

# Ngongotaha People Helping Each Other: The Trinity Centre

*“My strength is not that of  
an individual, but that of a  
collective”*



If you have clothing, bedding, music, videos, dry goods or surplus produce from your garden to donate, you are welcome to bring them in on Wednesdays from 8.00 to 10.00 am or come in for a bit of support Thursdays from 8.00 am to 11.00 am

**Particularly for Christmas, the Trinity Centre would appreciate donations of frozen chickens.**  
(Ngongotaha News has made a donation.)

On Thursday mornings, from 8.00 to 11.00, the Trinity Centre, on the corner of Hall and School Roads, comes alive with people committed to working together to build each other's lives.

Exclusively for Ngongotaha residents, a wide variety of options is available, from crafts, reading, music and videos, play, hot and cold beverages and soup, a pantry (items just \$1 or \$2) and a wardrobe of pre-loved clothing. There's also an extensive vegetable garden tended by volunteers which contributes to available food supplies.

People who come to the Centre looking for practical help are respected, and often, the important elements provided are communication and companionship.

The Centre's Kaiawhina, Chrissie Clement, is a trained addiction counsellor, but confesses to not being able to cure her own addiction to clothes! Here Chrissie considers a garment with volunteer Lou.

The principles of the Centre are: tu Rangatira – dignity; oritetanga – equality; and Whakahoa – partnership.



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## The results from the 2022 Bay of Plenty Regional Council elections are in. The elected Councillors are:

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Western Bay of Plenty General: Jane Nees and Ken Shirley

Māuao Māori: Matemoana McDonald

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Rotorua General: Kevin Winters and Lyall Thurston

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The Regional Council members voted and elected Doug Leeder to return as Chairman and Jane Nees to return as Deputy Chair.



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## Ngongotaha School

Kia ora everyone.

Where has the year gone! I think every year goes faster than the last. This term is not only the shortest, it is also the busiest. We have packed in so many fun learning activities into 8 ½ weeks while also planning for an exciting 2023. Keep a close eye on the school app for up-to-date information regarding the various trips that we have planned over the next 4 and ½ weeks.

Our senior students have just come back from an outstanding experience at Totara Springs Camp. They stayed two nights and took part in a wide range of activities including- abseiling, archery, slug guns, rock climbing, rafting, slides, and many, many more. A huge thank you to all the parents who supported our awesome staff to make this event possible. We are currently putting together a Facebook page for photos only so we can upload the hundreds of photos we have of camp, production, athletics, school trips, etc. We raised funds for Gumboot Friday a few weeks ago and it was a huge success.

After counting the late donations, we ended up raising over \$1000 which has been donated to this wonderful cause. We all know how hard it is to be a young person and social media has only made things worse. Having counselling available to youth who need it is extremely important.



Our 3-school choir are getting ready for their Christmas performances. Our junior choir will showcase their talents at the Kindy and the middle and senior choir will perform for the residences of St Bs. These shows are always enjoyable for the audience and the children performing.

Te Whanau Maunga is busy preparing for the Ahurei Kapahaka competition. This year the 12 schools of our Kahui Ako will take part on the 23rd of November to represent their school and their community. Tickets will be available soon.

As you are aware, our school prizegiving will take place on Tuesday 13th of December. Weather permitting, we will structure it as we did last year- outside in the sun. The difference this year will be that all whanau are welcome to come and be a part of the celebration. It will still be live streamed for those who can't make it, but it would be nice to see our entire community celebrating together. This will be the last full day of school- the following day, Wednesday 14th, school will close at 12 noon.



I would like to thank our wonderful community for all their support during 2022. It has been an 'interesting' year to say the least, but, as always, the Ngongotaha community has stuck together and supported each other the entire time. I know I say it every year, but I am privileged to be a part of this community. Ngongotaha, what a GREAT place.

**Ngā mihi, Craig McFadyen - Principal, Ngongotaha Primary School**

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# It's okay to go back

**It seemed like a good idea at the start, but then it all turned to custard and I had to rethink what I was doing. My brother Morgan and I were up in the bush on Mount Ngongotaha on one of our Sunday afternoon childhood expeditions when we came across a big black water pipe that protruded out of the side of the maunga.**

**The further you walked out on it the further you were from the ground. It would have been about 20 metres long. My brother had walked to the end, now metres above the ground and was calling me to join him. It seemed like a good idea, until I had walked halfway to him.**



At that point I realised that I could do myself a serious injury if I fell and I can't remember if I started shaking and had to drop so I did not fall, or if I dropped down on the pipe and started shaking so much that I could not move. The end result was I was stuck halfway out on a water pipe above the ground, and I needed my bro's support. I remember him telling me it was okay to go back before he helped to turn me around and get me back safely.

I am not sure who had the idea to go diving for mussels with surfboards, but it seemed like a good idea to me until I found myself shivering with cold while lying on top of one of them. I had a wetsuit, but it was not keeping me warm like it was meant to. Fortunately, the sea was perfectly calm as far as seas can be. We were about 100 metres offshore and the diving was going well, but I wasn't. I was too cold to get back in the water and was trying to get some respite from the weak sun that was now hidden behind clouds. Fortunately for me, one of my uncles realised how cold I was and allowed me to go back into shore, with a sack of mussels in tow. That 100-metre swim back to the beach on that surfboard with a sack of mussels remains one of the coldest, longest, darkest swims I have ever experienced. I lay on the beach for ages totally exhausted when I finally safely arrived back, the rest of the party arriving soon after my recovery. At least I had a sack of mussels to show for it.

We were keen for a game of golf. Too keen. This was my definitely my cousin's idea. He shall remain nameless. We were all staying at Awahou during one of our Christmas holidays at our whanau papa Kainga. He thought it would be a good idea to chuck a set of golf clubs in one of our whanau row boats and row from Awahou to the shores of Hamurana, go for a game of golf and row back. The day was perfect for it, so it seemed like a good idea to me too. Knowing that the whanau rule was to always stay within our swimming capabilities of the shore we had to row quite far to get there, but hey, we were keen for a game of golf. Very keen.

