

## Algal Blooms

Toi Te Ora Public Health has issued a health warning based on the results for levels of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) from ongoing monitoring of levels of cyanobacteria by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. It applies to Ohau Channel, Upper Kaituna River, Lake Rotorua, Okere Arm and Te Weta Bay at Lake Rotoiti, whilst Ngongotaha Stream has elevated levels of bacterial contamination.

Dr Jim Miller, Medical Officer of Health for Toi Te Ora Public Health said it was important to avoid any activity which could result in contact with the lake water. The toxins that may be released by cyanobacteria can trigger asthma and hayfever symptoms, skin rashes, headaches, breathing difficulties and visual problems.

Algal blooms can develop rapidly and unpredictably and can sometimes produce toxins that are harmful for people as well as animals. If the water looks discoloured, has an unusual smell, or has green or brown particles floating in it then it is best to avoid contact with it. Take particular care with children and dogs.

There are four main contaminants that can impact surface water and groundwater, affecting swim ability and waterway health: Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Sediment and E-Coli.

- Nitrogen is mainly lost as nitrate leaching through the soil profile into ground water and later into surface water. An overseer analysis can be used to help farmers understand their nitrate losses and mitigation to reduce them.
- Sediment, Phosphorus and E-coli is commonly lost in surface run off events, critical source management and erosion control is needed to mitigate these losses.
- Effluent from livestock contains a high percentage of Nitrogen,



Phosphorus and E-coli so needs to be managed carefully

- Spray drift of agricultural chemicals can also be of concern.

The Ministry for the Environment has committed \$72.1m for the four priority lakes – Rotorua, Rotoehu, Rotoiti and Okareka.  
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## 15 March Public Meeting re 31 Ngongotaha Road

**Hosted by Rotorua District Residents and Ratepayers and chaired by Reynold Macpherson, a second public meeting on the proposed Housing Development at 31 Ngongotaha Road was attended by hundreds.**

Speakers included Ben Dalton, Deputy Chief Executive of Land for Housing, Housing and Urban Development, Matt Fraser from Land for Housing, Marcus Jacobsen from Watchman Residential, and James Dufty, contracted engineer.

Don Paterson from Rotorua Lakes Council was in the audience. MP Todd McClay was unable to attend as Parliament was sitting.

Further to previous queries about Ngongotaha School, the Ministry of Education will reassess need according to the area's population growth, which is currently at 14-15%.

An application for a Fast-Track process was lodged in December, as this option was due to close in February 2023. It was expected that the application would take a minimum of a further 2 months. This process requires more information than normal consenting, is subject to peer review and must go through the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

It is hoped to start on about 30 houses by the end of 2024. They are working with Progress Ngongotaha. Only those living in Ngongotaha/Rotorua would be eligible for the ballot.

Modelling adopted the worst-case scenario in view of Western Road and the 2023 Auckland floods – the climate change scenario was for 40% higher than experienced during Cyclone Gabrielle. From the floor there was a query was this compatible with flooding having been seen higher than the deer fences in the area.

Also asked was whether insurance could be guaranteed, the answer being that an insurance company had been approached and indicated yes, with a response from the floor that the Insurance Council had indicated in future they might not be able to cover flood damage. As to whether the houses would be bought back if flooded, the response was no.

Engineer Dufty repeated that houses were not being built on the flood plain. Members of the audience disputed that the flood plain was limited to the area engineers described as such. The floor also commented that the lake can't accommodate the current flows now and tourist activities were closed as a result.

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*Ngongotaha News would like to wish all readers a safe and happy Easter.*



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### *(Algal Blooms cont' from p 1)*

Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Rotorua Lakes Council matched this funding with \$72.1m for these four lakes. In 2010, a nitrogen limit was set for Lake Rotorua, allowing only 435 tonnes of nitrogen to go into the lake each year. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Water and Land Plan addresses key issues through regulatory and non-regulatory methods which include:

- Sewerage reticulation and sewerage plant upgrades
- In-lake treatment options e.g. alum dosing
- Retiring land from grazing and identifying land use changes and options e.g. the removal of gorse which leaches around 38 kilograms per hectare of nitrogen into the soil
- Rule 11 to cap the existing nitrogen and phosphorus loss from land use activities. A recent meeting of small block owners discussed changes needed, many of which landowners are already complying with, and incentives available
- Detainment bunds and biodiversity work
- Encouraging fencing and planting in riparian areas

### **Alum dosing**

Alum dosing under the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme refers to treating incoming streams with alum which helps reduce the impacts of phosphorus in certain lakes. The continual low dose of alum binds phosphorus in the incoming streams so when the streams reach the lake, plants (like algae) cannot use the phosphorus to grow. BOP Regional Council is conscious of any effect interventions may have on the lakes' ecosystems and environment and is working with the University of Waikato to monitor the project (to date there's no indication of alum having any adverse effects).

It was originally estimated that alum dosing would remove two tonnes of phosphorus from Lake Rotorua. Scientists now think it is actually getting 10 tonnes of phosphorus out of Lake Rotorua.

It is likely that with climate change predictions of higher ambient temperatures this type of bloom could occur regularly.

*Source: BOP Regional Council/ Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme*

### *(31 Ngongotaha Road cont'd from p1)*

Waka Kotahi had acknowledged that traffic over the last 2 years was lower because of Covid and the community should have faith in those doing the modelling to protect the community. Geoff Rice from Ngati Tura/ Ngati Te Ngakau stated that they support housing, but the devil was in the detail. RDRR shouldn't dominate the discussion and Ngongotaha's own community group should be created. Others expressed concern that Ngongotaha's infrastructure was poor now and the community would end up with the problem. Some distrust of Rotorua Lakes Council and Waka Kotahi was expressed.

RDRR summarized the show of hands at the end of the meeting as 10% in favour of the proposal, 25-30% were undecided, and 55-60% were opposed. Community engagement providing more detail is due to start in a month. The Chair suggested this should include information and feedback on the boundary of the flood plain.

