

Land for Housing Programme development at 31 Ngongotahā Road, Ngongotaha

(These are extracts from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Public Information Pack 23 January 2023. The full pack and previous information releases can be viewed at www.hud.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Ngongotaha-Road-public-information-pack-26-January-2023.pdf)

While the site is not currently zoned for residential development, Ngongotahā has been identified as a growth area in the Rotorua Spatial Plan. A private plan change application, alongside a resource consent application for the first stage of the development (196 homes using the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020), is currently being prepared by planners on behalf of Watchman Residential. A successful plan change would allow for residential development by rezoning the site to residential.

When the site was considered under Special Housing Area the proposed density of homes was 190 (80 according to application on website - Ed.). We are now expecting approximately 350 – why has it increased so significantly?

The proposed yield is based on the ability of the site to accommodate more homes based on the Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS). Anything less would be an under development of the site, particularly given the lack of land development in the area.

What types of homes are proposed to be built?

Stage 1 of the development is proposing a range of 3- and 4-bedroom homes for families and whānau to address the housing shortage in Rotorua. These will comprise a mix of standalone, duplex and terrace dwellings. Stage 2 planning will allow for a mix of 1–4-bedroom homes. These development schemes are still being modelled and are yet to be confirmed.

Does each dwelling have a carpark?

Yes, and for the Phase 1 consent (196 units) approximately 95% will have 2 car park spaces.

Who will live in these homes?

The Land for Housing Programme aims to relieve housing pressure by increasing housing supply. Developments completed by the Programme provide a mix of affordable, public and market homes in local communities. This development is likely to have a large proportion of home ownership and some public homes. We are also exploring options for progressive home ownership and affordable rentals homes. Mixed housing developments play an important part in meeting the needs of many within the community. Individuals, families and whānau living in public housing will receive support and tenancy management from Community Housing Providers.
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Ngongotaha School Gala

Friday 17th
March 4-7 p.m.

Food - hangi, lamb rolls, sausage sizzle, meatballs on skewers, steak sandwiches, nachos, fried rice, hot dogs, chips, donuts, ice blocks, drinks, lollies

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Congratulations to Ngati Whakauae for achieving second place in the Ngapo Pimia Wehi Duncan McIntyre Trophy at Te Matatini.

If you wish to make a donation to help in the flooding recovery efforts, Red Cross is involved: <https://www.redcross.org.nz/support-us/about-donating/donating-during-emergencies>

Congratulations to the team at the Tractor and Machinery Working Day - your photo made it to One News!

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Kia ora, Koutou Katoa, Hello Everyone !

Our thoughts are with all who are facing such devastation from the recent floods throughout the various communities in the North Island.

I was online the other day and discovered that Stuff have set up a 'Give a Little Page' to support people affected by the recent unimaginable catastrophe that has hit more smaller isolated places and the larger cities. If you are looking to offer support this is one place. If you know of any others, and you haven't already done so can we encourage you to share this information via Neighbourly or other sites.

It is the feeling of being so far away and not knowing what to do, or how to help, and trusting that any physical help is already there through FENZ and Police and the recent announcement of a State of Emergency.

Ngongotaha Community Emergency Response Plan

There is a generic plan but not one specifically set with consideration to our Village in its unique situation and needs. What disasters could impact our community? What do we need in order to get through as a community? What resources are available to us presently? What would your needs be?

As whanau, we can be prepared to the best of our own means and ability. As a community we also need to be prepared and to be able to help each other should we find ourselves stranded and on our own for three days or longer. How can we connect with each other prior to the Civil Defence services being able to reach us?

We are going through the process now of growing our Ngongotaha Collective and a (Draft) Ngongotaha Emergency Response Plan is one of the main items on our agenda currently. If you have any expertise; ideas, practical support to offer please contact us we would appreciate your input.

Ngongotaha Village is situated on a potential island with the Lake and bridges at either end. What do we specifically need to get through? We need a specific plan for our Village this will then be given to Civil Defence.

Contact progressngongotaha@gmail.com
Subject Ngo Emergency Response Plan
Lynn 3574565 or 022 1404391

The Recent Weather Bomb and its impact on the Ngongotaha River

Volunteers needed to help to clear debris from ground level areas along the stream.

Regional Council has a large Mulcher and will mulch the branches, remove it for us, but we need some helpers to collect the material and leave it piled in specific spots for easy access by Regional Council.

If you can help, please contact Gavin 0212263978
Thank you

Ngongotaha Life Memories Museum

This is still very much 'alive and kicking' if you are interested in helping from the 'ground up', please contact Bob on 3489864.

That's it for now, stay safe out there

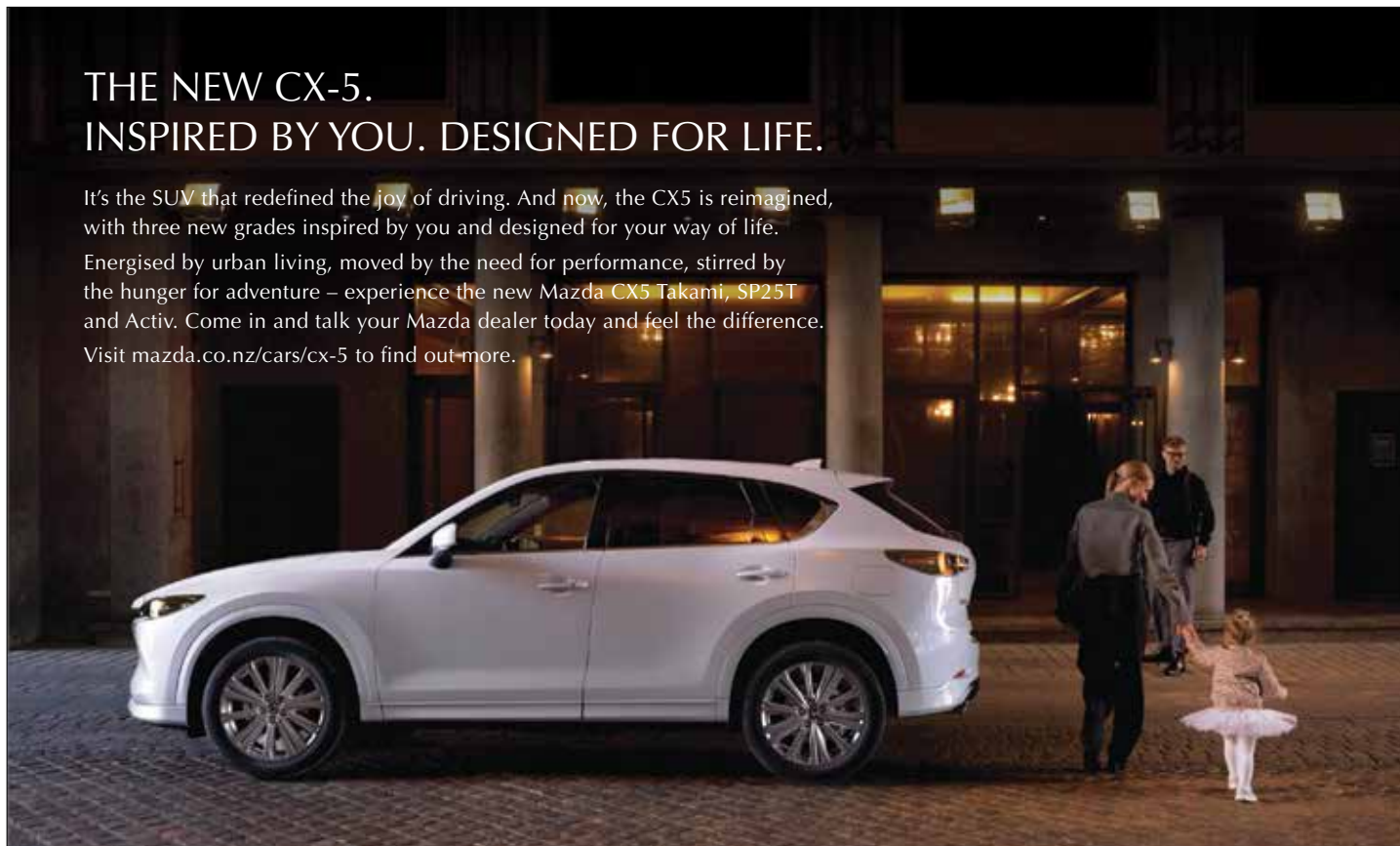
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The Funny Bone

