p.9)

In the latest scam, vehicle owners are being targeted by scammers pretending to be from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. Waka Kotahi is encouraging people to be vigilant, because of a number of online scams targeting vehicle owners. The transport agency was aware of three scams that were targeting vehicle users. They included scammers pretending to be Waka Kotahi representatives and asking drivers to urgently renew their licenses, another saying the driver had overdue toll payments, and another claiming the driver was owed a refund.

Unfortunately, it's just the latest example from some very persistent scammers – using both fake vehicle licensing and driver's license reminder emails.



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There has been a “frightening” increase in the size of home loans held by people aged over 65 and a rise in the use of reverse mortgages to clear them. There are now 134,000 mortgages on which money is owed by borrowers aged over 65, up from 118,000 in June 2018.

What is frightening is how much the value of mortgages has moved in the past five years. In June 2018, over-65s owed \$16.9 billion on their homes but that had risen to \$23.4b and the average owed had gone from just over \$143,000 to nearly \$175,000.

Exactly why there has been such a run-up in over-65 mortgage debt is a matter of speculation but some reasons could include life events like divorce throwing people on to tougher financial tracks, people who had used their homes as security for an investment property, or those who had extended their home loans to help their children on to the property ladder. The bank of mum and dad is a big one. People top up their mortgages to help the kids.

Whatever the reasons, a rising number of retiring people are turning to reverse mortgages to pay off their home loans. A reverse mortgage allows people to borrow against their homes but only repay the loan and accumulated interest when they eventually sell the property.

Keep safe
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More Dad Jokes

My friend was showing me his tool shed and pointed to a ladder. “That’s my stepladder,” he said. “I never knew my real ladder.”

I just found out I’m colourblind. The news came out of the purple!

What do you call a line of men waiting to get haircuts? A barberqueue.

Have you heard about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, no atmosphere.

I asked my wife if I was the only one she slept with. She said yes—the others were 7’s and 8’s.

I was in a job interview the other day and they asked if I could perform under pressure. I said no, but I could perform Bohemian Rhapsody.

In 2017 I didn’t do a marathon. I didn’t do one in 2018, 2019, or 2020, either. This is a running joke.

What’s brown and sticky? A stick



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1. Are you concerned about Labour's Three Waters plan to centralise ownership of our water assets to Hamilton?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

2. Do you support Labour's co-governance agenda?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

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

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

4. Have you noticed an increase of theft or vandalism on rural properties?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

5. Would you like to see more Police in rural New Zealand?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

6. Are you happy with core services and internet connectivity in rural areas?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

7. What issues are important to you?

- ☐ Reducing New Zealand's debt
☐ Fixing the Cost-of-Living-crisis
☐ Welfare that supports people into work
☐ Safer communities for families
☐ Improving core Health services
☐ Improving Education standards
☐ Growing our economy to create jobs & lift incomes
☐ Climate change and the environment
☐ Other (please specify)

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

Please provide contact details if you would like to receive updates from Todd McClay MP or National.

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LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Well, we made it - Spring has sprung and, apart from the beautiful blossom trees, daffodils, lambs and various other brave things that have burst into life, you would still think it was winter, with the endless rain we are still getting! That said the course is looking great and when we do get a bit of sun golfers certainly come out to enjoy the day.

The Stroke Play Champions have been found! CONGRATULATIONS to Houston Te Puni Senior Champion, Scott Howell Intermediate Champion, Tamarau Te Ata Junior Champion and Jon Parsons C Grade Champion. Well done all, and great to see Jon with his name up in lights as a newbie to this competition. Top Dog competition is under way, always a good competition where pairs team up and compete for the title of "Top Dog". This is a mixed comp, so great to involve everyone in the club.

We would like to make a special mention to the players at Lakeview who are striving and succeeding at higher levels. Hunter Edwards who made the initial BOP woman's golf team and Francis Lockwood who made the BOP men's team... these juniors are competing in the senior adult teams, so fantastic effort! Mailau Skudder is also working hard to trial for the BOP Masters team.

