

What's Happening at the Agrodome?

The Agrodome on Western Road was started in 1972 by Godfrey Bowen and George Harford.

In 1953 Godfrey Bowen became 'world-famous in New Zealand' when he broke the world record by shearing 456 full-wool ewes in nine hours at Opiki, Manawatu. A British newspaper once compared Godfrey Bowen's shearing with the 'grace' of Nureyev's dancing. The key to the Bowen technique was using the non-shearing hand to stretch out the skin on the sheep to produce an evenly shorn fleece. Uneven fleeces left more wool on the sheep (or on the woolshed floor) and failed to attract the highest prices. The method was eventually adopted by shearers all over the world, adding billions of dollars of value to the international wool industry.

Ngai Tahu, the owners of the Agrodome since 2011, now run 3 shows and 4 tours daily. The National Kiwi Hatchery from the old Rainbow Springs site has been transferred to the Agrodome farm on the Dansey Road side, and is visited as part of a tour. The Hatchery takes kiwi eggs from the wild (where only 5% would make it to adulthood) and, through their careful conservation methods, 65% will make it to adulthood. Ngai Tahu are gearing up to involve the Ngongotaha Community more. Children particularly will appreciate the playground, and the presence of Shaun the Sheep and friends. There is a souvenir shop and an upgraded restaurant which is available for functions and casual dining. Also, a monthly Farmers Market is being held on the last Sunday of the month from October to April.



Locals are invited to attend their forthcoming Locals' Day on 10th November in conjunction with aMAZEme and Velocity Valley with proceeds going to the Ngongotaha Fire Station and Fish and Game (details on page 9).

On 21 September, the Ngongotaha Sports Association held their very successful Wild West Gala themed Awards Night.

Many talented locals were recognized, with one player, Jessie Wharekura receiving awards for MVP, Most Points, Players Player and the Joe Tauivi Memorial for Most Outstanding Club Person of the Year. Also, the coveted Kurangaituku award, dating from 1933, was presented to the Ngongotaha team comprised of (pictured left to right) Aroha Taipeti, Lily Pompey, Nadine Stone, Toni Paul, Pani Taipeti, Lax Kershaw and Hailey Ratana (absent: Harley Smith, Rachel Beale and Erena Mikaere)



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11.00 Bible Study
All are welcome.

Forest and Bird

Butterfly Garden visit- Sunday November 10

David Fischer worked to establish a butterfly-friendly garden in Rotorua. Neil Hunt Park Native Butterfly Habitat is an area of about one third of a hectare behind the clubrooms. It was once a small quarry which has been planted in native plants and trees to create a small oasis of wilderness in the city.

In particular the habitat has host plants for our native butterflies. Ongaonga (stinging nettle) for the Admirals and Muehlenbeckia for the coppers. If the weather is fine there is a good chance of seeing a red or yellow admiral.

For further information, contact Linda Johnson Ph: 027 358 1467

Congratulations to Kelly Lelieveld, Treasurer for Ngongotaha Rugby who received an award recently for her attention to detail and conscientiousness.



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Equisucceed Charity Golf Day Friday 15 November 2024 Arikapakapa, Rotorua Golf Club

Equisucceed (Charities Registration #CC38930) was formerly Riding for Disabled, a non-profit organisation providing therapeutic equine interaction, based in Parawai Road Ngongotaha.

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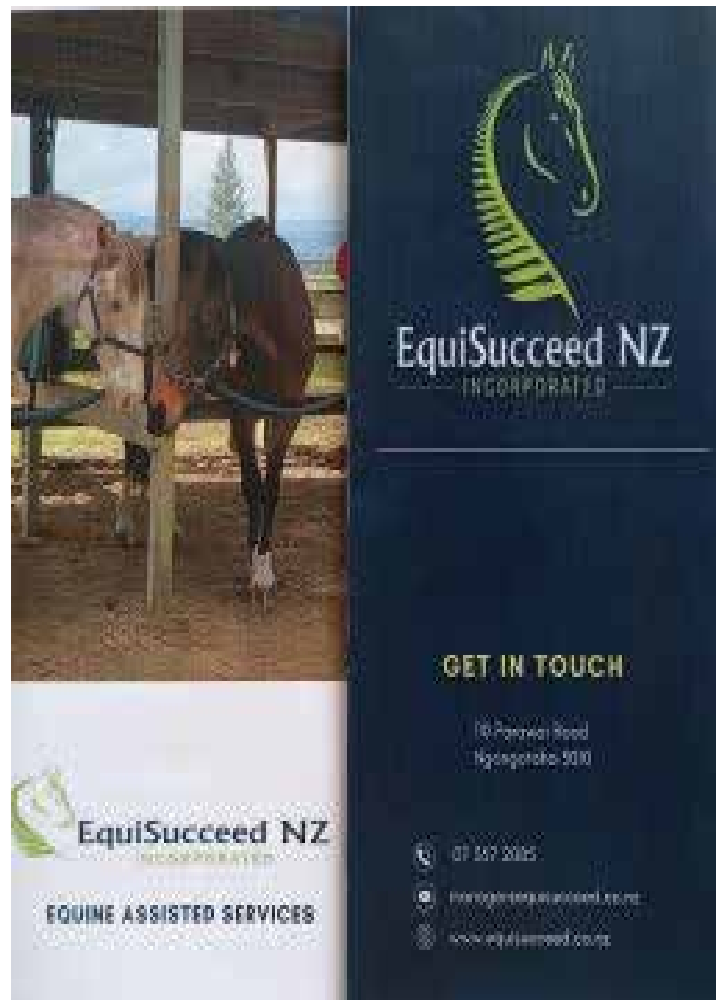
All money to run this operation has to be found via grants, sponsorship, donations and fund-raising.