We also had no money. So, after reaching our destination around midday and hiding the boat we ran across the road and jumped the fence on to the third hole. Or rather we climbed through the wire fence and were walking to the fourth tee when we heard a guy yelling above a tractor that was now speeding towards us from a distance. Suffice to say we did not even have one golf shot and scampered through the fence and back across the road before he got close enough to recognise us. I am sure he must have had a good laugh as we returned to the safety of our rowboat and started the long journey home, egos frayed, but laughing anyway. My cousin and I returned to play golf at Hamurana many times after that, in cars and paying our fees, no rowboats involved. Many years later I would become the President of that golf club and never told anyone about my feeble attempt to have a free round of golf. The only reason I am confessing to it now is because we did not actually hit a shot, so therefore as far as I am concerned, there was no crime to answer for, there was definitely intent though.

Intent has got me into difficult situations throughout my life. However, the years have taught me wisdom such as who I should listen to. For example, my brother Morgan has always been one of the most courageous, inspiring, go get 'em guys I have ever known. He has always been there to encourage me to do stuff and help me if I fail. That's what good brothers do I suppose.

I have dived for seafood many times since that surfboard incident. In fact, years later I swam out to dive for mussels with my adult son. The waves were huge. However, this time my wetsuit fit me and I was a lot fitter as well. He was so strong that he dragged back our sack of mussels through the surf. I guess that's what sons do for their fathers. They teach Papas not to be hindered by past experiences and to continue trying new things. Things that may not be easier but can safely achieve the same result of kai on the table. No surfboard required.

I enjoy golf whenever I have the time and opportunity to do so. Would I row a boat for ages to go for a game of golf? No. Would I drive or fly for ages to have a game? Yes. Would I climb through a fence to get a free game in the middle of the day? No. Especially if there was a guy on a tractor around. There are lots of memories to make in our region. We really do live in paradise. No rowboats required.

**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> for more of his story.**



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## \$\$\$\$Money\$\$\$\$

One day at the job site, our whole crew could overhear our co-worker Tom on the phone with his wife...  
"Sure darling," he said. "Buy yourself the watch. You deserve it.... Yes, my dear, get the one with the diamonds."

"Woah, check out Tom, buying his wife a new diamond watch. What did he win, the lottery?" One of the guys joked.

Tom continued on his call: "Darling, you're right. We have the money. Get the BMW... Yes, fully loaded..."

"How is Tom able to afford a BMW? We still haven't been paid for the last job!" Said one of the guys angrily.

Finally, Tom left us in disbelief when he said to his wife, "if you love the house that much, then make a strong offer... better come in above the asking price."

Tom ended the call and turned to address the rest of the crew. "If anyone sees the boss, tell him he owes me 2 grand. Also, I found his phone, his wife called, and I QUIT"

An old man was sitting on his front porch, when he saw two boys walking past his house. The two boys were talking very loudly.

"Yesterday I bought a car and drove all the way to the moon!" said one of the boys.

"That's nothing!" said the other boy. "This morning, I went all the way to Pluto! By walking!"

"What are you two whippersnappers doing?" asked the old man.

"We found a \$20 bill on the sidewalk," one of the boys explained. "We decided that whoever can tell the biggest lie gets to keep the money."

"You should be ashamed of yourselves," said the old man. "When I was your age, I didn't even know what a lie was!"

The two boys looked at each other, and then gave the \$20 bill to the old man.

*Money is relative  
The more money you have, the more relatives seem to know you.*

A few moments after the daughter announced her engagement, her Father asked, "Does this fellow have any money ? " The daughter shook her head sadly. "Oh Daddy! You men are all alike." Sighing deeply, she replied, "That's exactly what he asked me about you. "

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## Lions Club of Ngongotaha

Members of the Lions Club of Ngongotaha will be hosting children at the annual World Festival of Magic Show. The show will be held in the Rotorua Boys' High School Hall, on Saturday 19th November.

Ngongotaha Lions Club will also be helping at the Ray White Charity Garage Sale in the Ngongotaha Community Hall on Saturday 10th December. The "Sale" opens at 8am. Come along – you may find a real bargain.

Members of Ngongotaha Lions Club will be on site at the annual "Trees of Remembrance" at Countdown Fairy Springs on Saturday 17th December, from 8am until 4pm. Members of the public are invited to write a message to a deceased loved one, and hang it on the Christmas tree. In return a small donation towards Rotorua Hospice is invited.

# LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Spring is giving us what most would say to be “typical spring weather”: hot and sunny one day, cold, windy, wet the next! We will take it because summer is just around the corner and the grass is definitely growing. Mowing is almost full time at Lakeview and the greens are starting to look really good after the coring maintenance.

November is going to be a really busy month for us. Club competition is Captain's Trophy and the start of the Ham tournaments. We also have various big group bookings which is fantastic! We are hosting the CT Club nationals from November 24th- 26th. We have the Plumbing World Tournament on 18th November. BOP Age Group Championships 20th November. The Life Education Charity tournament is 2nd December where we look forward to hosting Harold and friends in better weather conditions.

Twilight has kicked off with good numbers for both the Ladies on Tuesday evenings and mixed on Wednesday evenings. There is great kai afterwards and of course the camaraderie while playing 9 holes. Always awesome to see new faces, so come along if you are thinking of ways to get exercise and meet people.

## CLUBHOUSE NEWS!!!!

Yesss!!! We have some test piles in the ground and that went well so no problems there. The gazebo is being moved to the practice putting green area, so there is definitely action happening and we look forward to seeing more!

On the conservation front, more native plants have been planted and 12 stoat traps have been donated, so we are excited to get those traps out on the course and catching stoats which have been sighted on the course. We would still love to hear from anyone in the community who is passionate about conservation and looking for something to do. We would really appreciate help with our predator trapping programme. It is a lovely environment to work in, great exercise and we are eager to involve the wider community in our mission to have Lakeview recognised as an awesome community green space used and accessible by all. Please ring Sue 027 2010 940 if you are keen!