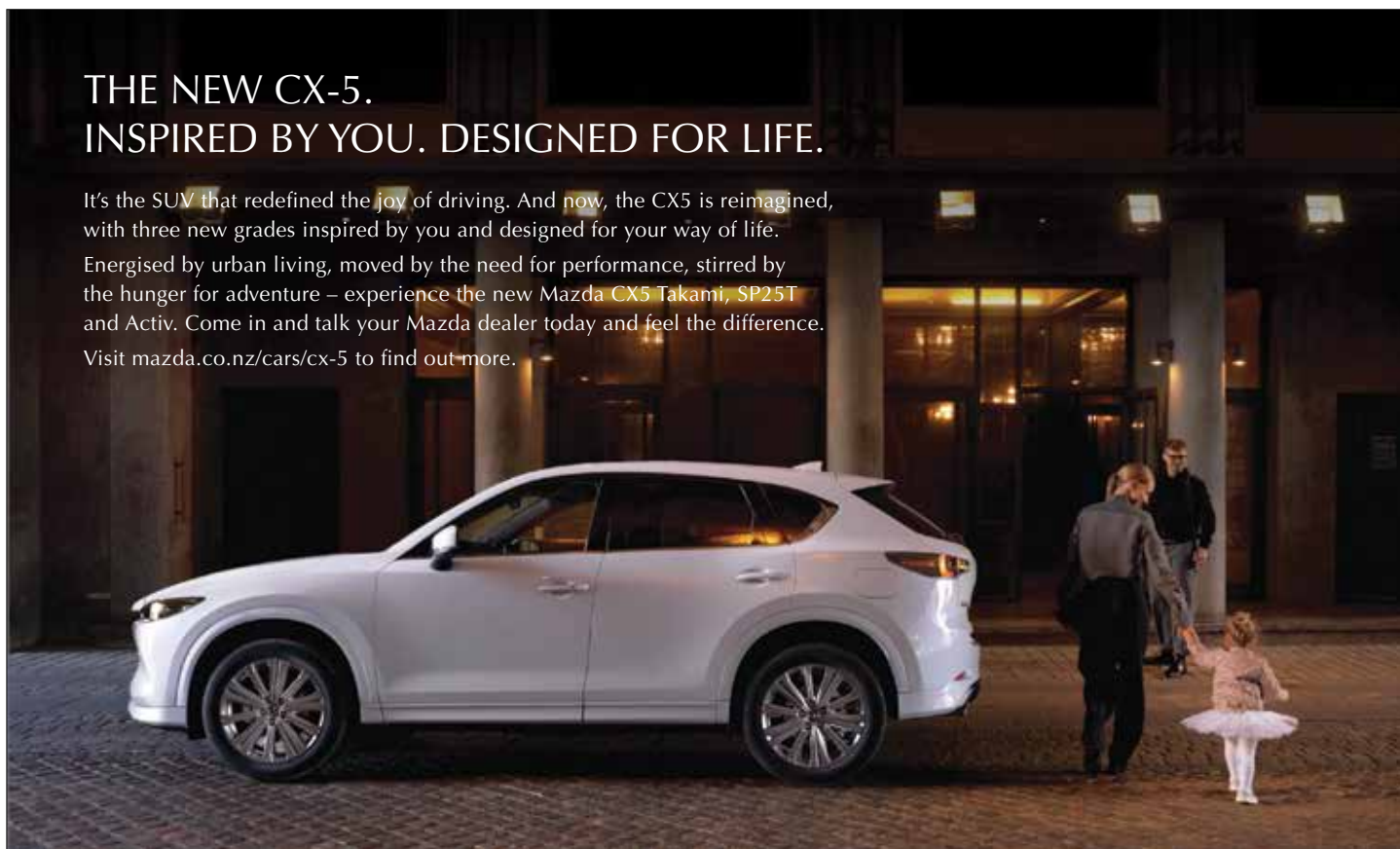
(Ed: If you would like to make a comment about Ngongotaha having it's own Residents and Ratepayers Association, which was acknowledged by the meeting Chair, Reynold Macpherson, feel free to comment at [ngongotahanews@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ngongotahanews@xtra.co.nz).)

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## All about Food

*A woman is cooking eggs in the kitchen when her husband comes running in...*

*Immediately, he sees the eggs and gasps in horror.*

*"Be careful! CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh, my GOSH!"*

*The wife, startled at her husband's violent reaction, dashes to the fridge to get some butter.*

*"You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW!"*

*The wife, concerned by the status of her husband's mental state, forgets about the butter and goes running to the eggs.*

*"WE NEED BUTTER! Are you CRAZY??? Where are we going to get the butter? They're going to stick! HURRY!"*

*The wife runs to the fridge.*

*"CAREFUL about the eggs! CAREFUL. You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them quickly! Oh, not that quickly, don't you know how to cook? Are you insane? Turn the DAMN EGGS!"*

*At this point, the wife starts crying, since she has no idea what to do.*

*She gasps "What is WRONG with you? I know how to cook eggs."*

*The husband simply smiles, remarks "I just wanted to show you what it feels like while I'm driving with you in the car", and leaves.*

A blonde is overweight, so her doctor puts her on a diet.

"I want you to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day, and repeat the procedure for two weeks. The next time I see you, you'll have lost at least five kilos."

When the blonde returns, she's lost nearly 20 kilos.

"Wow, that's amazing!" the doctor says. "Did you follow my instructions?"

The blonde nods. "I'll tell you, I'd thought I was going to drop dead that third day."

"From hunger, you mean?" said the doctor.

"No, from skipping," replied the blonde.

*A husband and wife were having dinner at a fancy restaurant...*

*As the food was served, the husband said, "The food looks delicious, let's eat."*

*His wife replied, "Honey, you always say a prayer before eating at home."*

*The husband said, "That's at home, sweetheart. Here the chef knows how to cook."*

Heaven is where the police are British, the cooks are French, the mechanics German, the lovers Italian and it's all organised by the Swiss.

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# MY STORY

**I will soon be presenting a Keynote to a group of Wellington School Principals. The theme of their upcoming conference is “Telling our story.”**

**So, I thought I would create a new keynote presentation based on “Taku Purakau, My story” and I would start by writing the beginning of my story for this Ngongotaha Newsletter article. Let’s call it “The story of an MBA, A Maori Boy from Awahou.”**



I was named before I was born. So, my story starts before I saw the first rays of the sun. Incidentally the name I was given by several Maori Kuia is Ngahihi o te ra – The Rays of the sun. As well as my name these Kuia prophesied that I would be a sick boy when I was born but not to worry, they would come and help look after me.

