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Bay of Plenty Regional Council News

A drop-in event is being held to discuss changes in freshwater regulation. These events are being held across the region over the next few months to give you the opportunity to discuss what the freshwater management issues are for the region and the draft options they are thinking about to manage them.

Te Runanga Tea House 23rd June 2.00 to 7.00 pm

BOPRC School Sustainability and Resilience Fund

34 applications were received from schools, kura, kohanga, kindergartens, early childhood education centres and other education organisations across our rohe. This fund has been allocated by the community.

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Kia ora Koutou, Katoa, Hello Everyone,
Thank you to all who put in submissions to the recent Annual Plan Consultation 2023/2024 no matter what, your voice has been heard.

Rotorua Lakes Council is seeking feedback on Te Tuhinga Hukihuki o te Rautaki Whakawhanake i te Āpōpō o Rotorua | the draft Future Development Strategy (FDS) and we want to hear from our community to help guide future decision-making. The Draft Future Development Strategy is a 30 year plan that will guide how, where and when growth happens. It will ensure there is enough land for homes and business to meet the demand of our growing and changing community. Four priority development areas have been signalled these are: Ngongotahā, the Westside, Central Rotorua and the Eastside.

If you would like more information or have any questions council staff will be available at the community drop in session: Thursday 22 June 2023, 5pm-6pm Ngongotahā Community Hall

We have a Planting Day coming up on 1 July, meeting at Elliot Park, 9am Saturday 1st July 2023: we hope you will be able to join us.

If you and your whānau would like to come along, get in touch with progressngongotaha@gmail.com phone Lynn 3574565 or 022 1404391 or contact Gavin Corbett, phone 021 2263978.

Please leave your contact details so that we can keep you in the loop. Kia ora, thank you! Sausage sizzle afterwards.
More News next month, Rug up and Stay Warm !!!

Bob, Lynn, Lee and our growing 'Community Collective'

It's so cold!

A man woke up early and kissed his wife good morning and goodbye. He made a thermos of coffee and a thermos of hot soup as his car warmed up in the driveway. He packed his fishing gear and proceeded to drive out to the lake for some ice fishing.

As he drove down the road he realized that his visibility was horrible. It was too dangerous so he turned around and went back home.

Quietly he re-entered his house. He crept up the stairs and stripped down to his long johns. He slipped into bed and nestled beside his sleeping wife.

Sleepily she said, "I didn't expect you so soon."

He whispered in her ear, "It's a frigging blizzard out there. It's a mess."

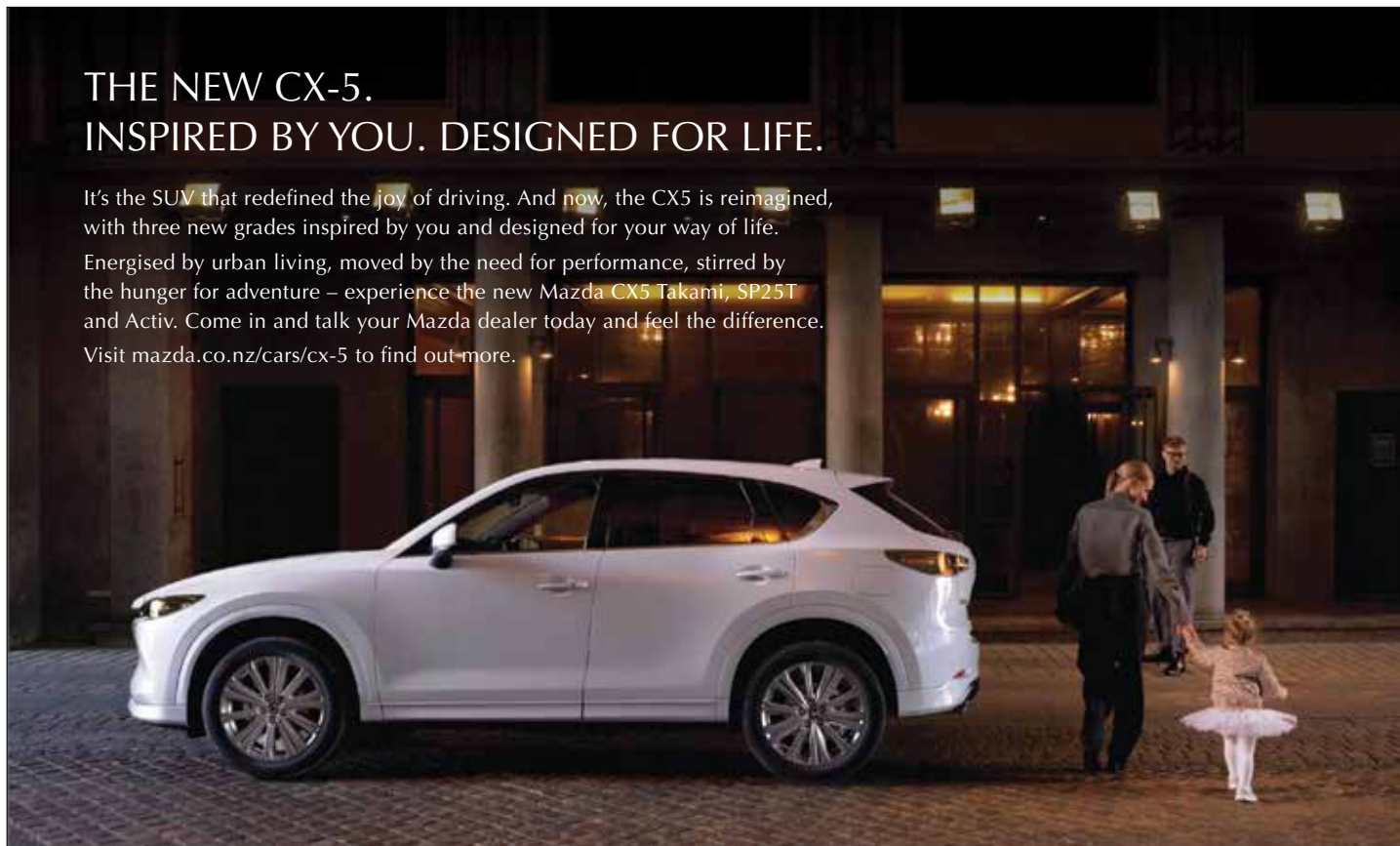
His wife whispered back, "Yeah, can you believe my idiot husband is out there fishing right now?"