Christmas is just around the corner - if you are thinking presents why not give someone a membership at Lakeview. We have a variety of membership options including a 6-month Summer Membership. Contact the shop if you would like to know more.

Enjoy the warmer weather and feel free to come and check out our clubhouse progress.

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*We have worked hard to put the foundations for this in place, and marking five years in Government, I want to update you on progress. Despite COVID causing the biggest economic downturn in New Zealand since the 1930s, our economy is in good shape. Our strong economic management means that debt is low, exports are up, and our economy is larger now than before the pandemic!*

*We have more people in work with higher wages, which makes Rotorua families and our economy stronger. Child poverty has continued to slowly improve, and assistance like our Families Package, minimum wage and benefit increases, and free lunches in schools have helped lift families' wellbeing.*

*The housing problem has been decades in the making and there's no easy solution. We've taken actions that are making a real difference. Housing supply is increasing, renting is fairer, and we've made changes to help first home buyers. We're speeding up the scale and pace of house building through our Infrastructure Acceleration Fund, and we've built more houses than any Government in decades.*

*It can be easy to forget just how far we've come since 2017, particularly as we've faced a global pandemic and an economic shock. While there's more work to do, I'm really proud of our Government's record.*

***Tamati Coffey***

# Age Concern

Our biggest shortfall at present is our lack of retired tradespeople for our SuperGold Skills Programme.

During Covid our numbers dropped off and we have been unable to recover. We need all sorts of trades to help our members. The services are not free, and the tradesperson is able to negotiate a price with the client and is normally paid in cash which can be a bit of extra income on retirement.

An example would be a lady who rang this week looking for someone to do her lawns and has her own ride-on mower, or the lady who rang wanting someone to fix her gate which is becoming hard to open but at present we do not even have any gardeners or builders on our books.

Age Concern Rotorua had a presence at the 21st celebrations for Parksyde which was held on the 5th of November, and we provided information to older adults in our community. The Parksyde celebration and Open Day began with the official welcome and karakia and speeches by Peter Fitchett, Chair of Parksyde, Stuart Edward, Rotorua Trust, Tania Tapsell, new Mayor, and Lianne Dalziel who opened the facility when it first opened.

After the speeches and cutting of the cake, people were invited to look at the displays, stage performances and interactive activities. Age Concern was fortunate to be able to have a static stall at the Open Day celebrations, and we were able to provide information on what we can provide. Age Concern is an organisation whose focus is contributing to the overall wellbeing of older New Zealanders.

Age Concern works to prevent abuse and neglect of older adults, support health and wellbeing so older adults can live well for longer, advocate for their rights to ensure they are respected and treated as valuable members of their community and end the loneliness and social isolation many older adults experience.

Covid has had a strong impact on our service delivery. We have experienced a huge increase in welfare issues, social isolation, and mental and health issues. Recently we have been able to appoint a welfare officer, thanks to lottery funding, and they are visiting all our members to assess their mental and physical wellbeing. Although many social connection programs and activities were cancelled over the lockdown periods, the staff's community work and practical support services increased.

Now that we are back to having our weekly excursions to various venues the good thing is that many of these trips are oversubscribed, especially the one to Maketu for a fish and chips lunch. Our staff are also enjoying taking turns to go on these trips in the absence of a Social Connection Coordinator, even though they are all very busy in their respective roles and the limited time they all have allows them a break from their normal routine.

We are still battling with the council over the development

of our tiny house pocket neighbourhood in Ngongotaha. They seem to be putting up barrier after barrier which we must overcome, and we are at the stage of not being able to order the buildings and start the build until we have some confidence that the Resource Consent will be approved. Hopefully this week we will have some good news.

A new initiative is set to be a one-stop shop for elderly people to gain guidance and information. The Parksyde Older Persons Community Centre Trust, is in the consultation stage of establishing a Hub, aimed at elderly people who are seeking advice and guidance from a wide variety of local charities and organizations.

The Hub aims to get agencies into the Centre and remove barriers that people may face getting to them when they are scattered around the community. With the rising cost of fuel, people may not be able to travel all over town to reach these services so having them in one space makes sense and in a one-stop shop. The idea for the hub came from a conversation held over several years with a number of interested parties, and the first of many consultation forums has been held and a steering committee established. Now it is a matter of watch this space.

This is a very sobering article and indicates that we all must be careful and question everything, if it seems wrong or too good to be true, it probably is. SBS Bank has been labelled "heartless" after refusing to refund \$134,000 siphoned by thieves from a pensioner's online accounts, saying the recent heart attack victim failed to take adequate precautions.

The distraught man is recovering from triple heart-bypass surgery which he believes is linked to stress from being swindled. He says he has been rocked by SBS's decision and the bank's hardline stance is ironic, given it advertises as "putting the heart back into banking".

However, SBS, which recorded a \$61 million operating surplus last financial year, says the matter is now closed and the man is free to complain to the Banking Ombudsman. Criminals had "hacked" the man's accounts, then used a secure messaging function to contact bank staff, posing as the man, and changed his cellphone number to circumvent SBS's two-factor authentication security checks. They then added several new payees before moving large amounts of money to six different accounts at four separate banks in 11 transactions over five days.

The man, from Invercargill, learned the money had been taken only when he logged in to his internet banking to pay bills and found his revolving mortgage account had been drained to its \$134,000 limit.