After my wife accidentally swallowed my prostate medication, our daughter called a pharmacist to ask whether there was any cause for alarm. He replied, "Only if she starts hanging out at hardware stores and buys a lot of power tools."

Harry went to his doctor on Thursday to review his test results. The Doctor told him I have good news and bad news. "Good news is you have 48 hours to live," he said to Harry. "Bad news is I should have told you on Tuesday".

My doctor took one look at my gut and refused to believe that I work out. So I listed the exercises I do every day: jump to conclusions, climb the walls, drag my heels, push my luck, make mountains out of molehills, bend over backward, run around in circles, put my foot in my mouth, go over the edge, and beat around the bush.

Colonoscopies are important medical procedures that have saved lives. And yet they're as popular as, well, a colonoscopy. Here are comments purportedly made by patients to physicians during their procedures. "Now I know how a Muppet feels!" "Could you write a note for my wife saying that my head is not up there?" "Any sign of the trapped miners, chief?"

After a checkup, a doctor asked his patient, "Is there anything you'd like to discuss?" "Well," said the patient, "I was thinking about getting a vasectomy." "That's a big decision. Have you talked it over with your family?" "Yes, we took a vote ... and they're in favour of it 15 to 2".

I overheard two St John volunteers talking about the time they went to the aid of an elderly man. As one took down his information, the other opened his shirt to attach ECG cables.

"Any history of heart trouble?" asked the first volunteer. "None," said the patient.

Looking at the telltale scars of bypass surgery, the second volunteer wasn't so sure. "In that case," he said, "do you remember when the lion attacked you?"

Dr. Smith asks his patient, "Which do you want first, the good news or the bad news?"

The patient replies, "Give me the good news." Dr. Smith says, "You're about to have a disease named after you."

The contest was simple: Which department in the hospital where I worked as a nurse could create the best Christmas decorations? While they didn't win first prize, the members of the proctology department did receive high honours with their distinctive sign, "Christmas is a good time to look up old friends."

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LEGACY

I was recently asked to speak to a group of leaders on the topic of legacy which has led me to write this column.



What is legacy? How do we create our community legacy? What legacy will our community leave for future generations?

The definition of legacy has two parts:

1. An amount of money or property left to someone in a will.
2. The long-lasting impact of particular events, actions, etc. that took place in the past or in a person's life.

In general, a legacy is something that happened in the past or that has come from someone in the past like an amount of money that someone left you or a legacy of buildings, art, culture or whenua.

As a part of my preparation for this korero, I read the book entitled *Legacy* by James Kerr. In 2010 James was given access to the All Blacks as they began setting up for the Rugby World Cup. Not only did the All Blacks win the 2011 World Cup but they went on to become the only team to win the Cup consecutively by winning the tournament again in 2015. In doing so, they became recognised as the best sports team ever in any sport worldwide.

There are some aspects of legacy portrayed by that winning All Blacks team which I think are relevant to our communities of Awahou, Hamurana, Kaharoa, Mamaku and Ngongotaha.

The All Blacks had just lost to South Africa, placing them last in the 2004 tri-nations tournament with South Africa and Australia. In fact, they had just been thrashed 40 points to 26 by South Africa and it is well documented that the team was in a real mess after that match. For example, All Blacks had to be cared for by South African players after being found in drunken stupors around the team hotel. This led to Wayne Smith saying "we have a dysfunctional team, if it's not fixed – I won't be back." This led to an extraordinary meeting that took place shortly afterwards in Wellington with 8 key people including the captain, Tana Umanga and his then vice-captain, Ritchie McCaw. The meeting lasted for three days.

Their discussions culminated in key strategies based on a key insight from Brian Lochore, who as James Kerr says, "came up with the six words that would define the efforts of the next eight or so years:

Better people make better All Blacks."

One of the lessons on legacy that our communities can learn from the All-Blacks model is:

Better people make better communities.

As Edmund Burke once said, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph in the world is that good men do nothing." I would add women, tamariki and kaumatua to that cause as well.

There are people in our communities who are good people, very good people, better people. They are making a positive difference

to and for our communities and tirelessly continue to do so. Perhaps you know some of these people in our communities. When was the last time we thanked them or acknowledged the outstanding mahi they do in our communities to make our communities better. Even better people appreciate better appreciation.

Another lesson on legacy we can learn from that All Blacks team is "Leave the jersey in a better place." The role of each player was to represent the jersey in such a manner that it was in a better place than when that player first put their All Blacks jersey on. The role of an All Black is to acknowledge that they are a part of a cultural legacy. One of better people doing better things.

In these changing climate times, when our jetties have been under water and trees have fallen like match sticks, a part of our "leaving the jersey in a better place" must surely be the environment we leave for future generations and how we restore, replenish, and revive that environment for the future. For example, how many of our rivers in our communities will future kids still swim in safely?

There are many other aspects on legacy I could touch on but another relevant point for our communities on legacy is "sweeping the sheds." After all of the post-match changing room rituals, actions and korero have finished, an interesting thing happens in the All Blacks changing shed. Two senior players will pick up a couple of brooms and sweep the shed. They brush the mud and gauze into piles in the corner.

This is a sign of humility from leadership. It is the principle you will see outworked at our marae where our leaders eat last – after all of our manuhiri. Our communities need more examples of leadership that serves each other in humility. Will you be that person for your community?

Sweeping the sheds is about no one being too big to do the small things that need to be done in our communities.

Our communities of Awahou, Ngongotaha, Kaharoa, Mamaku and Hamurana are amazing. They are full of better people making our communities better places. Legacy is about what we will leave for future generations. Let's be communities that are planting the seeds of legacy trees that we will never sit under. ***Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui. Be strong. Be courageous. Be steadfast.***

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PMS jokes aren't funny; period.

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

I heard a joke about amnesia, but forgot it.

I tried to look up impotence on the Internet, but nothing came up.

Conjunctivitis.com — a site for sore eyes.

Sign on a drug rehab centre lawn said 'Keep off the Grass.'

I don't find health-related puns funny anymore since I started suffering from an irony deficiency.



