

31 Ngongotaha Road - Te Ra Fields housing development from above

Earthworks are progressing steadily at Te Rā Fields with road formation started, infrastructure installation underway, and ground preloading in progress to prepare for construction.

Watchman are working with Tura Ngati Te Ngakau Ngati Whakaue ki Ngongotaha and Ngāti Ngararanui, who are involved in site updates and observations as the development continues.

Construction of the first homes is expected to begin in the second half of this year, with the first homes scheduled for completion in the third quarter of 2026.



Te Rā Fields will bring new housing options to Ngongotahā over the coming years. Those interested in purchasing a home can register their interest at www.terafields.co.nz.

Lakeview Golf and Country Club Held Their Official Grand opening of their stunning new Clubrooms on 21st June.

This special event marked more than just the unveiling of a beautiful new community space — it's a celebration of resilience, renewal, and the memories we've created together over the past year. Five years ago, Lakeview Golf and Country Club faced a devastating fire that destroyed our beloved clubrooms. The loss was felt deeply by our members and the wider community. But from that hardship came a renewed spirit and a commitment to rebuild stronger than ever.

The newly completed clubrooms not only replace what was lost — they represent a fresh start and a hopeful future for our club and the community we serve.



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With age comes wisdom ... and hair in really weird places.

How can you tell if someone is aging gracefully? Look for the laughter lines, not the frown lines!

"They say with age comes wisdom. So, when does the wisdom kick in?"

"I'm so old that when I was a kid, rainbows were in black and white."

"I'm not old; I'm just young at heart and slightly older in other places."



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What are the most pressing issues that are facing our elderly today?
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The misconception that is around is that we, the baby boomers, as we are called, have had it easy over our lifetime and as a result have been able to buy our own home, which in most cases is now Mortgage Free. It is all relevant as we were initially on a very small salary and most of us started out with two mortgages with the second being as high as 24% interest and often the first mortgage being around 10% interest.

An example of how housing can affect many areas of living is one of our members who has had to settle for a motel room, which is relatively cheap at \$350 a week, including power and internet, but is shared with some undesirable upstairs, and as a result she is scared and very lonely. The whole scenario is taking a toll on her mental health and wellbeing, and she cannot at this time see a way out.

Our free Positive Ageing Seminars are proving very popular. Upcoming seminars are:

June 30th Ways to Keep Living Independently in your House, July 21st Keeping Safe in our Community, August 18th Grief and Loss, September 15th Signs of and tips on Dementia, September 29th How can MSD Help, October 20th Macular Degeneration, November 17th Elder Abuse.

We may have secured some funding through the Community Matching Fund from the RLC to present our Positive Ageing Expo in September. Watch this space.

The population living in Aotearoa New Zealand is likely to grow from 5.3 million currently to eclipse 6 million by 2040, according to projections released by Stats NZ. Two-thirds of that growth is likely to come from net international migration (migrant arrivals less migrant departures), with the remainder from natural increase (births less deaths).

New Zealand's net migration has fluctuated widely from year to year. International migration has been the main contributor to New Zealand's population growth this century, and this is projected to continue. The projections indicate New Zealand's population increasing to around 7 million by 2060, and potentially nearly 8 million by the late 2070s. A much older population is projected, with the median age in the late 40s from the 2060s, compared with 38 years currently. Half the population is younger, and half older, than the median age.

There are currently about 900,000 people aged 65 years and over living in New Zealand. The projections indicate the 65+ population is likely to reach 1 million by 2029, 1.5 million in the early 2050s, and 2 million around 2070.

The number of people aged 65 years and over is currently increasing by more than 500 people a week. One in 6 New Zealanders is now aged 65 and over. By the mid-2030s this will be 1 in 5, and by 2060 about 1 in 4 will be in this age group.

In the mid-1960s, 1 in 12 New Zealanders were aged 65 years and over. Natural increase is no longer the main driver of New Zealand's population growth. In contrast, if net migration was 100,000 people every year, the population reaches 7 million around 2040, 9 million in the late 2050s, and 11 million in the early 2070s.