**Keep Safe**  
**Rory O'Rourke**  
**Manager**



*The IRD decides to audit Grandad, and summons him to the IRD office. The auditor was not surprised when Grandad showed up with his attorney. The auditor said, "Well, sir, you have an extravagant lifestyle and no full-time employment, which you explain by saying that you win money gambling. I'm not sure the IRD finds that believable."*

*"I'm a great gambler, and I can prove it," says Grandad. "How about a demonstration?"*

*The auditor thinks for a moment and said, "Okay. Go ahead."*

*Grandad says, "I'll bet you a thousand dollars that I can bite my own eye."*

*The auditor thinks a moment and says, "It's a bet."*

*Grandad removes his glass eye and bites it. The auditor's jaw drops.*

*Grandad says, "Now, I'll bet you two thousand dollars that I can bite my other eye."*

*Now the auditor can tell Grandad isn't blind, so he takes the bet. Grandad removes his dentures and bites his good eye. The stunned auditor now realizes he has wagered and lost three grand, with Grandad's attorney as a witness. He starts to get nervous.*

*"Want to go double or nothing?" Grandad asks. "I'll bet you six thousand dollars that I can stand on one side of your desk, and pee into that wastebasket on the other side, and never get a drop anywhere in between." The auditor, twice burned, is cautious now, but he looks carefully and decides there's no way this old guy could possibly manage that stunt, so he agrees again.*

*Grandad stands beside the desk and unzips his pants, but although he strains mightily, he can't make the stream reach the wastebasket on the other side, so he ends up urinating all over the auditor's desk.*

*The auditor leaps with joy, realizing that he has just turned a major loss into a huge win. But Grandad's own attorney moans and puts his head in his hands. "Are you okay?" the auditor asks.*

*"Not really," says the attorney. "This morning, when Grandad told me he'd been summoned for an audit, he bet me twenty-five thousand dollars that he could come in here and pee all over your desk and that you'd be happy about it!"*

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# November News from Kaharoa School

## NGĀ MIHI MAHANA from the Kaharoa team

Term 4 has Kaharoa School exploded with activities!



**Ag Day:** What a great way to start our term with this much anticipated event.

The care and attention the children (and parents!) had obviously lavished on their calf, lamb, kid, chicken or plant was lovely to see. The children were all so proud of their animals and many cuddles, hugs and kisses were bestowed upon their pets. Thank you for sponsorship from Hellers for sausages.

ASB, FMG and Luke van Broek from Harcourts for loan of the gazebo. To Karl and Anna Weaver from Vetplus (who also docked the lambs) and Kylie Gaddum for the yummy animal biscuits. Congratulations to all those who went on to represent Kaharoa at Group Day which was held at Kaharoa on Friday 21st October - what a privilege to see the champions of each school present their animals. A very special mention to our own Jireh who won Reserve Champion with his calf Bella. Huge thanks to Vance and Kylie who organised both events with their wonderful helpers.



**Scientist for a Day:** Was held on Wednesday 2nd November and all our students were fortunate enough to have people from many different fields of science come along and share their knowledge and passion about all things science. We would like to thank the many scientists who were part of this day. Darren Florence- HOD Rotorua Boys High School, Ngaio Mertens-National Kiwi Hatchery, Penny MacCormick and Scott Kusabs- Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Matt McDougall and Eden Mutton-Fish and Game. A big thank you also to our current and past parents who supported this day-Sonia Sampietro, Jacqui English, Tim Day, Celia Grant, Tracy Malanchuk,

Phil Malanchuk, Chris Stevens and Chris Haworth.

A great day of learning, discovery and wonderment for our learners. Thank You scientists!

**All our Bus Monitor** children throughout the Rotorua region were treated to a free Fun Day at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre in recognition of their 2022 service to their school. This was held last Friday 28th October - thank you to Constable Viv Sutton and the Aquatic Centre staff, and our Kaharoa parents - Aaron, Caroline, Kristen, Renee and Anna who transported/supervised our children for the day.



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### Term 4 dates:

14 Nov: Athletics

20 Nov: HAMURANA FLYER & COLOUR RUN - a great morning out with family and friends. Visit Eventbrite and search Hamurana Flyer for entry details.

2 Dec: Sports Prizegiving and Volunteer Morning Tea

13 Dec: Year 8 Prize giving 1:00pm

14 Dec: Meet new class teacher, tabloids & end of term fun

15 Dec: Last day for Kaharoa School year

**This term we have a focus on:**

**Key Competency:** Friendly - Being a Team Player. Relate to others in a variety of situations.

**Cornerstone Value:** Kindness - Willingness to help, show concern, and be friendly to others. Often it is towards the end of the year that we look back at the many kindnesses that are shown in deed and thought.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank:

- to our wonderful parents who transport and supervise children to and from different sports, tournaments and school trips
- to the many parents who donate their time to coach and manage the sports teams
- to our wonderful bakers who donate scrumptious baking to raise money for the school and ultimately our children
- to our parents who are so supportive of Kaharoa and the special place it is
- to all the children, teachers, visiting artist Jayne Baume for the fabulous art works produced during our art week last term
- to our amazing PTA team for the dedicated hours they give to raise money - bbqs, wood splitting, quiz nights
- to Mr Vance Shoebridge who goes above and beyond his job description ensuring our school is safe, and his landscaping prowess and building is second to none
- to our hard working staff whose dreams at night are often about school, planning, teaching and seeing the children progress!
- to our Kaharoa tamariki who are why we are all in this together. To see them achieve here and beyond into the future.

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## Money etc

I was walking down the street when I was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked me for a couple of dollars for dinner.

I took out my wallet, extracted twenty dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you use it to go fishing instead of buying food?" I asked.

"No, I don't waste time fishing," the homeless man said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on hunting equipment?" I asked.

"Are you nuts!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't gone hunting in 20 years!"

"Well," I said, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that?"

I replied, "Don't worry about that. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking, fishing and hunting."

Dave and Johnny were abroad on holiday.

One evening, they decided to visit a local bar.

"Be careful of scammers," warned their tour guide. "There's a lot of dishonest people in this neighbourhood."

Dave shrugged and laughed. "Don't worry mate, I can always spot a liar."

They went to the bar. At the door, the bouncer stood with his arms folded. "I'm going to have to see some ID, gentlemen."

Johnny was furious, and started protesting. "Of course we don't have ID! I'm 46!"

Dave pulled Johnny to the side, and whispered "Shut up and let me handle this! He's no doubt used to dishonest people."

Dave approached the bouncer, winked and pulled out 20 dollars (or whatever the local currency was). "Here's my ID, sir."