So, they did, and here I am! No.5 is alive! Not that I am number 5 or anything, I just like that line from that movie and say it to myself when I need a personal boost.

So here I am, but I was a very skinny kid, like a lot of Awahou kids in those days. So skinny that my mum, Doreen’s nickname for me was Slab. Like those skinny trout.

Speaking of trout. I learnt to fly fish, or I should say fish for cockabullies and row a boat before I learnt to ride a bike. Trout have always been a part of my diet and enjoyment. Nothing like that first tug on a fishing line. No doubt a part of the reason, why I chair the Eastern Fish and Game Council.

Well, that and my father Tommy Bidois accompanied by a couple of Fish and Game rangers “encouraging” me to go onto their council a few years ago. No names will be mentioned though Anthony and Matt! Tight lines.

My father also insisted I be given another name, Patrick, to honour my grandfather who gave his life in service of Aotearoa while serving in the Maori Battalion in Egypt in the second world war. My koro Pakau (Patrick) Tanirau is lying in a cemetery in Tunisia. Nga mihi ai ki a koe e koro.

So, my full name is Ngahihi o te ra Patrick Bidois. MBA.

I have a couple of degrees but have kept the self-proclaimed MBA to honour my Uncle Tauri Morgan who gave me that name after I did a couple of things for our iwi. Humbly speaking.

Names are important in our rohe /region. Names like Hamurana or Te Kaikaitahuna, Kaharoa, Mamaku, Awahou and Ngongotaha, Ngati Rangiwehewhi, Ngati Ngararanui, Ngati Tarawhai and others including two of our guardians Pekehaua and Hinerua are all Maori names. They have always been Maori names.

So, when I hear about other places changing their names to Maori names I feel a sense of pride that our rohe has always had Maori names. Just like I have always been called by my Maori name. Good on all of us I reckon. That Kiwi guy Shakespeare once said, “a rose by any other name would still smell as sweet” but I reckon our names smell sweeter. Humbly speaking.

One of my standing jokes has been when people ask me if I have a shorter name I often say Nga as though I am saying Nah, and then tell them my friends call me Ngahi so they can call me Ngahihi o te ra! Speaking of names, I don’t think we have shortened many of our rohe Maori names. Besides “Nongi”, Mamaku is still Mamaku, Hamurana is still Hamurana, Kaharoa is still Kaharoa and Awahou is still Awesome! Humbly speaking?

Our Bidois Te Pitini whanau mana whenua is at the mouth of the Awahou river. It is a special place. It is where our Grandmother Rangikahiwa Pitini lived after also living in Hamurana. It was her that gifted the land between the road and the lake near the Hamurana bridge to a doctor who was living there. I see they have several houses there now. A small piece of whanau history there.

Awahou is the place I say I am from even though our house was in town. I grew up swimming in the Awahou river alongside all my Ngati Rangiwehewhi cousins. We have special swimming holes like Liza’s Drop and Green Acres.

Our marae still echoes with waiata that we learnt as kids during kapa haka and we still have one of the best performing kapa haka groups in Aotearoa, humbly speaking, coming fourth in the recent Matatini competition 2023.

The places we all live in our rohe are special places too. I know I say that a lot about our rohe but I mean it. For example I smile when I see kids swimming at the Hamurana bridge, playing golf, fishing, or walking along the waterfront cause those are things I used to do when I was a kid. Hopefully our kids’ kids will do the same for generations into the future.

Well, that is the start of my story. What is your story? What will your story for our rohe be? Our story started with our Nanny Rangikahiwa and her Ngati Rangiwehewhi whakapapa and their connection and engagement with our rohe. Your story can be started by you for your grandkids and mokopuna by frequently engaging with the whenua in our rohe.

**Kia kaha kia maia kia manawanui –  
be strong, be courageous, be steadfast.**

Go for lots of swims, catch lots of trout and be a lousy golfer like me!

**Ngahihi o te ra Bidois is a Motivational Speaker, Professional Director, businessman, author, husband, father. Koro and MBA. A Maori Boy from Awahou.**  
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## More about Food

*My boyfriend's such a bad cook...  
He uses the smoke alarm as a timer.*

*My three favorite things are eating my  
family and not using commas.*

*What do you call a person who eats  
other people slowly?  
A cannibale.*

*You are what you eat. I started eating  
mushrooms daily to become a fun guy.*

*I've started telling everyone about the  
benefits of eating dried grapes.  
It's all about raisin awareness.*

*My wife and I were stuck in traffic.  
I said, "I'm turning round."  
She said, "I know. Stop eating bacon."*

Hon Todd McClay  
Member of Parliament for Rotorua



## Another meeting and still no real answers on housing.

A second meeting has been held in Ngongotaha to try to get more information and a few answers from the government on their proposal to build 350 houses on flood plains beside the Waititi stream. This is after the government turned down a plan five years ago to build 87 houses on the same site.

The meeting was a good idea and an opportunity for the government to address local concerns. Sadly, those who attended were left disappointed with some expressing frustration and anger.

Questions over congestion in the village and mitigating flooding or the effect the development will have on local health and education services or homes downstream of the proposed development remain up in the air.

So too does the question over whether the government will use its special powers to fast track the consent in Wellington or go through the normal process with Rotorua Lakes Council where local people can have their say and all these important issues can be considered.

Proponents of the project are quick to say 'we need houses' which is true. They are just as quick to reject local concerns. as nimbyism - which it is not.

The government has largely caused the problems we face on Fenton Street by using Rotorua motels as a dumping ground for the country's homelessness problem. Recently released Cabinet papers show they were warned of the negative effects this would have on our city. They chose to ignore this advice and pushed ahead anyway.

That's the very reason they need to take seriously the concerns of Ngongotaha residents. No one is saying we should not have more houses. What local people are saying is show us how you are going to address our concerns so that we are not worse off.

Otherwise, all that Labour is doing is moving Fenton Street to Ngongotaha.

Hon. Todd McClay  
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# Age Concern

Age Concern are the lucky recipients of the proceeds of the next Ray White Charity Garage Sale to be held on April 8th at 8am at the Ngongotaha Railway Park. Age Concern were the very first charity to be granted a garage sale and since the first one, several community groups have benefitted from the sales with a great deal of money being raised.