A new study suggests that a 'positive attitude' towards ageing could aid recovery after sustaining injuries in a fall. Falls among older adults are a significant public health issue. The study involved 694 individuals in England aged 60 to 90 who had not experienced a fall in the two years prior. Researchers analyzed data on falls alongside survey responses gauging participants' beliefs and attitudes about ageing.

Factors such as walking pace, activity levels, and the need for assistance with daily tasks like dressing or bathing after a fall were also assessed. The findings indicate that those with more positive perceptions of ageing – for example, believing that ageing did not hinder their ability to do what they wanted – tended to recover better after a fall.

“We found that older individuals who had more positive self-perceptions of ageing at baseline were better protected against negative physical consequences following a fall. People who had the highest possible score on the “self-perceptions of ageing” measurements – or having the most positive mindset about ageing – had 162% lower odds of showing slow walking speed, 200% lower odds of being dependent on others to perform daily living activities and were 123% less likely to be inactive following a fall, compared to those who were not positive about ageing.

So, what does that all mean? Even as you grow older, stay active, think positively and don't stop doing what you enjoy doing even if it is harder to do.

Rory O'Rourke
Manager
Age Concern Rotorua.

The Joy of Ageing

Be kind to your kids. They choose your nursing home.

After a big fight, my wife yelled at me, “You know, I was a fool when I married you.” So I replied, “That may be true, but I was in love and didn't notice it.”

What do you call someone who enjoys Mondays? Retired.

You know it's time to retire when your co-workers are wearing clothing from your youth and calling it retro.

Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps you in touch with your children.

The older we get, the earlier it gets late.

You're not getting old; you're becoming a classic.

These are not gray hairs! They are wisdom highlights.

Now that I've gotten older, everything's finally starting to click for me. My knees, my back, my neck ...

An old woman is sitting at a bar when an older gentleman sits down beside her. “So,” he says, “do I come here often?”

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Ngongotaha Sports & Community Association recognizes 7 new Life Members

A special function was held at the Clubrooms on 14 June to celebrate the contributions of some incredible volunteers.

Linda Rika was a founding premier player in both netball and women's rugby. She served on the Ngongotaha Netball Committee, umpired many games, mentored countless netball players, and has always been a lifelong supporter of NSCA.

Priscilla (Piri) Tamai was also a founding premier player for both netball and women's rugby. She coached premier netball, served on the netball committee, umpired, mentored and has remained a loyal supporter of the club.

Bruce Riddell managed several Ngongotaha Netball teams over the years and is our Ngongotaha Netball Patron. He has been a constant supporter of the club, particularly netball over the years and can always be found down at the netball courts supporting our wahine.

Rose Morrison was a founding playing in both netball and women's rugby, served on the netball committee and WHHSOB committee, and played a key role behind the scenes helping in the kitchen, bar, and whakawhanautanga at the club. She also umpired and mentored many players, and remains a lifelong supporter of the club.

Aroha Taipeti has played netball for Ngongotaha since 1980, including Baywide competitions, and proudly represented Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, Waiariki and Aotearoa in the 1980s and 1990s. She also played rugby through the 1980s-2000s,

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represented the club in touch, served on the netball committee and NSCA committee, coached and played for Ngongotaha Premier Netball. Aroha continues to mentor, coach and support the club with the same passion to this day.

Bob Martin joined Ngongotaha WHHS Old Boys when it was founded in 1967, playing his first season in 1968. He later became President for WHHS Old Boys, coached the team to a third-place finish in 1975, and was part of the committee that purchased Centennial Hall for \$12,000 that same year. He went on to serve as Jubilee Chairman for the 50th Jubilee, and after 1979, became President of Ngongotaha. Bob served as a dedicated committee member for many years and still remains a strong supporter of NCSA.

John Brake played for Ngongotaha WHHS Old Boys in the U19s,U21s and then in the Seniors (1971-1986), excelling as a first five-eighth. He represented Bay of Plenty from 1973-1981) and earned a BOPRU Centurion Blazer in 2022. John played internationally in 1976 and later coached Ngongotaha U21s (1985-1986) and Seniors (1987-1988) winning 41 of 42 games. John remains a lifelong supporter of the club and can often be found at the club on a Saturday supporting his grandson playing in our Senior Men Rugby team.





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Hon Todd McClay

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Ngongotaha GPs are the cornerstone of our community.