The bouncer stared, and said "Sorry, I can't take a bribe."

Dave pulled out \$50. "How about now?"

"Sorry, it's against the law."

Dave pulled out \$100. The bouncer stared longingly at the money, but still refused.

Dave pulled out \$200. The bouncer frowned. "All right then. Much as I hate breaking the law, this is more money than I'd earn in a week. You can enter."

Dave and Johnny entered triumphant. After a few pints, Dave got chatting with the bartender.

"You should know, your bouncer is surprisingly honest. I didn't expect in a neighbourhood like this to find a bouncer so hard to bribe!"

The bartender laughed. "We don't have a bouncer."

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Kia ora, Koutou Katoa, Hi Everyone,

We have had a great few weeks lately. Our last item in this publication was focussed on finding out more about the TUX Sheepdog Trials held in Ngongotaha and the Rotorua Sheep Dog Trial Club in general.

We pass on our huge thanks to a special Ngongotaha person, who passed on our request for information, this then resulted in a phone call from the Gear Whanau/Family and us meeting up with Joan, Margaret and Sandra. We thoroughly enjoyed our shared time together, resulting in quite a few laughs, it was awesome. We have plans to meet up again, sometime soon.

The 'Gear Whanau/Family' were only too keen to share what they knew, from the time that their Dad, 'Jack Gear' was President of the 'Rotorua Sheep Dog Trial Club' (30 years).

The Club first opened in 1937 and Mr Syd Dalbeth was one of the original members. The Rotorua Sheep Dog Trial Club-house was situated on Valley Road, Ngongotaha. Would you have a photo of the Club-house please? Inside or outside? Or some stories of your own from your whanau/family/friends?

We are really interested to hear from others who have memories from the Club-house days, apparently there were Trophies and photos on display. The Gear family are sure that others will be able to add more to this history, for example do you have any information about the Old Stove that came from the Princes Gate Hotel? We understand it was a monster.

We look on this journey as a 'jig saw puzzle' coming together. We had nothing to begin with and now we have some really valuable leads from Jack Gear's family and we need more information to tie it together. We are pulling together and saving what we can, for future generations.

One item that we were given is the programme for the 1997 "TUX" North Island & New Zealand Sheepdog Trial Championships at Ngongotaha Station (Farm) - Rotorua.

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We were amazed at the number of competitors and their dogs, who participated and also where these competitors had come from. For example, in EVENT 1 -LONG HEAD Judged by N. Hore, there were 257 Competitors with dogs with such names as; Bot, Speck, Flirt, Hemi, Joker, Whisk, Dream, Sean and Lace and another 248 names added to the list. Competitors came from Taupo, N-Canterbury, Hastings, Stratford, Gore, Waipukurau, Timaru, Whangarei and so on and so forth.

Dog Trialists also came from Australia in the 1970's (we have a group photo and would love some names please?) Others came from further away by ship and their several weeks at sea, counted as quarantine for the dogs.

Thanks again to the Gear sisters, come on you others, please support them, you must have something you can share.

Our Ngongotaha Life Museum Family numbers are growing including; Brakes, Martins, Beaufills, Davies, Gears and others. We understand that the McGowans were the last official officers of the Rotorua Sheep Dog Trial Club, we would love to have this confirmed.

#### Continuing on with a current Club....

Ngongotaha Garden Club- is getting close to 75 years of activity in Ngongotaha and still going strong. While many of our groups and clubs are now but a memory, this group has kept going and going.

I had the very real privilege, of being invited to speak to this awesome group of local gardeners about Progress Ngongotaha,

what it does in the 'broad sense' and more especially, updating the club on the current work being carried out by the Stream Care Team.

What a wonderful welcoming group, I loved it. It was easy to see that the members care about each other, and love to celebrate each others' 'Green Thumb' successes. They have a raffle and a 'Bring and Buy' Stall and heaps more. If you have a Green Thumb or even a Semi Green Thumb this could be the Club for you.

#### Bye for now Lynn, Bob, Lee, and Teams

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#### More Money

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*"What happened?," asked the friend.*

*"My wife found out..."*

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#### Te Waikai Otaota: Te Arawa Lakes Aquatic Weed Treatment Set To Launch

Te Arawa Lakes Trust is ready to deliver Te Waikai Otaota - Te Arawa lakes aquatic weed treatment plan as part of a multi-faceted approach to restoring the lakes and waterways across Rotorua.

Operations Manager William Anaru says Te Waikai Otaota is one of the many biosecurity methods being used by the Trust's Taiao team to, "aid in the lengthy battle of restoring the quality of our wai along with the protection of our taonga species like oura, tuna, kākahi, kōaro, inanga and morihana".

The herbicide Diquat will be used to control aquatic pest weeds on six lakes including Rotorua, Rotoiti, Tarawera, Ōkātina, Rotomā and Ōkāreka between 14 November and 2 December.

"We are notifying whānau and communities kanohi ki te kanohi, letter drops, text messaging, emails and social media – to help inform those who are living nearby and are regular lake users.

"To keep our whānau and communities safe we will place a Rāhui on treatment areas which will prohibit swimming, food gathering, and collecting drinking water for 24 hours following control operations."

Pou Whakamōhio (signage) will be erected during this time to ensure all lake users are aware of the Rāhui.

For more information please read: Te Waikai Otaota - Operational Plan for Te Arawa Lakes Aquatic Weed Management at <https://tearawa.io>



# Covid Vaccination & Boosters

Everyone in New Zealand aged 5 or over can get a free COVID-19 vaccination, available at 1140 Fenton Street (the old Radio Network building). It does not matter what your visa or citizenship status is. No appointment is required and there's plenty of free parking. Children under 5 cannot get vaccinated for COVID-19.

Vaccination is one of the most effective steps people can take to reduce their risk of death from COVID-19. The analysis shows a 62% reduction in the risk of death from COVID-19 among people who had two or more doses compared to those who had received one dose or no doses. There is evidence that boosters further reduce the risk of death from COVID-19, and this will be the subject of future study.