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Ngongotaha Bowls April and May

March 27th Championship Fours We had three teams that will have to play to see who the winners are. We had Wayne Hitchins, Jan Drabble, Bruce Mapsom and Chris with two lives. John Rayner, Grahame Turner, Martin Burtling and Nicole Ruthe with one life. Bruce Wiggins, Helen White, David Fleet with one life.

April 2nd Trophy We were unable to play the Championship fours as some members were away. I was all geared up to play too. We had a good night in the end as I was playing with the top guns Richard Mills and Greg Chase. We were unbeatable with 3 wins and 27 points. We also had a new member Adam Freemantle, son of Barry.

April 11th St Andrew's Triples Tournament some of our members took part in this tournament and one team of Kevin Whyte, Helen White and Delwyn Hughes came third for the night. Was a great get together with other club members.

April 17th Championship Fours Tonight we had the play-off for championship fours. First Wayne's team played John's team which was a win for Wayne's team, so they then played against Bruce's team which was a win for Bruce's team. So after supper both teams had to play again, resulting in a win for Wayne Hitchins, Jan Drabble, Bruce Mapsom and Chris McGoon. It wasn't an easy win for Wayne's team as it was neck and neck all the way. The last end saw a draw 10 all, but Wayne's team were the winners in the end, runners up were Bruce Wiggins, Helen White, David Fleet.

April 24th Whyte Trophy It was a good night for our team as we were unbeatable and winning with 28 points. That team was Helen White, Delwyn Hughes and Bruce Mapsom.

May 1st Open Tournament The rain did not deter people from coming out and enjoying a night of bowls. It was a very busy night with lots

of members from RSA, St Andrews, Westbrook, Owata and Mount Maunganui clubs. We had raffle prizes and plenty of supper for all. The winners for the night were Richard Mills and Helen White with four wins. Richard was playing very well tonight. Runners up were Simon Staples, Gloria Moyes and Ray Moyes. The booby prize went to Bruce Wiggins, Jan Drabble and Nicole Ruthe.

May 8th Buttons We started our bowling with Cheryl Wiggins and Martin Burtling holding the buttons. It was a battle against Helen White and Greg Chase who took the buttons off Cheryl and Martin. Helen and Greg managed to keep the buttons with three wins for the night with 29 points.

15th May Championship Triples Unfortunately I could not be at bowls to win four nights in a row, I did hear that three teams qualified to play-off next week. The teams were John Rayner, Jan Drabble and Bruce Mapsom: Wayne Hitchins, Grahame Turner and Chris McGoon: Cheryl Wiggins and Robin Campbell.

18th May Westbrook Triples Tournament Two teams from our club took part in this tournament and it was good to hear that one of those teams won for the night. They were Bruce and Cheryl Wiggins and Bruce Mapsom. Congrats to those players. I heard it was a good night.

22nd May Aggregate The winners for tonight were John Rayner and Greg Chase.

29th May Play-off for Championship Triples The winners for the night were Cheryl Wiggins and Robin Campbell. Well done to those two.

Anyone looking at playing bowls can contact:

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Tommy Bidois: a Gentleman and a Warrior. MBA

In an earlier article I wrote that my father is a person I love and highly respect. He is one of my eagles. Eagles are people I confide in, learn from and trust. They are people I aspire to be. I then outlined one of my father's key pieces of eagle advice: to look after number one.

We cannot look after others unless we look after ourselves first.

Many of you reading this article will know my father Tommy Bidois or know of him.

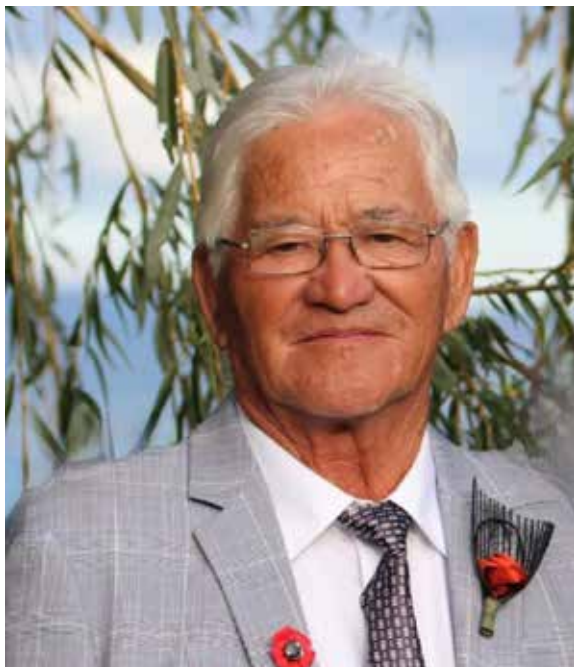
Last week on May 24th at 11.13am my father died after doing his best to look after number one. He had spent his life looking after others. After 8 days in Rotorua hospital facing untold challenges, despite excellent care, he returned to his beloved Bach at the centre of his universe at Awahou and passed peacefully with his smile on his face.

He was near his awa, the Awahou river, on his Papakainga, just down the road from his marae, Tarimano and Whare Tupuna Tawakeheimoa. That is next to The Church of the Good Shepherd, which he helped build. He was at the heart of his iwi Ngati Rangiwewehi, where he served on the paepae. My father was a real McCoy MBA, Maori Boy from Awahou. He was 88 years of age.

