

Keas Klean Up

On 7th March, these young Keas and their leaders Jennifer Harding and Jessica Tumata-Lane picked up rubbish around the Ngongotaha Skate Park as part of an Envirohub activity.

Pictured are: Arlo Gillgren, Brodie Hill, Eden Hill, Jackson Carroll, Fletcher Carroll, Komba Kortequee, Zaiden Sleet, Reu Whitton and Hunter Flood.

Several large bags of rubbish were collected - an amazing amount for such a small area.

Let's try to keep the area free of rubbish in future!

Organised by Juliet Ramsden from Envirohub BOP 0274984040.



MANGOREWA CATCHMENT MEETING

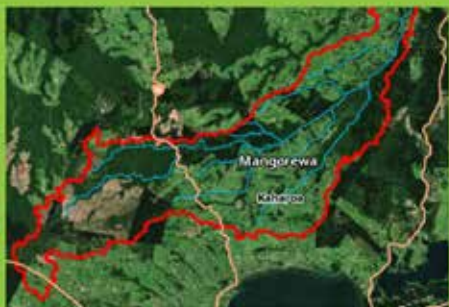
**WEDNESDAY
17TH APRIL**

7pm
Refreshments
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Location: Kaharoa Hall

The residents living between Te Waerenga and Te Matai roads are invited to come along to a meeting to learn more about .

- What does the Mangorewa catchment look like?
- How the sub catchments of Mangorewa & Hururu form part of the greater Kaituna river Catchment.
- Regional Council will report on water monitoring in the Kaituna and any relevant regulations.
- A brief overview of the Kaituna Catchment Scheme
- Presentation from an active neighbouring catchment group
- What are today's concerns & can a local catchment group source support to achieve these?



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Spotted on Dansey Road recently

We are reminded of Sam Hunt's comment: the only thing the middle of the road is good for is dead possums.

However, this fits more into the road marking category of "It's not my job"....



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11.00 Bible Study

Have a say about your community's long-term future

Residents are invited to the Ngongotaha Hall to discuss Rotorua Lakes Council's Draft Long Term Plan on Wednesday 17th April from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm.

On computers

*What is the biggest lie in the entire universe?
I have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions.*

Do you have that popup that says "Want to get rid of annoying popups?"?

*How many programmers does it take to change a light bulb?
None. It's a hardware problem.*

Progress Ngongotaha - Kokiri Ngongotaha Inc.

Community Collective Making a Difference

Kia ora Koutou,

What a busy place we live in! Just recently I returned from Rotorua to Ngongotaha and having left a very quiet and empty city, I returned to a vibrant Ngongotaha Village and found it really uplifting.

People everywhere, cars moving through, parking or moving out. Such a hive of industry and busyness.

People chatting on the corner of Hall Road and Ngongotaha Road, and waving out to a friend on the other side of the road. Dog walkers, cyclists, walkers, and others enjoying a wonderful time sitting outside at Dynasti Cafe or at the Wheat Sheaf or leaning up against a wall chatting and pointing out at the flower baskets while children and their friends catch up with each other.

Someone said to me recently "I was looking at the Village today and just couldn't get over how busy it is these days. It really does have all that we need." We agreed that there are some things we could do without, but on the whole we are very fortunate to be so well served.

Progress Ngongotaha is however missing our Pete, who was situated on Wikaraka Street. He sold all things 'recyclable' for example wooden windows of all types, doors, bathroom and kitchen fittings, shelving, book cases, rimu timber. Through Pete and his business we have today the 'makings' of our Ngongotaha Life Memories Museum.

For those of you new to Ngongotaha, seven years ago Progress Ngongotaha-Kokiri Ngongotaha Inc. (PNKN) filled an empty shop after it sat empty for around eighteen months. There were 11 empty shops and other businesses in the village back then, and 'our place' did not look good, it certainly wasn't as vibrant.

Something quite extraordinary happened a short while after moving in to the shop once occupied by Cottage Flair. We had previously found boxes of photos and other archives in the Ngongotaha Hall ladies' toilets. These had been gathered over time by earlier PNKN teams.

We now had our own space, our own whare/home so our Taonga/Treasures had a home at last.

We displayed some photos of Ngongotaha from the past, on one main wall in the shop. This created a groundswell of interest. It was a proud moment to be able to give these treasures new life and to add new life to the Village which we are delighted to see still exists today.

Many of you will remember the changes that happened and we ended up with a beautiful space, full of fun and energy and the sharing of stories, the gifting of objects creating our very own Ngongotaha museum of memories.

Unfortunately, we had to leave the shop at 180 Ngongotaha Road and for the past two years and up until today, we have everything packed and stored safely and fully insured. Thank you to our local NZ Lotteries Committee for helping our community with the cost of storage and ongoing operating costs in order to preserve our local History.

What now? We have a great team of people coming together to help with the next stage...Stage 3, and you can phone Bob Martin 3489864 or Lynn Benfell 3574565 to register your interest in being involved with this special project, in order to get this off the ground. We have received a Grant from Rotorua Trust and have purchased the following; PastPerfect Software for Museums. To the Rotorua Trust we cannot thank you enough, this will move our Ngongotaha Taonga forward. This is a huge learning curve for Lynn, but so far so good. It's really fascinating!!