The options available are:

- Pfizer vaccine (12+ years)
- Child Pfizer vaccine (5-11 years)
- Novavax vaccine (12+ years)

Pfizer is the preferred COVID-19 vaccine for use in New Zealand. If you are 18 years of age or older and either cannot get the Pfizer vaccine or want a different option, you can get the Novavax vaccine. You will be given the option to choose your vaccine type when you book. The Novavax vaccine is not available at all vaccination sites. Whichever vaccine you get, you will need 2 doses.

## If you have had COVID-19

- you should still get any COVID-19 vaccinations you are eligible for.
- Being infected with COVID-19 does not provide the same level of protection as vaccination. Although your antibodies will be high after an infection, we do not know how long this natural immunity will protect you.
- Getting vaccinated is your best defence against COVID-19, and can help protect you against future variants.

The majority of routine vaccinations can now be administered before, after, or at the same time as your COVID-19 vaccinations. The exception to this is the Zostavax (shingles) vaccine where a 7-day gap before or after receiving the Pfizer COVID-19 is advised. If you have any questions, please discuss with your health provider

## How long to wait before getting vaccinated

- It is recommended you wait 3 months after testing positive before getting any COVID-19 vaccination or booster.
- A gap of 3 months gives your immune system time to recover from the infection and get the most benefit from vaccination. Getting vaccinated sooner than 3 months might mean your immune response is not as strong.
- If you are at high risk of severe illness if you do catch COVID-19 again, talk to your doctor or other specialist about when to get your next dose. You may be able to get it sooner than 3 months.

Here's how the Ngongotaha District is progressing for vaccination (doses 1 and 2) numbers and percentages

Ngongotaha South	1283	87.9%
Hamurana	1040	91.4%
Ngongotaha East	1746	87.5%
Ngongotaha West 1430	1430	89.2%
Tui Ridge	1523	89.1%

The national average is 91.6% so we all could do better...

# Getting a vaccine booster

If you are 50y and over (or 30y plus and immunocompromised, a healthcare, aged care or disability worker), you are encouraged to get your booster as soon as possible.

You can get a free booster now if:

- you are aged 18 or over, and
- you are fully vaccinated, and
- it has been at least 3 months since you completed your primary course (for most people, this is 2 doses).

## If you are aged 16 or 17

You can get a free Pfizer booster if you are fully vaccinated, and it has been at least 6 months since you completed your primary course (for most people, this is 2 doses)

## *Rotorua Museum gathering untold stories of Māori Battalion B Company soldiers*

*The stories of heroism, camaraderie and sacrifice of the men who served in the 28th Māori Battalion B Company in World War 2 have captivated locals and visitors alike for decades. But with a roll of nearly 1000 soldiers in B Company alone, many of these stories remain unknown to the public. It is these stories Rotorua Museum Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa is hoping to bring to light.*

*As the nation commemorates the 104th anniversary of Armistice Day, Rotorua Museum is connecting with whānau to collect the untold stories of those who served with the 28th Māori Battalion B Company and uncover more unsung heroes of Te Arawa, and beyond.*

*This engagement process will be carried out over the coming months to help shape the new 28th Māori Battalion exhibition when the Museum reopens. The Museum team is seeking whānau members like Zorah Ngahuia Bidois, who recently registered to claim the medals of her uncle Whitiora (Tommy) Mita. Tommy was captured early on in WWII and spent most of the war as a prisoner.*

*“He was a lovely, gentle person. He was always a lot of fun, so if the war changed him, he never let it show. “He didn’t talk about the war, nobody really did, but he did use to say he felt like he cheated death because he was captured early while others fought and died.”*

*A young child at the time, Zorah’s memory of WWII and its aftermath was the blackouts and rations, but she says the stories from soldiers need to be passed down and remembered. “It’s*

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important our children and every generation after is reminded that their tūpuna fought so we could have a better life. “So many whānau had multiple men go off to war; it was significant for our whānau and every man came back with their own stories. These stories all deserve to be retold and remembered.”

Rotorua Museum Curator Mātauranga Māori, Manaaki Pene, says redeveloping the Museum’s 28th Māori Battalion B Company exhibition with added stories and insights will give people a chance to learn about, uplift and commemorate the memory of those who served.

“When the Museum was open, The 28th Māori Battalion B Company exhibition was an incredibly popular and special part of the experience, and while it was an emotional space for many whānau, it also provided an opportunity to remember and share those stories.

“It is whānau across the rohe who hold the knowledge of the lesser known stories from this time in history, and it is these that we would like to capture and share for the benefit of the whole community.”

Rotorua Museum Operations Manager, Jo Doherty, says the team is eager to build on what is already known about the 28th Māori Battalion B Company. “So many of the stories we know are about the soldiers themselves, but we also want to dig deeper and understand how their whānau coped at home during that time.

“It’s a real privilege to hear these stories, and we want to make sure that when the Museum reopens, the exhibition captures all the elements whānau want to see.”

If you have tūpuna who served with the B Company – 28th Māori Battalion in Greece, Crete, North Africa or Italy from 1940 to 1945 and would like to contribute to the Rotorua Museum exhibition, please fill out this questionnaire: [https://bit.ly/b\\_co\\_whanau](https://bit.ly/b_co_whanau).

Editor’s note: The Māori Battalion B Company boundary ran from Tauranga, along the eastern coast and down to Taupō. Rotorua Museum would like to hear from whānau of any B Company soldier who served during WWII.

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Reverse Equity mortgages work by taking out a small cash loan secured by a new mortgage against home equity (value) repayable when the house is sold, or you die. You might set up a facility of say, \$100k, but only draw funds down in chunks as needed to re-do the kitchen or bathroom for mobility or upgrade old fittings etc., re-carpet, upgrade your car etc. all for the purpose of making your life more independent, comfortable, and staying in your home for longer. However, with a reverse equity loan the interest is usually capitalised on the amount drawn down – i.e. the interest gets added to the debt so you pay interest on interest so to speak. Broadly, the idea is the capital gain on your home over time theoretically reduces the financial impact of the loan structure. But that depends on house prices increasing in value which is never guaranteed. I would add here that borrowing is usually limited to preserve some equity in the property – otherwise how are the banks going to get their loan and interest back if the amount of the debt exceeds the value of the house?