Hon. Todd McClay Member of Parliament for Rotorua

National will deliver local water well – Three Waters is gone!

Labour's Three Waters reform is a multibillion-dollar mega project that despite overwhelming opposition from the public, local councils, and the office of the Auditor General, they continue to plough ahead with their highly centralised co-governed entity. This ill devised project will confiscate assets from local councils away from the very communities that paid for them. Under Labour's plan decision making for Rotorua water will be made from a hugely expensive centralised office in Hamilton.

Chris Luxon has said enough is enough – and that a National government will scrap Labour's undemocratic and unworkable Three Waters model and replace it with a sustainable system that ensures drinking water, stormwater and wastewater remain in local control.

Instead, National will set and enforce strict water quality standards and require council to invest in the ongoing maintenance and replacement of our vital water infrastructure, while keeping control of the assets that communities have paid for.

National will:

- *Repeal Three Waters and scrap the four co-governed mega-entities*
- *Restore council ownership and control*
- *Set strict rules for water quality and investment in infrastructure*
- *Ensure water services are financially sustainable*

Council will be required to demonstrate a clear plan to deliver ongoing investment in water infrastructure. Those plans will need to be approved by the Minister of Local Government. Whilst strict standards for water quality will be set by the Water Quality Regulator, we will establish a Water Infrastructure Regulator within the Commerce Commission to set and enforce standards for long-term water infrastructure investment.

Resilient, well maintained, future-proofed modern infrastructure will also mean our communities can better cope with mounting pressures due to climate change and accommodate housing growth that is currently being prevented by a lack of infrastructure like wastewater and stormwater services.

Under National, water stays in local communities and investment in water infrastructure is secured so that Kiwis can be sure their water is safe and affordable.

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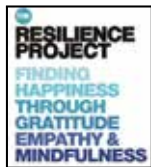
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March news from Kaharoa School

Tēnā koutou whānau

Well, it hasn't quite been the settled start to the school year in 2023 that we had hoped, due to the weather this time. We have been lucky here in Rotorua, and Kaharoa whānau have done what they can to support those impacted by the horrendous weather events across the North Island through fundraising and sending supplies to areas that need them.



Resilience is a hot topic and never more so than in the last few years. It is interesting to know that resilience for children is not something they either have or don't have; it's a skill that they develop as they grow. Senior Kaharoa students were introduced to The Resilience Project last year and we are continuing this through 2023, this time for most of the school (years 3-8). Children are learning about how showing gratitude for the things that you have, showing empathy and kindness, and practising mindfulness all contribute to greater emotional and overall wellbeing. This enables our tamariki to develop greater resilience in the face of challenges.



Triathlon

We held our school triathlon on Friday 10th February. Making the most of a brief spot of gorgeous weather, children gave their very best competing in a swim, cycle and run. Well done to all the tamariki who participated and to all our parents and whānau who came along to support our athletes.

Poolside Support

Thank you to Tara and the team from 'Making a Difference, swim safety programme' for running a series of water safety and skill building sessions with our tamariki. There have been far too many unnecessary deaths in the water this year and it is so important for all children to learn about how to keep themselves safe in the water.



Swimming Sports

Kaharoa School Swimming Sports were planned for Friday 24th February. Unfortunately the weather didn't play ball and it was postponed till the following week. Senior students competed in a range of events over the week and our smaller tamariki showed off their swimming prowess one afternoon.

Kaharoa School hosts the Rural Interschool Swimming Sports on Friday 3rd March. This is always a great day where our rural school tamariki get a chance to compete against one another and also meet each other. It is wonderful to see each school cheering on their school mates as they give it their all.



Camps

Our year 4 and 5 students will head to camp at Lakes Ranch in week 7 (Thursday 16th - Friday 17th March). Year 3 students will join them on Thursday afternoon, but not stay the night.

Team Tōtara (year 6-8) will head to Tui Ridge in week 9 (Wednesday 29th - Friday 31st March).

School camps are always looked forward to with much excitement by the children, and even more so this year after missing out on overnight camps last year as a result of covid-19. A huge thank you must go out to the many parents who help to make these camps possible. The activities organised are often ones that children haven't experienced before and they provide fabulous opportunities to demonstrate our Self Manager Key Competency and all of the Cornerstone Values.

Super Smash Cricket

Each class in the middle and senior school are benefitting from the expertise of Ollie (from BOP Cricket), our Super Smash Cricket teacher. A range of throwing, catching and batting skills are being developed through fun activities and games.



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

Ngā mihi - The Kaharoa Team

NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

February 6th Roll Up It was just another night of bowling. We welcome back Graeme Turner.

February 13th Opening Night We all were bracing ourselves due to the weather and cyclone Gabrielle. It wasn't the ideal night to be out. Due to our Patron being unable to come, Murray Harris (pictured) rolled up the first bowl for the season. Tonight, we farewell Murray as he is moving to Kawerau. Murray will be a big loss to our club and the Bay. We wish you well Murray and hope to see you on the odd nights back here.

February 20th Trophy It was a totally different night tonight weather-wise to last week. We were all cooking with the heat. We welcomed a new member, Barry Freemantle, who has moved here from the Hawkes Bay. The winners for the night were Richard Mills, Nicole Ruthe, David Fleet. Richard was very pleased with himself and his team. He was unbeatable.

Anyone looking at playing bowls can contact:

John Rayner 07 5625012

Kevin Whyte 07 3574766

"Medical Dicktionary"

Artery: The study of fine paintings

Bacteria: Back door to cafeteria

Barium: What doctors do when patients die

Catscan: Searching for kitty

Cauterize: Made eye contact with her

Coma: A punctuation mark.

D&C: Where Washington is

Enema: Not a friend

ER: The things on your head that you hear with

Fester: Quicker than someone else

Genes: Blue denim slacks

G.I. Series: World Series of military baseball

Hemorrhoid: A male from outer space

Impotent: Distinguished, well-known

Medical Staff: A doctor's cane

Morbid: A higher offer than I bid

Nitrates: Cheaper than day rates

Organ Transplant: What you do to your piano when you move

Outpatient: A person who has fainted

Pap Smear: Making fun of Dad

Pathological: A reasonable way to go

Pharmacist: Person who makes a living dealing in agriculture

Pelvis: Second cousin to Elvis

Post Operative: A letter carrier

Recovery Room: Place to do upholstery

Rectum: Almost killed him

Red Blood Count: Dracula

Secretion: Hiding something

Seizure: Roman Emperor

Terminal Illness: Getting sick at the airport.

Thorax: A Dr. Seuss character

Tumor: More than one, an extra pair

Urine: Opposite of you're out

Varicose: Near by/close by



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"Well," the director said, "we fill a bathtub, then offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient, and ask him to empty the tub."

"I get it," the visitor said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's the biggest."

"No," the director said. "A normal person would pull the plug."

A friend of mine was working as a nurse in a West Australian coastal town when a tourist came into the medical center with a fishhook lodged deep in his hand. Since it was the weekend, my friend had to summon the doctor from home.

The tourist was dismayed to see that the doctor was young, had long hair and wore sandals and a very casual shirt. "You don't look much like a doctor to me," he said dubiously.