The Ngongotaha Life Memories Museum Team realised that we needed to do more than just store the physical items and display them again in the future, we needed to record everything in a responsible way for provenance and for future interaction with other Museums. We are supported by two other small museums in Aotearoa who also use PastPerfect and their support has been amazing. It's great to have this connection with other 'Friends' in Museums.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give us a call or email progressngongotaha@gmail.com

**Take care out there until next time;
Lynn, Bob, Heather and Lee**

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Computers etc

*My Internet stopped working
for 5 minutes.*

*Met my parents. They're nice
people.*

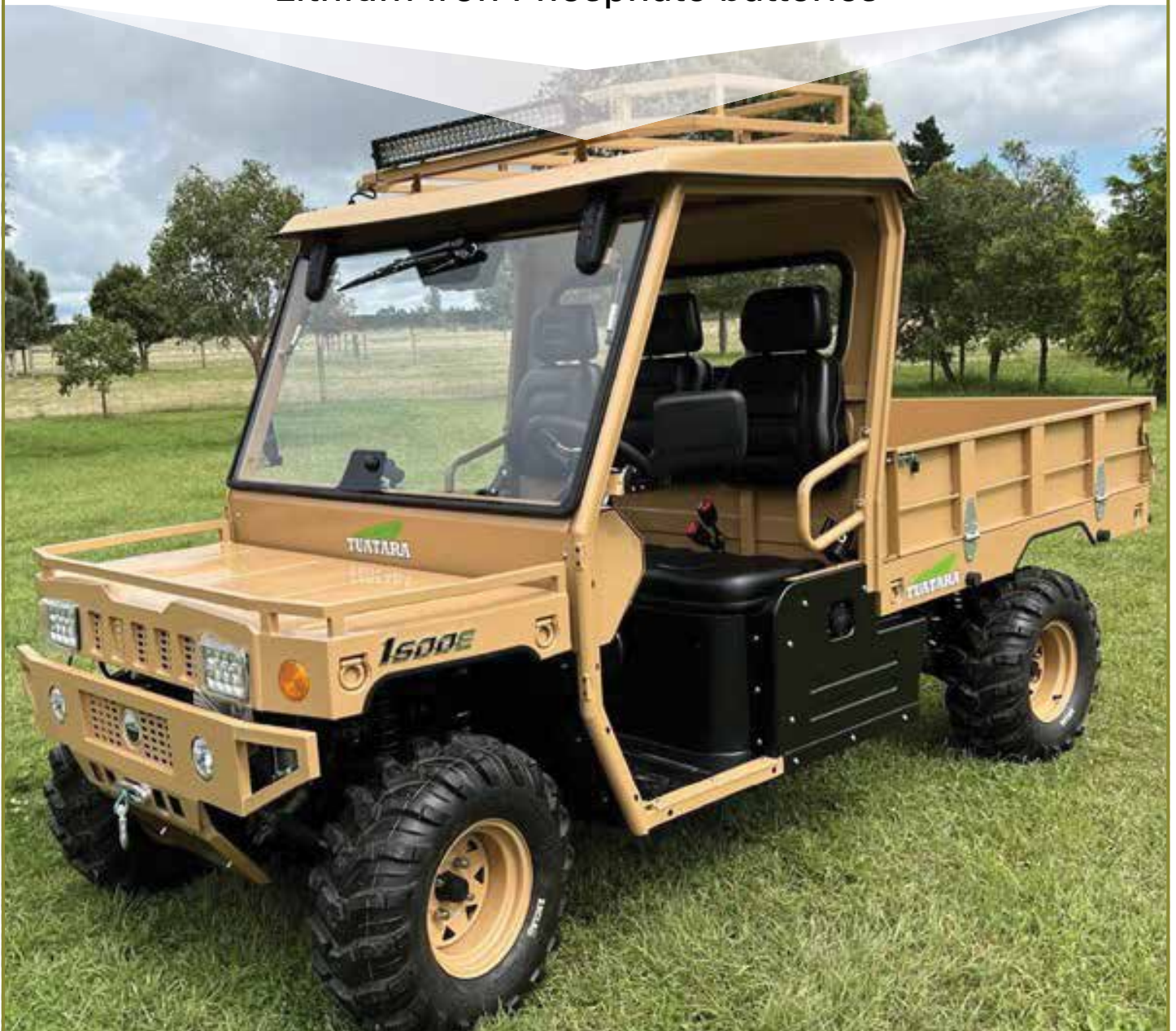
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*If Bill Gates had a dollar for
every time I had to reboot my
computer... Oh wait, he does.*



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Kaharoa School

Tēnā koutou whānau

Our school has been a hive of activity throughout this term. We have had many school and team events, as well as settling into class routines and learning.



Camps

Team Totara spent 3 nights & 4 days bonding as a team at MiCamp Taupo. A wide range of activities were experienced by the children, including a fabulous waterslide, kayaking on Lake Taupo, bridge and hut building, and toasting marshmallows over braziers.