An Occupation Right is the purchase of a small villa or apartment in a retirement village with the right to live in it until you can't any longer, or you die. Weekly fees akin to rent are paid to the village operator to maintain the building, grounds, and services and so on plus you pay your own rates, power, internet etc. depending on your unit type. When you vacate, the provider takes up to 30% of your original purchase price when on-sold. Occupation Right owners can't sell the unit themselves, and don't get a cut of any capital gain on re-sale either. The Government is looking into the fairness of those aspects at the moment.

So, which is the lesser of two evils – reverse equity or occupation right? Well, it depends, and both cost money one way or the other. I always think about it like this: if you add up the amount of interest paid on a home mortgage over the term, it's an astonishing amount of money – likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The offset is that it is likely the home has increased in value over the years and you didn't need to pay rent to someone else along the way either. So, when considering a reverse equity loan, one way of looking at it is that you're effectively just taking advantage of the 'paper equity' or capital gain accrued over the years to fund your retirement living needs.

And then there's the occupation right option. When you consider the weekly fees and 30% of the original purchase price deduction on re-sale, that, too, is often a huge sum of money. Again, one way of looking at it is that you probably sold your existing home and made a large gain which enabled the purchase of the occupation right from money you otherwise wouldn't have had.



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One of the biggest issues we find is adult children worried about their inheritance being gobbled up. Hmmmm ... Firstly, parents are not obliged to make sure they leave an inheritance. Secondly, why should an elderly parent not enjoy a more comfortable retirement with upgraded carpet, new tele, modified bathroom or kitchen, a vehicle they can get in or out of easier etc.? Thirdly, with an occupation right it's all about enjoying amenity, knowing medical and care support is on hand, as well as companionship from others in the village.

This article isn't intended to be relied on as financial advice nor advocating for any particular avenue or provider. The point I'm making is that retirement living costs money however you look at it, it just depends on the lens applied to the decision making.

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## What is a Reverse Mortgage?

Retirees often find themselves in a difficult financial position. Short on income but lots of equity, usually stored in their homes. A typical mortgage top-up won't work in this scenario. Standard mortgages require income and equity to be assessed and are required to be paid down.

### Enter the Reverse Mortgage

Think of a reverse mortgage as a regular mortgage top-up every fortnight. There is no requirement to pay any money onto the mortgage and the interest from the debt can also be capitalised. It doesn't take too much to figure out that this debt could get away from the homeowner without the proper controls. So how do the banks keep this service from getting out of control?

### LVR rules for Reverse Mortgages

For obvious reasons, banks can't let reverse mortgages get too high. An 80% loan on the 1st of January would sit at around 87% by the end of the year. This is clearly unsustainable for any length of time. Different banks have different rules but generally, you can borrow a maximum of 20% at age 60 moving up to ~40% by age 80. Usually, the maximum the lender will allow is 50%.

### Are Reverse Mortgages bad?

Consider the scenario of a recently retired 65-year-old person with a freehold house, living on a Superannuation of approximately \$22k per year. Perhaps they need a \$30k per year income to maintain a comfortable life. This will give them enough money to enjoy their retirement and have the ability to visit the doctor if they need it. This scenario doesn't seem to signal irresponsible lending (or spending). The money is simply locked in an illiquid asset. Reverse Mortgages provide a way to free this up.

**That's a fairly clean example. What about something a little more in the grey area?**

Consider a 75-year-old that would like to use the equity in their home to purchase a car. The car will depreciate and the reverse mortgage will get larger which makes this a double hit on the homeowner. But, maybe the car gives that homeowner significant amounts of additional freedom. Is the debt still bad? In this instance, the client would have an in-depth conversation about their financial needs and capabilities. If they were, say, buying a \$20,000 car and they have a house worth \$1m then it doesn't seem unreasonable. Quite a different discussion if the car was \$300,000! It's important to know that the Reverse Mortgage lenders all have long financial discussions with their clients. They simply don't allow them to withdraw hundreds of thousands of dollars on a whim.

### My thoughts on Reverse Mortgages

It's understandable that people who don't know all the checks and balances that go into a Reverse Mortgage product are uncomfortable with it. It goes against the rules that Mortgage Advisers adhere to – arranging an affordable mortgage (based on income) that can be paid off as quickly as reasonably possible.

The client must be under no illusion as to what they are signing up for and the costs involved. These days, the lenders are required to give an accurate forecast of how the debt will grow and strong discussions around how much money they actually need should be done.

Reverse mortgages fill a specific need in society. If the payment information is clearly conveyed and the reasons for the borrowing are responsible, then they can be considered as a possible option for post-retirement equity release.

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*Three drunks enter a taxi. The driver immediately notices that they were drunk, and decided to make a quick buck out of them.*

*After they entered the car, he drove 100 metres, made a turn and told them that they had arrived at their destination.*

*The first one thanks the driver and leaves. The second thanks him, gives him money and then leaves. The third realizes that something was wrong and slaps the driver as hard as he could.*

*The driver looks at him and asks: "What the hell is wrong with you?!", to which the drunk guy replies: "don't you ever drive that fast again!"*

Blondes

A young blonde, out of money and down on her luck, needed some quick cash. Desperate, she decided to kidnap a child and hold it for ransom...

She went to the local playground, randomly grabbed a kid, took him behind a nearby building, and in a stern voice she told him, "You've been kidnapped, young man!"

Once the kid understood what was happening and was sitting quietly, she wrote a ransom note that said, "I've kidnapped your kid. Tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock, put \$10,000 in a brown paper bag and leave it under the pine tree next to the slides, on the south side of the playground." She signed it "Blondie"...

She pinned the note to the kid's striped tee-shirt and then sent him home to show his parents...