Dad taught us many lessons which I would like to share with you as I celebrate the life of a gentleman, a warrior, and an MBA. Humble, hardworking, gentleman, soldier, speaker, fisherman, outstanding husband, father, uncle, koro, great grandfather, friend, kaumatua, mentor, were words used to describe dad during his tangi.

Dad was a gentleman. He taught us manners. Words like please and thank you. Simple kind words that have taken me and my whanau a long way in these days when many forget to use them. He showed us humility by doing mahi when people weren't looking.

I remember as a young fella working with dad at our iwi cemetery. It was getting dark, and my siblings and I were getting scared. Dad taught us not to fear our own ancestors, especially if we were doing something for them.



When you enter Awahou Puhirua cemetery there is a sign that dad and his good friend Tamahau Palmer put up. I must ask Tamahau if it was dark when they recently put that sign up!

My Papa loved sports and was good at them. He encouraged us into many sports. That helped shape our character and friendships.

Dad holds athletics records, was a Kiwi rugby league trialist, a very good golfer at Springfield where he played pennants and enjoyed the company of his Twenty club mates. He then went lawn bowling and holds a record for winning the club champs 5 years in a row. He recently told me he only gave up bowls to teach his grandchildren trout fishing.

Dad's father Harry was a fisherman, my brother and I are fishermen and dad has many grandchildren who fish. My father taught us all to fish. He also taught us to gather kai, and there are now two generations who know how to collect mussels, kina and paua, pikopiko and watercress. My Papa grew up gathering kai and ensured his future generations did the same. Leadership manuals call that succession.

My father's full name is Michael John Bidois, but he was always known as Tommy. That's a whanau thing because his brother Walter was known as Stubby and his other brother Martin is known as Popeye. People know me as Ngahihi o te ra, but dad named me Patrick, after my koro who gave his life serving in the Second World War.

Names were important to dad. Every ANZAC day he had a roll of honour of the Ngati Rangiwewehi people who served, which is read out to remember them. Next ANZAC we will add dad's name to that roll of honour.

My father was a hard-working warrior who served his whanau, community, iwi and country. He made coffins. He saw active service as a rifleman in 1 NZ Regiment B Company in Malaya in 1957 and 1958. At his graveside, our relative John Treanor, who used to call dad bro until he did our whakapapa and then had to call him uncle, read out the following:

"Tommy.

The flag you defended so loyally has been lowered to half-mast in your honour. The wreath reserved for warriors rests lightly upon you. You have served your iwi, your whanau, your Queen and your country and you can do no more.

You are hereby given your last order here on earth, known and acted upon by all those who have served.

Pass comrade/friend – All is well."

Love you dad. Moe mai ra.

Ngahihi o te ra Bidois is an international Keynote speaker, businessman, author, columnist, husband, father, Koro and MBA. A Māori Boy from Awahou. See <https://thefaceofnewzealand.com/>

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It's so cold!

I saw a politician with his hands in his own pockets.

Do you know what amazes me the most?

A thermos.

In the summer, if you pour a cold drink into it, it keeps it cold. In winter, if you pour hot tea in, it keeps it warm.

Like, how does the bottle know, when it's summer and when it's winter?

Hon Todd McClay Member of Parliament for Rotorua



Delivering more Nurses and Midwives.

Worryingly an increasing number of local people have been talking to me about the health system and how much it has changed over the last five years. In fact, they have become increasingly concerned as they or friends and family wait for an operation or medical treatment. For some they just can't get to see a GP or specialist.

At a time when our doctors and nurses and healthcare workers are under extreme pressure the Labour Government has made some terrible decisions that's made it harder to get treatment, not better.

More Wellington bureaucrats and an expensive health restructure has resulted in a considerable increase in wait times for surgery and overcrowding in emergency departments. Furthermore, there is a growing list of Kiwis who are facing increasing delays for those who need access to urgent cancer treatment.

Our nurses are at the frontline of this and are bearing the brunt of the nursing shortage New Zealand is experiencing. We now have a shortage of at least 4000 nurses and hundreds of midwives across the country.

Over the last five years we have lost 19,000 nurses from the public system, which is far more than we have trained. Nearly 5,000 have registered to work in Australia since August last year, and a third of our nurses say they are considering moving overseas.

National has a plan to change this. We will deliver more nurses and midwives to address the shortage so you can get the treatment you need. Christopher Luxon recently announced policy that will:

• Provide Incentives to encourage more Kiwis to study nursing or midwifery

To provide the level of health care we need, there has to be a significant increase in the number of people studying for a career in nursing or midwifery. National will pay nurses' and midwives' student loan repayments up to a total of \$4,500 per year for the first five years of their career. This means a nurse or midwife over five years would be \$22,500 better off.

• Bonding to retain nurses in New Zealand once they graduate

To access the student loan repayment scheme, nurses and midwives will need to enter into a bonding agreement with Government where they commit to working in New Zealand in their profession for at least five years after they graduate.

This scheme will also be open to registered nurses and midwives who are already in the workforce on a pro-rata basis. For example, a nurse who has already been in the workforce for two years would be able to sign up for the remaining three years of student loan repayments in return for three years of bonding. This will provide more support to the health sector to retain early-career nurses and midwives in New Zealand.

• Competitive immigration setting to attract more overseas nurses and midwives

Given the significant and urgent shortages facing our health sector today, we need to supplement training and retaining more nurses at home by recruiting more from overseas.

National will make it easier for competent, qualified overseas nurses and midwives to choose New Zealand as their next home by removing barriers to migration and making our offering more competitive with other countries.

We will do what it takes to ensure we get the skilled migrants we desperately need into our hospitals and other health care facilities so we can bring down waitlists and ensure Kiwis get access to the health care and maternity services they deserve.