Year 4 and 5 students enjoyed their two-day camp at Tui Ridge, joined by the year 3 students on the 2nd day. They challenged their confidence on the giant swing and flying fox, and braved the burma trail in the evening (moving along a roped trail without sight).

Our children displayed great Kaharoa values and enjoyed themselves enormously. A huge thank you to the wonderful parents who gave up their time to support our tamariki during these amazing experiences.



Swimming Sports

Kaharoa School hosted the Rural Interschool Swimming Sports on Monday 11th March. Well done to all the students who participated and gave it a go, an awesome day was had by everyone who attended. 🌞

The place getters have qualified for CBOP swimming sports on Wednesday the 3rd of April at Rotorua Aquatic Centre.

GRIP Leadership Conference

Our prefects attended the GRiP Leadership Conference in early March.

A key takeaway was: step up - step out - step in - step closer. To step up means to use our talents to help others. To step out means to try new things. To step in means to help when needed. To step closer means to think of ideas and keep working on them until they work.

They are looking forward to trying out what they learned in their leadership roles this year.



PTA Fundraiser - Firewood

Thank you to the Snodgrass whānau who have been storing the wood split by PTA volunteers last year. Purchasers have collected their wood, which should be ready for burning over

the next few months. MVP to Craig and Ben who worked on filling trailers!



Thank you to Mr Shoebridge who recently rebarked our playgrounds - and thanks to the seniors that helped shift the initial massive pile of bark. They are looking great!

PTA Disco!

The PTA are planning a disco on the last day of school - Thursday 11th of April. They are seeking helpers

to make this a fun event and raise money for maths equipment and text books. Please contact emmapta@kaharoa.school.nz or the generic pta email pta@kaharoa.school.nz if you are able to help that evening or preparing for the event.

We have space for new students

Kaharoa School is 13min from Ngongotaha and open for enrolments now and for 2025 for both primary and intermediate students (Year 1-8). We will hold an information evening planned for 14th of August for students considering enrolment in 2025.

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

Ngā mihi - The Kaharoa Team

Hon Todd McClay

MP for Rotorua

Delivering for Rotorua

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DELIVERING ON HEALTH OUTCOMES.

The doctors and nurses at Rotorua hospital do a very good job. They're hard working, committed and caring and we can be very proud of just how professional they are. I often meet with people who work at the hospital, and I know how hard they find it under the current health system.

Equally many constituents have spoken to me about how much the health system has changed over the last 6 years. In fact, many have become increasingly concerned as they, their friends or family wait for an operation or medical treatment.

During the election National committed to improve health outcomes for all New Zealanders, and as part of our first 100 days the coalition government has taken significant steps towards delivering on this.

Health Minister Shane Reti has recently announced five key health targets which will drive better outcomes for us all.

The targets are:

- Faster cancer treatment – 90 percent of patients to receive cancer management within 31 days of the decision to treat.
- Improved immunisation for kids – 95 percent of children to be fully immunised at 24 months of age.

- Shorter stays in emergency departments – 95 percent of patients to be admitted, discharged, or transferred from an ED within six hours.
- Shorter wait times for first specialist assessment – 95 per cent of patients to wait less than four months for a first specialist assessment.
- Shorter wait times for treatment – 95 per cent of patients to wait less than four months for elective treatment.

In an important move Health Minister Shane Reti has also announced that security in Emergency Departments has been increased. Violent behaviour puts both hard- working hospital staff and patients at risk and should not be tolerated.

Legislation has also been introduced to parliament to disestablish the Maori Health Authority and focus on better health outcomes as part of one health system that treats all New Zealanders equally.

Health targets are at the forefront of our health policy and represents a vigorous new direction that will get Health New Zealand back on track.

Hon Todd McClay

Member of Parliament for Rotorua

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ANZAC AT AWAHOU MARAE

If you take a drive up Gloucester Road Awahou you will soon arrive at Awahou marae. The formal name of our marae is Te Taringa a mano which was shortened to Tarimano, the name now widely known for our marae complex. This statement says that when I stand, I will never stand alone. For the multitudes are with me. I am one of many.



Tawakeheimoa (The father of our ancestor Rangiwehewhi), our ancestral house, stands at the centre of Tarimano marae. He is supported by his two wives Te Aongahoro (second wife and mother of Rangiwehewhi to the left), our wharekai and Te Aouru (his first wife) our Wharemoa, to the right.

The Te Heparai Pai II (Wharekarakia) is to the far right when facing our marae Atea and our kohanga reo is to the left of the Wharenuhi and behind our Wharekai.

In between our ancestral house and Wharekarakia are two smaller structures. One is our flag pole and the other is our Ngati Rangiwehewhi War Memorial.

The war memorial was unveiled on April 6, 1947. The names of people from Ngati Rangiwehewhi who have served in armed forces are engraved into the memorial as a reminder for us to remember them. On April 25th, 2024, we will hold a special event to remember those from Ngati Rangiwehewhi who have served and on behalf of Ngati Rangiwehewhi and the Ngati Rangiwehewhi War Veterans committee we invite you to join us at 10am that day.