On a personal note, I attended the second meeting, along with many other Ngongotaha residents, about the proposed subdivision to be built on Ngongotaha Road. I think the number attending showed the concern of the locals about the way the subdivision will change the infrastructure and dynamics of our village. I, for one, was not convinced that it was a good idea and oppose it until more research is done into the land and its predisposition to flood.

Age Concern National, along with the statistics department, have produced a snapshot of each Age Concern in NZ and what the future may look like, not that I am going to be around to see it. At present there are 10,511 over 65 with 4,914 Maori over 55 and 435 Pacifica over 55 in Rotorua. That is about 14% of the total population in Rotorua compared to 15% in NZ. Of that number 2,664 (25%) are living alone and 7,480 (71%) are earning less than \$30,000.00 a year.

Projections show that in Rotorua the expected number of over 65's in 2028 are 14,770, in 2038 18,200 and in 2048 19,540. I wonder what percentage will still be in the work force, more out of necessity than desire. A report on the labour market suggests the country will be short of a quarter of a million workers in 25 years' time.

The Business New Zealand commissioned research shows that gaps remain and will get worse - despite a record share of the working age population in employment. To counter the ageing population, higher workforce participation was needed along with long-term migration. The report concludes that without migration, by 2048 there would be shortages in education, engineering, and healthcare, with overall worker numbers shrinking from the early 2030s.

However, it also pointed to an over-supply of workers in management and commerce, creative arts, food hospitality and personal services in two decades' time. Stable immigration policies were needed, as similar countries were also looking at how to deal with their changing demographics and drawing in more overseas workers. We need stable, long-term policy planning in the immigration space, or we will be some quarter of a million workers short by 2048.

We also need more policy development to occur in enabling more diverse populations to come into the workforce. We can achieve this by increasing the participation and employment of Māori, Pacific Islanders, women and older people to help close the workforce gap. It's important for this government and future governments to ensure that they have stable, consistent immigration policy, and keep it simple so that New Zealand remains attractive globally for people to come to.

On Thursday the 9th of March we had our ballot (draw) for the people who will be your new neighbours living in our Tiny Homes in Paraone Street. The lucky recipients of the draw, and who will be paying about \$100 per week rent would prefer, at this stage, to remain anonymous. The Tiny Houses are due for delivery in June as the factory in Whangarei was affected by the recent cyclone. We are still on the look-out for businesses or groups that can help us by sponsoring any of the items we intend to use for landscaping.

A huge thank you to Bunnings who have kindly donated the fruit trees, citrus trees, kowhai trees, grasses and 3 garden sheds. Age Concern has been in the media quite a bit recently and the profile of the organisation has been lifted. Firstly we were in the Daily Post and New Zealand Herald, secondly on the Nine till Noon talkback radio broadcast on Radio New Zealand, and thirdly we may be on the Sunday television programme. The news coverage is about the tiny homes, delayed retirement and the cost of living when you have rent or a mortgage to pay.

Our Age Concern Maintenance man has proved to be a big hit and he is getting plenty of maintenance jobs to keep him busy. I think that part of the recent influx of new members is due to this initiative which is providing cost-effective maintenance work to keep our members in their own homes.

Our Out and Abouters weekly excursions are proving very popular and are usually over-subscribed and our free driving up-date programme for senior drivers "Staying Safe" has also been attracting up to 40 people at a time.

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## Yet more Food

*The Admiral was visiting one of his ships. When having tea he noticed that every biscuit has the ship's insignia embossed on it. He is impressed and calls the cook to ask him how he does this.*

*Cook: When rolling the biscuits I slap each one onto my belt buckle before putting them in the oven.*

*Admiral: That's pretty unhygienic.*

*Cook: In that case sir, I'd suggest you skip the doughnuts.*

I told my daughter, "Did you know that humans eat more bananas than monkeys?"

She rolled her eyes at me, but I persevered. "It's true! When was the last time you ate a monkey?!"

*My wife rang me at the pub and said, "If you're not home in 10 minutes, I'm giving the dinner I cooked you to the dog.*

*I was home in 5 minutes. I'd hate anything to happen to the dog.*

Burnt my Hawaiian pizza today...

Should have cooked it on aloha temperature.

*Did you know the first French fry wasn't cooked in France? It was cooked in Greece.*

I cannot eat shrimp, lobsters and clams that have been cooked by heated water vapor.

I have shellfish steamed issues.

*What do you call men who make "Women belong in the kitchen" jokes? Single.*

## Mother's Day

Two children ordered their mother to stay in bed one Mother's Day morning. As she lay there looking forward to breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen.

But after a good long wait she finally went downstairs to investigate. She found them both sitting at the table eating bacon and eggs.

"As a surprise for Mother's Day," one explained, "we decided to cook our own breakfast."

*How do you tell male flies from female flies?*

*After dinner a wife comes into the kitchen and sees her husband sitting at the dinner table with a fly swatter and asks what he is doing.*

*Husband: I'm killing flies. I already got two male flies and three females.*

*Wife: How do you know whether they are male or female.*

*Husband: Well, I got two on my beer and three on my wallet.*

When I was a child I had a condition where I had to eat mud three times a day in order to survive.

It's lucky my older brother told me about it, really.



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# Ngongotaha School - April Update



Kia ora Everyone,



I have to start with an enormous THANK YOU! What an amazing gala afternoon we had, despite the rain. Thank you to everyone who made it such a success. To all the people who donated items (vouchers, food and items), cooked food, baked cakes, made fudge, cleaned up, made the hangi, drove the ATV, helped at the stalls, made signs, sold raffle tickets and came and spent your hard earned money - we thank you. A huge thank you to our Gala Committee and my staff who worked so hard to make it a success. As I mentioned on the night, I am continually amazed with how supportive our community is.

We had dozens and dozens of businesses, individuals and whanau donate and support us. I know my thanks will never be enough but please remember, we appreciate everything you have done to help us. We raised enough money to cover the cost of the shade sail over the pool, to support schools in the Hawkes Bay region affected by the cyclone and still had some spare to purchase some musical playground equipment for the junior playground. In addition to the money raised on the afternoon/evening, the wonderful people of the Ngararanui Hapu have donated an additional \$5000 towards the gala!