You can access the full policy at www.national.org.nz/deliveringmorenursesandmidwives

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Age Concern

Age Concern had a successful day at the Community and Family Day held at the Arts Village recently. We managed to attract several new members and the bonus was that we signed up 4 new Volunteers which are the lifeblood of our organisation.

We also supported the Breast Cancer Foundation by holding a Pink Brunch at Lakeview Villas who kindly offered the use of their clubrooms to hold the event. We had 20 people enrolled and our staff did an amazing job of the catering which meant we were able to give more money to the Breast Cancer Foundation. Pictured are Age Concern staff at the Pink Brunch.



The Tiny Homes Pocket Neighbourhood project is moving along, albeit very slowly, and at present we are just waiting on the issuing of the Building Consent from the Whangarei District Council. Once we have this, the Contractors can begin to prepare the foundations and piles ready for the delivery. While we are waiting, we are building fences and doing some of the extensive landscaping.

We welcome Kirsten Harman back to the position of Administration Secretary, a position she was in before.

A major event coming up for Age Concern is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day which this year is on the 15th of June and is over the week of 15th to 22nd of June. Although Age Concern Rotorua does not have the MSD contract for Elder Abuse, we are still getting reports about Abuse happening and we then refer people to Family Focus.

Twenty percent of retired New Zealanders don't own their home and 40 percent of pensioners depend entirely on their \$25,000 a year of superannuation to live on. It's a grim reality for many older Kiwis who chew up a large of chunk of their fortnightly pension paying for sky-high market rents and inflated food, which increased by 12 percent for the year to March for the average household, according to the latest figures from Stats NZ.

There are increasingly more elderly people living in poverty, some of whom told their stories to TVNZ's Sunday, which included accounts of sitting in the dark or not flushing their toilet to save power and forgoing vegetables and living on two-minute noodles to survive.

Our Age Concern Rotorua member, Warwick Pryce, also starred in the programme and he can look forward to being one of the lucky recipients of the Tiny Homes.

Though no political leader will commit to means-testing superannuation, as it would amount to political suicide, there's an argument to be made for applying stricter criteria to the more recent winter energy payment policy and freeing up hundreds of millions of dollars to help those elderly most in need.

Stripping back the criteria for the winter energy payment would save \$379 million. It would mean that the people who really need the support would still get it, while the retired couple who might put it towards a holiday in Fiji won't.

Last year the Government, via Inland Revenue, rolled out a means-tested cost-of-living payment, which had its hiccups but for the most part was received by those who were entitled to it. Superannuation and the winter energy payment are administered by the Ministry of Social Development.

Currently anyone who receives superannuation also receives the power-saving payment, and trying to break it down any further than that would require MSD to have access to all forms of income received by pensioners.

There's an argument for the outdated community services card rules to be updated too. This isn't an issue that is going away, as life for those on a pension only gets harder.

The Retirement Commission says, based on current trends, there's going to be a 100 percent increase in people renting who are aged 65 and over.

Long term the balance of homeownership is expected to shift to 60 percent homeowners and 40 percent paying rent. By 2048, this 40 percent will equate to up to 600,000 people. That's a huge increase in people relying on their pension while paying market rent.

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It's so Cold

*A husband and wife get up on Sunday morning.
After breakfast, the wife notices that her husband isn't dressed for church.*

"Why aren't you dressed for church?"

"Simple. I'm not going."

"Why not?"

"Well, I'll give you three pretty good reasons why I'm not going. First of all, the church is cold in the morning. It's just cold. Second, no one there likes me. Everyone is always talking about me behind my back. And third, and most important of all, I just don't feel like going!"

"Well, I'll give you three pretty good reasons why you ARE going. First of all, the church isn't cold in the morning; it's warm. Second, I think, or I'm pretty sure, that there are some people there who do like you. And third you're the minister, so get dressed!"

A kid goes out to solicit donations for Jehovah's witnesses.

It's dark and cold and the rain is coming down in buckets. He sees a house with the lights on and runs up the driveway and knocks on the door. Half a minute later the owner opens the door and the young fellow informs him who he is.

"Well don't stand out there in the rain. Come on in and dry off and get set some heat back in your body," the owner tells him. The kid does what he's told and walks inside.

A few minutes go by and then the owner finally asks, "So, what can I do for you then, son?"

Whereupon the young kid replies "How the heck would I know, I've never gotten this far before."

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Ngongotaha School - June Update



What an 'interesting' couple of weeks we have had. Union meetings, positive Covid cases, class trips, new support staff joining our team, power outages, fun assemblies, Pink Shirt day, Samoan language week and lots of rain all crammed into the last 14 days. It never stops at Ngongotaha School.



Our senior classes recently traveled to Hamilton to visit the Hamilton Zoo, Waterworld and the Hamilton Observatory. This term, a lot of our learning has been based on the Planet Earth

and Beyond strand of the Science Curriculum. This was a good way for our children to put their new learning into an authentic context.



Our junior school visited Parawai Marae recently. As a part of our localised curriculum, the children will learn about and spend time at each of our local Marae during their time at our school. Many of the students

of Ngongotaha School whakapapa back to these marae so we see it as vitally important that they feel connected to these.

The team from Duffy Books in Homes visited last week to present their Readers Theater.



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Our Cross Country race last week was an awesome event. It was nice to see beautiful clear skies and no rain!! I was so proud of every single one of the children who gave it a go and crossed the finish line. Thanks to all

of the whanau who took the time to come and cheer our children on. It was nice to catch up with so many of you. Several of our elite runners will now travel to Kaharoa School to take part in the Rural Schools Cross Country Competition later this month.

Have a look at the official Ngongotaha School Mountain Bike Team showing off their cool new Tee Shirts. A massive thanks to NZO for all their help with the shirts and the logo. These children travel to the mountain bike tracks at Whakarewarewa forest each week during term 1 and 4 with a bunch of very supportive parents to test their skills on our world class tracks. How many primary schools do you know that have a mountain bike team??