The doctor examined the hook in the tourist's hand and responded, "And you don't look much like a fish to me."

Carol was pregnant with her first child, and her husband was about to leave on a two-week business trip. When Carol went to her doctor appointment, she had some questions.

"My husband wants me to ask you something—" Carol began.

The doctor interrupted her. "I get asked that question all the time," he said in a reassuring tone. "Sex is fine until late in the pregnancy."

"No, that's not it!" an embarrassed Carol confessed. "My husband wants to know if I can still mow the lawn."

During the year that my husband, Bob, was undergoing expensive dental reconstruction, he got to know everyone in the dentist's office. When a couple of the staff teased him about his garbled speech after he got a mouth-numbing anaesthetic, Bob replied, "Well, it's hard to talk with \$3,000 in your mouth."

Last New Year's Eve found me in the hospital scheduled for an operation to remove hemorrhoids. So, while others donned party hats and sipped champagne, I wore a hospital gown and swigged painkillers. That's not to say the holiday spirit was completely absent. The next day, January 1, I woke up to a banner on my bedroom wall. It screamed "Happy New Rear!"

My friend Esther told me about her son's fifth-grade career day, where the children were asked, "Who knows what a psychiatrist does?"

Esther's son replied, "That's someone who asks you to lie down on a couch and then blames everything on your mother."

A Catholic priest I once knew went to the hospital to visit patients. Stopping at the nurses station, he carefully looked over the patient roster and jotted down the room number of everyone who had "Cath" written boldly next to their name. That, he told me, was a big mistake.

When I asked why, he replied, "It was only after I had made the rounds that I learned they were all patients with catheters."

At my busy dental office, one patient was always late. Once when I called to confirm an appointment, he said, "I'll be about 15 minutes late. That won't be a problem, will it?" "No," I told him. "We just won't have time to give you an anaesthetic." He arrived early.

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Age Concern continues to be busy and is constantly attracting new members and volunteers although we are always looking for new volunteers to support our members who have been identified as lonely or socially isolated. In order to bring all of the payments for membership into line, so they are at the same time, we are having a membership payment amnesty until the end of September so if you join now for \$15.00 you will not be invoiced until September.

Age Concern are also agents for Total Mobility. This is a scheme run by the BOP Regional Council for people impeded by illness, injury or disability. Total Mobility provides 75% taxi fare discount, including Driving Miss Daisy, which of course can be used to travel independently to and from supermarkets/retail outlets of your choice. There is an assessment criterion and registration process which can be completed through Age Concern. Just give us a call. You do not have to be a member of Age Concern to be part of this scheme.

Unfortunately, the providers of our Tiny Homes are in Whangarei and were hit with the cyclone which has caused us some delays in the building process and put back our delivery date by about a month. While we are waiting there are a few landscaping details that we can begin to attend to.

Are you able to help with any of the following, either sponsored or at a competitive rate, which will be required to complete our Pocket Neighbourhood of Tiny Homes for the elderly, just give me a phone call.

3 garden sheds 1.9 by 0.8 metres and 1 Gazebo
9 Raised Garden Beds 2 for each unit and 3 Communal.
9 dwarf Kowhai trees, 50 Pittosporum shrubs, 5 citrus trees, 10 fruit trees, native flaxes and grasses and various medium sized native shrubs to attract Native birds.
Wooden boundary fences approximately 37 metres long and 1.8 metres high.
3 wooden decks approximately 2m by 4m each and easy steps up to deck times 3.
Barbeque and paving approximately 20 square metres

Age Concerns throughout the country, along with several other organizations, are ports of call to provide help and assistance to our members to fill out the CENSUS forms either paper or on-line. Age Concern will be a place where our members, or anyone, can drop in prior to Census Day on Tuesday 7th March 2023, if they are having trouble either on-line or on paper.

Great news about our newly renamed Age Concern Maintenance Service, as we have received funding from One Foundation which will allow us to employ one person, a Jack or Jill of all trades, and heavily subsidize the maintenance costs incurred by our members. The idea is that we have one person who does all the maintenance, and our members are charged a flat rate of \$20 an hour, no matter what the job, and we top it up to a reasonable hourly rate, depending on the complexity of the job.

Gordon Hamilton, who is a local from Ngongotaha, has offered his services in this position. He has a wide variety of skills for this position. We are still on the lookout for a person or business that can do gardening, lawns and ground maintenance for our members at a reduced fee. We can top up the costs a bit, not by much. If you would like more information and to be considered, just give me a call.

You need to be a member of Age Concern to take advantage of our Maintenance Service and our Shopping Service.

Katreece Lewis has given our Shopping Service a much needed shake up. Grocery Shopping is one of those necessary and regular tasks that we all must do to keep our bellies full and our households running—a thankless task we often at times take for granted—until we are unable to do it anymore. This might be due to illness, lack of confidence or mobility, or transport issues. Keeping an ongoing supply of fresh meat/produce and household must haves, in this instance can become an overwhelming if not insurmountable obstacle.

Our shopping service will be comprised of three strands.
Companion Shopping This is a service for older people who are mobile enough to go out but need a little extra assistance with transport to-and getting around a food store. We match these people with accredited Age Concern Volunteers who may live nearby and shop in similar stores, who have an hour or two a week/fortnight to spare and who have the generosity of spirit to help others maintain their dignity and independence. We ask the Age Concern Shopper to contribute a small koha (donation) towards the Volunteer's petrol costs. We are always on the hunt for community minded people who can pass a police check and who might be interested in volunteering their time in this capacity by taking an older person shopping along with them on their weekly/ fortnightly shop.

Online Shopping This is not as scary as it initially sounds. All of Rotorua's supermarkets have an online shopping and delivery service available. Many young folks these days never set foot in a supermarket—and I, for one, say the young folks are on to something here! All you need to set up online shopping is an internet device, like a tablet, personal computer, or laptop - and a credit card or a debit card (the type with a computer chip in) and you're away. We are happy to make an appointment with you, come out to your home, and walk you through the process.

Buddies Shopping This is a new initiative we are trialling. Starting on Tuesday the 14th of February (Pension Day and every fortnight thereafter) we will be using the Age Concern van to do a grocery run into town. This service is for those who have the mobility to board our van and shop independently but are experiencing transport/confidence issues—and would feel supported travelling in a group. The plan is to collect our members from their homes—there will be two stops—one at Pak'n Save and one at Central Mall. This will give our members a choice of two supermarkets, the opportunity to pay bills at Post Shop, pop into the Warehouse, the Chemist etc.

We will travel in a group and then split up to do our various shopping and chores—we will reassemble at 'Ma Higgins' for a cuppa and a people watch while we collect our group back together – and then drop everyone back home. We expect that the shopping portion of these outings will be between an hour and a half to two hours – the picking up and dropping home portion of the day - will be determined by where our members reside. This is a new initiative – and as always, we will be open to refining and improving the service as we go along.

Keep safe and look out for each other.
Rory O'Rourke
Manager

Ray White Rotorua & Ngongotaha

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FOR SALE



Ngongotaha 9 Dawson Drive

In a location that embraces the essence of tranquil lake and village life, this standout property offers not just one, but two statement homes. Nestled amongst a gorgeous garden setting, Anzac Cottage is rich in nostalgic charm and perfectly styled to celebrate the glamour & exuberance of the art deco era. The privately positioned, contemporary home promotes relaxed luxury with modern indoor/outdoor living and smart technology. Complete the subdivision process that's already been started. A piece of history plus a modern home for you to make your own memories.