You can help by

- * sponsoring a hole from 1-9. \$200 gives you naming rights to that hole
- * entering a team for some 9-hole fun - \$200 for a team of 4
- * donating items for an auction and prize giving

Equisucceed will mention and tag your business/name on their Facebook page

Payments can be made to bank account 06 0413 0385236 003 with your name and GOLF as a reference



Now Open Restaurant and Takeaway



Spirit of India, a vibrant new Indian restaurant and takeaway, officially has opened in Ngongotaha.

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- Ngongotaha Life Memories Museum
- Ngongotaha Hall Committee

Kia ora, Koutou Katoa, Hello Everyone !!

Thank you Philippa for drawing the community's attention to the article on the front page of your September 2024 Ngongotaha News.....Issues with Housing estates.....have been linked to the developer of 31 Ngongotaha Road, Marcus Jacobson of Watchman Capital. This was a very interesting read in the NZ Herald 11 June 2022. We had thought that we would have heard from many of you, but nothing at all, I guess that means that everyone is 'all good' as we say. Moving on...

Thank you to those who attended our Annual General Meeting 19th September. It is great to be able to share with the community, not only about the things that are happening in and around our Village, but also to say thank you to our Volunteers over supper. There is nothing quite like Kanohi ki te kanohi/face to face contact to bring a community together.

Progress Ngongotaha 'runs entirely on Volunteer people power'. We all do, what we do, because we are totally committed to making a positive Difference in Ngongotaha and to enhancing the already great qualities of our community.

Our Annual General Meeting this time was a little different as we encouraged discussion with others, about What is important? What is needed? What is missing? And it is really great to hear fresh ideas from others. We even had a few laughs, and enjoyed the company of Cr Karen Barker and Cr Conan O'Brien. They willingly answered questions from the floor and they were many and varied; we talked about feral cats, dirty public toilets; mostly what to do about them? We also had a query about a large object that has gone missing from our community, namely the Recycle Container once located at the Gull Service Station.

We had a few more people become a part of our growing, friendly membership. You are most welcome to join as well. How? It is simple, email or phone me, I can drop off a membership form to you, or I can email one and you can fill it in and send it back. I could even meet you at Dynasti and we could have a catch up if you like. Whatever suits you best. Membership is by Koha/donation and our Bank Account details are on the membership form.



The poster for the Rotorua A&P Show 2024 features a blue sky background with a white sheep in the bottom left and a red barn in the bottom right. At the top left is the Rotorua Agricultural and Pastoral Association logo. Three white clouds contain the text: 'Adults \$20, Children 15years & under FREE!', 'Free Parking & EFTPOS Available', and '116th ANNUAL SHOW'. The main title 'ROTORUA A&P SHOW' is in large, bold, dark blue letters, followed by 'SATURDAY, 7th DECEMBER 2024' and the location '141 Western Road, Agrodome, Ngongotaha Rotorua'. A dark blue banner with white text indicates the time '8.30am - 4.30pm'. A green box lists various events, and a separate line mentions a free kids' area.

ROTORUA A&P SHOW
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What else? We are reflecting on things from the past e.g The Kiwi Culture Day” the FREE Fun Family Event that both Progress Ngongotaha Incorporated and the Ngongotaha Railway Park organised and hosted each Waitangi Day for a few years. It was so much fun for the whole family.