They're the first port of call when your child has a fever, your mum needs a repeat prescription, or something just doesn't feel right. But for too long, getting an appointment has been harder than it should be.

It's part of a \$1.37 billion package for Health New Zealand through Budget 2025, focused on delivering timely, quality care closer to home.

Too many New Zealanders have been stuck on waitlists or turned away because their GP is full. This investment means more appointments, shorter waits, and stronger support to keep fees low – especially for families doing it tough.

The funding package includes a 13.89% funding increase for GP clinics to help them see more patients and ease wait times. It also provides targeted support to keep care affordable for low-income families and under-14s.

Performance payments are being targeted to help clinics lift childhood immunisation rates, especially at key milestones like the six-week vaccination.

Additional funding will also allow GPs to carry out more minor procedures in the community – like skin excisions, iron infusions, and minor gynaecological treatments – delivering care closer to home and reducing pressure on hospitals.

Everyone deserves access to timely, quality primary healthcare, and we recognise the vital role GPs play in meeting that demand. While there is more work to do, this investment helps make progress by focusing on patients, supporting frontline care, and delivering real results.

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LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

The shortest day has been and gone! We hope you all got to spend some quality time with friends and whanau over Matariki weekend.

Lakeview celebrated with our Grand Opening and what a wonderful afternoon that was.

It was so amazing to have the community involved in this celebration with the ceremonial ribbon cutting by Rotorua Mayor Tania Tapsell, a wonderful Kapa Haka performance by tamariki from Ngongotaha Primary and to top it off we were honoured to have the Ngongotaha Fire Brigade help us celebrate. They were one of several stations that attended the devastating fire back in 2020, so very moving to have them join us under happier circumstances. We thank them for the amazing work they do.

Club competition for July is the Mamaku Cup and the Managh Cup/Trophy. The Handicap Match Play was won by Heydy Rika - massive congratulations to Heydy! Heydy has been recovering from shoulder surgery so not a lot of golf over the last 6 months, a great achievement.

LADIES CLINICS are coming back! Josh is planning on starting these popular sessions again in August. Dates are to be confirmed so watch this space. If you are wanting help with any aspect of your game give Josh a call: he is available for lessons. Maybe you have someone in your life who would love a voucher for some lessons (it will make them a lot less grumpy when they come home after a bad game of golf!!!) 021 072 0379 Josh mobile.

From the Operations Desk at Lakeview Golf & Country Club

What an extraordinary month it has been at Lakeview! Our Grand Opening was a resounding success, with around 140 attendees—including members, local dignitaries, business leaders, friends, and family—all coming together to celebrate this significant milestone. The event marked the official unveiling of our new clubhouse, a testament to the resilience and dedication of our community following the devastating fire in 2020. The new facility stands as a symbol of renewal and a hub for both golf enthusiasts and the wider Rotorua community.

In addition to the Grand Opening, we were honoured to host the New Zealand Police for a recent hui at our club. This gathering underscores our commitment to serving as a versatile venue for various events and meetings. Another hui is on the horizon, and we are eager to continue supporting such important community engagements. If you're in search of a boardroom or event space, our new clubhouse offers a welcoming and well-equipped environment. Feel free to reach out to us to discuss how we can accommodate your next event.

We look forward to welcoming you to Lakeview soon!

QUIZ NIGHTS!

The next quiz night is 25th July. So, get your teams organized, brush up on all those trivia facts and book in for a great night of entertainment. Great new prizes too!!

Are you are a keen walker and looking for a different place to stretch the legs and get some fresh air? During the winter we have some quieter days which are Monday, Wednesday morning and Thursday. No, you don't have to play golf, just pop up and go explore the amazing environment we have at Lakeview.

Rotorua Archery Club hold 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 stay healthy and happy!

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Matariki: Matariki is a time to honour those who have passed, plan for the upcoming growing season, and spend time with whānau. It is a time to reflect, set goals, and celebrate culture, identity, and community across Aotearoa. It reminds us of the importance of connection—to each other, to our environment, and to the hopes we hold for the future. On June 19th we held a special evening to celebrate Matariki. Our fabulous community gathered together and tamariki shared their learning through glow-in-the-dark visual art, waiata and kapa haka. The evening concluded with a delicious hāngī.