Our ANZAC day service is a special occasion for our Ngati Rangiwehewhi iwi which has not been held for the past two years, mainly due to Covid. The War Veterans Committee was formed several years ago and held several services prior to Covid. ANZAC at Awahou marae is to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice as well as those who have served and have since passed.

It is said that a person dies twice. The first time is when we die physically and the second time is when our name is spoken for the last time. One of the features of our Ngati Rangiwehewhi ANZAC event

is the reading of the names of Ngati Rangiwehewhi people who have served in the armed forces and have since passed away. Every year there are new names added to that list. Ka maumahara tatou i a ratou, we the living will always remember them and speak their names.

Our ANZAC at Awahou event is a family event. We welcome whanau to all come to remember their loved ones who served but may not be from our Ngati Rangiwehewhi iwi. This day is for them and for you too.

My Papa was the instigator of this momentous occasion along with many others from Ngati Rangiwehewhi. One of his final requests of me, his eldest son, was to continue ANZAC Day at Awahou marae. He passed last May and his name has been added to the memorial list and will be read for the first time this year. He served in Malaya.

So, I personally invite you to come to ANZAC at Awahou as well. Especially if you have lost someone over the past few years. Perhaps you lost them through the Covid years or perhaps they were lost to you many years ago in a land far off our Rotorua shores while serving in our New Zealand armed forces. ANZAC is a day when we can forget our differences and stand together to remember those who stood shoulder to shoulder despite their differences. I know this event will be a part of my healing and hope it is a part of yours too.

Nau mai haere mai ki ANZAC at Awahou marae. It will be our Rangiwehewhi pleasure to host you.

Ngahihi o te ra Bidois is a Motivational Speaker, Professional Director, businessman, author, husband, father. Koro and MBA. A Maori Boy from Awahou. See <https://thefaceofnewzealand.com/>

The Ngati Rangiwehewhi War Veterans Committee and Ngati Rangiwehewhi iwi invite you to join us to commemorate ANZAC at Awahou marae at 10am on ANZAC Day 25th April 2024.

Who can attend? Anyone of any age wishing to commemorate ANZAC DAY with Ngati Rangiwehewhi.

When: 10am. Anzac day April 25th 2024

Where: Awahou Marae 62 Gloucester Road. Just drive slowly up Gloucester Road for 5 minutes. You can't miss the marae on the right side of the road!

Can I attend if I have never been to a marae? Yes. Everyone is welcome.

What is the main purpose? To commemorate ANZAC Day with a focus on those from Ngati Rangiwehewhi who have served in the armed forces and those currently serving.

Is there a charge to attend? No. This is a free community event.



NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

4th March Buttons Was a quiet night as some bowlers were absent. Our president was away so Richard had to step up for the night. Kevin Whyte, Grahame Turner and Eddie Hagenaars had the buttons to start with then Bruce Wiggins, Robin Campbell and Nicole Ruthe held them for one game then lost them to Richard Mills, Greg Chase and Bruce Mapson. Our team tried to get them off Bruce Wiggins' team but didn't succeed.

11th March Graded Pairs (Curry Cup) We saw some serious bowls being played tonight. We had two teams that had to have a play off to decide who the winners were. The two teams were Cheryl Wiggins and Martin Burtling against John Rayner and Chris McGoon. Very tense final but the winners were John Rayer and Chris McGoon. Congrats to those two players.

18th March Aggregate Not many bowlers in attendance tonight so couldn't have the championship fours. The few people that were there played to their best ability and were wanting to get as many points as they could. The winners for the night were Kevin Whyte, Martin Bertling and Chris McGoon.

25th March Whyte Trophy We still had some bowlers absent but had enough players to play pairs for the night. There were some good bowls being played. Definitely a good night for myself and Greg. I think Greg did all the work for the both of us. The winners for the night were Helen White and Greg Chase. Whoop! whoop! I am very pleased with how the night went. Thanks Greg.

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Rotorua Lakes Council: The Search/Te Kimihanga Results

The main objective of the survey was to create “profiles” within the community to optimise communications and make Council more relevant and accessible to more people who call Rotorua home. These profiles were completed in late February to be applied to the Long term Plan engagement in April. Respondents were representative of the Rotorua population in terms of ethnicity, however like many surveys, it was a struggle to reach enough young people. There was a good geographical spread from across the district, including rural areas, and both high and low deprivation neighbourhoods. The total respondents numbered 1242, which is an exceptional response for consumer research. Of these, 6% were in multi-generational households, 35% with immediate family, 8% were studying, 62% were female, 78% were homeowners, 30% Maori, 22% speak te reo at home, 47% were in full-time work, 72% voted in the last election, 19% were over 65, 25% experience disability, 60% regularly use walking tracks, parks and lake reserves. 95% self-drive, 52% walk, 27% bike, 13% bus. Te Arawa Māori are the most positive about Rotorua, most likely to cite community/whanau/home/culture and tourism and activities as what they like about Rotorua.

Perception of changes in Rotorua over time were:

Much worse	46%
A little worse	30%
Same	8%
A little better	11%
Much better	5%

Respondents wanted RLC to: reduce crime, address gang problems, reduce homelessness, sort out emergency housing, and revitalize the inner city. They were concerned about lots of empty shops and anti-social behaviour. They wanted a crack down on gangs and dirt bike riders on our roads carrying children with no helmets.