Bob Martin shared a story about the time we had the ‘Tug-o-War’ (two teams, one each end of the rope and pull) in the middle of the Railway Park. Bob had a team of smaller children and participants and if I remember rightly, the other team were made up of our Volunteer Fire Fighters and Rugby players. This was a very unfair match, so quick thinking Bob managed to assist the young tamariki with the help of a stationary vehicle parked nearby, which he fixed his end of the rope to.....the smaller children and others won by some miracle!!! PS “who said the children cheated...how dare they say that ?”

Why am I bringing up the past?....Did anyone take any photos at all please? It is the one thing that we as organisers did not think of at the time, so we are hoping that someone out there took a photo or two, that we can add to our Ngongotaha Memories Museum collection. It really was so much Fun !!! Also if you have any stories of your own from the Kiwi Culture Days, please let me know, or if you can access email perhaps send something through to us.If you have any photos, please send them through to progressngongotaha@gmail.com - a huge thank you in advance.

By the way, there is no reason that the Kiwi Culture Day can’t be held again, or something similar, but it will need a team of volunteers to make it happen.

I saw a large sign up out at Eastside late last week, it was from a Marae out that way, who were promoting a community day of sorts.. It made me think of the Kiwi Culture Day and the other Fun Days that the Fire Brigade and other groups used to organise. Maybe we could all get together to organise something for our community ??

There will be a community get together once the Ngongotaha Emergency Response Draft Plan is ready, as we need the whole community to be involved with suggestions towards the final plan.

Thank you to everyone who is making a difference to ‘Our Place’.

Lynn, Bob, Heather & Lee



NGONGOTAHA BOWLS

Twilight Bowls

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FamilyBoost childcare payment registrations open.

Earlier this year I assured families in Ngongotaha that the Coalition Government would deliver on tax relief and help with the cost of living. For families balancing work and childcare, ECE fees can be a significant cost.

Registration has now opened for families with young children to claim for the FamilyBoost payment to help with early childhood education costs. FamilyBoost will help by reimbursing up to 25% of ECE fees, with up to \$75 per week or \$975 every three months. For example, a couple earning \$150,000 and paying \$350 per week for ECE can expect a refund of \$731.25 for the quarter. Families with different income sources, including self-employed parents, are also eligible, and single parents earning \$85,000 can receive a refund of \$812.50.

Separated parents sharing custody can each apply for FamilyBoost, each receiving refunds based on their ECE payments and income levels. Families earning up to \$180,000 can register now through Inland Revenue's myIR, and from 1 October, claims can be made for fees paid between 1 July and 30 September. If your child attends one of these local

ECE centres, then you could be eligible for support under this programme.

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The Orchard Child Care & Preschool

To apply, simply register on myIR, gather your ECE invoices, and submit your claim.

Last month hard working Kiwis received tax relief for the first time in years. FamilyBoost is part of the Government's commitment to helping families. We're committed to making it easier for parents to manage household expenses while ensuring children get quality early education.

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Kaharoa School

Tēnā koutou whānau

Another term is over and we look forward to enjoying the (hopefully!) warmer weather during term 4, with many more outdoor activities and learning planned.



Ag and Pet Day 2024: Friday 18th October - Kaharoa School has expanded our traditional Ag Day by introducing Pet Day, which will now take place every even year. The classes available for Pet Day include:



Lamb, Kid, or Calf Classes: Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to the place getters, with the opportunity to represent the school at Group Day the following week.

Horse Class and Dog Class for Years 5-8 Students.

Open Class: Includes birds, rabbits, mice, rats, hamsters, etc.

ONLY ONE ANIMAL PER STUDENT

Work is being done to ensure the safety of all students and animals.

We are fortunate to have extensive grounds and so are able to spread the various events. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful pets and their proud owners!

Group Day: Group Day is on Friday October 25th and information around it will be shared closer to the date. Only lambs and calves are eligible to compete for the championship rings. Additionally, there will be an open ring available for students who want to participate and try their hand at showing.



Tree planting: We are not only growing great humans here at Kaharoa... near the end of September we spent the day planting native trees at our school. Thanks to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Environmental Enhancement Fund, we were able to source 250 trees. Equally a big thank you goes to the amazing team at Treeline Native Nursery who volunteered their time helping us plant the trees. This newly-planted space looks fantastic!

Aims Games: Well done to our hockey team who participated in the 2024 AIMS Games. The team trained extremely hard leading up to the event and their hard work was rewarded. They finished 3rd in a tough pool, and 19th overall (50 schools participated). A massive thank you to the parent helpers for their support with the event. To our tamariki, you did yourselves and our school proud! Tā Mātou Pai Ake!



