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With sadness we acknowledge the death of Jim Rofe last week. Over the past 20 years Jim made an enormous personal contribution to F & B.

Jim organised tree planting events, helped maintain the track leading to the DOC reserve on Mt Ngongotaha, mowed the grass on the picnic area and tidied track edges. For much of the year this was a fortnightly visit. As part of this commitment to the Violet Bonnington Reserve, Jim also represented Forest & Bird on the committee of the Mt Ngongotaha Bush Restoration Trust for the eight years of its existence.



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As we head into the last month of spring, the weather is still very changeable with a few beautiful days lulling us into a false sense of summer and then reminding us the next day that spring is very much a season of wind, cool temperatures and varying amounts of rain! This said the grass is starting to grow and the green keepers are doing an amazing job of keeping the course looking pristine and very inviting for all golfers.



Club competition is drawing to a close and the Ham Tournament season starts during November. The results of our Stroke Play Championships were unavailable at the time of writing. We hosted 93 golfers for the BOP vets' competition at the end of October - a great turnout and a good day had by all.

We would like to welcome our new chefs to Lakeview! Husband and wife team of Avneel and Darshana are doing an amazing job cooking delicious kai for our visitors and members. We look forward to working with them and growing our businesses together.

Twilight golf kicked off with a hiss and a roar with over 60 entries! This is a great way to enjoy 9 holes after work with your mates and enjoy a yummy dinner afterwards. You can invite the family for dinner as well, so everyone is happy and no one has to cook!

Every Wednesday (weather permitting for golf but dinner available any weather) 4.00pm - 6.00pm tee off with dinner from 5pm. All welcome.

We are busy getting our gardens in shape for the Rotorua Garden Festival. We have had some volunteers helping us and the gardens are going to look stunning. We thank everyone who has helped make this possible. It is going to be an exciting time for Lakeview as first time entrants and potentially the first time a golf club has entered! The café will be open and available for lunches and morning teas with plenty of parks so pop up and see us.

Kia ora from Rach at the Lakeview Operations Desk.

Lakeview - The New Place to Be! The sun's out, the vibes are up, and Lakeview is buzzing! With our new chef team on board, golfers and locals alike have been flocking in to enjoy hearty favourites like lamb shanks, juicy steaks, and a great selection of cabinet treats. Pair that with a hot coffee, and you've got the perfect cafe fix with a view!

We're open Tuesdays 11-3, Wednesdays 5-9 (come in for dinner!), Fridays & Saturdays 12-5, and Sundays 11-5 - so there's plenty of time to pop in and see what's cooking.

Behind the scenes, we've been getting our gardens in top shape for the Rotorua Festival of Gardens, happening 15-16 November. Huge thanks to the Ngongotahā Garden Circle for their help and generous plant donations - the entrance bank garden is looking stunning already! Pictured are, from the left: Ted Nowotarski, Liz Montgomery, Jane Moore, Jill Farr and Mary Nowotarski.

Looking to celebrate? We still have a few dates available for Christmas gatherings, and we're already taking bookings for the 2026/2027 wedding season. Contact Rach events@lakeviewgolf.co.nz or txt 0210435011.

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 start making those Xmas lists....yes Xmas is just around the corner!!

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NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

Monday 29th September Fun Night and Prize Giving
Most players were present for the night to enjoy our final night of bowls for 2025. Drinks and nibbles were on hand. Most bowlers just enjoyed catching up. We did play three different games. My team were the winners for the night. They were Helen, Bruce M and Piet, Runners up were Richard, Robin and Trevor. Third prize went to John and Eddie. Booby prize went to Kevin, Caitlin and Cheryl.

Caitlin from Resonate came along to give a talk about their company and how they can help with people who need hearing aids. It has been a full-on year for the club with some new players, and we're sad to see Grahame Turner retire from playing bowls. Wishing him all the best - will miss you at club nights.

Monday 6th October AGM and on the 10th October some members went out for lunch to Valentines.

This will be the last report for 2025 so wishing you all a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2026,

Next year bowls will start on the 9th February so if you wish to fill in an evening come along and see how the game is played. We welcome new bowlers.

Anyone looking at playing bowls can contact:

Richard Mills 07 3323623
Kevin Whyte 07 3574766

Holidays continued

Some of us live thousands of miles away from most of our relatives and can't be with them this holiday season...