You may have noticed the Dental Van that is now parked at the front of the school. The team will work through all classes checking the teeth and dental hygiene of each of our children. If you have pre school aged children you would like to visit the Dental Van, please pop in and see the nurses. They would be happy to help.



Last month, I had a really good meeting with the company planning the new subdivision on Ngongotaha Road. I realise there are some people who are apprehensive about the new developments but after our meeting I walked away feeling a lot more confident. The design they have is outstanding and it is obvious that they have really 'done their homework' in regards to the land and how it will need to be developed. For us at school, it will mean additional enrolments but, spread out over the

next 10 years, I believe we will be able to cater for the roll growth. Keep an eye out for pop up discussion venues around Ngongotaha over the next few months where you will be able to see the design and ask any questions you may have.

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Craig and the team at Ngongotaha School.

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## Forest & Bird April 2023

### - Extracts from March Newsletter

*Kia ora tatou katoa,*

The year is marching on despite the cyclones and destruction so many of our family, friends and fellow citizens are dealing with. Our thoughts and best wishes are with them. Branch activities and events continue too. AGM -The branch AGM was held on Wednesday March 15.

#### Field trip to Maungatautari Sanctuary Mountain

A lovely day out in sunny Waikato was had by a small group of members. We wandered around the Southern Enclosure enjoying the bush and birds - and our picnic lunches! Those who don't mind heights climbed the observation tower. We also got to see a female giraffe weevil up close as it was being held by a researcher going about her business.

#### Mt Tarawera Wilding Conifer Pulling Trip (Rotorua Botanical Society Combined with Forest and Bird) was held on Saturday 25 March

We were driven to the top of Mt Tarawera by 4WD bus and vehicle to the crater rim to hear a bit about the history and ecological values of the mountain, led by Ruawahia trustees and Rotorua Botanical Society with assistance from Kaitiaki Tours. This year we crossed the crater onto 'the fan' between Ruawahia and Wahanga domes with time to take in the flora, fauna and 360 degree views of the Bay of Plenty, spending the rest of the day on the Tarawera 'fan' helping to handpull wilding conifer seedlings to assist the Ruawahia Wilding Conifer Project which aims to control the spread of wilding conifers in order to protect the unique values on the mountain.

#### Friends of Tarawera Trail working bee

The working bee will focus on eradicating Japanese honeysuckle. Sunday 16 April, starting at 9am. Meet at the Landing for boat shuttle onto the trail. Bring gloves, a weeding tool or two (secateurs, shears, loppers, handsaw), drink bottle, and wear sturdy footwear.

For more details and to register, please email [weedstarawera@gmail.com](mailto:weedstarawera@gmail.com)

Nga mihi,

Linda Johnson Committee member, F&B Rotorua branch



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## Hamurana 254 Dalbeth Road

Welcome to 254 Dalbeth Road, a sunny lifestyle block with some modern elements and loads of feel-good factor. Mature trees and gardens provide a fantastic setting for families who want some space, privacy, and room for the kids to roam in the fresh air. The home is light and welcoming with beautiful polished floorboard features, a modern kitchen, updated bathroom and toilet and a separate laundry. The home also features three bedrooms upstairs. Downstairs is a lovely big bonus room and garage with storage plus! There's also a separate garage and loads of parking space. You need to come and see this property for yourself!

For Sale By Negotiation View ROT30959  
Contact Mandy Lee 0276 732 331

FOR SALE



## Ngongotaha 12a Beaumont Road

A short stroll from the lake's shore, this cozy cutie could be your next holiday home. Leap into adventure - you can be out on the water in minutes, boating, swimming or kayaking. This would also be a wonderful fisherman's cottage with world class fishing nearby. Families will enjoy the laid back ambience of a location that is just an easy walk away from the Village, cafe, school and park or jump onto the cycle track to town. Close to the bus stop. With a newly painted roof and interior, new carpet and vinyl, this three bedroom property is looking fresh and fabulous. Set back off the street ensuring privacy, the property has off street parking, an internal single garage and a nice flat section with some citrus trees and a grapevine.

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**Mandy Lee**  
**0276 732 331**

[mandy.lee@raywhite.com](mailto:mandy.lee@raywhite.com)  
Licensee Salesperson

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## 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 \$925,000 View ROT30793  
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## 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  
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## Ngongotaha 66b Parawai Road

A classic 1920's olde world charmer of three double bedrooms plus an office/sun room all presented in beautiful condition. This freshly painted dwelling is set back from the road on a compact 724 sqm (more or less) section, with double garaging and plenty of off street parking. Mature gardens provide privacy. The property enjoys a sunny aspect and the icing on the cake is the large multi purpose sleep-out and expansive decking for outdoor activities and entertaining friends and family. A local jetty/boat ramp is nearby and boutique shopping at the Ngongotaha Village is a five minute drive. Vendor is highly motivated to sell. Give John a ring to inspect now.

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## Hamurana 947 Hamurana Road

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For Sale By Negotiation **View** ROT30929  
Contact John Piercy 027 446 4549

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  
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## 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 9a Kokiri Street

Short walk from the Ngongotaha shops, Ngongotaha Stream, Bowling club and sports grounds, this private 3-bedroom home would suit a wide range of prospective purchasers, including first-home buyers, small families, and astute investors. Compact in size, with a well-considered floor plan.

**For Sale** By Negotiation **View** ROT30924  
**Contact** Phill Rivers 0276 109 090



## 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

**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



## 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 Operiana Street

A peaceful lake location with your own private walkway to the lake reserve and a beautifully styled residence. From the Linea Weatherboard exterior to the contemporary sophistication inside, this lovely home promotes high end ambience that's enriched with the promise of relaxation. 4 beds, 2 bathrooms.

**For Sale** By Negotiation **View** ROT30938  
**Contact** Anita Martelli 027 552 6482



## Ngongotaha 15c Operiana Street

An outstanding combination of iconic, lake-holiday ambience, panoramic views and a contemporary residence that exhibits quality living throughout. 3 bedrooms, a bathroom and an ensuite, open plan living and decking with pictureque views. Immaculate, easy-care landscaped gardens.

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# LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Thank goodness the weather seems to have settled a bit, although too late for summer, we look forward to a nice autumn!

In saying that, the weather was not that kind to Ngongotaha Primary School's gala held on 17th March. The rain came and went all evening sometimes quite heavy but that did not deter the community turning out to support the school! It seemed like a great number of people attended and hopefully the school raised heaps of much needed funds. Our new gazebo was extremely useful and looked fantastic - it was good to see it being used in the community.