Rural and Bay of Plenty Cross Countries: Our Rural Cross Country event took place on June 16th, on a lovely sunny winter's day. All 8-12 year old Kaharoa students competed against visitors from other local schools, then 5-7 year olds from Kaharoa had their turn. A bake sale, sausage sizzle, and food cart helped to keep the student's energy high. Thank you to all families who donated food for the stalls, and to the many people who volunteered their time and helped on the day. Thank you also to the local families, who opened their properties and allowed runners to experience a true rural vibe by racing through paddocks and bush areas. The top few competitors for each



senior age group then competed in the Bay of Plenty, also held at Kaharoa at the end of June. Again we enjoyed sunny skies and a real country outlook.

House sports: Our house leaders ran another fun series of competitions, including an egg (ping-pong ball) and spoon race; a three-legged race; a sack race; and a wheelbarrow race. A lot of fun was had by all.



Sports Camp: A group of intermediate tamariki from Kaharoa and Selwyn Schools have begun training in preparation for Sports Camp at Tōtara Springs near the end of next term. They will be competing against other schools from around the North Island in a range of different sports.



Chess Regionals: Our Y5/6 chess team "Kaharoa Strategist" played really well in a tournament at the end of May. They were placed 8th, even though they only had 4 players in the team. Raghav received a badge for powerplay, beating the top player! Overall, a great day enjoyed by all competitors. A big thank you to Arthi who transported the boys and spent the day with them.

Scrap Metal Collection 2025: A big thank you to our school and wider community for your contributions to our Scrap Metal Collection. Thank you also to Macaulay Metals! This year we are pleased to report that we raised close to \$1,500.

We have space for new students. Kaharoa School is 13 minutes from Ngongotaha and open for enrolments for both primary and intermediate students (Year 1-8). Our pre-school transition visits are held fortnightly on Thursday afternoons with our new entrant teachers (contact the school office for more information if interested).

Please refer to the Kaharoa website for further information and school newsletters. www.kaharoa.school.nz
Ngā mihi - The Kaharoa Team

Mamaku School

Kia ora Parents & Whānau! It has certainly been a busy last few weeks of the term at our kura. While the temperature has dropped, there has been no shortage of exciting events to engage (warm up) ākonga and the community.

Matariki Celebrations

As part of Matariki celebrations, our school community certainly came to the party. Food donated by the community, prepared and cooked by ākonga and whanau ensured everyone was well fed.

Pot Luck Dinner

In keeping with hospitality and connection, the community held a pot luck dinner to welcome new students and families to Mamaku School. It was a well attended event.

Rural Cross Country & Tai Mitchell Rugby representatives

For a school our size we were delighted that 23 of our students ran the inter-schools cross country event at Kaharoa School. Top place-getter Cooper Fredricksen achieved 6th Place in the Year 7 boys section and will compete at the Bay of Plenty Cross-Country run, again hosted by Kaharoa School. We also congratulate Cooper (again), Mackenzie Murray and Aurora Rose Mason for making the boys and girls Tai Mitchell Rugby representative teams respectively. They will be playing in this tournament 25-29th June at Rotorua Boys High School.

Spaces for new students are available. We are open now for enrolments for 2025 primary and intermediate students (Year 1-8) and pre-enrolments are also available. Pre- school visits are also available with our new entrant teachers.

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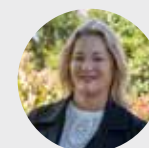
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Ngongotaha School

What a wonderful end to the term. The weather held out so we could have our powhiri outside for Eden Chapman, our new principal. Sunset sent their whole school so they could farewell him and our tamariki sang and sat beautifully. It was a proud day. Exciting times ahead for us.

We had a disco on the last Thursday of the term. The children enjoyed it and had a great time dancing and running around. The proceeds are going towards Te Whanau Ngahere (our Year 1/2 classes).

Doug, our caretaker has installed two new pumps in our sandpits so the children have been busy making tunnels, roads and sandcastles. We have purchased lots of new things with the gala money. We have topped up the playground balls, got new football nets and pop up goals, sandpit toys, go karts for the juniors and a game of ki-o-rahi. We have got a ga-ga ball arena made and are just finishing off the painting before that goes in the playground as well. So a big thank you to everyone who came to the gala, spent their money and therefore helped us purchase these neat things for our playground. We strongly believe that busy hands make happy kids.