Late last month I was lucky enough to be invited to The Orchard Childcare and Pre-School for morning tea. I took along a van load of ex Orchard students with me to have a look at their old 'stomping ground'. I was absolutely blown away.

The little ones welcomed us with the cutest powhiri ever and showed me all the exciting activities they have on offer. Thanks Bridget, Michelle and The Orchard team for having us.

That's it for another month. Keep an eye on our school app (schoolappsNZ) for up to date information.

Craig and the team at Ngongotaha School.

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Kaharoa School

Tēnā koutou whānau

We hope this finds you and your families all well and preparing for the cooler months ahead.

EPro 8 - A massive congratulations to our year 5/6 team (Madison, Robert, Conor, Quinn, Oceana) and our year 7/8 team (Alex, Emma, Eve, Shavonne) for participating in the interschool and then regional, and grand final EPro8 competitions over the past few weeks. Both teams made it into the grand finals with our year 7/8 team coming home with the trophy - 1st place overall! Both teams displayed our school values throughout the competition and made our school proud.



Kaharoa School Cross Country - this will be held together with the Rural Interschool Cross Country on Wednesday 14th June. All Kaharoa children participate, as well as visitors from other local schools. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to demonstrate their physical abilities and resilience, while enjoying the great outdoors. Parent helpers are needed to assist with marshalling. If you can help, please contact Shinade shinadep@kaharoa.school.nz



PTA Firewood Day - all hands needed 9am, Saturday 24 June. Huge thanks to Leanne and Tom Hale who have donated a fallen gum to us as a firewood fundraiser. We need help to split and throw it into large crates so we can store it over winter to sell late 2023. If anyone has access to a wood splitter this would be incredible! If you have willing hands please email Bridget (bridgetpta@kaharoa.school.nz), so we have an idea of how many we need to cater for (lunch and morning and afternoon tea provided!). Come along, raise some money for our school children and meet others in the community. We look forward to hearing from you.



Life Education: In the last week of term, the Life Education caravan will be visiting our school, with special guests Katie and Harold. This is a fun and interactive way for our students to learn about important life skills and develop positive attitudes towards health and wellbeing.

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

Kaharoa School Enrolments Open

Kaharoa School is 13min from Ngongotaha and open for enrolments now and for 2024 for both primary and intermediate students (Year 1-8).

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Contact Kaharoa School to express your interest in enrolling

- Visit www.kaharoa.school.nz and click on 'Expression of Interest Regarding Enrolment'. Complete the simple Google Form
- OR email office@kaharoa.school.nz
- OR phone 07 332 3444

Visits Welcome

- School tours can be booked via the office
- New Entrant visits Thursday afternoons*
- Informal Principal get-to-know-you chat

Enrolment Zone Abandoned

The Ministry has concluded that there is no longer a continuing need for an enrolment scheme at Kaharoa School. Families can enroll their children at the school regardless of their home address with immediate confirmation of enrolment.

* Note: New Entrant visits are for students who have completed the enrolment process, and must be booked with the office.



OPEN DAY - Kaharoa School, Tuesday 8th August

Welcome 9:15am. School Tours. Information session and activities for students. Free sausage sizzle. Finishing 11:15. All interested Y1-8 students and parents welcome to attend. Transport from Ngongotaha available 8:45am returning by 11:45am. Email office@kaharoa.school.nz to register for open day and/or transport.

INFORMATION EVENING - Ngongotaha Hall, Thursday 10th August

First session starts 3:30pm and a repeat session at 6pm. All invited.

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Ngongotaha 35a Kingsley Drive

Nicely presented three bedroom home with a separate office or fourth bedroom. The current owners have upgraded the kitchen and bathroom areas together with new vinyl flooring. Expansive decking at the rear of the property has been installed to provide a children's play area. It is also a perfect space for those summer evenings of outdoor entertaining. There is plenty of underneath storage and car parking. If you are a first home buyer, this property will certainly get you on the real estate ladder. Ring John to inspect.

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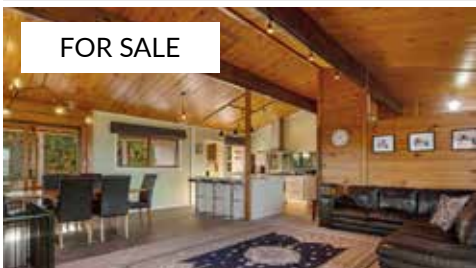
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About Rain

Did you know that by law, you are required to turn on your headlights if it is raining in Sweden.

Which is great but how am I supposed to know if it's raining in Sweden?

A man is about to go to bed on a wet night with his wife when there's a knock at the door. He rolls over and looks at his clock, and it's 2:30 in the morning. "I'm not getting out of bed at this time," he thinks and rolls over.

Then a louder knock follows. "Aren't you going to answer that?" says his wife.

So, he drags himself out of bed and goes downstairs. He opens the door and there is a man standing on the porch. It didn't take the homeowner long to realize the man was drunk.

"Hi there," slurs the stranger. "Can you give me a push?"

"No, go away! It's two in the morning. I was in bed," says the man and he slams the door.

He goes back up to bed and tells his wife what happened.

She says: "That wasn't very nice of you. Remember that night we broke down in the pouring rain on the way to pick the kids up from class and you had to knock on that man's house to get us started again? What would have happened if he'd told us to get lost?"

"But the guy was drunk," says the husband.

"It doesn't matter," says the wife. "He needs our help and you should help him."

So the husband gets out of bed again, gets dressed, and goes downstairs. He opens the front door, and not being able to see

the stranger anywhere he shouts, "Hey, do you still want a push?"

And he hears a voice cry out, "Yeah, please."

So, still being unable to see the stranger he shouts:

"Where are you?"

And the drunk replies,

"Over here, on the swing."