Club competition is ramping up with Stroke Play champs being contested through March and then Match Play champs through April. There was an excellent turnout for the first round of Stroke Play with 50 entries and it is just awesome to see our new members participating in these competitions. Pennants competition continues and all Lakeview's teams are doing really well. The junior players are holding their own against the more experienced players, and there are plenty of comments about the way these rangatahi conduct themselves showing respect, good manners and good sportsmanship!

What an awesome sport golf is for instilling these valuable life skills into our tamariki and rangatahi. We thank our Club Captain Stretch for having the vision to start including our junior players in the pennants teams and therefore being proactive in growing the sport from the grass roots.

Josh continues to get good numbers at his junior after-school sessions and again the vision is to get these juniors playing golf out on the course and eventually competing in club competitions and then regional competitions as they start to improve and hopefully get a passion for the sport.

The building of the new community clubhouse continues. The structural steel has been erected and WOW! what a sight the facility is. It stands proud overlooking the course and is truly impressive. We continue to look forward to being able to share this awesome building with our wider community.

Twilight will be finishing soon when daylight saving ends. This has been very popular this year. Always sad to see this end as it reminds us that winter is not far away.

Some more stoat traps have been put out on the course in the hope of catching these cunning predators. Unfortunately, they are very elusive and tricky to catch but we will persevere as they can devastate our native bird populations.

Again, if there is anyone out in the community who is keen to help us with our trapping programme by checking traps etc please get in touch with Sue 027 2010 940.

Enjoy the autumn stay safe and maybe get those wood boxes full.

**Golf shop phone number is 07 357 2341.**



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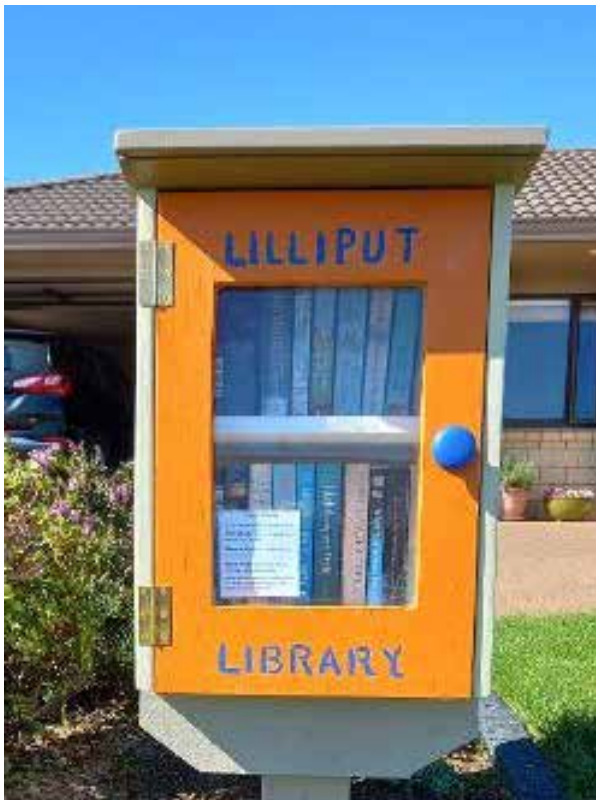
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**Please phone the Surgery for an appointment or if you have any questions**



## Lilliput Library

Lilliput libraries are a little free library for people in the vicinity.

They were started by a woman called Ruth Arnison in Dunedin which is where Sharyn Taylor first saw one and thought they were such a good community idea.

She decided to have one here in Ngongotaha outside her house at 75 Hall Rd. It is the first Lilliput Library in the Rotorua area and hopefully many more may be put into other areas in Rotorua and Ngongotaha.

These libraries are made to a set of plans set out by the LL people and have to be watertight and are set up within the boundary on the fence or in a front garden of the person who decides to have one and become the guardian of it.

The idea is, it is stocked with good reading material for people who like reading and they can:

**Take a book** if they see something they would like to read  
**Share It** and

**Return it** or pass it on to a friend, they can also  
**Leave books** to help keep the Lilliput Library stocked.

Since it has been up in her street, Sharyn sees people are using it who are delighted to see it there and think it is such a good community idea.

## Thanks Sharyn!

# Internet Documents

The world wide web contains an abundance of downloadable DIY 'legal' documents purporting to cater for pretty much every legal situation.

We regularly get calls from people who've paid good money to buy online documents, adamant that they've "already agreed what I/we want and just want to come in and get a lawyer to sign it or witness signatures ... don't need anyone to look over it ... nothing to it, will only take you a few minutes to sort out ... should be done today or tomorrow ... and it won't cost much, right?"

Errrrmmm ... noooo to all of those.

It'd be fair to say that most people don't generally know the full scope of the nature and extent of their legal rights or obligations until they get full and proper legal advice suited to their circumstances. When people decide to use online document services, they perhaps also don't properly appreciate that the website's job is to provide quick and cheap documents usually based on limited generic and basic questions - not legal advice suited to a specific scenario or their life situation. So, people take a big risk in not seeking proper legal advice when using online documents. And it's usually not until the document pops into their inbox with a large disclaimer likely saying something like 'seek legal advice before signing' that people have second thoughts and wonder if they should get a lawyer to look at it.

But our experience is that the online documents we've been approached with are typically inadequate for the person's particular situation and require redrafting at the outset. Sometimes it's not even clear which country the law relates to either. Also, we'd need to go through and cross-check against our own existing inhouse precedent documents to be sure that no important provisions are overlooked between documents. Suddenly that online document isn't as cost-effective as originally thought.

But don't get me wrong, I'm all for competition, growth and developing new ideas and ways of doing things. The online legal space is definitely a new and exciting frontier – heck we've even built our own DIY online basic will drafting service – [www.willingwills.co.nz](http://www.willingwills.co.nz) – but the difference is that we review the submitted questionnaire forms and make direct contact to discuss anything that might need further conversations, we draft the document, and enable one review before finalising and sending witnessing instructions.