It is so cool as a club to be able to support and encourage golfers at ALL levels of their golfing careers. We can happily say that regardless of your golf aspirations, Lakeview is a club where everyone can feel like they belong.

September 23rd we are hosting the Life Education Trust charity tournament. This is a fantastic fundraiser for a great cause if you are interested in supporting them email lifed@avidagency.co.nz. Check out our Facebook page for more details.

Daylight Saving starts Sunday 25th September and heralds the start of twilight golf! Ladies twilight starts on 11th October and mixed twilight on 12th October. Tee off from 4.30pm.

A reminder that Josh is available for lessons, so if you are getting frustrated with your game or just starting out and want to learn the basics before you get into habits that are hard to fix later on, give Josh a call at the shop: he is passionate about helping people enjoy the game. He is offering a free 15-minute golf swing assessment for the month of September!

It was great to have the team from Kaimai Kaponga come to visit the course and see our conservation efforts. They walked the whole course boundary and are keen to support us with guidance and tips for more successful predator trapping. We thank them for their support and look forward to working with them in the future.

We are still very keen to hear from anyone in the community who has some spare time on their hands and enjoys walking, conservation and the outdoors. We are looking for help with trap checking and baiting, trap making and any other skills they think might help us in our conservation efforts.

Enjoy the longer days and if you are inspired to get out and take some exercise come and give golf a go!

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Yet more Dad Jokes

- *I once saw a one-handed man in a second-hand store. I told him, "I don't think they have what you're looking for, sir."*
- *What's the best thing about living in Switzerland? I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.*
- *Women should not have children after 36—really, 36 children is enough.*
- *I wanted my kids to watch the orchestra, but I had to turn it off—too much sax and violins.*
- *I asked the IT guy, "How do you make a Motherboard?" He said, "I tell her about my job."*
- *What is the difference between a literalist and a kleptomaniac? A literalist takes everything literally. A kleptomaniac takes everything, literally.*
- *My grief counselor died the other day. He was so good at his job, I don't even care.*
- *Give a man a plane ticket and he flies for the day. Push him out of the plane at 3,000 feet and he'll fly for the rest of his life.*
- *A doctor walks into a room with a dying patient and tells him, "I'm sorry, but you only have ten left." The patient asks him, "Ten what, Doc? Hours? Days? Weeks?" The doctor calmly looks at him and says, "Nine."*
- *A man walks into a bar. The bartender asks, "What do you want?" The man says, "Oh, just some fruit punch." The bartender sighs and shakes his head, "If you want punch, you're gonna have to wait in line." The man looks around, but there is no punchline.*
- *I just got my doctor's test results and I'm really upset. Turns out, I'm not gonna be a doctor.*

"Things My Dad Would Never Say."

- "Can you turn up that music?"
- "Go ahead and take my truck. Here's 50 bucks for gas."
- "I LOVE your tattoo. We should both get new ones."
- "Here, you take the remote."

On the day I received my learner's permit, my father agreed to take me out for a driving lesson. With a big grin, he hopped in behind the driver's seat. "Why aren't you sitting up front on the passenger's side?" I asked. "Kirsten, I've been waiting for this ever since you were a little girl," Dad replied. "Now it's my turn to sit back here and kick the seat."

Then vs. Now

- *Christopher Columbus' Father: I don't care what you've discovered, Christopher. You could have written.*
- *Michelangelo's Father: Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?*

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View ROT30657



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Hamurana 595 Hamurana Road

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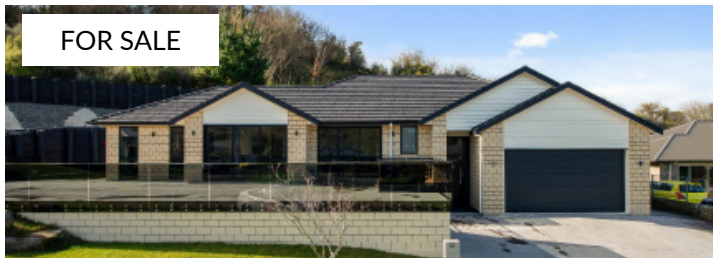
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NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

1st August RSA Triples Tournament Four teams from Ngongotaha took part in this tournament. One team did quite well with 3 ½ wins. That was the Kevin Whyte team of David Fleet and Delwyn Hughes.