Then there's the story of a painter who is hired to whitewash a nearby church.

Unfortunately he thins the paint too much, causing it to wash away entirely during the first rain.

The minister calls the painter to voice his grievances. "What do you want me to do about it?" inquires the painter.

"Repaint," says the minister firmly, "And thin no more."

It was raining hard.....

.and a big puddle had formed in front of an Irish pub.

An old man stood by the puddle holding a stick with a string on the end and jiggled it up and down in the puddle.

A curious gentleman asked what he was doing.

"Fishing," replied the old man.

'Poor old fool,' thought the gentleman. So he invited him into the pub for a drink.

Just to start a conversation while they sipped their whisky, the gentleman asked, 'And so how many have you caught?'

"You're the eighth."



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



Importance Immunisation Advice

The timetable of recommended vaccines is called The National Immunisation Schedule. It shows when everyone should receive each routine immunisation, starting as early as 16 weeks of pregnancy for mothers, and at least 6 weeks old for babies. For the best protection against serious disease everyone needs to be immunised **ON TIME, EVERY TIME**.

In March 2023 a new immunisation was added to the childhood schedule. BEXERO is a Meningococcal Group B Vaccine to help protect against diseases caused by the bacteria Neisseria Meningitis Group B. This bacterium can cause serious and sometimes life threatening infections such as meningitis (inflammation of the covering of the brain and spinal cord) and sepsis (blood poisoning).

This vaccine works by specifically stimulating the body's natural defence system of the vaccinated person. A common immune response for those under 2 years is a high fever, so for those children it is recommended a dose of paracetamol (pamol) appropriate for their weight is given either just before or at the time of their appointment. This vaccine is now given at 3 months, 5 months and 12 months, however please ask your Nurse about the catch up programme available for all under 5 year olds that have not started their Bexero vaccines.

Bexero is also recommended and funded for 13 to 25 year olds who are at boarding school or reside at another specified close living environment, i.e. University Halls of Residence.

www.immune.org.nz/diseases/meningococcal-disease

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

Family Trusts

We had a call from a self-employed client recently: can we put her house in trust even with a mortgage on it? This led me to thinking an article on trusts might be useful this month.

The old days of what a family trust was used for are well gone, particularly with the recent change in trust laws requiring trusts to disclose much more information to beneficiaries than before. Back in the day trusts were used to protect family wealth through the generations, hide assets from Government means testing for superannuation entitlements, and protect entitlement to future rest-home care subsidies. But means testing is long gone, and in my recent experience the notion that a person can put their assets into a trust, claim they own nothing, then put their hand out to the Government (aka the taxpayer) to ask for their rest home care to be subsidised no longer flies. Yes, even if the trust was set up decades ago.

So why not? Well, a couple of reasons. Firstly, public policy reasons like I've set out above: you can't put your house into a trust then claim you've got no assets and expect the taxpayer to support you. And rest assured, the Government will ask because it is responsible for taxpayer's money too.

You see, people who have family trusts will almost certainly be using them to move assets away from their ownership and almost always try to retain a primary (first dibs) beneficial interest in those assets over other secondary beneficiaries such as adult children and grandchildren. And almost always they've been historically told that putting their assets in a family trust means they will be eligible for rest home care subsidies as well as preserving inheritances for adult children under a trust structure – neither of which is quite right.

And as time goes on, the parents decide to sell up and either buy into an occupation right with ongoing weekly fees in a retirement village (while they're still semi-independent), or one/both need to go into rest home care costing in the vicinity of \$2,000 a week and sometimes more depending on their needs and type of room (kitchenettes and private bathroom rooms cost more, as does a fridge).

But, hey ho, remember our family trust? Well, it means the parents no longer own or have full decision-making over selling their home to pay for the retirement care they need. Why? Because they gave their house to a trust and now only have a beneficial interest in the trust's assets, along with the other interested beneficiaries. Trust me, some adult children are actually quite incredulous when they realise that trust isn't going to protect their inheritances, seemingly without concern for their parent's retirement care.

One common use of trusts, still, is by self-employed people who put their homes into trust to protect their family home from any business-related liability. It is common for business owners to consider steps to protect their assets from creditors in this way, but it is equally as wise to hold professional indemnity insurance for any business liability claims, though. If you don't have insurance, I recommend talking to an insurance broker about your options.

When considering to transfer your home to a trust, what you can't do, no matter who you are or what your financial position, is put your house into trust to move assets away with the purpose of escaping existing creditor claims at the time the trust is formed including things like debts owed, taxes, escaping separation and relationship property claims, or to avoid your house getting seized as a proceed of crime, or to get rid of assets in a bankruptcy situation.

This is only a general discussion about trusts, but certainly Trusts do still have their place and are the right vehicle for some people in certain situations. If you have a trust or are thinking about transferring assets into a trust, I recommend you seek good legal advice about what you've got and how much use it really is, or get advice about your reasons for setting up a new trust.

Article prepared by Ros Morshead, Solicitor at Lawbox

Another scam

A phishing scam 'NZTA toll' has been circulating through Aotearoa and looks like a text message from legitimate organisations like Waka Kotahi, NZ Post, Inland Revenue and a number of NZ-based banks.

Do not engage with or click any links before you know a message is genuine. Check directly with the people it came from. Scam messages commonly contain bad or irregular spelling and grammar.

Never provide any card or personal details if you do click a bad link. If you have paid money already, speak to your bank as soon as possible and let them know what's happened.

Anyone who thinks they are a victim of the phishing scam should contact police on 105 and quote Operation Lime Green. The scam text can also be forwarded free of charge to 7726. Source: DIA



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LAKEVIEW GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Wet wet wet: this weather continues to be the topic of most people's conversations lately and little wonder as it relentlessly continues to rain. It does not take much and the ground becomes sodden. Someone said of Lakeview the other day they had never seen it so wet on the course. We are extremely free draining and this is not normally an issue for us which just shows how much rain we have had over a prolonged period.