The Kaharoa Cull: Finally the 3rd attempt to hold the Kaharoa Cull was successful, it was held in early September. Thank you to the school PTA, who



put in so much time and effort to organise such a worthwhile event. Spot prizes from the Kaharoa Kōkako Trust were given to tamariki who could answer some kōkako questions. The Kaharoa Kōkako Trust has a long and valued history with Kaharoa School. We look forward to this relationship continuing, especially with such an amazing group of volunteers spending time to support our tamariki. 🌱🍄

Noho Marae: In Term 4, Kaharoa School will be visiting one of our local marae, Tangatarua Marae. Our younger tamariki will spend a day at the marae and the older students will stay overnight. Some of the activities our senior students will be participating in include: a visit to the Aquatic Centre, Mountain Biking and/or a walk in the Redwoods, alongside cultural experiences at the Marae.

We have space for new students. Kaharoa School is 13 minutes from Ngongotaha and open for enrolments now and for 2025 for both primary and intermediate students (Year 1-8).

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

Ngā mihi - The Kaharoa Team

The ups and downs of cosmetic surgery

A lady in her late 40's went to a plastic surgeon for a facelift. The doctor told her of a new procedure called "The Knob". This small knob is planted on the back of a woman's head and can be turned to tighten up the skin to produce the effect of a brand new facelift forever. Of course, the woman wanted "The Knob."

Fifteen years later the woman went back to the surgeon with two problems. "All these years everything had been working just fine. I've had to turn the knob on lots of occasions and I've loved the results."

But now I've developed two annoying problems. First of all, I've got these terrible bags under my eyes and the knob won't get rid of them." The doctor looked at her and said, "Those aren't bags, those are your breasts." She replied, "Well, I guess that explains the goatee."

A senior citizen was walking across a damp meadow when he heard a female voice say, "Sir, please help me" He looked around and saw only a frog sitting on a grass pod. "I must be going nuts," he thought, "There's no one here." "Who said that?" he asked.

"I did, sir. I'm the frog. I was a beautiful 19-year-old princess but a witch put a spell on me. Please help me."

The old man picked up the frog and held it in his hand. "How can I help you?" he asked.

"The only thing that will break the spell is to have a man kiss me on the mouth. Please do it for me, and then I will again turn into a beautiful, sexy, princess, and I will really make you feel young again. I will make great love to you."

The man closed his hand about the frog and stuffed it into his pocket. "At my age," he said, "I'd rather have a talking frog."

13 reasons you know that you have grown up

Your pot plants stay alive.

You keep more food than beer in the fridge.

6:00 AM is when you get up, not when you go to sleep.

You hear your favourite song on an elevator.

You carry an umbrella. You watch the weather news.

Your friends marry and divorce instead of hookup and breakup..

Jeans and a hoodie no longer qualify as 'dressed up'.

You're the one calling the police because those darn kids next door have the music full bore.

You don't know what time KFC closes anymore.

Your car insurance goes down and your car payments go up.

You feed your dog Science Diet instead of McDonald's.

Sleeping on the couch makes your back hurt.

You go to the pharmacy for Ibuprofen and antacids, not condoms and pregnancy test kits.

LOCALS DAY SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 9am - 2pm

Agrodome, aMAZEme and Velocity Valley have come together for a very special Locals Day!

- Locals-only discounts
- Food and refreshments available
- Family-friendly fun for all ages
- Competitions and giveaways

The poster features three images: a woman petting a horse at Agrodome, a maze at aMAZEme, and people skydiving at Velocity Valley.

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Sale By Deadline: 10.10.24 (unless sold prior) | Leanne Leef 021 835 915 | rwrotorua.co.nz ROT31746



558 Ngongotaha Road Ngongotaha

A beautifully presented 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom home with 2 garages, 1 with an extra room for the teenagers to hang out in. Overlooking farmland with plenty of room for your precious pets, veggie and flower gardens. Come see for yourself you won't be disappointed.

SOLD
Muiread Douglas 027 434 9812 & Carey Bryant 021 404 110



23 Beaumont Road Ngongotaha

This charming 3-bedroom, 1-bathroom house in Ngongotaha sits on a 1012 sqm section, offering ample outdoor space. The 108 sqm home features open plan living. The property includes a double garage, carport, and park view. Conveniently located near shops and schools, it's move-in ready.

SOLD
Vikas Kumar 0223 989 189



37 Pioneer Road Ngongotaha

Built in 2011, this beautifully appointed 4 bedroom home features 2 living areas, 2 bathrooms and ample garaging. The 1374sqm section includes 230sqm of living space and 110sqm of private decking. Motivated sellers urge prompt inspection.