For Sale By Deadline: 16.03.23 (unless sold prior) **View** ROT30907

Contact Anita Martelli 027 552 6482, Jodi Ratahi 021 059 7132, Kerif Smerdon 021 0233 8882

FOR SALE



Hamurana 977a Hamurana Road

A magical location with views over Lake Rotorua. Loads of outdoor space and a 4 bedroom Lockwood home. Open plan living flows out to decking, there's a heat pump/air conditioner unit plus a wood fire and the advantage of an internal access single garage. Large land area of 2,843m² (more or less).

For Sale By Negotiation **View** ROT30793

Contact Mandy Lee 0276 732 331

FOR SALE



Hamurana 197 Fryer Road

Spectacular lake & country vistas, high pitched ceilings through the living area and decking at the front of the home. Modern decor, 3 bedrooms, open plan living, separate garage and space for the boat. Minutes from the boat ramp and the lakeside walkway. Title to be issued.

For Sale By Negotiation **View** ROT30818

Contact Mandy Lee 0276 732 331 & Tim O'Sullivan 0274 974 986

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Come and have a chat

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0276 732 331

mandy.lee@raywhite.com

FOR SALE



Ngongotaha 12a Beaumont Road

Set back from the road ensuring privacy, with off street parking, an internal access single garage, a nice flat section with some citrus trees and a grapevine. Walk to the village, School and park with the cycleway and lake edge nearby. First home buyers, downsizers and investors, must see!

For Sale By Deadline 09.02.23 (unless sold prior) **View** ROT30864

Contact Mandy Lee 0276 732 331

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FOR SALE



Ngongotaha 116 Leonard Road

A delightful home bursting with rustic personality. Gorgeous lake views from lounge, dining and master bedroom, leafy views of the back lawn from the family bedrooms. There's an extra large shed for storage and the grounds include an orchard, a veggie patch, grape vines, garden and lawn.

For Sale By Deadline: 16.03.23 (unless sold prior) View ROT30917
Contact Chander Sandhu 027 516 1260

FOR SALE



Ray White.

Ngongotaha 34 Kinder Place

Just a stroll to the lake, this home has new carpet and paint with open plan living that flows outdoors from the lounge and dining area. Ensuite, office nook and solar panels. Internal access double garaging, private back lawn with raised vegetable gardens and room to park the motorhome or boat.

For Sale By Negotiation View ROT30872
Contact Julie Brake 021 110 0320



Ngongotaha 17 Waikuta Road

You are moments away from the Lake reserve so chuck on your gear and grab your kayak - fun awaits! The cute cottage consists of two bedrooms, large family living with great connection to outdoor living and a large rumpus room. Your next home or a home away from home.

For Sale By Negotiation View ROT30883
Contact Leanne Leef 021 835 9145



Ngongotaha 14 Pioneer Road

Built-in 2016, this home has 6, YES 6, bedrooms and two bathrooms! The master bedroom has its own ensuite and walk-in wardrobe. With an open plan kitchen and dining area that has a wrap-around deck to bring views of the neighbouring farmland in! Triple garaging houses the laundry.

For Sale By Negotiation View ROT30875
Contact Phill Rivers 0276 109 090

Considering Selling?

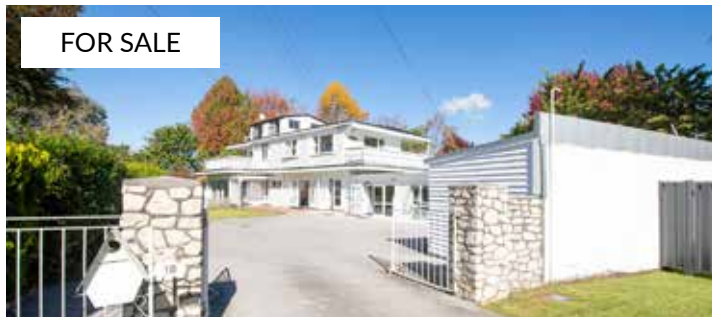
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FOR SALE



Ngongotaha 10 Egmont Road

Set up to combine family life with extended family, this home offers seven bedrooms plus five bathrooms, designed into zones to enhance the privacy of its occupants. The home is warm and enjoys two infinity gas hot water systems, a gas fire and 5x heat pumps. Call John today.

For Sale By Negotiation View ROT30465
Contact John Piercy 027 446 4549

Kia ora everyone.


What an interesting start we have had to the year- rain, wind, some sun and even a cyclone. Fortunately, Ngongotaha School missed most of the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle but I am aware that many houses in our community were without power for a period of time and there was some flooding. I hope that you are all ok, my thoughts go out to those affected in Auckland, Hawkes Bay and other impacted areas.

Our School Gala is fast approaching. This year we have organised an afternoon event on Friday 17th of March from 4 till 7pm. We have dozens of food stands, raffles, rides, and games to try out. We would love to see all of our Ngongotaha, Hamurana and Mamaku community come and celebrate with us.



We have been looking for a new uniform supplier for quite some time now. We have researched several different suppliers over the past year and have finally settled on Legend Sportswear. As of Term 1 2024 we will have a completely new school uniform- same colours but a more modern design. We are just finalising what it will look like and then I will be able to show everyone what it's going to be. To allow us to faze out the old uniform quicker, the BOT have agreed to purchase a 'basic kit' for every student consisting of polo shirt, jersey and bottoms (either skorts or shorts). Whanau are then able to buy trackpants, scarves, hats or additional polos directly from the school office if they wish. This 'basic kit' will be supplied at the end of the year to all enrolled students in readiness for 2024. Prices are very competitive (we are currently paying \$60 for a pair of skorts which will be \$38 from Legend, jerseys which are currently \$55 will be \$45) It is a very exciting time, keep an eye out later in the year for more information.

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**SAFETY SKILLS
FOR
RURAL WOMEN**

THURSDAY 16 MARCH
9:30AM - 2:30PM
Kaharoa Hall, Kaharoa Road, Rotorua.

Learn about safety in a rural environment.
Morning tea and lunch provided!

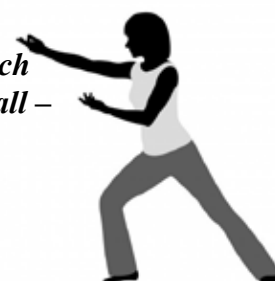
Natural Instincts will be joining us to teach us a whole lot of really useful knowledge, some activities may be outside so bring suitable clothing and footwear for the conditions on the day.

Open to members and non-members.
Event registration fee: \$30
Bank details: Kaharoa RWNZ 010322028418100
ANZ at Tauranga Crossing. Use Safety Day and surname for reference.


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***Just turn up or if you have questions
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We recently held our school Triathlon. An exciting day for everyone despite the weather trying its best to ruin our fun. Many of our tamariki spent the day swimming, running and riding their bikes. Congratulations to everyone who took part and thank you to everyone who came down and cheered our children along. In addition to this, we sent a group of our children to the country schools swimming competition held at Kaharoa School. The students had a wonderful day and were hosted exceptionally well by the Kaharoa School team.