... Please don't be jealous!

My wife just called me and said, "Three of the girls in my office just got some flowers for the holidays. They're absolutely gorgeous!" I replied, "That's probably why they got flowers then..."

Vladimir Putin consulted with a fortune teller. He asked:

"How long will I live?"

The psychic replied:

"I cannot tell that but I do know you will die on a Ukrainian holiday."

"Which holiday?" Putin asked.

"Whichever day you die will be a Ukrainian holiday."

My suitcases overheard me saying I can't afford a holiday this year. Now I have emotional baggage.

A Scottish guy goes on holiday in Canada

He befriends a local at the bar. As they are stumbling home he sees a gigantic animal across the road. "Whats that?" he slurs.

"Oh that's just a moose."

"Och! If that's a moose, how big are your rats?!"

A Russian man goes on holiday to Poland, he gets stopped at the border and the border guard checks his papers and decides to ask him a few questions.

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Good news for women's healthcare

Healthcare is a priority for this Government and communities like Ngongotahā are seeing the results.

Two recent announcements have focused on enabling better healthcare access for women – the first is that nationwide breast screening age extension to include ages 70 and 74 is now underway.

Many of us know someone impacted by breast cancer, and it remains the most common cancer affecting New Zealand women.

Expanding free breast screening to include women aged 70 and 74 is the first step in a four-year rollout. Eligibility will extend to include women aged 71, 72, and 73 each October for the next three years.

Early detection can make a big difference. Once the full age extension is in place, it's expected to detect breast cancer earlier in about 60 more women annually – giving them a far better chance

of successful treatment.

The second announcement is that the Government will adopt National MP Catherine Wedd's member's Bill to better support mothers and babies in the critical days following birth by guaranteeing a three-day postnatal stay.

This will make a real difference to new Ngongotahā mums, giving them choices about their after-birth care. For many it will give them the support they need in those precious early days with a newborn.

Both the breast screening age extension and the guaranteed three-day postnatal stay are bettering healthcare for the village's mums, daughters, sisters and grandmothers.

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Kaharoa School

Tēnā koutou whānau

It seems very relevant, considering what is happening around the world, that World History is the focus for Kaharoa classes during term 4. The students are looking into how time and change affect people's lives, and then relating this to how they can make their own MARK (Manaaki, Ako, Rangatira, Kaitiaki) upon the world.

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Ag Day 2025: Many children have been caring for and raising lambs, kids, calves, chickens, or plants/vegetables over the last few months. Ag day was held on the second Friday of the term and the weather-gods were kind to us. Congratulations to everyone who put the effort in to look after their animals or plants and participate on the day, and a special congratulations to students who received 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placings. To fundraise, we sold baking and ran a sausage sizzle. A huge thank you to Matua Ryan and Mr. Cook who organised the day, to Vance Shoebridge who set up the event areas, to the judges who



we so appreciate your time and experience, and to the whānau who helped their tamariki raise their animals.

Group Day was on the following Friday at Reporoa, and students who received 1st and 2nd placings with their lambs and calves were eligible to compete for the championship rings. Additionally, there was an open ring available for students who wanted to participate and try their hand at showing.



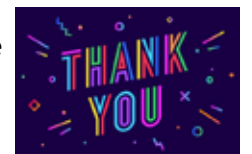
Athletics Day - Friday 31st October: Our tamariki have been out most fine afternoons, practicing for different athletic events. They will be competing in running (sprints and long distance), jumping (long jump, high jump and hurdles), and throwing (shotput, discus/gumboot throw, and javelin) events. As in the past couple of years, the long distance run will be held the day before. Then the whole school will be participating in all other events on

Athletics Day (31st October, postponement Monday 3rd November). Parents and caregivers are invited to come along and support our athletes. Top place-getters will have a chance to compete against other school's athletes in the BOP Athletics competition in early December.



Pool Key: Book your school pool key now for the coming 2025/2026 pool season. The pool usually opens late November/early December, depending on water temperatures and maintenance. New key tags are \$30 as a one-off cost. Seasonal access is \$120. Pool checking volunteers are needed to be able to open the pool over the summer break. There is a pool key discount for volunteers. Email the pool committee at poolcommittee@kaharoa.school.nz for your registration form or to volunteer.