The next morning, the blonde went to the playground, looked under the pine tree, and there it was, the brown paper bag. She looked in the bag, and the \$10,000 she demanded was there, along with a note that said, "How could you do this to a fellow blonde?"

*I always carry a picture of my wife and kids in my wallet.*

*I do it to remind myself why there is no money in there.*

When Pablo Picasso was a young struggling artist, he was several months behind in the rent.

The landlord came by and told him that if he didn't come up with the money he would be evicted on Tuesday.

Picasso exclaimed, "Before you kick me out, just think, years from now people will look at this building and say the great Picasso lived there."

The landlord looked at him blankly and said, "And if you don't come up with the money, they can start doing it Tuesday."

*Due to rising costs, Old McDonald had to sell his farm.*

*E-I-E-I-Owes a lot of money.*





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*A German walks into a bar and orders a beer.*

*The bartender tells him : "20 euros!"*

*The German is shocked - "20 euros? yesterday it was only 3 euros !"*

*"Well, today it is 20 euros."*

*"But why 20, damn it?"*

*Bar tender : "I'll explain it,*

*3 euros is beer,*

*3 euros to help Ukraine,*

*4 for assistance to European countries who have imposed sanctions and are not members of the EU.*

*4 euros in aid to the UK, for successful implementation of sanctions against Russia.*

*Then 3 euros are sent to the Balkan countries as aid to buy furnace coal*

*and finally, 3 euros for a gas subsidy for the EU and fund to help maintain sanctions!"*

*The German silently took out the money and gave the bartender 20 euros.*

*The bartender took them, entered in the cash register and gave him 3 euros back.*

*German in disbelief : "Wait, you said 20 euros, right ? I gave you 20, why are you giving me back 3 euros?"*

*"Ahh... We have no beer!"*

A small kid asked his wealthy self-made friend (also a small kid) the secret behind him making hundreds of dollars everytime he speaks to an adult that he knows.

His buddy replied "the secret is telling the adult I know everything, they will simply tell you to keep your mouth shut and hand you a ton of money".

So the little kid went home to his mother and said "Mum, I know everything!" So, his mother told him to shut up and not tell anyone, and handed him a thousand dollars.

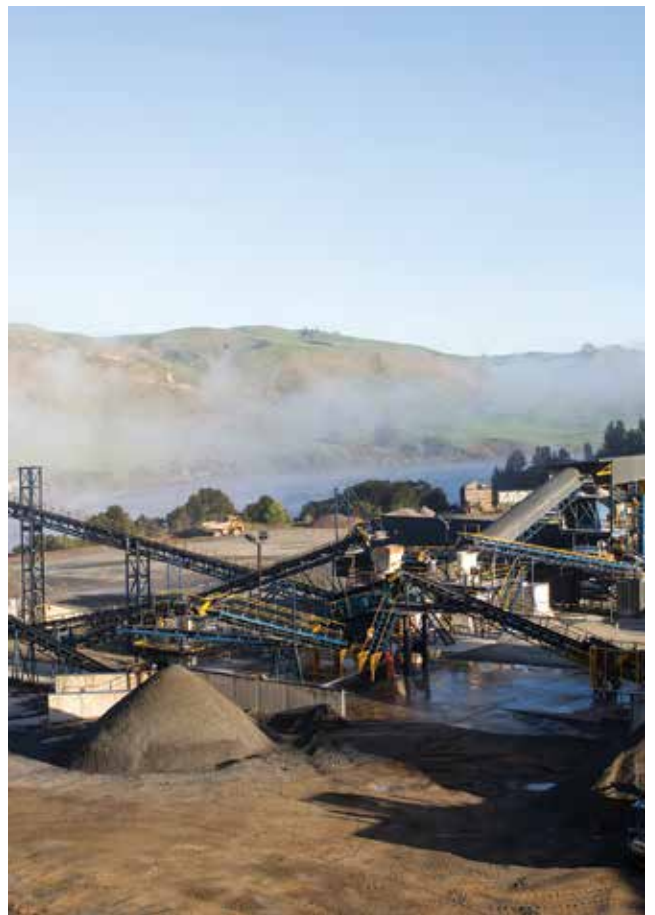
The kid then tried the same thing with his dad, and his dad told him to keep his mouth shut and not tell anyone, and handed him 2 thousand dollars.

The kid got excited and went outside to try it on other adults he knew in the neighbourhood.

First person he sees is the mail man, the kid says "Hello Mr.Mail man! I know everything!". Then the mail man said "REALLY?? COME GIVE DADDY A HUG!!!"

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**20 Nov:** HAMURANA FLYER & COLOUR RUN - Visit Eventbrite and search Hamurana Flyer for entry details.  
**24 Nov** 7-8.30pm Community meeting re cats 7.00 -8.30 Ngongotaha Community Hall (see below)  
**24-26 Nov** Lakeview CT Club Nationals

- 2 Dec** Lakeview Life Education Charity Championship  
**2 Dec** Sports Prizegiving and Volunteer Morning Tea Kaharoa School  
**4 Dec** Rotorua, BOP and Waikato Crop Swap 1.00 pm Mamaku Hall, Mamaku Street \$1 entry  
**10th Dec** 8.00 am. Ray White Charity Garage Sale in the Ngongotaha Community Hall  
**13 Dec** Ngongotaha School prizegiving  
**13 Dec:** Kaharoa Year 8 Prize giving 1:00pm  
**14 Dec:** Kaharoa: Meet new class teacher, tabloids & end of term fun  
**15 Dec** Last day for Kaharoa School year  
**17th Dec** "Trees of Remembrance" at Countdown Fairy Springs 8am until 4pm.

- 8 Jan 23** BOP and Waikato Crop Swap 1.00 pm Mamaku Hall, Mamaku Street \$1 entry  
**12 Feb 23** BOP and Waikato Crop Swap 1.00 pm Mamaku Hall, Mamaku Street \$1 entry

## 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

## You're invited to a Community Meeting

**Thursday 24 November 2022 7-8.30pm**

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