8th August Men V Women Tonight it was a draw against the men and women 36 points.

15th August Lead's/two's Singles It was my first night back at bowling after three weeks.. I don't think I have lost my touch. It was good to see Robyn back for a visit and looking good. The leads and twos had a good night of bowling where we saw three people qualify, Richard Mills, Greg Chase and Helen White. The winner for the night was Richard Mills and Runner-up was Helen White. I tried my best to beat Richard but lost in the end. Well done Richard.

20th August Championship Fours made up of the Composite Graded Team of Wayne Hitchens (Owhata), Chris Guy (Lake Taupo), Nick Van den Broek (RSA) and Nicole Ruthe (Ngongotaha) combined to win the Rotorua Championship Fours. Well done to our member Nicole Ruthe.

21st August Champion of Champions Fours Ngongotaha team of Kevin Whyte, Helen White, Greg Chase and Delwyn Hughes won against Westbrook. The final saw Westbrook score three shots on the first end but then the Ngongotaha team took control, scoring on the



next seven ends to lead 11-3 after eight ends. Westbrook scored two shots on the final end, Ngongotaha winning 11-5. Delwyn Hughes was overjoyed to win her tenth Bay of Plenty title and second Gold Star. Kevin Whyte won his second title and previous title was the Championship Triples

50 years ago in 1972. It was Helen White's and Greg Chase's first title. Congrats to all.

22nd August Buttons Tonight was very interesting as the buttons did not stay with the same team. John Rayner, Bruce Mapsom, Chris McGoon started off with them. Murray Harris, Helen White, Greg Chase took them off them. We were defeated by Bruce Wiggins and Martin Bertling. Both players were very happy, especially Bruce who had a smile from ear to ear. Unfortunately they did not keep them as Bruce's wife Cheryl Wiggins and David Fleet took the buttons off them in the final game. It was a fun night had by all.

28th August Champion of Champions Triples Ngongotaha team of Bruce Wiggins, Richard Mills and Nicole Ruthe came Runner Up. Edgumbe team beat Ngongotaha team by 12-5. Very pleased for them. Congrats.

29th August Presidents Night I believe it was a fun night of bowling. The winners were Murray Harris and David Fleet.

4th September Champion of Champion Singles We had Richard Mills who took part in this competition and by all accounts he did very well with three and a half wins and most qualified. He may not have won overall but he made us proud. Well done Richard.



5th September Roll Up What a great night to celebrate special birthdays. Everyone was in great spirits. The hall was buzzing with laughter and talk. Tonight we had five ends of bowls then we had supper that was supplied by Cheryl Wiggins and John Rayner, which went down a treat. We had Robyn Campbell celebrate her eightieth birthday at the end of last month. This month we had Bruce Wiggins celebrate his eightieth over the weekend and coming up Martin Bertling will celebrate his eightieth at the end of the month. Our Patron Eddie Dibley came along for the evening with his daughter Joanne and granddaughter Shara. Eddie celebrates a birthday this week as well. David Fleet and Jan Drabble also have birthdays this month. It was good to see Eddie back bowling. He hasn't lost his touch and neither has his daughter. It was really good to see Eddie and I think he really enjoyed his evening out.

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Solar panels & choosing wisely

Some clients called me recently, extremely distressed because they'd installed solar energy panels on their home a year ago with a 20-year rental lease contract and were now selling to move for work. The agent wanted a copy of their lease contract that they now couldn't find, nor the 'installation guy' to get a copy. That home solar system had quickly become a bit of a headache for them.