Parent Conferences, Sports Prizegiving: To celebrate our tamariki's progress this year, we will be running student-led conferences for all tamariki and their whānau on Thursday 4th December. Once students have shared their learning and their learning progress with their parents, the pool will be open for a swim. In the evening we will celebrate the achievement of our students at our Sports Prizegiving. Many students are involved in a variety of sports thanks to our wonderful volunteer coaches and managers, so a huge **THANK YOU!** to these amazing volunteers.



Year 8 Graduation & Prizegiving: It is nearing the time of year when we farewell our year 8s and celebrate their successes throughout their time at Kaharoa. The Year 8 Prizegiving & Graduation is on Wednesday 10th December.

The last day of the term for students is Thursday 11th December.

We have space for new students in 2026. 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).

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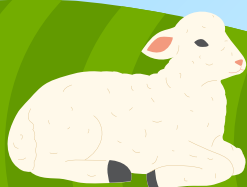
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Our Expo is over for another year and was a great success, going by the feedback we received after the event. We had over 30 stalls operating on the day and we had about 30 more visitors than last year.

19 out of 20 stall holders who responded to our post Expo questionnaire, rated the pre-expo information as Excellent or Very good. 19 out of 20 rated organisation on the day as Excellent or Very good. 20 out of 20 had their expectations met and 20 out of 20 would love to come back next year. A big thanks to the RLC Matching fund for supporting us financially this year and to Parksde for the use of their rooms as a venue.

This year has been difficult financially as we try to claw back some of our reserves following the Tiny Homes Budget blowout caused by the huge number of variations we had to endure.

The other issue has been that our usual funders have less money to give out and invariably we will only get half of we apply for. We are still managing to provide an excellent level of service, with a staff who have been prepared to go the extra mile to ensure that we are still providing excellent programmes to our members.

An indication of our success would be that in the last year we have over 150 new members. Our Seminar series is attracting up to 20 plus people at a time and they are becoming more popular as we move through the year.

An indication of the popularity of the Out and Abouters minibus excursions would be that we are getting so much demand that we have had to consider another vehicle to allow our other activities to continue. We have set up a Givealittle page, and it has not been attracting much attention with a target of \$10,000.00, and so far we have not even reached our first \$500.00.

Mortgage holders are right to rejoice as the Reserve Bank lowers the Official Cash Rate more than some had expected, but there's a bigger story beyond their elation and it's one that's often forgotten. Only a third of us live in a home with a mortgage, a further third don't have a mortgage and the final third rent. The advantages of low interest rates will do nothing to improve the situation for the latter two groups.

For the two thirds of New Zealanders who rely on savings, especially retirees, this is really tough.

When interest rates fall, deposit rates fall even further. The impact on older people is quite severe. This also applies to those who are saving to get onto the property ladder.

When interest rates are high, term deposits offer low risk returns that can allow for wealth to accumulate at a decent tick over years. Now that interest rates are quickly moving in the opposite direction, the promise of those guaranteed earnings is quickly slipping away.

When interest rates fall, people tend chase better returns elsewhere, but this can come with added risks that don't always look clear on the surface. More retirees could be out on the street unless there's urgent Government intervention.

There's some levers Government can pull. One is getting a long-term housing plan that doesn't get tipped out every time there's a new government. The Housing and Urban Development Ministry estimated that more than 5000 people are currently living on the street, in a garage or a vehicle, with a quarter aged over 65.

Research shows that by 2048, 40% of all retirees will be renting or still paying a mortgage. NZ Super is not designed to cover this; NZ Super is designed to cover living costs.

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I would like to start this article by thanking those of you I met since publishing my last article which was about our next twenty years and what we might want to achieve.

I enjoyed your feedback including those who said we will all live the next twenty years one day at a time. One moment at a time.



You encouraged me to be present for the moments and days and the years will look after themselves.

There have certainly been some interesting "moments" in my life which have formed the foundation of who and what I am today. I thought I would share a few with you and hope they also help you on your journey.

Like the friends who asked my wife and I many years ago what we were doing to buy a house. What was our plan for buying our first house? Were we saving for one?

When my wife and I replied that we had no savings and had not thought a lot about owning a house, they said they would be willing to give us the deposit to get started.

We thanked them. Did not accept their generous offer, but were inspired to start saving. About 10 years later we bought our first house.