What a fantastic Matariki Breakfast we had. Thanks so much to Whaea Mackenzie and her team for all the organisation. The parents and kids turned out early on Thursday morning. The teachers were here at 6.30 in the morning making pancakes dripping with maple syrup and we had no complaints. Our Year 2 children had a sleepover for Matariki. The Rotorua Astronomers club came and children had a great time looking at the night sky. Thanks to those teachers as they were up at 4.00am with some early risers. A cooked breakfast was just what they all needed.

So signing off for the last time and passing the baton to Eden Chapman.

Ngā mihi

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Avian influenza screening update.

Fish and Game help facilitate the national MPI avian influenza screening programme during our summer duck banding project.

This is a critical part of tracking the prevalence on non-pathogenic avian influenza in New Zealand. Principal Scientist/Veterinary Virologist, Dr Wlodek Stanislawek, has confirmed that the COVID-19 test-like samples taken from ducks caught during our duck banding this summer have finished the PCR process and have not shown anything untoward at this stage.

Photo below: Elisha (MPI) and Dani (Fish & Game staff member) conducting a swab on a mallard duck caught at one of our banding sites this year.

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Your contributions help us carry out our work as the eyes and ears of NZ Police, supporting a safer and more connected Rotorua.

A Special Thanks to Rex Davis for personally approaching these businesses and securing their support - your effort is deeply appreciated by the entire patrol team.

We are always looking for new members to join our patrols. If you are interested in supporting your community and making a real difference, please contact Dave Reader on 0274902816 for more information.

Together we help make Rotorua a safer place to live.

New Indoor Pickleball Venue at Tui Ridge Park—Join the Fun!

Rotorua Pickleball Club is thrilled to announce its additional Tuesday night sessions at the Tui Ridge Park Gym, offering players of all ages and skill levels a fantastic opportunity to enjoy this fast-growing sport in a beautiful indoor venue. With six courts, plenty of parking, showers, and accessible facilities, the space is ideal for both seasoned players and beginners alike.

Pickleball, a sport combining elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis, has taken Rotorua by storm since its introduction in 2015. This year marks 10 years of pickleball in New Zealand, and Rotorua remains at the heart of the action.

Hamurana local Celia Grant, who has been playing socially for just over a year, shared her excitement: "I love how this game suits so many different ages and levels of play. Fourteen-year-olds play with 30-, 50-, and 70-year-olds and have amazing fun!"

Local coach and committee member Chris Kinman commented on the sport's rapid growth: "This sport is growing so fast. We've gone from 32 members in 2022 to 300 in 2025 so far. It's so accessible, and having an

indoor venue allows us to play year-round! The members are so nice—it's great to feel part of the community and meet new friends while staying fit and having fun."

The Tuesday night sessions run from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, with set-up and warm-up starting just after 6:00 pm. All equipment is provided, and it's free for first-time players living locally. There's no need to register—just show up, and we'll show you how to play!

Details:

- Venue: Tui Ridge Park Gym, 260 Anderson Road, Hamurana
- Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- Cost: Free for first-time locals
- What's Provided: All equipment needed, including paddles and balls.

Whether you're new to the game or looking to sharpen your skills, Rotorua Pickleball Club has something for everyone. Join us on Tuesday nights at Tui Ridge Park Gym and be part of the excitement!

For more information, contact Chris Kinman 021 0287 1727, visit our Facebook page (@RotoruaPickleball), email us at rotorupickleball@gmail.com, or check out <https://rotorupickleball.helloclub.com/register>.

Let's get on the court and play!



Scion/ Mamaku Blue Cooperation

A collaboration between Scion and Rotorua's Mamaku Blue winery could soon see consumers enjoying their blueberries in sustainable trays.

The partnership is developing moulded fibre trays infused with blueberry pomace – turning agricultural waste into a sustainable, compostable alternative to plastic packaging. The work aims to reduce waste while supporting New Zealand's circular bioeconomy.