They were mostly happy with rubbish and recycling collection, safe drinking water, city beautification and street lighting, but wanted more work on suburban road maintenance, stormwater infrastructure, transparency, spending rates wisely and prudently and communication. For most people, the main job of Council is to "keep Rotorua running, provide services, and keep it looking spick and span".

Ngongotaha's Long Term Plan meeting is on 17th April from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm in the Ngongotaha Hall – public are invited.

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Ngongotaha School - March Update



Term 1 has raced by. I can't believe we are already over a quarter of the way through 2024. Term 1 has been awesome with our children taking part in so many opportunities such as the Waikato/BOP Mountain Biking competition, trips to the museum, swimming lessons in our heated pool, golf academy with Lakeview Golf club, the Tura TeNgakau Science fair, Life Education visit, school TRYathlon, rural schools swimming festival, parent/teacher interviews, just to name a few.



Our school recently took part in the Rotorua Pacifica Festival held at the Lakefront. Dozens of our students had practiced hard leading up to the event and took the stage performing their songs and dances with pride. They dedicated their performance to Vesty Symes which I thought was a lovely gesture.

We held a fundraiser recently to become Principal for the Day. Principal Duncan won the competition and took full advantage of being the boss for a day. He spoke at assembly and presented

some amazing prizes that his family had made, sat at my desk throughout the day and played games on my computer while I worked on my laptop, had McDonalds for lunch, approved pay rises and days off for many of my staff (which I quickly reversed) and had a wonderful day feeling extremely important. Thanks to everyone who supported the fundraiser and helped Principal Duncan feel so special.



We held our first disco of the year recently. This one was Disney themed and we had many princes, princesses and Disney characters dancing the night away. Thanks again to Chris from Light it up Limited who was our DJ for the night. While we held the disco, our two Deputy Principals, Mrs Astwood and Whaea Daphne, hosted a CAKE night (Curriculum And Knowledge Evening) where whanau get to leave their children at the disco to dance and come and learn ways to support them at home. This term's CAKE night focus was writing and was well received by though who attended.



We are currently working alongside the Education Review Office. We have had several meetings, observations and visits over the past term and it is pleasing to hear lots of positive feedback about our school. A report will soon be published by ERO and made public to the community.



EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE
Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga

During term 1, the learning focus has been based around water. The children have been involved in swimming lessons, water safety programmes, learning about the importance of drinking water, migration over water, catfish trapping,

waka building, and many more exciting learning opportunities. Next term, we will be learning about fire. This will include trips to the Buried village and Wai-o-Tapu, fire safety programmes, a market day where money raised will go to the Ngongotaha Volunteer Fire Brigade, and learning about volcanoes and lightning. Term 2 will also include our senior school camp to Totara Springs!

Another exciting month at Ngongotaha School. Keep an eye on our school app for regular updates.

Craig and the team at Ngongotaha School.



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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.

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FOR SALE



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BOP Regional Council Long Term Plan (LTP) 2024 – 2034

BOP Regional Council need your help to make some big decisions for the draft Long Term Plan (LTP) 2024 – 2034 which is now open for feedback until 9 April. The Long Term Plan sets the Regional Council’s strategic direction for the next 10 years, including the work that will be delivered and how that work will be funded. Learn more and make a submission at <https://www.participate.boprc.govt.nz/long-term-plan-2024-2034> As well as proposals for how they can sustainably manage finances (and your rates) into the future and continue to maintain service levels, BOPRC are seeking your feedback on the following topics:

1. Who should pay for buses? How should we fund public transport in urban centres across the region? Should we spread a part of the cost of urban bus services across the region or should we continue to rate locally? (see below)
2. Whether to enable the sale of some Port of Tauranga shares - Do you agree Regional Council should enable a managed sell down in its Port of Tauranga Limited shareholding to no less than 28%? (See below)
3. New regional parks - Should the Regional Council investigate new opportunities for regional parks, such as in Rotorua District?

OPTION 1 (STATUS QUO): Rates funding for public transport in urban areas across the Bay of Plenty comes 100% from targeted rates.	
Change to level of service and impact on debt levels	No impact on levels of service or debt levels
Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No increases in general rates. Areas where bus services are more concentrated pay the rates for the service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not recognise wider benefits of public transport to everyone in the region, including the opportunity for communities to be more connected, reduced congestion and carbon emissions, and improved economic activity.
Impact on rates	<p>Status quo – Rates funding remains 100% targeted rates</p> <p>Targeted rates: for 2024/25 would be \$313 in Tauranga, \$187 in Rotorua, \$49 in Western Bay and \$51 in Whakatāne, per household/ratepayer.</p>