June sees the start of the Managh Cup and Trophy competition. This is played through the entirety of June and into the first week of July.

Bring on next year and the best part of all this is the progression and opportunity our rangatahi are getting to further their golfing experience and skills. As mentioned last month all our pennants teams made the finals and this was played at the Whakatane Golf Club. The bus went over with 50 plus players and supporters and we are SUPER PROUD to say that our junior and intermediate teams won!! This is an amazing achievement and is testament to the proud, supportive, friendly, all-inclusive culture of our awesome club!

The seniors narrowly missed out on a win but... wait there's more - the team had to play in the relegation/promotion match against Ohope on their home ground and YES they won!! So, for the first time our little club has a team in the Championship grade for pennants.

We thank all the players, supporters, managers and coaches for their dedication and hard mahi needed to achieve this great feat.

The clubhouse now has a roof on and is looking magnificent. The process to put the roof on was fascinating as the huge crane deftly lifted from the carpark and placed each run of roofing on the structure some 20-30 metres away!

Josh and Kelvin, our multi-talented pro and green keeper, held the first of our QUIZ nights at the start of May and what a great night it was! We had a full quota of 12 teams and there were some real brain teasers. The reigning champions The Maintainers from way back when we last held a quiz took out the title again: that is Kris from Ngongotaha Medical Centre's team so they have a target on their back for the next quiz in June! The July quiz is scheduled for the 7th.

When the fire destroyed our clubhouse, it sadly took out our beautiful murals that were done by Ngongotaha, Mamaku and Kaharoa Primary school tamariki. We have made the decision to get some more of these beautiful pieces of artwork done and are looking forward to working with the schools and artists to make this happen.

Until next month try and stay dry and enjoy all that winter brings. **Golf shop phone number is 07 357357**

Mamaku Marsupial Madness

30 teams removed 562 possums, 31 wallabies and 158 rabbits or hares from local forests and farms.

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Big Boost for Ngongotaha Fire Station

A recent fundraiser netted around \$2000 towards the station
+ removed a number of feral animals from the wild
+ provided sustenance for a number of local families

26 teams of 3 participated in the Rotorua ITM Big 3 (catching pig, deer/ stags and snapper) with a weigh-in at Ngongotaha Fire Station.

A dinner at the Ngongotaha Bowling Club followed.

Source: Tai Thompson, Fire Chief at Ngongotaha Fire Station



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31 Ngongotaha Road Housing Development..... What Locals Say



Ali Jones

I am concerned that we don't have a lot of information about the planning for the infrastructure, traffic safety and school and medical services because of the Fast-Track process.

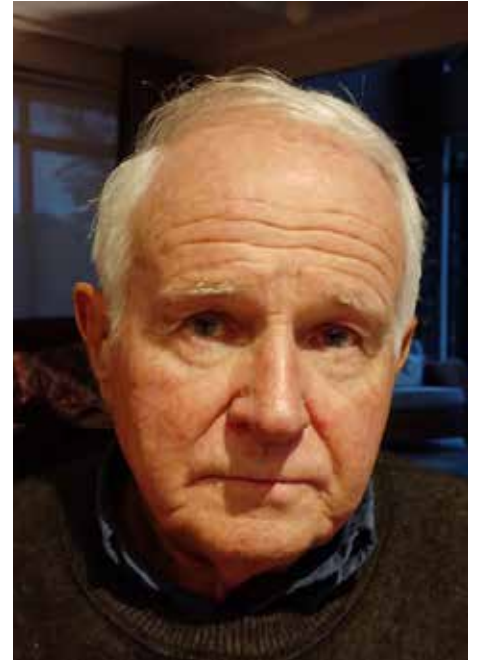
Also, Cyclone Gabrielle and the Auckland floods have brought these concerns to the fore.



Te Poari Newton

Our Ngongotaha side of the river needs new homes for our community, which need to be available to young families: I know there is concern about social housing and how it's managed.

Iwi concerns around the protection of the Waiteti are top priority.



Dennis Ward

I have reason to believe that Rotorua Lakes Council and BOP Regional Council data and modelling does not appear to be based on local knowledge or have local support. It's putting vulnerable people in a disadvantaged position because it is isolated from jobs and transport, susceptible to flooding, and infrastructure is not in place.

It's so Cold

A man and a woman, total strangers, find themselves sharing the same double bunk-bed passenger cabin on the 10:15 PM Amtrack express to Atlanta due to a mix-up at the ticket office.

It's the middle of winter.

There's frost on the window, and the poor maintenance means the heat is out.

In the dim light of the passenger car, the two strangers can see each other's foggy breath as they try not to make eye contact in an obviously uncomfortable situation.

The cabins are all full for the night, and the two strangers reconcile themselves to sharing the room for the night.

Being decent people, they decide they can be adults for a night and come to an understanding.

The man is not only chivalrous, but well-educated.

He understands that hot air rises, and cold air descends.

Since he, a man, is duty-bound to suffer in the place of a lady, he defers the warmer upper bunk to the woman.

The two settle in for the night, with the expected awkwardness of two adults who haven't slept in bunk beds since they were twelve.

There's sheets and pillows, and even a rough blanket from some Army surplus store provided and fitted to the bed by the train's workers.

If necessary, there's a small closet with more blankets and sheets across the cabin.

A little under an hour after they settle in, after much tossing and turning, the woman in the top bunk says, "It's so cold in here."

The man grumbles, turning over and over himself, looking for warmth.

A few more minutes pass.

The woman asks the man, "I don't suppose you could get me a blanket from the closet, please?"

The man grumbles again, rolling in bed.

"Please?" the woman pleads.

The man sighs, relents. "You know what... I've been thinking... I know a better way for you to get warm."

The woman hesitates. You can hear the blush in her voice, "But... I'm married."