I confess I couldn't believe my ears when they told me about the 20-year rental lease contract. I was shocked and concerned that any consumers could be tied into a 20-year chattel payment agreement for anything other than a home mortgage loan. I did a bit of googling into home solar systems and quickly realised that the decision to install home solar systems is significant. Further, glossing over the finer details without doing your homework or properly understanding the scope of the contract could have significant future financial impact for consumers. I note Consumer New Zealand's website* also has a bit to say about this too.

It would appear there are generally two main options for home solar systems: buy outright or locking into a 20-year rental lease contract with little or no upfront cost + a monthly payment over the 20-year term.

Pros

Little or nothing paid upfront with monthly payments (some advertised in the vicinity of \$90/month) over a long term is an attractive financial option for some homeowners. On the other hand, if the system is purchased upfront, the homeowner owns it outright.

In my google travels, I also noted some banks are specifically offering short-term energy upgrade home loan top-ups at reduced interest rates, which could be worth finding out about if you're considering investing in a solar system for your home.

Cons

Firstly, if you choose the rental lease option, I'd point out that not even a car hire-purchase would ever be over such a lengthy term.

Secondly, any product warranty is only as good as the company who installed the system and/or the manufacturer even still being in business if the system needs maintenance or fails and needs replacing. Do your homework on the history of the business you're buying the system from, as well as the product manufacturer.

Third, technology moves so quickly it's difficult to know how solar technology will look or function in even a few short years from now, let alone 20. Is the system's payback time longer than its lifespan? Should part of the system or panels fail along the way or need upgrading, then what? And who pays if it's rented or leased?

Fourth, you might not even stay in your home for the next 20 years. In fact, Core Logic estimates most homes change owners approximately every 7.4 years! So if you choose the 20-year payment option, you'd need to convince the next owner to take over the contract. And whether you own or rent the system, if any new owner doesn't want to be burdened with it, you'll face the cost of removal and reinstallation elsewhere and/or being stuck having to buy out the remainder of your 20-year rental payments (ouch). Oh, and those holes in the roof where the panels were installed? They'll need to be properly fixed, too.

Fifth, if you go for the rental lease option, what does the contract say about any increase in monthly payment costs? Will it increase? By how much? Does that change if a new owner takes it over? The reality is no one knows what the cost of anything will be over a 20-year span, so how realistic is it to rely on claims or guarantees it won't increase?



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Sixth, how realistic is it to rely on claims guaranteeing power savings, or statements on how much you might be able to sell your excess power to the grid for, and is that even financially feasible?

Installation of a solar system is a significant decision. Getting the system installed is just one part of a bigger equation. I recommend doing a lot of research into the pros and cons before committing. Also check out the Consumer New Zealand website* which has some good articles on things to think about when considering solar and the different types, too.

*www.consumer.org.nz

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Dads again

A pastor explained to his family how Saturday was a day to get things done around their house because of work, family and church responsibilities. He and his youngest son Jeff who is six years old had just finished mowing the lawn and were putting things away.

The pastor thought this would be a terrific opportunity to rest and spend a few minutes with Jeff. The two of them crawled up on the family's trampoline and gazed up into the blue sky. With a puzzled look, Jeff turned and asked "Dad...Why are we here?"

The pastor thought this would be great teaching opportunity, so he explained how we are children of our Father in Heaven, how he has sent us here because he loves us and wants us to experience the things he has created for us, how he wants us to serve one another, to learn, to grow and to develop those qualities that will allow us to return to live with Him some day. The father paused and asked if that had answered his question. Jeff responded, "Not really".

The pastor then began to think how else he might be able to answer the question when Jeff again asked, "Dad ... Why are we here?...weren't we supposed to pick Mum up an hour ago?"

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Progress Ngongotaha-Kokiri Ngongotaha Inc.

Kia ora Koutou Katoa, Hello Everyone,

Nice to be back with you again, it has been a really busy time organising Stage 3 of the Ngongotaha Life Memories Museum, we are now out of hibernation. We hope that you have all survived the cold and miserable weather and like us, are looking forward to Spring taking us into a well-longed for Summer.