OPTION 2 (OUR PREFERRED OPTION): Rates funding for public transport in urban centres comes from 90% targeted and 10% general rates.	
Change to level of service and impact on debt levels	No impact on levels of service or debt levels
Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater fairness as everyone pays a contribution towards the cost of urban public transport which enables communities to be more connected, reduces congestion and carbon emissions, and improves economic activity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People in areas more distant from public transport networks will pay more towards urban public transport, compared to Option 1, which they may consider unfair.
Impact on rates	<p>General rates increase, targeted rates decrease.</p> <p>General rates: for 2024/25 the contribution to public transport would increase by an average of \$11 per household/ratepayer, depending on land value.</p> <p>Targeted rates: for 2024/25 would reduce from \$313 to \$282 in Tauranga, from \$187 to \$168 in Rotorua, from \$49 to \$44 in Western Bay and from \$51 to \$46 in Whakatāne, per household/ratepayer.</p>

OPTION 1 (STATUS QUO): Retain current shareholding in Port of Tauranga, held via Quayside.	
Change to level of service	No change. The current proposal is about prudent financial management. In terms of the Port of Tauranga, public ownership at the current level is not required to ensure continued delivery of strategic regional benefit to the community. These benefits will continue to flow to the region.
Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council retains majority control rights as the majority shareholder. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single asset exposure presents risks (an under-diversified investment portfolio). Limited liquidity of investments which could present risks. Potential growth in Council dividend and in ratepayer subsidy
Impact on rates	No impact
Impact on debt levels:	No impact

OPTION 2 (OUR PREFERRED OPTION): Enable a reduction (by Quayside) in Port of Tauranga shares to a minimum of 28%.	
Change to level of service	<p>No change. The current proposal is about prudent financial management. In terms of the Port of Tauranga, public ownership at the current level is not required to ensure continued delivery of strategic regional benefit to the community. These benefits will continue to flow to the region.</p> <p>Note: This option would mean that Council also changes its description of its strategic assets in its Significance and Engagement Policy, for consistency. For example, the reference to PoTL would reflect a lesser shareholding, post sell down.</p>
Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased portfolio diversification, including reduced exposure to port-specific risks. PoTL could then make up approximately 30% of Quayside's total assets by 2036 with 70% in diversified assets reducing risk to future dividends. More liquidity of investments meaning there is potential for higher dividends in future. Ability to re-pay the PPS and generate more cashflow from the dividend savings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial sale of a strategic asset. Lose majority control rights, but retain the ability to block any takeover. Accessing higher total returns through reinvesting sale proceeds in other asset classes brings risk which would be managed through the additional diversification.
Impact on rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No initial impact on rates as decision is for prudent financial management. Potential for increased subsidy of rates and greater regional benefit in future. Reduced risk to future dividends.
Impact on debt levels:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No impact on Council's debt. The \$200 million PPS to be repaid is treated as equity on Quayside's Balance sheet and treated as debt for Council's credit rating.

LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

There is definitely an autumn chill in the air with the mornings feeling very crisp and a couple of light frosts appearing in some of the sheltered valleys. The days are closing in with darker mornings and evenings - all tell-tale signs that winter is coming! Hopefully we will get some more awesome autumn weather with lovely sunny days to get out and enjoy some golf and time out with mates before winter sets in.

The winner of the Captains Trophy was Andrew (Stretch) Jensen with John Hodges narrowly missing out after a countback. Congratulations to Stretch and well done to John for taking it to the wire. Match Play Champs are well under way with the finals on April 13th. We are hosting the BOP Pennant Finals on April 21st so this will be a great opportunity to showcase the new clubhouse!

Again, our pennant teams have done really well this season with three teams: Championship, Senior and Junior into the semi and quarter finals. This is the first year Lakeview have fielded a Championship team so fantastic achievement so far.

Twilight will be coming to a close with the end of daylight saving.

Vets golf continues on a Tuesday from 9.30am. Registration from 9.00am - it is a great social golfing group and everyone is welcome.

Junior golf will take a break over the school holidays and recommence in the second term. Josh is the contact for this. If you would like your child to get involved in an awesome sport that teaches many valuable life skills, give him a call in the shop.

As mentioned above, the clubhouse is on target to be ready in a couple of weeks. This is so exciting albeit really hectic with so much to organise. We will be having a grand opening after we have settled in so look out for this with fun activities planned and a chance for the community to come and have a look around.

Our predator trapping continues to get good results with a stoat, 15 rats, 8 mice and a possum over the last month. Our feathered friends will be safer with these nasty predators removed from their environment. More native plantings are planned for this year and we look forward to involving our local schools in this project again.

A reminder that the Rotorua Archery Club hold their club days on Sundays from 9.30am – 11.00am. Set up is from 9.15am so come up and give it a go everyone is welcome!

Until next month stock up the wood box and stay safe.

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More Computers

I've got a meeting with the guy that invented the progress bar during the era of dialup internet. He's going to be here in 2 hours and 13 minutes.

Edit: Apparently he's stuck in traffic and he's going to be here in 6 hours 54 minutes.

Edit2: He's making better progress than thought, he will be here in 12 minutes.

Edit3: Apparently it will now take him 5 days.

A Search Engine Optimizing expert walks into a bar, bars, pub, tavern, public house, Irish pub, drinks, beer, alcohol.

*What do you call a computer mouse that swears a lot?
A cursor!*

An Apple store near where I live got robbed.
\$25k worth of merchandise was stolen. The police said that they will get both computers back.