And I should also add that I have seen a couple of online document websites with affiliated lawyers who can be engaged to provide additional (paid) advice if necessary, too. There is no doubt the online document space is here and will continue to develop with time. But I personally think it will be a while before artificial intelligence (AI) in the legal document drafting arena is advanced enough to cope with all the elements impacting people's legal situations in our increasingly complex society.

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## Even more Food

*I was on sofa next to my wife who was eating and typing on her phone. I heard my phone ringing at the kitchen where I was charging it. So I went to check, the sms was from my wife and she wrote "bring the salt on your way back."*

When Love Fades.....

Last night I was sitting on the sofa watching TV when I heard my wife's lovely voice from the kitchen.

"What would you like for dinner, my Love. . . Chicken, beef or lamb?"

I said, "Thank you, I'll have chicken."

She replied "You're having soup. I was talking to the cat."

*A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things.*

*During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.*

*Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair.*

*"Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" he asks.*

*"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?"*

*"Sure."*

*"Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asks.*

*"No, I can remember it."*

*"Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?"*

*He says, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."*

*"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?" she asks.*

*Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream – I've got it, for goodness sake!"*

*Then he toddles into the kitchen.*

*After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs.*

*She stares at the plate for a moment. "Where's my toast?"*

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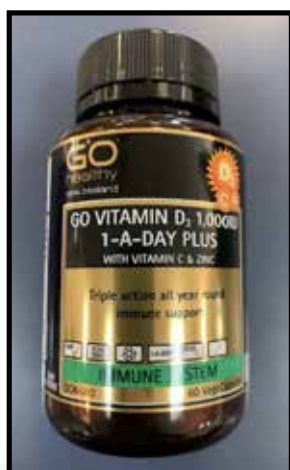
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## Progress Ngongotaha -Kokiri Ngongotaha Inc.

Kia ora Koutou, Katoa, Hi Everyone,

### Out and about...

Over recent months there has been much korero/talk about flooding, and saturated land in various parts of Ngongotaha.

An attendee at a recent sub-division meeting at the Ngongotaha Community Hall commented about the lack of drainage of water that 'ponds' on the high side of the Railway line opposite Fletchers Old Mill site. You will recognise this as the site just down from the Ngongotaha Railway Park, where in recent years the children would race to the large pond and the Fire Brigade would let the hoses play and the children ran under them at the close of a hot 'Kiwi Culture Day' held on Waitangi Day 6th February for a few years.

He was correct in what he said, but back in time when the Stock Sale Yards were across the road (from 1930's), the 'ponding' was as a result of the 'wash down cleaning' of the stock yards. The animals had to be empty prior to arriving at the sales, but there was still a need to wash the yards after the sales.

The yards were hosed down weekly after the Thursday Sales. The water passed through a culvert under the Ngongotaha Road (SH36) and settled on the land adjacent to the high side of the Railway line. Here the water was allowed to evaporate and during the summer period, in the drier months, the small amount of stock waste left over from the wash, had dried and was well sought after by local farmers, as good fertiliser for their pastures and it was trucked out. The bonus for these farmers was that it brought extra fertility to their paddocks and many a neighbour enjoyed a 'Mushroom Pick' from the paddocks, when in season. Today only natural rain water collects and in the hot weather it is completely dry.

The Motor Caravan Association Park is where the Stock Sale Yards once operated. Not all wetland is created equal, and in some cases, wetlands have been enhanced with planting and controlled in areas where people are living. There was a site developed many years ago by Ben Benfield in an area just off of Sunset Road, Rotorua.

Written by R.W.M

### Sharing a word or two...

We recently spotted a Little Library set up in Ngongotaha. It was so good to see that someone has built one and is offering a place to share books in their immediate neighbourhood. Little Libraries are places to leave a book and take one away to read. If you like this idea and would like to set up a Little Library in your street/neighbourhood please check out <https://littlefreelibrary.org> for more information. You can also find design ideas for your little free library, by searching little libraries design ideas. Could be an Autumn/Winter Project. If you don't have a computer and like this idea, see if a friend or whanau could look it up for you, these little libraries are amazing and some are very colourful.

Thanks for the response to our request for help with drafting our Ngongotaha Emergency Response Plan (Draft), it is really appreciated, we will be beginning this work soon.

Stay safe out there. **Lynn, Bob, Lee and Teams**



# Kaharoa School



Tēnā koutou whānau

Now that autumn has arrived we have been enjoying some beautiful fine weather ... finally! The pool has continued to be well-used and classes have found many reasons to take their lessons outside.



Fitness - our senior team have begun regular fitness sessions. Research is clear that regular fitness enhances student learning, while also teaching vital life skills. Although this has been challenging for some (teachers included!), we are starting to see wonderful improvement in both fitness levels and overall well-being.

BOP Swimming Sports - congratulations to the Kaharoa students who made it through to the BOP event to be held at the Aquatic Centre in April. In order to qualify, these students competed in Kaharoa School Swimming Sports, then received a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the Rural Swimming Sports.



Kōkako Bush Walk - our junior class went for a wander down our local bush track. It is called the Kōkako Bush Walk because there has been a lot done in this area over the years to protect our North Island Kōkako, an endangered bird endemic to NZ. The children learned about trees, birds and insects found in our native bush.

Camps - our middle and senior school students enjoyed their annual camps at Lakes Ranch and Tui Ridge respectively. Thank you to the amazing parents who supported their children's classes, and to the teachers who put in a lot of extra work to make these events possible. Camps provide wonderful opportunities for children to experience activities they have often not done before, and for children to demonstrate our 8 Cornerstone Values.



Radio at lunchtime - our wonderful DJs are entertaining the tamariki at lunch time with some great music. Requests for songs are encouraged and it is a joy to see the children dancing in the playground as they listen to the music.

Easter holidays - The Kaharoa team wishes you all a very safe and happy Easter and holiday break. We have a CoL teacher-only day on Monday 24th April, ANZAC Day is the 25th and we look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday 26th April - term 2.



Please refer to the Kaharoa website for further information. [www.kaharoa.school.nz](http://www.kaharoa.school.nz)  
Ngā mihi mahana - The Kaharoa Team

My wife found me in the kitchen naked holding a gun.

“What the heck are you doing?” she screamed, shocked at my appearance.

“Quiet woman! I’m hunting decepticons!” I whispered back harshly.

She put her hands on her hips. “You’ve been sleep walking again! There are no such thing as decepticons!”