An Historic Event - The Ngongotaha Sheep Dog Trials

As is usual, we often find ourselves chatting enthusiastically with others in the community, about specific events and activities that have added that special something to the History of Ngongotaha. One particular memory has taken us back to the days of the 'Ngongotaha Sheep Dog Trials' which were last held back in 1965. We would really like to know more about the Dog Trials, so if this is a memory for you, please do get in touch.

We know that the Sheep Dog Trials were a regular event on the Ngongotaha Calendar and were held on the Northern side of Mt Ngongotaha. The trials were organised in the later years by Charlie Johnson's Team, who had picked up the mantle from locals such as; Jack Gear, Ben Dockett, Keith Martin, Billy Pompey-Rika who were the organisers and competitors of the trials, which they started in approximately the 1930's.

If you have knowledge of others that we have missed, -whether they be organisers or competitors - could you please forward their names to us, we would be grateful. It would also be appreciated to have the names of all of those wonderful women who worked behind the scenes, supplying lunches and those wonderful cups of tea, especially considering that the Club House was, of a rather primitive nature. (Would you have any photos please, preferably of the people, not the dogs)

Competitors would get quite hoarse, yelling and whistling at their dogs. Commands like 'get in behind!', 'go way out', 'steady', 'speak up', and sit, were heard and believe it or not, this was not at all confusing to the dogs, but certainly confusing to some of the crowd.

And on occasions after much yelling and whistling by the trialist and just when he got the sheep penned, the bell would ring, meaning the trialist

was disqualified because time was up. To control his frustration, the competitor would raise his hat and acknowledge the crowd. To which the response was a jolly good clapping of the hands.

There were several events held, such as the The Long Lead for the eye dogs, and the barking Hunterways could be heard, pushing the sheep up the hill. This was a forerunner to the very popular televised Tux Dog Show.

To get to the events, locals headed down SH5 and onto Paradise Valley Road (where the gravel is currently). After parking their vehicles, they and their whanau would track up the side of Mt Ngongotaha for the best vantage point. We know that the NZ National Dog Trials event was held there in the 1960's. But that is all we have.

These events were also an opportunity, for the wives to catch up on the hot gossip, while supplying the gents with cups of tea and lunches. Also, it was very much an outing for the Rural Ladies to catch up on the social events and happenings.

So, what social events and happenings do you know about, or have you been told by your parents, or grandparents?

P.S. How many of you have an old trophy still sitting on a mantle piece, or in that forgotten box? That Trophy, that you are not sure who it belongs to, or what to do with it, could be donated to our future Ngongotaha Life Memories Museum (Stage 3 coming to you soon). One such trophy is called the 'Ngongotaha Long Head Trial'.

To contact us about this story and other memories please phone 07 3574565 or email progressngongotaha@gmail.com.

NB: with your permission, we take photocopies of the original photos and the originals are returned.

On another note -Volunteers are Needed please

Our Stream Team are needing some extra help with raking the pathways alongside the Ngongotaha Stream. If you can help with an hour a week, please phone Gavin 021 226 3978

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Lynn, Bob, Lee and Team

Rotorua Council and Mayoral Candidates

Mayoralty (1 Vacancy)	Ananda, Kalaadevi (Fresh Eyes Fresh Approach) Kumar, Raj Macpherson, Reynold (Rotorua District Residents &Ratepayers - RDRR) Sandford, Ben (Independent) Sears, Rania Tabuteau, Fletcher (Independent) Tapsell, Tania
Rural Ward (1 Vacancy)	Barker, Karen (Community Focused Leadership) Trumper, Shirley (Your Independent Rural Voice of Council)
General Ward (6 Vacancies)	Black, Kariana Brown, Gregg Chater, Nick Chetty, John (RDRR) Davis, Brendan (RDRR) Gray, Ryan (I think. I listen. I act.) Hosking, Trish (Independent) Kai Fong, Sandra Lee, Robert (RDRR) O'Brien, Conan (Independent) Paterson, Don (Saving Rotorua) Pinder, Steve Raukawa-Tait, Merepeka Sears, Rania