"That doesn't matter to me," the man confides.

"Well... I guess one night couldn't hurt..." the woman replies. "It is cold, and I am rather lonely."

She peeks her head over the side of the bunk to look at the man. "I guess we can pretend to be married, just for one night..."

"I agree," the man says. "So get your own darned blanket!"

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Happenings

15-22 June Elder Abuse Awareness Week

18 June Neighbourhood Support AGM at Arawa Bowling Club Lytton Street from 1.30 pm

22 June RLC Future Development Strategy public consultation Ngongotaha community hall 5pm to 6pm

23 June 2:00pm - 7:00pm Te Runanga Tea House BOP Regional Council drop-in re freshwater see p2

28 June 7.30 pm Jackie Clarke Goes Prima Diva- from Alberta Hunter to Dolly Parton, Kate Bush to Lady Gaga at Shambles Theatre (from The Cat's Been Spayed, the Lady Killers and NZ Idol) cash \$30 Ph 347 6275

1 July Tree Planting at Elliot Park from 9am.

1 July Single use plastic ban takes effect See below.

2 July Mamaku Crop Swap 12.45 to 1.30 at Mamaku Hall. Bring excess produce, baking, preserves etc to swap and \$1 for hall hire

7 July Lakeview Quiz night

Coming up: Car registration plate theft prevention day

6 August Mamaku Crop Swap

Regular Events

Monday Indoor Bowls 7.00 pm Community Hall

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

Tech on Tuesday at Parksyde

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 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

Single use plastic ban

From 1 July 2023, plastic tableware, produce bags, straws and labels are banned, and must be replaced by reusable or paper tableware, bags, and straws, or bags and straws not used. Label free produce or home compostable labels phase in until mid 2025.

Illegal Dirt Bike Riders

There have been multiple reports to the council of illegal trail and dirt bike riding on reserves and footpaths, causing damage to infrastructure and putting people's safety at risk.

"Information can be provided by calling Police on 111 if it is happening now and people are in immediate danger of harm, or any other detailed information can be reported through 105 or anonymously via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111."

Rotorua Museum

Rotorua Lakes Council is seeking feedback on options for Rotorua Museum Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa. The Strengthening and Restoration Options consultation document sets out three possible options for the project going forward. . You are invited to provide feedback on your preferred option and to also share the call for feedback through your networks

Further information about the options can be found at letstalk.rotorualakescouncil.nz/te-whare-taonga-strengthening-and-restoration or by emailing letstalk@rotorualc.nz, by talking to RLC on 07 348 4199 or on Facebook @rotorualakescouncil or @rotoruumuseum or by collecting a hard copy survey from Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri or Rotorua Lakes Council customer service centre.

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Consumer Survey of Power Companies

Once again, Powershop has proved to be the retailer with the most satisfied customers and has been crowned Consumer's People's Choice. It's the third year in a row that Powershop has been awarded the title and the sixth time since 2015. This year though, Powershop will be sharing the People's Choice title with another power company – Frank Energy.

The satisfaction rating is the percentage of people who scored their power company an 8, 9 or 10 on a scale of 0 (very dissatisfied) to 10 (very satisfied). Powershop scored a satisfaction rating of 74%, with Frank Energy not far behind on 67%. Third place went to Flick Electric, a provider with a market share of just 1%. It wasn't far behind with a satisfaction score of 64%

Powershop cleaned up the competition once again in 2023. Their satisfaction rating shot up from 66% last year to 74%. Powershop customers were the happiest with what they paid for power. Powershop's customer support was also rated much higher than any other company.

Frank Energy did something right over the last year. Its satisfaction rate jumped from 58% to 67%. However, like last year it scored below the average on Consumer's questions on renewable energy production and green credentials.

Flick Electric is small, but its customers are a satisfied bunch. They rate their company highly on value for money – with 56% very satisfied, well above the industry average of 35%. There was one category where customers weren't that impressed though – 15% were very satisfied with Flick's green credentials, which was below the average of 21%.

Most of Electric Kiwi's ratings were above the industry average, making it a solid performer. It excelled when it came to competitive

pricing and helping customers save energy, where it was rated 14% above the industry average for both.

Pulse did well in the financial questions – it was rated above average on competitive pricing and value for money. But it fell just below the average on four measures – resolving problems in a timely manner, helping save energy, renewable energy production and green credentials.

Despite Genesis' satisfaction rating being just 3% above the average, it scored well in all 8 of the key attributes.

Slingshot customers gave their power company the highest rating for solving problems in a timely manner. But they didn't think much of the company's attempts to help them save energy – 19% said they were very satisfied and that was well below the industry average of 30%.

Mercury's rating was just below the average but its customers rate its environmental efforts. Its scores for renewable energy production and green credentials were among the highest.

Nova's customer service got a mention for rating higher than most other companies last year. Not so this year. The only area where customers were satisfied above average was value for money.

Just 26% of Trustpower customers said they were satisfied they were getting value for money – that was the lowest score among the companies.

Contact's satisfaction ratings were below the average for every key attribute but this year it's not at the bottom of the table.

Meridian's satisfaction rating took a big hit this year. From 54% last year, it dropped to 46% this year – putting it at the bottom of our satisfaction table.

Kaimai Kaponga

This iwi-based group is doing conservation work in the Kaimai Ranges, including surveying the insect life. Here's a snippet on one of their most recent findings:

The Kekerewai - Manuka Chafer is a native beetle of the Scarabaeidae family: the Pyronota Festiva or the Manuka Chafer, which is most abundant in warmer seasons of spring and summer. Commonly found on the Manuka bush, these chafers mainly feed on leaves. They were also common during the time of pre-European contact, as a quick food source for our Māori ancestors in times of war or when food with a higher calorie intake was scarce.

Kaimai Kaponga were also part sponsors of the Mamaku Marsupial Madness mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter.



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