Sadly, the Ministry of Education have 'stolen' Whaea Daph from us. This was to be expected, she is so amazing and has helped so many children and whanau that the MOE want her for themselves. Whaea Daphne will begin her new journey at the end of this term. This means we will be moving Mrs Astwood out of class full time to support me in the day to day running of the school and cover the responsibilities of SENCO and LSC. We are very fortunate to welcome Mrs Victoria Drewe (yes, Mr Drewe's wife) to our school to cover the teaching responsibilities of Room 3. Whaea Victoria is an amazing teacher and is extremely passionate about our school. We will miss Whaea Daph but I am happy to be replacing her with someone of such high quality.

Our junior school playground has had a bit of an upgrade in the past few weeks. The junior kids love the current playground so we have just installed a few new pieces to ensure that it remains fun and safe at the same time. A junior school swing has also been installed for our little ones to enjoy. In addition to this, we have installed two new pieces to the musical playground. Since its installation, the musical playground has been a real hit with the kids. Hopefully the new additions can support our tamariki to grow a love of music.



That's it for another month. I hope to see you all at the Gala on the 17th.

Craig and the Team at Ngongotaha School.



Ngongotaha Medical Centre Limited

Doctors: Simon Firth, Jane Carman, Genevieve Matthews, Kingsley Aneke, Jorgelina Ferreira, Louisa Barter, Samantha Keenan

NEW STAFF AT NGONGOTAHA MEDICAL CENTRE



DR SAMANTHA KEENAN

We are pleased to introduce **DR SAMANTHA KEENAN** to the team at Ngongotaha Medical Centre. Samantha will be working Monday mornings, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Samantha grew up in Rotorua and has returned with her family to enjoy the fantastic lifestyle this district has to offer. Samantha is eager to reconnect with everything Rotorua has to offer. She is excited to work with the local community, meet new patients, and looks forward to building long-term relationships with them. As a passionate healthcare provider, Samantha is committed to providing the highest quality of care to each and every patient she sees.



DR TAWA HUNTER

We are very pleased to announce that **DR TAWA HUNTER** has been assigned to Ngongotaha Medical Centre as a Registrar for the next six (6) months. Tawa will be seeing patients on Monday's, Tuesday's, Thursday's and Friday's.

A few things about me...

Ko Mataatua te waka
Ko Kirieke te maunga
Ko Wairuru te awa
Ko Wairuru te marae
Ko Te Whanau a Apanui te iwi
Ko Te Whanau a Kahu te hapu
Ko Tawa ahau

I was born in Rotorua and brought up on the East side in Lynmore. I initially followed my creative path and pursued drama, then went on to be a jewellery designer. I have 5 sons and my first mokopuna due in June. I have spent the last 11 years training in medicine and am now happy to be settling into General Practice. I will be at Ngongotaha Medical Centre for the next 6-months, so nau mai haere mai.

Families and Money!!!

Family ructions can crop up in lots of ways, but they often involve money - or perceptions and expectations about money - between parents and adult children.

For example, we regularly assist with estates disputes where adult children are left out of a Will or not provided for the same as siblings. While a person has the right to make a Will as they see fit, there's a body of estate law enabling an estate to be challenged. Thankfully, most challenges are settled early between lawyers using a Deed of Family Arrangement without ending up in the public arena of the Court.

Another classic estate dispute is second relationships and blended families where people accumulate and intermingle assets jointly or in shares with a new partner, e.g. house, bank accounts, shares, and so on. Then one dies and the surviving adult children expect their inheritance entitlement at that point – with no thought or consideration that the surviving partner has rights in the assets too.

Sometimes the second relationship has even lasted far longer than the first, but the adult children can only see as far as what they consider to be their deceased parent's money being grabbed by a 'wicked stepmother/father' who is viewed as 'unfairly' not being agreeable to selling their home etc to meet perceived inheritance 'entitlement'.

The other classic is when money is gifted or loaned to adult children. Sometimes these arrangements cause trouble later where there may be different intentions or recollections about events between the parties. For example, a gift certificate signed by parents to a Bank stating money is an outright gift towards their adult child's home deposit, then becomes a loan behind closed doors. Or large sums of money are loaned to an adult child without any proper agreement for repayment. Then 9 times out of 10, whether money is a gift or loan, out comes the classic home-made 'agreement' parents have drawn up themselves for signing without any legal advice.

Later, when parent/adult child relationships get bumpy, that's usually when that home-made 'agreement' gets pulled out and waved around. And 11 times out of 10 the scope of the agreement is wildly enlarged and suddenly every other thing parents have helped their adult child with gets added on ... We gave you the deposit for the house, and remember all the [fencing/paint/spouting/carpet/driveway/curtain rails/gardening] we paid for and helped you with that you also owe us for... Sometimes these agreements magically appear when adult children separate, and the parents don't want the benefit of their money lost in the property split.

One home-made agreement I saw recently referred to their adult child's partner being liable for a loan in the event of separation, yet the partner wasn't on the property title or a party to the document and knew nothing about the loan until they did separate. In another home-made agreement the parents tried to include testamentary provisions conferring ownership and occupation in their favour in their adult child's home if that adult child died – yet the adult child had a partner!

Going back to the gifting certificate scenario though, a few short words of caution: you can't sign a document saying money is a gift, then change its status to a loan and try to claim or demand it back later - it's never going to stand up because it's called fraud. Yep, the criminal fraud thing.

So, here's my legal advice when it comes to home-made agreements involving money: **Don't. Do. It.** Home-made agreements almost always have unintended words, meanings and consequences that get twisted to align with different parties' positions when it all turns to custard later. And trust me, all words in emails/screenshots and documents signed will come out of the woodwork later when the chips are down and there's a fight about money.

Look, lawyers know parents want to help adult children, and that's okay. But parents need to understand that a gift is a gift, and a loan is a loan, and if money is not properly documented, it can cause a lot of family tension. We can prepare simple short-form loan agreement forms recording any money loaned and terms and conditions of the loan, including possible rights to caveat a property title in some instances. It doesn't need to be complicated. Time taken to protect large sums of money now is money well spent later, including to preserve relationships between family members. And if you don't necessarily need or want the money back, another option to consider might be adding a clause into your Will that the money gets deducted from that child's share of your estate.

Article provided by Ros Morshead, solicitor at Lawbox

A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" Father replied, "I don't know son, I'm still paying."

Marriage is when a man and woman become one. The trouble starts when they try to decide which one.



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LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Firstly, our hearts go out to all those affected by the recent devastating Cyclone Gabrielle. We wish everyone heartfelt best wishes on the long recovery road. Kia kaha!

The weather has certainly been absolutely atrocious through summer and as this is written there are only 8 days officially left of summer so here's hoping for a long, settled autumn.

As mentioned in the last newsletter we held our annual Helix Lakeview Classic tournament (or tried to) over Anniversary weekend. Sponsors Day was cancelled and the first day of play was cancelled. Sunday saw abysmal weather but it was decided to go ahead with play and over 100 very brave golfers went out and battled the conditions. Well done to all including about 15 juniors, you all deserved a medal!