Sparke, Kaya
Te Kowhai, Rawiri (RDRR)
Tuakana-Jones, Grace (Independent)
Wang, Fisher (Independent)
Yates, Mercia

Māori Ward (3 Vacancies)	Biasiny-Tule, Potaua Hataraka, William Kereopa, Lani Maxwell, Trevor Tapiata, Hana Waru, Rawiri
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Lakes Community Board (4 Vacancies)	Chater, Nick George, Stephanie (Independent) MacMillan, Peter (Independent) Thomass, Phill (Achieving for our Lakes Communities)
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Rural Community Board (4 Vacancies)	Clark, Rachel Guyton, Colin Hansen, Anker (Anks) Hollier, Ben (Independent)
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Over time, water tanks build up sediment from leaf matter, dust, pollen, sand and the like. This layer can become dense in a very short period of time. The sediment can act as a breeding ground and food source for potentially harmful bacteria that can lead to ill health. This sediment should be removed regularly, and the Ministry of Health recommends annual inspections and regular cleaning of tanks – a task often overlooked.

The Safe H2O process of treating both the tank and the water in the tank is unique in ensuring the retained water is both clean and safe to drink for the whole household.

As Grey says, "After vacuuming the water it looks clean to the naked eye. However, there are always solids in solution that can't be seen and need to be safely removed through the filtration process. At the end of this process customers are left with both a clean tank and water fit for immediate use – and all this without having to purchase replacement water."

The feedback from customers has been fantastic. As recent customer Peter Seers puts it, "Awesome service. Arrived on time, water is perfect... no smell or taste, just clean water. Tanks are spotless and way better than I expected."

Water is a precious commodity and increasingly so as we experience the impact of climate change. Safe H2O has saved over 200 million litres of water, with a replacement value of over \$4.5 million, to date using their process as opposed to the traditional tank cleaning method.

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Hamish says, "With the Safe H2O process retaining your water it makes cleaning your tanks and water when they are full, an excellent option."

"Often, we get calls in summer where water deliveries have been made and they have stirred up the sediment in the bottom of the tank that has not been attended to. While we have plenty of water, now is a good time to prepare your water tank for the drier summer months ahead so you go into that period with both purified water and a clean full tank. We are operating locally and welcome any enquiries on 0800 723342."





September news from Kaharoa School

What a wonderful feeling Spring is in the air. Daylight Savings is upon us and we can now enjoy the longer evenings of daylight.



Art Week- in week 9 our tamariki will be spending the week creating art in a range of mediums. Our focus this year is Cultural Diversity. During the week each class will create art pieces for our exhibition around this theme.

Art Exhibition-over two days our children's art will be displayed in our classrooms and the Kokako Centre. This will be the result of our previous art week. Parents, whānau, caregivers and friends are welcome to come and view the art created by our

tamariki. The classrooms and the Kokako Centre will be open from 3pm-6pm on Tuesday 27 Sept for parents, caregivers, whānau to be shown through by their tamariki. On Wednesday 28 Sept from 9.00 am until 4pm the classrooms and the Kokako Centre will be open for viewing.



Mud Kitchen-our wonderful PTA has just purchased another mud kitchen for our junior school children to use in their play area. In the outdoor play area for the junior classes this addition has led to a great deal of exploration, oral language, problem solving and fun.



Thank you to our PTA.

Ukulele-weekly ukulele lessons continue at lunchtime for our ukulele players under the tutelage of Maria Shoebridge. Players vary from beginners to students with 3-4 years experience. They have been learning songs from previous year's ukulele festivals (such as Kiwi Ukulele and Pepeha), as well as Hallelujah (from Shrek) and Sweet Child of Mine.



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Chinese language-our year 6, 7 and 8 students are learning about Chinese culture and to speak Chinese with Laytee George. Every Friday afternoon our students have activities and lessons to help the learning of Chinese.

for what they have, showing empathy, and practising mindfulness by focusing on the present, can all contribute towards greater happiness and improved well being.