With funding from the Bioresource Processing Alliance (BPA) Summer Student Internship, Scion researchers are working with partners to explore whether incorporating agricultural byproducts into moulded fibre trays can enhance their strength and moisture resistance.

These performance factors currently limit fibre-based alternatives to plastic. Kate Parker, Scion's Team Lead for Sustainable Materials, says the global drive to eliminate single-use plastic packaging has created a need for high-performance, eco-friendly alternatives.

“Moulded fibre packaging is a sustainable, compostable option, but it often falls short in strength and moisture resistance compared to plastic. By incorporating agricultural byproducts, we hope to improve the functionality of fibre trays and provide an innovative use for materials that would otherwise end up in landfill.”

Source: Scion Website

More on Ageing

You know you're getting old when your back goes out more than you do.

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Progress Ngongotaha Kokiri Ngongotaha Incorporated

Kia ora Koutou, Katoa Hello Everyone !!!

I said it last time so I will say it again, these months are flying past so fast, it's unbelievable. School Holidays are upon us again, so let's keep our eyes and ears open and be even more vigilant, for our Tamariki and Rangatahi when we are out and about in our vehicles.

HELP US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We do what we do for the Betterment of the Ngongotaha Community

- Ngongotaha Stream Care Team
- Ngongotaha Emergency Response Plan (draft)
- Ngongotaha Emergency Defibrillator
- Ngongotaha Life Memories Museum
- Ngongotaha Hall (Our Community is responsible for the interior needs and RLC exterior maintenance)

All of the above work is achieved through Volunteer Power !!! our organisation has no paid staff. Thank you to all in our community, for your support and backing towards our various Teams. Each team has a volunteer leader who cares about their mahi / work and inspires those who volunteer with them. Thank you to all of our current volunteers. Others are very welcome to join us.

Celebration: Congratulations to our very own Bob Martin who was recently recognised for his commitment to the Ngongotaha Rugby Whanau. He was made a Life Member by Ngongotaha Sports & Community Association. His is an amazing story for another day.

Big Volunteer Shout Out of THANKS

Once again, a wonderful group of people have been spotted from time to time, walking alongside the Domain, over by the Railway Line picking up rubbish. Thank you so much for doing this for our community to Keep Ngongotaha Beautiful

Ngongotaha Stream Care Team

Speaking with Gavin recently he told me that a great deal of work has been carried out alongside the Ngongotaha Awa by our team and with the support of Rotorua Rotary, Rotorua Lakes Council and Regional Council the area is even more safe for people on foot.

Physical changes have been made (photo), making it much clearer now, that the walk area is not for motorbikes. Young men on dirt bikes and a public walking track are not a good mix.

Also, another area that was once a neglected part of the Ngongotaha Stream walkway, has now been transformed into an inviting and restful area by Rotorua Rotary. Thank you so much Rotorua Rotary. Many of you will know that there is now seating alongside the awa/river - this was built and installed by the Rotorua Menz Shed and financed through the now "Community Matching Grant" which was

applied for by our Treasurer/Grants Officer (Lynn). Seating has also been added to the area that Rotorua Rotary has transformed, we encourage you to check out the addition of the rustic tables-an ideal setting for a cup of tea and a sandwich.

Gavin said "The planting of native trees and shrubs a year or so ago is showing real promise. They are thriving, and a decade or two from now, the promise of a glade of native bush will be a reality." Progress Ngongotaha Kokiri Ngongotaha is so proud of the work that Gavin and his team are carrying out alongside the Ngongotaha Awa (river). All of our volunteer teams and individual volunteers often 'do what they do' quietly in the background to keep 'Ngongotaha Village, Our Place' moving forward in a good way.

Our volunteers have received personal expressions of thanks from you, which they really appreciate. We have received some lovely donations in support of their work from individuals and other organisations.

The Lions Club of Ngongotaha has made a recent generous donation "...to be used for the continuing maintenance of the Ngongotaha Stream." Also, the Club "extended its best wishes to Progress Ngongotaha Kokiri Ngongotaha as [we, all of us] continue to work for the betterment of the Ngongotaha community." Thank you so much for your kind words of encouragement, these are really appreciated. A Huge Thank you to the Lions Club of Ngongotaha for all that you have done in our Rohe, it is hard to believe that you will no longer operate here as a Club.