There are 10 types of people in the world: those who understand binary, and those who don't.

When the person who invented the USB drive dies, they'll lower his coffin into the grave, realize they put it in the wrong way and have to do it again.

Why are iPhone chargers not called Apple Juice?!

I changed my password to "incorrect". So whenever I forget what it is the computer will say "Your password is incorrect".

*Do you know the keyboard shortcut to help you not have to go the bathroom when you're working or playing PC games?
Ctrl P.*

I joined a support group for former computer hackers.
Anonymous Anonymous.

Thanks to autocorrect, 1 in 5 children will be getting a visit from Satan this Christmas.

If you think that your computer, laptop, and phone spying on you is scary then think again,
Because your vacuum cleaner has been gathering dirt on you for years.

*"When I die, I want my tombstone to be a WiFi hotspot...
...that way people visit more often."*

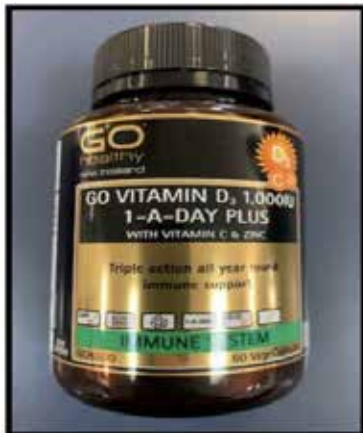
"Whoever said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results has obviously never had to reboot a computer."

Set your wifi password to 2444666668888888. So, when someone asks for it, tell them it's 12345678.



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Age Concern

It is hard to believe that we are already into the fourth month of 2024, and I am into my fifth year as Manager of this excellent charity. I have always loved this job since I supposedly retired from my principal's position in 2016.

The continuing saga of the establishment of the tiny homes, which was a noble gesture to help our struggling members who were finding it difficult to make ends meet, and provide them with a warm, secure rental for as long as they like, has proven to be more of a nightmare than a pleasurable experience. I know that many of you are following the progress of the Tiny Homes and I have been amazed at the speed the social housing has gone up while we have been back and forth for over 18 months and are still not there. My heart goes out to the three prospective tenants who have had to endure the waiting while we are made to deal with one set back after another.

We finally have the houses on site, but it does not end there as we have yet another variation to go through council regarding the fixing of the houses to their piles and the repositioning of the decks which differ from the Building Consent we applied for. The decks, installation of the stoves, califonts, heat pumps and flatpack furniture, and the parking and paths, all need to be completed before the grand opening, which is still probably a month, or more, off.

Age Concern New Zealand raises awareness of elder abuse during our Elder Abuse Awareness Week (15-22 June) kicking off with World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on 15 June every year. We bring attention to the exploitation of older people by running a public awareness campaign and events to talk about how harmful elder abuse is, and how older people are hurt most often by those they know and trust.

Unfortunately, elder abuse is prevalent in New Zealand but often not reported. But we can all play our part in speaking up, so older Kiwis can be free from the fear, mental anguish, emotional pain, and distress that elder abuse causes. The impact of elder abuse is profound for older people, but also avoidable if they get help and intervention services early. Elder Abuse can take many forms and can be physical, mental, financial and exclusion.

This year we want people to get the message to "Break the Silence" It is a myth to think that elder abuse is not family violence - it is! And like any family violence, we all need to step up and call it out and report it when we see or suspect it.

FACT: 84% of alleged abusers are family members.

FACT: 58% of the alleged abusers are adult children or grandchildren

Are you suffering any form of elder abuse? Come into our office and have a chat and we will do what we can to help or refer you on to Family Focus who hold the Elder Abuse contract for Rotorua.

Events we have coming up in the next couple of months are on Thursday 30th of May we will be holding a PINK RIBBON HIGH TEA at 11:00am at the St Johns Church at 44 Victoria Street. Tickets are \$25.00 and all proceeds go to Breast Cancer Society. Tickets are available at the Age Concern office or call 07 347 1539 to book. RSVP by 23rd of May and all are welcome.

TALKING TECH ON TUESDAYS Series 3: 2 April – 20 August First and third Tuesday of each month, 10am – 12 pm at Parkside. All are welcome to attend for free.

"MAKING FRIENDS WITH TECHNOLOGY" A must for users or budding users of smartphones, tablets, laptops and PCs.

2 April: "GETTING STARTED" Choosing a device, initial setup, accounts, passwords, plans, WIFI

16 April: "GETTING CONNECTED" Email, texting, contacts, video calls, Zoom, Skype, WhatsApp, Facebook etc.

7 May: "SCAMS AND SECURITY" How to identify and avoid telephone and online scams and frauds, how to use passwords etc.

21 May: "PERSONAL SERVICES ONLINE" Online services to help with your daily life, such as banking, medical centre apps, Google Calendar, making appointments, (e.g. dentist), fitness apps, online forms, digital wallet, parking app, etc.

4 June: "THE INTERNET AS YOUR NEW REFERENCE TOOL" Browsers, search engines, AI, Google Maps, Google Earth, dictionaries, navigation, medical information, weather, TV guides, etc.