SOLD
John Piercy 027 446 4549 | john.piercy@raywhite.com



9 Alice Place Ngongotaha

Feels like a private oasis! This leafy lifestyle property offers a Lockwood home with some nice updates, a separate double garage with a hobbies room and good space to roam outdoors. The adjoining 1 acre (more or less) section is also for sale. Close to the lake, reserve & boat ramp.

SOLD
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401 Hamurana Road Hamurana

Nestled amongst a natural setting close to the lake, this picturesque haven offers serenity and outdoor adventure. Positioned on a 6,646sqm (more or less) section, the home presents sunny living & good separation between the master suite & the family bedrooms.

By Negotiation

Tim O'Sullivan 0274 974 986 | rwrotorua.co.nz ROT31542



74 Western Road Ngongotaha

Modern presentation meets a country feel, in a sought-after location that's close to village life. With views of Mt Ngongotaha at the front and farm hills at the back, the home offers spacious living on a large section. Low maintenance, beautifully maintained.

Sale By Deadline: 17.10.24 (unless sold prior)

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16 Dawson Drive Ngongotaha

Charming 3-bed, 1-bath home set on a spacious 1032sqm section. Three bay garage plus carport. Cozy fireplace, well insulated interior, with open plan kitchen and dining. Lovely deck area and a fully fenced yard. Near transport, shops, schools.

By Negotiation

Phill Rivers 0276 109 090 | rwrotorua.co.nz ROT31517



32 Maraeroa Road Mamaku

This private residence on 2504m2 offers comfort and convenience. With double garaging, a study, heat pump, fireplace with wetback, and front and back decks. Classic country kitchen, fenced yard, hot house, fire pit, and an outdoor bath. An unmissable opportunity to create your own haven.

\$640,000

Phill Rivers 0274 109 090 | rwrotorua.co.nz ROT31787



33 South Road Mamaku

Free range the family in a peaceful rural setting. Inhale the fragrance of lifestyle living on an acre of Mamaku countryside. Introduce a few farm animals for a self-sufficient existence, an orchard to feed the masses and a hive or two to sweeten the deal. The home does require attention.

SOLD

Jodi 021 159 7132 & Kerif 0210 233 8882 | rwrotorua.co.nz ROT31712



9 Kinder Place Ngongotaha

Discover the perfect blend of comfort and convenience in this beautifully presented home. With 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms it's ideal for modern family life. Open plan living and double internal access garaging, this property offers a low-maintenance lifestyle with a flat section.

By Negotiation

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LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Spring is giving us its normal unsettled weather patterns with days of temperatures that tempt us to break out into shorts! Sadly the next day we can be searching for the beanie. Regardless of the weather we are marching toward the end of the year at a rapid pace. Daylight saving means more time to get out on the course, which is looking great with the greens recovering nicely after renovations.

Top Dog/Cat is in the final stages of the competition with finals on 5th Oct. Club Champs Stroke Play then kicks off running through October and into November. Over Labour Weekend we have the pleasure of hosting the National Booth Shield Tournament for 2024. This sees 6 teams of junior golfers from around the motu competing for the Booth Shield. There is an opening ceremony on the Friday with competition starting on Saturday and finals on Sunday. We look forward to welcoming these young golfers and their supporters to Lakeview.

As mentioned in the last newsletter Twilight starts on Wednesday 9th October. This is a 9-hole format with a tee off from 4.00pm – 6.00pm, bar and catering available afterwards. Twilight is a great way to get some exercise after work while enjoying the company of mates. You don't need a handicap - everyone welcome.

The ladies' clinics are going really well! It has been great to see some new faces giving golf a go and hopefully getting the bug. The clinics are designed to be encouraging and relaxing as we know venturing into the world of golf can be very daunting. We are hopefully breaking down those perceptions which act as barriers to getting new players into the sport. There are still the October sessions to run October 4th and 11th - contact Josh if you are keen on 021 072 0379.

We are getting quite a few enquiries about end of year work functions AKA Christmas dos! It is not too early to start planning for these so give us a call if you want somewhere different to go this year. Golf and archery activities also available to make it a Xmas do to remember. Email info@lakeviewgolf.co.nz or call Sue 0272010940.

Over the last month we have had Sport BOP hold a training day in the clubrooms and a couple of meetings held in our meeting rooms which is fantastic! If you are looking for a space to hold a meeting the clubhouse is an ideal setting with a great outlook and space for breakout activities. Give us a call to book your hui.

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 enjoy the longer days.