Our Lions Club of Ngongotaha had a huge involvement at "TECT Park, also known as TECT All Terrain Park. It is a large recreational area in the Western Bay of Plenty... offering a variety of outdoor activities. Its located halfway between Tauranga and Rotorua on SH36." Reference: Google Search TechPark. Our Lions planted and planted and planted native trees. There was a big buzz in the community at the time, especially from Garryth Hall (ex Lion now moved down south).

Like all organisations, maintaining membership is becoming increasingly difficult, we are no stranger to this and there is definitely room for more younger people to join us all, in the various sports, interest & community groups on offer in Ngongotaha. Many of our groups do have more older people enjoying the friendships and opportunities that coming together locally offer. We all have different skills to share and we also learn along the way. We learn from each other...I for one believe in "Lifelong Learning". But, believe me in order for our community groups to continue, we need you younger people to come on board as well. I refer to the last paragraph written by Rory O'Rourke, Manager of Age Concern last month Ngongotaha News June 2025. Paraphrased; our grandchildren are more likely than us older people to report feeling lonely, as they seek real connections through social media. They are unsure where they belong, who their real friends



are, even who they are or where life is taking them. I have also been reminded today by a lovely young person named Brooke, that young people (like many of us young at heart) are really drawn to a more social aspect of volunteering; they like to feel the sense of belonging, experience real connections. What is the best way to encourage that sense of belonging? Kai/Food, korero/talking to one another, getting to know each other and finding out 'What's On!!' You will also have Fresh Ideas and Energy!! By the Truckload. Both Brooke and her Granddad Garry, have decided to come on board to assist with the Ngongotaha Emergency Response Plan. We will be having a Meeting soon, so we will be in contact with those who are thinking about, or wanting to be involved in this project e. progressngongotaha@gmail.com or text 022 1404391 to express your interest and to leave contact details.

Ngongotaha Community AED Defibrillator

The Annual Check is being carried out by 'Heart Saver' in August. This is the Defibrillator situated on the outside wall at the Gull Service Station. Progress Ngongotaha Inc. includes this Annual Check in its budget. The check could result in the replacement of the battery, or pads and these have been replaced previously. Also did you know that we have someone in our community, a volunteer who checks the AED each month to make sure that everything is okay and that there are pads available. A BIG shout out to you Graham D. for your commitment to this very important task. If you would like to donate towards the maintenance of the Defibrillator or towards volunteer expenses it would be appreciated.

If you would like to donate to the work carried out under Progress Ngongotaha Kokiri Ngongotaha Incorporated you can make a donation to; Account Name Progress Ngongotaha -Kokiri Ngongotaha 03 1545 0040162 00 Please specify the area you wish to support, Thank you.

Until next time stay safe and warm;

Lynn, Bob, Heather, Lee and all of our wonderful volunteers

NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

Monday 9th June RSA/Ngongotaha Pairs

A fun night was had by all. We all had different players for each game so that made it interesting. Supper was provided by the Ngongotaha members. The winning skip was Nicole Ruthe Ngongotaha. Runner up was Richard Mills Ngongotaha. The lead winner was Kevin Birch RSA, Runner up Colin Rolfe Ngongotaha. Booby prize Chris McGoon Ngongotaha and runner up Alan H RSA.

Monday 16th June Trophy

Tonight we saw some very close games but the ones with three wins and 26 points were the winners. They were Kevin Whyte, Bruce Mapson and Colin Rolfe.

Saturday 21st June Rotorua Championship Fours Ngongotaha

Six members from our club played. The team of Greg Chase, Helen White, Eddie Hagenaars and Piet Nel played well but did not qualify. It was a good day.

Sunday 22nd June Rotorua Championship Singles I got a reminder to mention this that Greg Chase won the plate, congrats to him.

Monday 23rd June Championship Pairs There were lots of serious faces about tonight as most players were out to win. The winners for the night were Richard Mills and Chris McGoon. Runner up were Eddie Hagenaars and Nicole Ruthe.