Resilience programme-this exciting and vibrant program is being taught in our year 6, 7 and 8 classes. Students are learning how practicing gratitude by being thankful



Tough Guy and Gal-recently a group of our tamariki braved the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge 2022, supported by their parents. It was a tough challenge, they felt the cold and 'enjoyed' the cold showers afterwards. Well done to those tamariki who took on the challenge to push outside their comfort zones.

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

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Ngongotaha local's book debuts at number 11

The Bushman's Son hit the top 20 NZ bestsellers list in mid- August.

The story starts in 1960s' small town New Zealand where life didn't come without its challenges.

This true story begins with a lot of rugby, beer, pig hunting and the socialising that was all part of the basic Kiwi lifestyle.

However there was Terry Fergusson-Hughes, different from the rest of his siblings, separated by design and confusing to his parents.

This book takes you through a journey out of Tokoroa and into the world where he tried most things, tasted as much forbidden fruit as he could and did his best to experience all life had to offer at the time, but maybe all that glitters isn't always gold. His extended family's backstory paints a picture of love, heartache, rebellion and loss that many of us would not recover from.

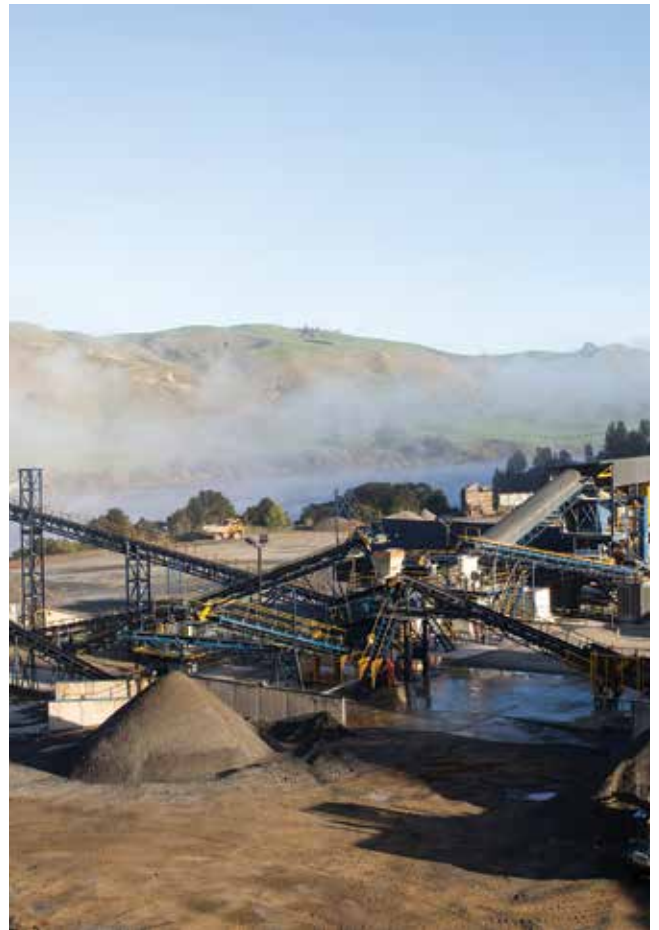
Did he conform, did he behave, did he make amends and forgive? Prepare to be challenged, pushed and pulled in all directions as this story seldom has a quiet moment.

Desperate times call for desperate measures and sometimes in our lives we react in a way that we later regret, or at least try to. Fatherhood, coming out as gay, sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll all rolled into one story. drama - more like adventure with the everlasting search for a resolution.

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Rotorua
Festival
of Gardens

Add your 'piece of paradise' to the 2023 Festival of Gardens line-up

Next year's Rotorua Festival of Gardens, being held November 10-12, will mark more than three decades since the inaugural event launched in February 1991.