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AGE CONCERN

Age Concern Rotorua held a very successful Positive Ageing Expo at Parksyde on Saturday 21st of September. We managed to attract 4 more stalls than last year and those who attended for free were treated to a variety of stalls and a mine of information. Most stalls were free Not for Profit, but this year we attracted 8 businesses who paid for their stall. During the time we were open, about 300, mainly the elderly, came through and Age Concern were able to attract several new members and new volunteers. We also signed up people for several new programs we will be running soon. Just Cook4 Healthy Ageing, and Steady as you Go which is a proven balance programme. We also had our newest addition which is a Cookbook with favourite recipes from our members. The next major event we will be involved in is the International Day of the Older Person, which is a day set aside, internationally, to celebrate the older person. We will be setting up a stall at Woolworths Supermarket to give out information about us and what we offer.

Age Concern Rotorua has secured some funding to run a programme entitled Just Cook4 Healthy Ageing. This programme caters mainly for those elderly who have recently lost a partner and would like to learn how to cook a cost-effective nutritious meal. We are hoping to be able to involve some High School Food Technology students and their cooking rooms to have an element of Intergeneration practice.

Adequate housing is still a high priority for our elderly and one of the main reasons why we set up our Tiny Homes, although it became a nightmare and took way longer than anticipated as well as costing us an extra \$75,000.00 with all the RLC variations we were put through. We will be having our official opening on the 10th of October and inviting all those who have been involved in their development.

Many of you will have been following the Tiny Homes saga over the last 4 years. I was humbled to receive an award from Age Concern National which recognised the work I have done over the last few years to ensure that some Age Concern members, who have fallen on tough times, are housed in safe and healthy rentals that do not cost too much. The presentations were made at Parliament by the Minister for Seniors, Casey Costello.

Many more New Zealanders will be renting in their retirement, but the country's rental market isn't prepared for that silver tsunami. The demographics of New Zealand's renters are changing.

With the decline in home ownership and ageing population predictions are that there will be around 600,000 New Zealanders aged 65 and over needing to rent a home by 2048 – a 100% increase on 2022 levels. It means the assumption that New Zealanders will be settled in their own

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mortgage-free home by the time they turn 65 no longer holds.

A study of more than 700 landlords, eight property management companies and nine build-to-rent operators showed surprising results. The private rental sector is unlikely to meet the demand for age-friendly housing. Age-friendly housing means housing that is accessible, that's configured to prevent injury for older people to live in, that is healthy and affordable and secure as well.

New Zealand is not well placed now for the major shifts that are starting to happen and will pick up pace in the years to come. The quality of New Zealand's existing housing stock is one problem. Housing in the private rental sector tends to be less well maintained and less well positioned to support people.

There's a problem with the quality of the housing stock that's already built, and the pipeline of new housing has tended to be larger dwellings and not built to accessible standards. We're missing that supply of smaller, accessible one to two-bedroom properties that have handrails or modifications or kitchens and bathrooms that are appropriate.

The issue is also exacerbated by councils selling off pensioner flats and not enough social housing being built. For those who are most financially vulnerable, where are they going to go? Some older people are already struggling to find somewhere suitable to rent.

We are seeing a greater number of people that are struggling to get a private rental in later life or might be having to move on from where they've been for quite some time. It's a huge stress trying to find an appropriate rental.

With 600,000 older renters due to enter the private rental market in the coming years, landlords should know being able to provide them with good quality housing is likely going to be good for business.

Ensuring the rental market is ready for an ageing population would benefit everyone. People living in poor housing that isn't safe for them can increase their likelihood of having accidents and of going into

aged residential care facilities or hospital care, which is so much more expensive.

If the system can keep people ageing in their house rather than needing hospital care or medical intervention, that's going to be really useful for keeping our health expenditure lower at a time where it's going to go up because the population is ageing anyway.

Rory O'Rourke

Awahou Stream Care Group

Bay of Plenty Regional Council have been supporting the Awahou Stream restoration project started by Jaap and Sue van Dorsser in 1994. Over three decades, countless volunteer hours have been invested in the Awahou Stream's revival.

The once-neglected pest plant and rubbish infested waterway now sparkles with crystal-clear waters, flowing into Lake Rotorua. This transformation is a testament to community dedication.

Rachel Thaugland, Regional Council Planning Coordinator, was instrumental in forming the Awahou Stream Care Group in 2022 with other Awahou landowners and locals, to continue the van Dorssers' legacy by volunteering their time for riparian planting, controlling pests, and removing rubbish from the stream.

Richard Gillies, Regional Council Land Management Officer, provides advice, support and equipment for the team.

