

# NGONGOTAHA NEWS DECEMBER SUPPLEMENT

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## Happenings

**2 Dec** A & P Show 141 Western Rd, Agrodome, 8.30- 4.30 Adults \$20, children 15 and under free.

**3 Dec** Axemen Competition, Western Riding 141 Western Road

**9 Dec** Mamaku School Fair

**9 Dec** Rotorua Collectables Club garage sale: Collectables, household goods, antiques etc. Ngongotaha Community Hall 8.30 am to 1pm

**18-22 Dec** Mamaku School Happy Kids Club open to children outside Mamaku. Contact [rachel@mamakuschool.nz](mailto:rachel@mamakuschool.nz) or ph 027 356 9542.

**21 Jan** EquiSucceed Horse Trek Fundraiser on the Holdem farm. Registration by 8th January. Go to [finance@equisucceed.co.nz](mailto:finance@equisucceed.co.nz) or phone Paulette 027 662 8817.

## Regular Events

Monday Indoor Bowls 7.00 pm Ngongotaha Community Hall (off season now)

2nd Monday Mamaku Garden Circle 1 pm at Fire Station. New members welcome.

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

Talking Tech on Tuesdays at Parksyde

Tuesday Twilight Golf at Lakeview 4.00 to 6.00 pm

2nd Tuesday of the month: Lions Club of Ngongotaha Business meeting at 5.30 pm in the Ngongotaha Hall.

4th Tuesday of the month: Lions Club of Ngongotaha Social meeting at 5.30 pm at venues to be advised.

Contact person: Jamie Ph: 07 3322818

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 Country Club

Drop-in technology 10 am with SeniorNet: Age Concern 5 Tarewa Place

Thursdays 5pm Twilight Lawn Bowls, Clubhouse Domain Rd

Last Thursday of the month 2.00 pm Poetry Appreciation Society.

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# Everything has a consequence

As the year draws to a close and I find myself acting in bitter court disputes between parties about estates, inheritances, and division of relationship property matters, it is my observation that there are two common denominators to them all: 1.) money and 2.) that for every action there is always a consequence – even if not immediately foreseen.

Take, for example, an estate or inheritance dispute between beneficiaries. One party claims certain assets either are, or were to be, theirs and produces a document purporting to confirm that position (signed letters by the deceased are a classic!). ‘Hmmm’, says other party, ‘except over here is this other document which doesn’t align with what you claim’.

Even worse when it transpires the first document had quite a bit of the original content omitted by the claimant, or other less-favourable documents were conveniently not produced either. Readers won’t be surprised that half-truths and antics like cherry-picking supportive evidence will eventually be found out. And it looks even worse reputationally when the matter is already before the court.

How are things found out? Because just like a plagiarised essay, the plagiarism usually stands out because it doesn’t make sense in the surrounding context. In more common division of relationship property proceedings, the same applies. For example, a dispute about whether there was a 3-year relationship in the context of a house bought together and disagreement on separation about how long the relationship was, and who contributed what financially. One party claims the relationship only began barely 2 weeks before the house contract was signed. The other party claims they lived in a rented house for several months before buying and produces dated supporting screenshots of them together and other houses they were looking at. Clearly the first claim doesn’t make sense in the first place.

Another example, a couple separate, and one produces documents to show that their small business was constantly in the red and now has creditors and accrued tax arrears. The other party claims funds were diverted from the business with ‘cashies’ and believes they can identify those people (people turning up to the former family home and handing over cash is always a reasonable starting point ...). Trust me, a review of bank account transactions and/or business financials always tells the story, even if one party decides to hide chunks of income by operating in cash.

Meanwhile, vindictiveness sets in, all trust between the parties about what the other has been hiding goes out the window and a dispute arises about who’s paying for what post-separation until things are sorted out. One party often doesn’t have the means to meet the payments (usually the party with the lesser income and/or greater childcare responsibilities), and so mortgages and hire purchases etc go into default often just to pressure the other into a quick settlement, unfortunately.

What can we learn from this? That all actions have consequences, good and bad, and people can find themselves impacted in ways they hadn’t contemplated much later down the track.

Credit ratings can be affected resulting in the inability to obtain credit after separation. Other documents will always find their way into the process, and the truth will eventually come out.

And there is also the uncomfortable reality that people who pay others in cash can inadvertently get dragged into third party disputes even though they’ve not done anything wrong themselves...

**This article was written for Ngongotaha News by Ros Morshead, Solicitor at Lawbox Solicitors.**



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*A businessman went into the office and found an inexperienced handyman painting the walls.*

*The handyman was wearing two heavy parkas on a hot summer day.*

*Thinking this was a little strange, the businessman asked the handyman why he was wearing the parkas on such a hot day.*

*The handyman showed him the instructions on the can of paint. They read: For best results, put on two coats.*

You're on vacation, and you've arrived at your hotel. The elevators in the lobby are numbered, from left to right, 1, 2, 3, 5, and 4.

Curious, you try to enter elevator 5, but are stopped by the staff. "You can't use that elevator," he says.

"Why not?"

"It's out of order".

*A Man Vacations in Spain*

*While he's there, he decides to get a tattoo to remember the trip by. Just his luck, though, the tattoo get infected. The local who has been showing him around notices the next day and offers to lend a hand.*

*"I know a guy who specializes in this exact thing," the local says. "He's a friend of mine and I'm sure he'll help you out."*

*"Really?" the tourist asks. "I would never expect you to know someone who specializes specifically in tattoo related medical issues."*

*The local turns to him and simply says, "Of course, nobody expects the Spanish Ink Physician."*

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