Friends are people who challenge us and are willing to support us through the tough times, just like these friends did. They were willing to put their money on the line to help us.

Like a friend who offered to pay for me to go to America with him so he could introduce me to key people and start my keynote speaking there. When I asked what was in it for him, he said all he wanted from me was a small percentage of my income for the first few years.

After discussing it with Carolyn I went back to him and asked if he would still take me if I paid my own way and he did not receive any percentage of my income. He did not hesitate and said yes, he would still take me.

Holidays

An American couple are on holiday travelling through Wales.

On their way they see a sign for a place called Llanfair-pwllgwyngyll-gogerychyrndrob-wlllantysiliogogoch and decide to head there for something to eat. As they make their way there, they debate the pronunciation of the town's name.

They stop for lunch and one tourist asks the cashier, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us?" The cashier nods.

"Would you please pronounce where we are for us – very slowly?"

The cashier leans over the counter and says, "Buurrrrgerrrrr Kiinnnggg".

He did not know, but we remortgaged our house to make that trip possible.

Friends are people we are willing to remortgage our homes for, because we know they have our back.

During that trip he not only introduced me to key people in America, but we sat together in a café one afternoon and wrote the draft outline of my book, which would sell thousands of copies.

Other moments like a brief discussion with a fellow participant during an army officer selection programme. He asked me why I wanted to lead people to harm others. I realised that I didn't and made sure I failed the rest of that selection programme.

There have been many moments with many people that have shaped my life like pieces in a jigsaw puzzle. I just have to recognize them when they occur and act on them. Like when my brother Morgan asked me what I was doing for the next twenty years.

These jigsaw pieces remind me of one of my favourite proverbs which says "Opportunities of a lifetime must be seized in the lifetime of that opportunity."

Opportunities come and go in moments. If we stay present in the moments, the opportunities are certainly more obvious to seize. "Carpe diem...seize the day!"

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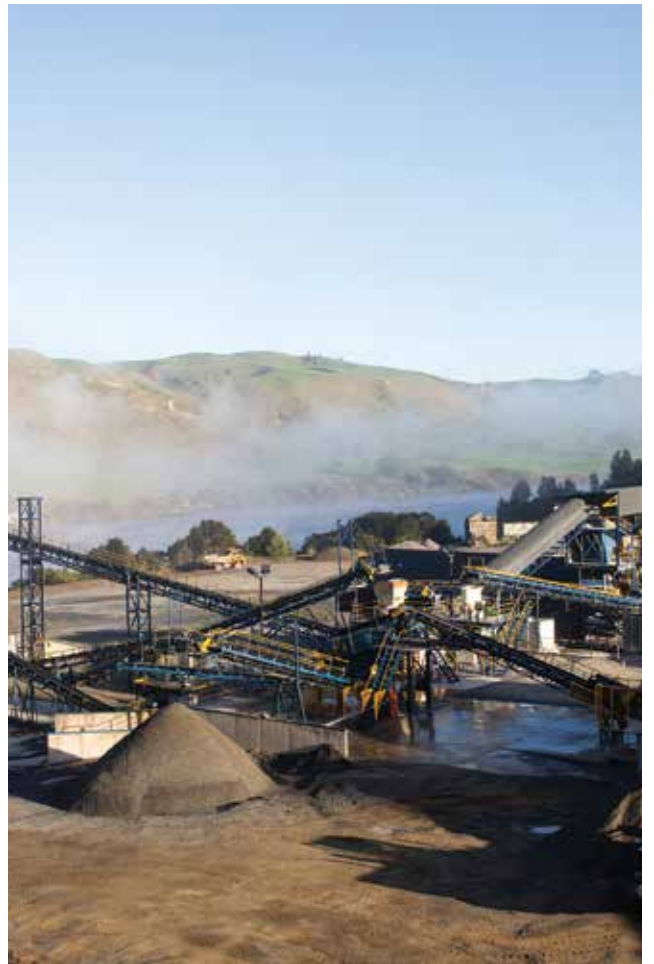
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Here are the results of the 2025 Rotorua Lakes Council Elections

Rotorua Mayor

Mayor – Tania Tapsell

General Ward Councillors

- Fisher Wang
- Sandra Kai Fong
- Ben Sandford
- Gregg Brown
- Don Paterson
- Robert Lee

Rural Ward Councillor

- Karen Barker (elected unopposed).