Local projects like this are vitally important in reducing nutrient run off into Lake Rotorua and restoring the land back to its natural state.

Find out more about joining or establishing a care group on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council website.



An elderly woman went into the doctor's office. When the doctor asked why she was there, she replied, "I'd like to have some birth-control pills. "Taken back, the doctor thought for a minute and then said, "Excuse me, Mrs. Smith, but you're 72 years old. What possible use could you have for birth control pills?"

The woman responded, "They help me sleep better."

The doctor thought some more and continued, "How in the world do birth control pills help you to sleep better?"

The woman said, "Simple, I put them in my granddaughter's orange juice every morning and I sleep better at night."

An older couple were lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk.

She said: "You use to hold my hand when we were courting."

Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second, and tried to get back to sleep.

A few moments later she said: "Then you use to kiss me."

Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek, and settled down to sleep.

Thirty seconds later she said: Then you use to bite my neck"

Angrily, he threw back the bedclothes and got out of bed.

"Where are you going?" she asked.

"To get my teeth!"

Ahh...the perks of being over 50...

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14. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
15. Your eyes won't get much worse.
16. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
17. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the Metservice.
18. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
19. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.
20. You can't remember who sent you this list.

Old is When

Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.

A sexy babe catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door.

Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.

You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

When you are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.

"Getting a little action" means I don't need to take any fibre today. "Getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.

An "all nighter" means not getting up to pee!

Your sweetie says, "Let's go upstairs and make love," and you answer, "Honey, I can't do both!"

Two elderly women meet at the laundrette after not seeing one another for some time. After inquiring about each other's health, one asked how the other's husband was doing.

"Oh! Ted died last week. He went out to the garden to dig up a cabbage for dinner, had a heart attack, and dropped down dead right there in the middle of the vegetable patch!"

"Oh, dear! I'm so very sorry," replied her friend, "What did you do?"

"Opened a can of peas instead."



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Why is it so expensive to fly domestic?

A recent Consumer investigation found the cost to catch one Air New Zealand domestic flight had nearly quadrupled, with other flights anywhere from 34% to 178% more expensive in July 2024 than when they were originally booked in 2019 and 2020. Stats NZ data confirms an increase, with domestic fares up 47% from the start of 2019 to 2023

Even in the face of market challenges, like recovering from Covid-19, inflation, and paying back a sizable loan from the government, our national flag carrier posted one of its highest ever profits last financial year – \$412 million, following a \$591 million loss the year before. Despite Air New Zealand forecasting a smaller profit for the 2023-2024 financial year, there's still good reason to question whether prices are fair.

Air New Zealand said its costs have risen more than 30% since 2020, while its domestic airfares have only increased by 22% on average. Our selection of flight comparisons showed there are much larger increases at play here, so what accounts for the difference? Dynamic pricing, also called surge pricing, refers to airlines' practice of varying the price of tickets based on demand. Customers booking in-demand flights pay more than customers who book earlier.

Jetstar confirmed it used dynamic pricing. A spokesperson said, "Our prices vary based on a range of factors, including the level of demand, peak periods like school holidays and whether bookings include optional extras ... we're committed to ensuring we offer consistently low fares and choice to our customers." Air New Zealand declined to comment on its use of dynamic pricing practices.

Some commentary suggests dynamic pricing gives customers more choice. But anyone who has had to book a plane ticket on short notice knows dynamic pricing appears to reduce choices rather than enable them. Instead of dynamic pricing providing consumers with options, we think it provides Air New Zealand with a chance to bump up profit margins.

Each route operated by the carrier has 14 levels of fares called classes. This information is published on a version of Air New Zealand's website designed for travel agents rather than consumers. The data on the site shows a basic fare from Auckland to Dunedin, with no add-ons or checked bags, can cost anywhere from \$109 in class 1 to \$520 in class 14. This is for the exact same flight. Booking later could cost you nearly 4 times as much.

It's unclear just how much Air New Zealand is making from the prices of tickets in the higher classes, or whether the inflated prices are fair or reasonable. Without any transparency, there's concern that this pricing behaviour could be considered price gouging.

Legally, a business can charge whatever price it likes for a good or service. Price gouging, and other predatory and discriminatory pricing practices like dynamic or personalised pricing, aren't illegal. If a trader isn't misleading you, or likely to mislead you, they're in the green.

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But increases in air fares over recent years, dynamic pricing practices and a lack of competition on regional routes means New Zealanders can no longer tell what a fair deal is. To dispel this doubt, we need greater transparency into the pricing practices and rationale and profits of our largest airlines, Air New Zealand and Jetstar.