After the first few Rotorua Garden Festivals, the event began making a small profit after covering costs and the committee were able to donate any profits to worthy causes locally including the Mt Ngongotaha Bush Restoration Trust, Bay Trust Rescue Helicopter (when it was still based in Rotorua) St Chad's, Alzheimer's Rotorua, a local Leukaemia group, the Rotorua based St. John's health shuttle, IHC Idea Services Rotorua, Riding for the Disabled, and the Rotorua Salvation Army Food Bank Appeal. Next year's charity (or charities) recipient will be decided with input from the festival's gardeners themselves.

Averaging more than 40 gardens every festival, organisers are always keen to add new gardens to each festival programme, so the 2022-23 committee are currently on the lookout for "new blood" to add to next year's festival. With photographs being taken November-December 2022, the new festival committee are already inviting interested gardeners to become an integral part of this inspiring event that has attracted thousands of visitors and raised thousands of dollars in support of 11 local charitable causes to date.

If you are proud of your garden, please come forward and let us assess your 'piece of paradise' which could be anything from a tiny courtyard to a large country acreage, from a garden patch built on sustainable principles to a hard-wearing child-friendly space full of colour, from a revamped garden to a brand-new garden under development. Urban and Rural gardeners we would love to hear from you.

Gardeners who think they might be willing to add their garden to the festival, please phone Trish Adler on 027 486 8484 for a chat.



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Happenings

- 17 Sept** Ray White Charity Garage Sale
17-23 Sept Clean Up Week: info at nfo@knzb.org.nz
24 Sept Positive Aging Expo at Parksyde
24 Sept Ngongotaha Volunteer Fire Brigade Quiz Night to raise funds for the new brigade vehicle. Max. 8 people per team, \$10 per person, includes supper. Email: hondaquiznight@gmail.com
28 & 29 Sept The GREAT Journey at Ngongotaha School
29 Sept Hamurana Poetry Appreciation group 2pm. 53 Mokoia Road. Theme- flying

Regular Events

- Monday** Indoor Bowls 7.00 pm Community Hall
Tuesday Vets Golf 9.30am , Junior golf after school during school term at Lakeview
 Tech on Tuesday at Parksyde
2nd Wednesday Friendship Club 9.45 am
 St Barnabas Church Hall
4th Wednesday Ngongotaha Garden Circle meet at Ngongotaha Hall
Every Thursday Junior Golf after school during school term at Lakeview Golf and County Club

Poetry Appreciation

We had the inaugural meeting of the Hamurana Poetry Appreciation group on Thursday 25th August. There was a lot of discussion around the poems presented. It is an opportunity for people to meet monthly to share poems around a theme. They can be your own, or researched. It is my intention to also introduce guest poets. **N ext meeting Thursday 29th September 2pm. 53 Mokoia Road. Theme- flying -Kay**

Then vs. Now continued-

Napoleon's Father: All right, Napoleon. If you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, then take your hand out of there and prove it.

- *Goldilocks' Father:* I've got a bill here for a broken chair from the Bear family. Do you know anything about this Goldie?
- **Albert Einstein's Father:** But, Albert, it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair? Styling gel, mousse, something...?
- *Thomas Edison's Father:* Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb, Thomas. Now turn off that light and get to bed!
- In 1900, if a father put a roof over his family's head, he was a success.
- Today, it takes a roof, deck, pool, and 4-car garage. And that's just the vacation home.
- In 1900, a father waited for the doctor to tell him when the baby arrived.
- Today, a father must wear a smock, know how to breathe, and make sure film is on the video camera.
- In 1900, fathers could count on children to join the family business. Today, fathers pray their kids will soon come home from college long enough to teach them how to work the computer and set the VCR.
- In 1900, a father came home from work to find his wife and children at the supper table. Today, a father comes home to a note: "Jimmy's at baseball, Cindy's at gymnastics, I'm at the gym, Pizza in the fridge."
- In 1900, a Father's Day gift would be a hand tool. Today, he'll get a digital organizer.
- In 1900, "a good day at the market" meant Father brought home feed for the horses. Today, it means Dad got in early on an IPO.



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