18 June: "ENTERTAINMENT ONLINE" Online e-books and audio books, YouTube, music apps, news etc.

2 July: "SHOPPING ONLINE" Trademe, Facebook Marketplace, Temu, supermarket delivery services, clothing, technology, etc.

16 July: "PHOTOGRAPHY" Taking phone photos and videos, initial editing, transfer and sharing, managing and editing on PC, photobooks, etc

6 August: "STREAMING, THE NEW WAY TO WATCH" How to access a huge range of films, TV programmes and documentaries using Smart TVs, Chromecast, streaming from devices, streaming services etc.

20 August: "TIME TO REVIEW AND RECAP" A chance to review and ask questions about what we have covered before.

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Happenings

11 April Kaharoa School disco

17 April Rotorua Lakes Council meeting at Ngongotaha Hall to discuss Draft Long Term Plan, from 5.00 to 6.30 pm.

17 April Mangarewa catchment meeting 7.00 pm at Kaharoa Hall. More details are on page 1.

25 April Anzac Day

25 April ANZAC Day Commemoration at Awahou Marae, Gloucester Road, Awahou. More details on page *.

11 May Forest & Bird with Kiwi Conservation Club are holding a Fungal Foray event that will be held on the Mt Ngongotaha Nature Walk track in the afternoon. Further information is available from the Forest and Bird committee member

Linda Johnson at seeking_linda@hotmail.com

30 May PINK RIBBON HIGH TEA at 11:00am at the St Johns Church at 44 Victoria Street. Tickets are \$25.00 and all proceeds go to Breast Cancer Society. Tickets are available at the Age Concern office or call 07 347 1539 to book. RSVP by 23rd of May. All are welcome.

Regular Events

Monday Indoor Bowls 7.00 pm Ngongotaha Community Hall

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

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

Talking Tech on Tuesdays at Parksyde

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 1 p.m.

Every Thursday Junior Golf after school at Lakeview Golf and Country Club

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

Thursdays 5pm Twilight Lawn Bowls, Clubhouse Domain Rd

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

Sunday 9.30 to 11.00 Rotorua Archery Club at Lakeview.

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Internet Documents Again

Last year I wrote about people using 'legal' documents downloaded from the internet and their limitations – including that sometimes there are jurisdictional issues where laws are different between different countries, or people enter into documents without knowing their legal rights or obligations.

People wishing to use such documents often then approach their lawyer with the documents. Typically, this is when people don't want to pay for or receive proper advice, or think their matter is just a 'tick-box' exercise and the lawyer should just look over it and say yae or nae. I've struck this twice in the last couple of months.

One instance was assisting a client in relation to her recently deceased spouse's estate matters. As it happened the deceased had a Will drafted by a lawyer, but that didn't need to be probated because the deceased had no assets in their sole name that probate was needed for. Everything therefore passed the survivor of the couple, so effectively there was no estate. But during the appointment the client brings out a Will they'd made off the internet after their spouse had died and asked me "if it was okay".

While entirely innocent, what they were actually asking without realising was for free legal advice on whether the drafting and content of the Will was legally correct, and whether it was validly signed.

Wills are an important legal document. Without knowing their family history and background, and circumstances of the signing of the new Will, there is no way I can properly advise on any of that with a 'quick look over'. Why not?

Because the client is putting their estate at risk of a potential dispute around validity and/or lack of proper advice around the client's specific legal and familial situation. Those sorts of allegations often come from the beneficiaries of an eventual estate, particularly if the estate unfolds into a dispute.

And I can tell you that the first place estate beneficiaries look is at lawyer negligence on what advice was or wasn't given to the deceased at the time the Will was made.

Do I know or did I ask the will-maker if there were any children that have been excluded who could potentially bring a claim against the estate after death?

Is the estate being distributed evenly, or are there going to be disputes arising regarding treatment of one adult child over another or other bequests to charities or other people, and did I advise the will-maker they risk their estate being exposed to a potential Family Protection Act dispute claim for larger provision? Do I know if the 2 witnesses were present at the same time as the will-maker signed the Will that could impact validity?

Was the will-maker pressured, coerced, or influenced by anyone in the making of the new Will that could impact validity? Has the will-maker made any testamentary promises to other people? Has the will-maker got married since the Will was made? Is it dated, initialled, and signed properly?

Is there an earlier Will and does the new Will wording properly revoke the old one? No lawyer can possibly know or advise on any of this without a proper solicitor-client engagement to give proper and informed legal advice specific to the will-maker.

Wills are one of the most important legal documents a person can have. But they can also be a legal minefield both before and after death. The making, validity and content of Wills are regularly challenged and disputed in the Courts by beneficiaries – particularly homemade wills. In my view it's important to make sure they're done properly.

This article was prepared for Ngongotaha News by Ros Morshead, solicitor at Lawbox.

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Autocorrect can go to he'll.

I tried to say, "I'm a functional adult," but my phone changed it to "fictional adult," and I feel like that's more accurate.

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This stunning 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom house is the perfect family home. With a spacious land area of 853sqm there is plenty of room for everyone.



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This property boasts a modern kitchen and bathroom. A spacious lounge/dining area. New carpet and well maintained grounds.

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