Consumer is calling for:

- mandated breakdowns of the costs in a ticket at the checkout
- disclosure about airlines' use of dynamic pricing and profits
- a market study to give consumers and the industry clarity about the factors impacting competition including pricing and price gouging.

Source: Consumer August 2024

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THE ROOSTER CONTEST

A farmer goes out one day and buys a brand new stud rooster to copulate with his chickens. The farmer puts the rooster straight in the pen so he can get down to business.

The young rooster walks over to the old rooster and says "OK, old fellow, time to retire."

The old rooster says, "You can't handle all these chickens....look at what it did to me!"

The young rooster replies, "Now, don't give me a hassle about this. Time for the old to step aside and let the young to take over, so take a hike."

The old rooster says, "Aw, c'mon.....just let me have the two old hens over in the corner. I won't bother you."

The young rooster says, "Scram! Beat it! You're washed up! I'm taking over!"

So, the old rooster thinks for a minute and then says to the young rooster, "I'll tell you what, young fellow, I'll have a race with you around the farmhouse. Whoever wins the race gets the domain of the chicken coop. And if I'm so feeble, why not give me a little head start?"

The young rooster says, "Sure, why not, you know I'll still beat you."

They line up in the back of the farmhouse, get a chicken go cluck "Go!" and the old rooster takes off running.

About 15 seconds later the young rooster takes off after him. They round the front of the farmhouse and the young rooster is only about 5 inches behind the old rooster and gaining fast.

The farmer, sitting on the porch, looks up, sees what's going on, grabs his shotgun and BOOM!, he shoots the young rooster dead. He shakes his head gloomily and says to his wife ...

Son of a b ... third gay rooster I bought this week!"



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Regular Events

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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
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Every Thursday Junior Golf after school at Lakeview Golf and Country Club
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Find out why space weather poses these risks, and learn how an international research collaboration led by the University of Otago is preparing Aotearoa New Zealand's response to a hazard that is out of this world.

The showcase is designed to engage all age groups; visitors both young and old will be amazed by what they can learn. The exhibition will especially benefit intermediate and secondary-aged students as they develop their understanding of physics, Earth and space science.

The Homemade Will

Will disputes between beneficiaries is one of the saddest things to be involved in as a lawyer. And it's worse when a dispute revolves around a homemade will. While lawyers are always alert for signs of coercion, duress, and undue influence when an elderly person makes a new will or changes an existing one, the oversight isn't there when it comes to a homemade will.

I have seen quite a few homemade wills over the years, and in my experience the scenario almost always goes like this: an adult child, other relative, or close friend takes on the role of primary support person and bears the bulk of supporting the deceased in the deceased's home in the last few years or months of their lives. Often, other family members are not able to devote the time needed to help, may live too far away to realistically help, or may quite literally be shut out of what's going on. There are usually frank discussions among family about the deceased moving to a care home for professional care and support which suggestion is not usually well received by the support person or the deceased. Things carry on day to day. Communication starts to shut down, and the deceased becomes more and more vulnerable and dependent on the support person.

Along this end of life journey, the deceased may have a change of heart or change of priorities about their estate linked to the support they are receiving. Other times that change comes because of coercion, undue influence, or duress attached to the support person. Instead of going to the bother and cost of seeing a lawyer, the deceased makes a will with a will kit bought for them or something that's been typed or written up for them - typically organized by the support person. And you guessed it, frequently the bequest provisions in the homemade will favour the support person.

Once the person has passed away, out comes the homemade will and the inevitable estate dispute unfolds. Unfortunately, the support person has not recognised the perceived impropriety attached to their role in the making of the homemade will. Did they have a hand in influencing, coercing or pressuring the deceased to make the provisions in their will as they did?

Their response is usually self-preserving along the lines that the deceased wanted their help in organising the will and didn't want the fuss of seeing a lawyer or they stand firm that the will is 'what the deceased wanted'. There is usually a firm belief they are 'owed' over others for their support. The perception and views of other interested beneficiaries surrounding the making of the homemade will is often quite different. Often those concerns are warranted.

The point is this, homemade wills pose an increased litigation risk because they are usually always a problem in either the legal formalities around dating, signing and witnessing, or because of the content and/or circumstances surrounding the making of the will. I have seen very few homemade wills that don't end up incurring extra legal costs to the estate (and ultimately the beneficiaries), either sorting out validity or the homemade will provisions being challenged through the court. Challenges to wills and estate provisions are reduced with proper legal advice in the first place.

This article has been prepared for Ngongotaha News by Ros Morshead, Solicitor at Lawbox in Rotorua

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