Sunday 29th June BOP Championship Pairs played in Whakatane Two players from our club played and did very well. They won three games and qualified. But sorry to say we got knocked out. Not from lack of trying. Those two members were Greg Chase and Helen White. Another good day of bowling..

Anyone looking at playing bowls can contact:

Richard Mills 07 3323623

Kevin Whyte 07 3574766

Equisucceed News

Horse Highlight- Teddy

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21 July Keeping Safe in our Community seminar Age Concern
25 July Lakeview Quiz Night
18 August Grief and Loss: Age Concern Seminar
31 October Equisucceed Golf Fundraiser at Arikikapakapa Golf Course

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 Wednesday Rotorua Collectibles Club: Do you collect anything? Come and share your passion at St Barnabas ph 0272923579
2nd Wednesday Friendship Club 9.45 am St Barnabas Church Hall
4th Wednesday Ngongotaha Garden Circle, Ngongotaha Hall 1p.m.
Every Thurs Junior Golf after school Lakeview Golf & Country Club
Drop-in technology 10 am with SeniorNet: Age Concern Tarewa Pl.
Thursdays 5pm Twilight Lawn Bowls, Clubhouse Domain Rd
Last Thursday of the month 2.00 pm Poetry Appreciation Society.
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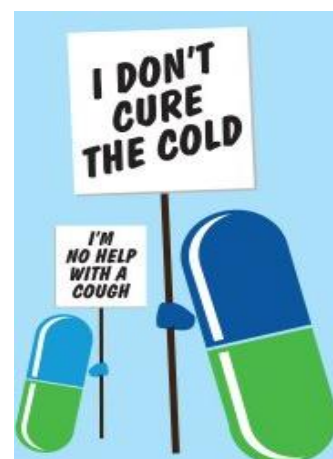
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Property Co-ownership

I've noticed there's been an uptick post-covid of people looking to pool resources and purchase a home via co-ownership or other housing arrangements (excluding formal tenancies or relationship partners). In fact, I've received a couple of calls on these types of arrangements in the last month. My thoughts? Don't even go there unless you get legal advice and have the arrangements drawn up by a lawyer at the outset.

It all sounds good on the face of it while everyone's in the honeymoon stage focusing on the positives of supporting each other financially with living arrangements. The problem is people don't also weigh up downsides and rationally assess the 'what if's' and whether they may be better off instead making other arrangements that don't create obligations or bind them to other people.



Typical scenarios I've come across include the increasingly common scenario of friends purchasing as co-owners (one of the main banks advertises this type of home co-ownership), a parent in their own home needing to sell a portion to an adult child for financial reasons, accommodating relatives at a family home, and adult children or parents providing the other with lump sums toward a deposit to buy a home. Without legal advice and a properly drawn up agreement covering the nature, intent and extent of these sorts of arrangements, they're ripe for a dispute about what was intended down the track.

In my view, basically, any arrangement where money is offered or accepted is a risk to both the person offering the money, and the person accepting the money. Why? Because firstly, there's no such thing as a free lunch.

Secondly, nothing is forever, and people's health, wealth, job, or other life circumstances change over time for lots of reasons. Issues then inevitably arise over differing perceptions of what financial arrangements were intended, and it all turns to custard: does the co-owner who paid for that kitchen upgrade or roof get their money back and interest or an uplift in any value added to the property?

Might money loaned or paid to the homeowner convert to a claim of a financial interest in the property? What about those seemingly innocent 'rent' or 'board' payments? What if the adult child who bought a share in Dad's home to help Dad out financially later wants to sell, but Dad's on super and banks won't lend so he can't buy the share back?

What if Dad needs or wants to sell and move elsewhere or into a retirement village and the adult child can't or won't agree to sell? These scenarios are just some examples of things that can go wrong and cause a lot of anger and hurt sorting it out.

If you're an existing homeowner or in the process of buying a home and money is offered or things are paid by someone else, I recommend being very cautious. If you're the person offering or paying the money, be very cautious, too.

Before parting with or accepting any money be sure to get your own legal advice and have the nature, intent and extent of the arrangements drawn up in a proper agreement with your solicitor. Lastly, I recommend not writing up or signing homemade agreements about money or accommodation arrangements without getting your own lawyer to look it over first. Legal fees now can save a lot of heartache later.

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

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