The winners of the opening day competition were Stu & Kath Rika and the winners of the Anniversary Cup were Stu Rika and Dave Herewini, with JR (John Reid) and Manu Rangiheuea second - congratulations to all. Stu Rika is on fire and seems unstoppable so far.

March sees the start of Stroke Play Championships played over 4 rounds.

The vets or senior golf group are always looking for new players to join them. Weather permitting, they play every Tuesday - tee off from 9.30, register from 9.00am. This is a great social group of golfers of all abilities where probably the most important element is the social aspect and camaraderie. So, if this sounds like you and you are looking for something to do come along - all welcome!

We continue with our conservation projects and the trapping is still getting good results thanks to Melton Hows for checking our traps. With the wet summer, the native plants that were planted at the end of winter are doing really well and we are looking forward to extending the planting this winter with the help of our local primary school tamariki. If there is anyone out in the community who would like to get involved and help us achieve our goals towards a predator-free 2050, please get in touch.

The clubhouse is coming along nicely with the makings of a floor which is so good to see. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lotteries Grants Board for their generous donation towards the building of our community hub!! We are so grateful to have this support and know that the whole community are going to be able to enjoy the facility for years to come.

CATERER!!

We are looking for a caterer to provide catering this year and then of course in the new clubhouse where options are huge for functions, public café and golfing groups etc.

Please contact Sue 027 2010 940. Until next month stay safe and fingers crossed for some sun!

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Forest and Bird Rotorua

Kia ora koutou, Happy New Year. We hope you've had a good summer despite all the rain. 2022 ended with a great day out visiting the Opepe Scenic and Historic Reserve and the Iwitahi Native Orchid Reserve.

2023 is starting with a field trip to Maungatautari Sanctuary Mountain. Details below.

Pest control at Tikitapu Scenic Reserve

The August 2022 pest control project went relatively smoothly in comparison to the previous two years, when Covid restrictions affected work days. Monitoring of rats was carried out pre- and post-baiting with results: pre-baiting - 64%; post-baiting - 10%.

Fifty Sentinel (targeting possums) and fifty DOC 200 traps (rats, mustelids, hedgehogs, mice) are around the perimeter of the managed area and an additional line of traps (10 each DOC 200 and Sentinel) was installed through the centre of the managed area in July. Catches for the year were:

Rats	226
Possums	141
Stoats/weasels	5
Mice	78
Hedgehogs	20

Volunteers also carried out regular checks and maintenance of the Nature and Mistletoe Walks in the reserve. The mistletoe continues to flourish, to such an extent that the next census of mistletoe numbers will be a daunting task.

Thanks very much to all those who were involved last year, or had offered to be. This project depends on our wonderful volunteers. The pest control operation for 2023 is still in the early planning stages. We typically target rats and this year we plan to also target possums and wallabies. Toxins will be used and a Controlled Substance Licence (CSL) is required.

If you are interested in obtaining a licence, would like more information, or would like to join the team, please contact Margaret at rotorua.branch@forestandbird.org.nz or ph 0274202022.

Violet Bonnington Reserve (Paradise Valley Road)

A new sign honouring Violet Bonnington has been installed. She was quite an amazing woman and it's worth going up to read about her. This year the toilet block will be painted and more trees will be planted.

Dates for your diary

The 2023 AGM will be held on March 15 at 7:30pm. More details will be given soon. Please plan to attend.

Friends of Tarawera Trail

The first working bee to remove Japanese honeysuckle was held on January 8th and the impact can already be seen. Another working bee is planned for April



16. More details to come. You can also check out their Facebook page: Pest and Weed Free Tarawera.

Did you know...

Plastic milk bottle tops (HDPE 2 in the recycle triangle) can be recycled but because they are small, they fly out of the sorting machine and end up as landfill. Instead of putting them in your yellow top bin, take them to Brown Owl Organics, Ranolf St (near the Devon St roundabout). The tops are processed in Tauranga. They must be clean as any dirt/residue will contaminate the batch and it will have to go to landfill.

Hearing aid batteries can be recycled through Bay Audiology. Ask them for the little recycle box and return it to them when it is full.

Our branch has a Facebook page: Forest & Bird - Rotorua

Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari Field trip Sunday February 26

We plan to walk in Te Tui A Tane, the Southern enclosure, doing about 5km over undulating land on well-maintained tracks. Join us to experience the flora and fauna protected by one of the world's longest predator-proof fences.

Meet at 8:15am at Tui House, Te Ngae Rd (opp Countdown)

Park on roadside. We will be carpooling. Bring lunch, drink, snacks, suitable clothing and sturdy footwear, camera. Cost: Entrance fee \$25 adult, \$22.50 senior \$20 to driver

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Nga mihi,

Linda Johnson

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What are the benefits of this development?

Rotorua Lakes Council and Te Arawa Rotorua Housing Strategy indicated there was a shortfall of up to 1750 homes in late 2019. In addition to the provision of much needed housing, this development aims to enhance the community of Ngongotahā. The additional population will add to the vibrancy and economic sustainability of the Ngongotahā local shopping centre. The project will have a positive economic effect on Rotorua regarding employment opportunities, including local suppliers.

HUD will work with local and central government to update future population modelling for Ngongotahā, which will help other agencies get prepared for the increase in school rolls, demand on medical centres and other community resources.

Direct economic injection from construction and development phases equate to approximately \$86.2m. A shared pedestrian and cycling path will be provided along the stream edges which will provide an enhanced interaction with the existing streams for residents and the wider local community.

Have you discussed this project with Iwi and hapū?

Preliminary discussions have commenced with representatives of Ngāti Tura, Ngāti Te Ngākau, Ngāti Ngāranui, and Ngāti Rangiwewehi. Because the land was only purchased in December 2022, these discussions have only just started. However, both HUD and Watchman Residential are committed to ongoing meaningful consultation with Iwi, hapū and mana whenua to ensure that Iwi interests are met through the design and implementation of the development.

How will you address the flooding issues?

It is important to remember that there are large parts of the site that do not flood. The site has a known flood level. The 2018 flood extents are well known, and the predevelopment flood level and extent has been considered. The proposed number of homes for the site is based to a large extent on recent updated flood modelling and preliminary site design work. The project team is acutely aware of the flooding issues for the site, and this will inform the final design and the final yield. Development will largely be excluded from those parts of the site which are identified as being flood prone.

Where development is proposed to occur in identified flood prone areas, the design of the development will be undertaken in a manner that seeks to avoid damage to buildings from flooding, by ensuring that all dwellings are located with suitable freeboard above the 1 in 100-year flood plain. The design team will also be seeking to ensure that the development does not give rise to any flooding effects upstream or downstream of the catchment.

While no works are proposed to the existing stream, retained open space areas on other parts of the site will be modified to create flood storage capacity to ensure that overall flood storage is not reduced on the site. In addition to the known flood level, appropriate climate change conditions will be allowed for in the design to cater for predicted increased storm events and storm intensity. The final flood design will be peer reviewed and then assessed through the Resource Consenting process.

What flood mitigation has been planned at the site and downstream?

We are proposing several options for flood mitigation. For example, lowering of ground level, proposed wetlands or ponds, and onsite

attenuation tanks. As part of the proposed consent application, the proposed flood model will be peer reviewed by an independent consultant to verify the flood model and any proposed mitigation options. The development will require the runoff to match the pre-development conditions. As part of the consent application the flood model will confirm there is no impact to downstream properties.