I blinked, realizing how stupid I looked.

“I guess you’re right! Man I must look like an idiot!” I said.

She laughed.

I laughed.

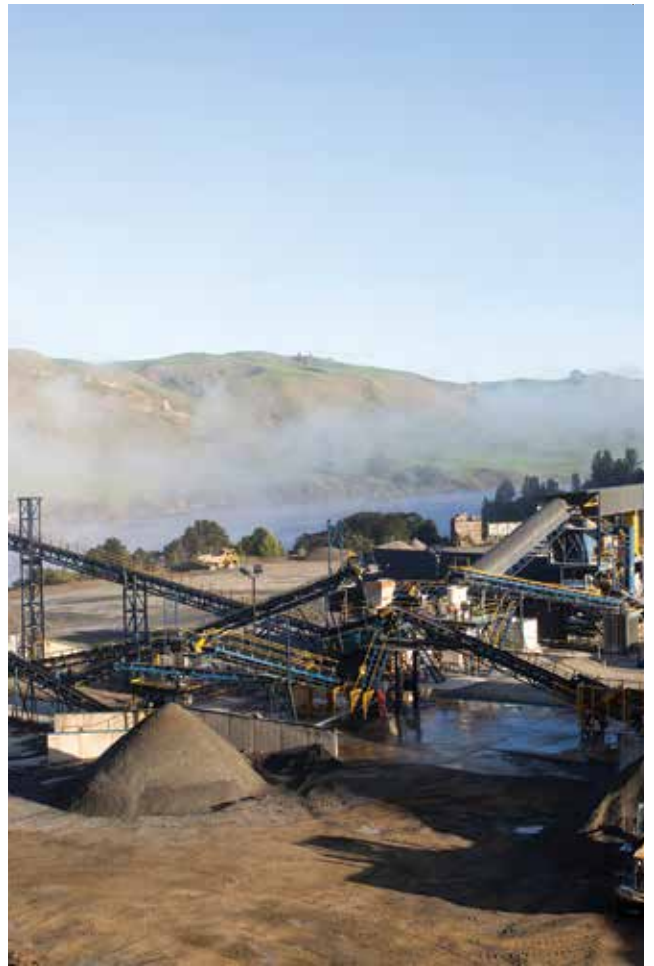
The toaster laughed.

I shot the toaster.



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## Happenings

**8 April** Ray White Charity Garage Sale for Age Concern at Railway Park

**15 April** Rotorua Collectible Club Garage Sale see below

**23 April** Trash and Treasure Community Garage Sale Mamaku Hall Sunday 9-1 set up 8. Max 2 tables inside per stall, \$5 per stall

**24 April** Teacher only day Kaharoa School

**Coming up: Elder Abuse Awareness Week 15-22 June**

## 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 Parkside

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

## Rotorua Collectible Club

has a Giant Garage Sale in Ngongotaha Community Hall School Road on 15th April 8am to 1 pm.

Antiques, collectibles, household sundries, sausage sizzle. Cash only.

## STOLEN CAR REGISTRATION PL8S

We have noticed that electronic noticeboards on Facebook commonly have community-minded residents reporting suspicious vehicles, only to find that the registration number doesn't match the vehicle, so it can't be traced.

Equally, innocent car owners are having their number plates stolen by those intent on committing a crime.

Ngongotaha News in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch is planning a day when you can get safety bolts fitted to your car in Ngongotaha to deter registration plate theft.

**Details soon!**







## NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

**February 27th** Graded Triples Everyone was focussed on their bowling tonight. Most of the bowlers were wanting to do well and win for the night. As normal we only have one team to win and tonight it was Cheryl Wiggins and Greg Chase. Runners up were Helen White and David Fleet.

**March 6th** Buttons The button holders were Kevin Whyte, Greg Chase and Chris McGoon but unfortunately they didn't keep them for long as Bruce Wiggins and Nicole managed to win and take the buttons off them. That was short lived for them as well when Cheryl Wiggins and Martin Burtling won that game and took the buttons. Most teams did well. John Rayner and Bruce Mapsom had a good night with three wins.

**March 13th** Graded Pairs (Curry Cup) We welcomed Wayne Hitchens back to the club. Winners for the night were John Rayner and Nicole Ruthe who were unbeatable. Runners Up were Richard Mills and Martin Burtling.

**March 17th** Umpires Open Triples Tournament It was a fun night of bowling and because of St Patrick's Day we were to dress in green. Helen White from Ngongotaha club won the best dressed. We had some members from our club take part but no winners. A good supper was had and most people were happy with the night.

**March 19th** Rotorua Pairs There were a few of us who took part and one member managed to win for the day. Bruce Mapsom with his skip Kevin Burke, Wayne Hitchens also did very well and was runner up with his lead Rose Lovell. Well done. Helen White did get to qualify but was knocked out by the winning team.



**March 20th** Aggregate We had two new people come along to see what we were all about. The two new players were Kris Roguski and John Wagstaff. The winners for the night were Helen White and Greg Chase with three wins 32 points and runner up Richard Mills, Nicole Ruthe and David Fleet with 29 points. It was good to beat Richard for a change.

**Anyone looking at playing bowls can contact:**

**John Rayner 07 5625012 Kevin Whyte 07 3574766**

Photos: top Helen White, far left Kevin Burke and Bruce Mapsom, left Wayne Hitchens and Rose Lovell.

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## Supporting families and businesses

*We're focussed on the bread and butter issues that matter most to New Zealanders. That's why we're taking a range of actions to reduce cost of living pressures on families and supporting communities as they recover and rebuild following the recent extreme weather.*

*From the start of April, we're significantly increasing support for seniors, students, beneficiaries and those on Working for Families. On top of this, we're making childcare and after-school care more affordable for many low and middle income families, through changes to childcare assistance subsidies kicking in on April 1.*

*We also moved quickly to extend the fuel tax cuts and half price public transport until the end of June, because we know that transport is one of the biggest expenses for households right now.*

*These measures won't solve everything but they are practical steps that we can take to support Kiwis.*

*Of course, there's still more we can do and we've indicated that bread and butter issues like the cost of living will continue to be a major focus for our Government.*

*The recent extreme weather events have put further pressure on people. We're committed to supporting Kiwis through the response, recovery and rebuild – and we're in a strong position to do so.*

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