Māori Ward Councillors

- Te Rika Temara-Benfell
- Trevor Maxwell
- Merepeka Raukawa-Tait

Māori Ward Referendum

Rotorua voted to retain the Māori Ward in the binding poll, with 11,363 votes received in support of retaining it.

Rotorua Rural Community Board

- Colin Guyton
- Tina Marshall
- Karen Forlong
- Tina Rose

Rotorua Lakes Community Board

The number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies, Peter MacMillan and Jennifer Rothwell are elected unopposed.

A third nomination was received for Phill Thomass who passed away during the election period.

A by-election will be required to fill the two vacancies for the board and will be held in due course.

Source : Rotorua Lakes Council

Holidays continued

Paddy was coming back from his holiday in America.

As he came through Customs, he had two sacks over his shoulder. The Customs officer asked him what he had in the sacks? Paddy replied Mobile phones.

The customs officer didn't believe him and asked to be shown. Paddy opened each sack and sure enough both sacks contained quite a few phones. "What are you going to do with all these mobile phones asked the officer?"

"Oh, they are not for me. My mate Mick, who is in a band, knew I was going over to America asked me to bring him back two saxophones.

Putin decreed that all time zones in Russia be unified.

After this had occurred, the Prime Minister approached him.

"Dearest Putin, I had a problem. I called my relatives in the east to wish them good night, and they told me they were on the beach enjoying the sun."

"And then I called my family in Kaliningrad to wish them a happy holiday, and they said the holiday was already over."

"And then I called Xi Jinping to wish him a happy new year, and he said 'what, it's still the old year'."

Putin nodded his head sympathetically, saying:

"I, too, have had these kinds of problems. I called Prigozhin's family to offer them condolences, but it turned out we hadn't even killed him yet."