When and how will I be able to give my thoughts on this development?

As we are at the start of the application processes the project team is working through the design process. You will be able to provide feedback if the development proceeds to Stage 2 of the Fast-track process for Stage 1 of the development and throughout Plan Change process, dependent on regulatory decisions. HUD and the developer will set up local drop-in days designed for all community members to receive updates and have their input. Further information on these dates will be provided through local channels such as the iwi groups, Ngongotahā Community Progress Group, and Rotorua District Residents and Ratepayers.

What is the consent pathway for this development?

At this stage, the developer has applied to the Ministry for the Environment for a Fast-track consenting process under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act). There are two stages to the Fast-track process. The first stage is seeking approval from the Minister for the Environment to become a Fast-track application.

The second stage (if the first stage is approved), is to apply for a resource consent through the Environmental Protection Authority. An application is made to the Ministry of Environment and if the project meets the criteria it is referred to expert consenting panels to make decisions on both the resource consent applications and notice of requirements, and to set any conditions on the projects before they can go ahead. The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) provides advice and administrative support for the panels, which are appointed by the convener. The process is much faster and will take approximately 10 months as opposed to 36-39 months for a standard resource consent process (taking into account an appeal process).

How will increased traffic be handled?

The roundabout of SH36* / SH5 has been significantly upgraded recently (in 2020/2021) to provide significant additional capacity in the area (it was not upgraded at the time of the SHA application for 31 Ngongotahā Road). This intersection was previously the cause of congestion in the area which has subsequently been removed. The development proposal also includes extending footpaths and bus provisions in the area to encourage other forms of transport.

What, if any, traffic upgrades will occur?

A small number of upgrades would be required in the local area to accommodate the additional dwellings, including:

- A new intersection with SH36*
- Reducing the posted speed along the site frontage to 50km/hr
- A new footpath along the site frontage connecting with the existing footpath network
- A new bus stop outside the new development.

*amended from SH39 – Ed

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4 March Childrens Day Village Green 10am-1pm. Games, activities, entertainment, kai and inflatables.

5 March 9:00am - 3:00pm Kiwi avoidance training for dogs is being held at King Hill Reserve, Mamaku. Training will be delivered by qualified dog aversion specialist Blake Cole and takes 10-15 minutes per dog. Help protect native bird species.

8 March 7.30pm. Well known in Rotorua, Miles Jackson is presenting a performance of classical and flamenco guitar music at Collingwood Funeral Home, 1358 Eruera Street. Tickets are \$25 and \$15 for under 18. Cash only at the door. To reserve a ticket please text Judy 0210 255 1892

15 March Forest and Bird AGM 7.30 pm Venue to be confirmed.

16 March Safety Skills for Rural Women

17 March Ngongotaha School Gala 4-7 p.m.

22 March Beginners Taoist Tai Chi Classes Ngongotaha Hall Conference Room 6.30 pm First two sessions free, any questions ring Sheryn Shoebridge 0272175700

29 March Tikitapu, Rotorua Waka Ama Nationals Tikitapu, Rotorua BOP Regional Council attending in relation to Essential Freshwater

2 April Crop Swap at Mamaku Hall 1.00 pm \$1 entry

Coming up: March Mullet Day for Mental Health. Go to themulletmatters.co.nz to find out more.

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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

Tuesday Twilight Golf at Lakeview 4.00 to 6.00 pm

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

Last Thursday of the month 2.00 pm Poetry Appreciation Society. Contact Kay myfairykay@gmail.com or 0274 982 787

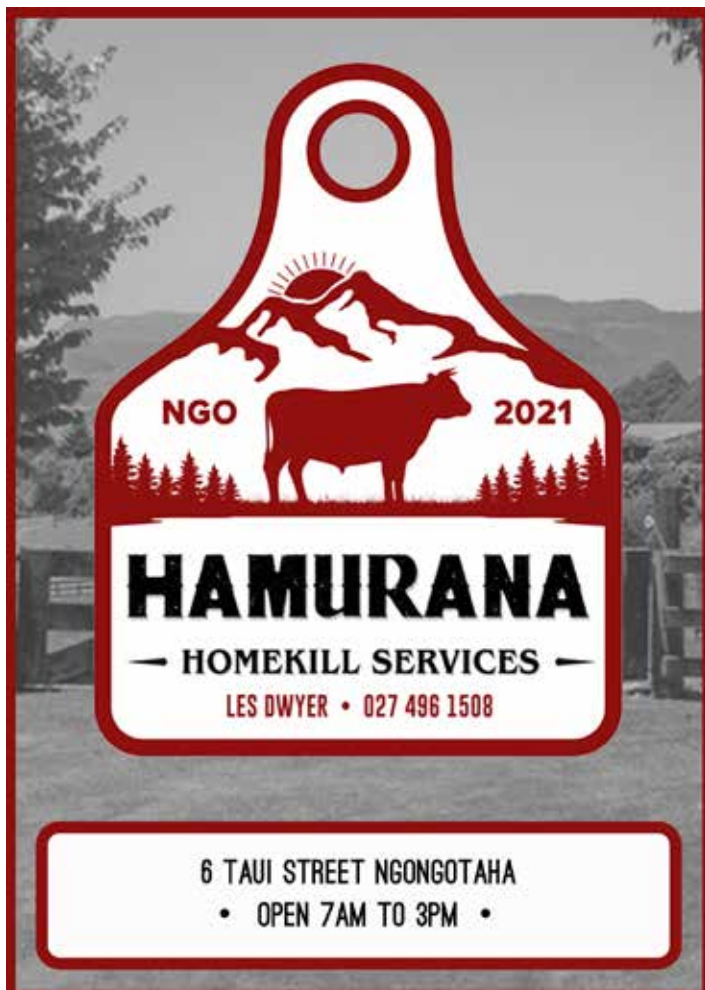
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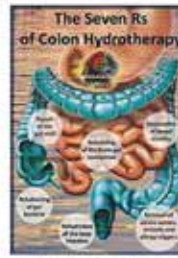
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Supporting people through Cyclone Gabrielle

It's been a really tough few weeks for communities across the country. Cyclone Gabrielle is the most significant weather event New Zealand has seen this century. The severity and the breadth of the damage hasn't been experienced in a generation, and I know the events have taken a huge toll on many New Zealanders.

Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge our emergency responders. They've put in the hard yards and put their lives on the line in the service of their communities. We all owe you enormous gratitude, thank you.

For only the third time in history, the Government declared a National State of Emergency. This doesn't mean that the whole country is affected but enables us to use a national response to support the affected regions and provide additional resources from across the country.

Community organisations have moved quickly to provide flood relief and to support whānau and our Government's recent \$11.5 million community support package will help to provide immediate relief for individuals, families, and households.

We've put funding in place to help families, farmers, growers, whenua Māori owners and rural communities mobilise and co-ordinate recovery efforts from Cyclone Gabrielle. We're expecting to provide more support once we know the full extent of damage caused.

This is a difficult time for many, with thousands of people's homes and businesses affected. But we've also seen people from all walks of life coming together and stepping in and lending a hand. We will get through this together and our Government will continue to provide support.

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