A travel agent looked up from his desk to see an older lady and an older gentleman peering in the shop window at the posters showing the glamorous destinations around the world. The agent had had a good week and the dejected couple looking in the window gave him a rare feeling of generosity.

~~~He called them into his shop and said, "I know that on your pension you could never hope to have a holiday, so I am sending you off to a fabulous resort at my expense, and I won't take no for an answer." ~~~He took them inside and asked his secretary to write two flight tickets and book a room in a five star hotel. They, as can be expected, gladly accepted, and were on their way. ~~~

About a month later the little lady came in to his shop. "And how did you like your holiday?" he asked eagerly. "The flight was exciting and the room was lovely," she said. "I've come to thank you.~~~But, one thing puzzled me. Who was that old guy I had to share the room with?"

A passenger was travelling on holiday on a budget airline. "Would you like dinner?" the cabin crew asked.

"What are my choices?" "Yes or no."

"My wife went on holiday to the tropics with her friends." I commented.

"Jamaica?" My mate asked.

"No, she went of her own accord."

A guy goes with his girlfriend to stay at her parents' house for the holidays

The couple live in the city and the parents live on a farm. The boyfriend is unused to the quiet country life and after a couple of days he's pretty bored. His girlfriend's father comes in and says "Hey young fella if you're looking for something to do, why not take the dogs out for a bit of hunting? There's a shotgun behind the laundry door." Guy comes back a couple of hours later, the father says "How was it?" "That was amazing! Have you got any more dogs?"



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4. Sudden Collapse: The person may suddenly fall or collapse without warning.

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When Not to Use an AED

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30 Nov Farmers' Market at Agrodome

4 Dec Kaharoa School Parent Conference and Sports Prizegiving

10 Dec Kaharoa Year 8 Prizegiving and Graduation

14 Dec Mamaku Market

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

Tuesday Night Pickleball at Tui Ridge 6.30pm to 8.30pm equipment and coaching provided. Free first time,

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2nd Wed Friendship Club 9.45 am St Barnabas Church Hall

4th Wed Ngongotaha Garden Circle, Ngongotaha Hall 1 p.m.

Every Thurs Junior Golf after school Lakeview

Senior Net Drop-in technology 10 am: 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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3rd Saturday of each month The Care Village Market Day Tauī St

Sunday 9.30 to 11.00 Rotorua Archery Club at Lakeview.

Last Sunday Farmers Market at the Agrodome.

Rotorua Lakes Council is upgrading the Parawai Rising Main and Ranolf Street watermain to improve wastewater and water service resilience, minimize environmental risks, and support future growth. Sections of the Ngongotaha cycleway will need to be closed between August and November this year for the wastewater rising main replacement.

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More Holidays

My wife and I have both decided to go on a diet before our holiday to the States as we don't want to feel self-conscious at the beach. It's going well, so far we've both put on five kilos.

Dave and Johnny were abroad on holiday.

One evening, they decided to visit a local bar.

"Be careful of scammers," warned their tour guide. "There's a lot of dishonest people in this neighbourhood."

Dave shrugged and laughed. "Don't worry mate, I can always spot a liar."

They went to the bar. At the door, the bouncer stood with his arms folded. "I'm going to have to see some ID, gentlemen."

Johnny was furious, and started protesting. "Of course we don't have ID! I'm 46!"

Dave pulled Johnny to the side, and whispered "Shut up and let me handle this! He's no doubt used to dishonest people."

Dave approached the bouncer, winked and pulled out 20 dollars (or whatever the local currency was). "Here's my ID, sir."

The bouncer stared, and said "Sorry, I can't take a bribe."

Dave pulled out \$50. "How about now?"

"Sorry, it's against the law."

Dave pulled out \$100. The bouncer stared longingly at the money, but still refused.

Dave pulled out \$200. The bouncer frowned. "All right then. Much as I hate breaking the law, this is more money than I'd earn in a week. You can enter."

Dave and Johnny entered triumphant.

After a few pints, Dave got chatting with the bartender.

"You should know, your bouncer is surprisingly honest. I didn't expect in a neighbourhood like this to find a bouncer so hard to bribe!"

The bartender laughed.

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Consumer's Advice on Ant Infestations

It's important to know what type of ant you've got before you try to get rid of them – different types require different control methods.

The most common ant invader of New Zealand homes is the white-footed ant.,the other common house invader is the Argentine ant, which is more of a honey-brown colour.

Paul Chapman, a pest eradicator for 43 years, says if you can't be sure which type of ant you have in your home, there's an easy trick.

"If you see the trails outside, put your hand on the path of the trail. The white-footed ants will scatter but the Argentine ants will just go over as if there is no obstacle, as if it was a bridge."

White-footed ants

For white-footed ants, the inner walls, ceiling and subfloor of your home are their habitat, and they go outside for food. "People spray the trails outside, thinking they are preventing them from entering," he explained. "But they are actually preventing them from getting food from the garden, so they will instead look for food inside your house." "Others apply bait in the house.

The colonies have two parts – a foraging team that feed outside; they don't share food. When they eat most over-the-counter baits, they only poison themselves and don't pass it on to the rest of the colony. "The rest of the colony [back at the nest] relies on a supply of unfertilised eggs as their source of food. When the queen notices the number of foraging ants is down, she produces more eggs to compensate for the losses." Ants will also notice a high mortality rate and split the colony around the house to reduce the risk of extermination, Chapman said.

"You'll only be successful if you keep using bait religiously inside and outside for about two years." That's why most professional pest eradicators tend to use different baits and formulations that cause a domino-effect pattern of death in the colony.

Chapman said it's actually easier for the pest experts if people haven't given it a half-hearted go already, because this can cause the colony to split up. Nic Bolton, co-owner of Combat Pest Control, said in his experience baits are never enough to fully eliminate ants, because white-footed ants learn to avoid them, and the workers stop collecting from them. Pest controllers have access to restricted sprays designed to specifically break down ant colonies over time, he said.

Argentine ants

Argentine ants are one of the world's top 10 invasive species, posing a serious threat to New Zealand's biodiversity. Argentine ants are a honey-brown colour. And they don't live in the cavities of the house; they live outside but raid houses for food. They prefer warm, dry, elevated sites in urban and natural areas, often in soil. The Department of Conservation (DOC) warns that Argentine ants kill and displace native invertebrates that many indigenous species depend on. They will eat lizards, bird eggs and newly hatched chicks, potentially threatening endangered populations. And they devour the food sources that native fauna rely on. However, getting rid of them is a bit easier than with the white-footed species, Chapman reckons.

He said for white-footed ants, pest controllers tend to spray around the outside of the house. But for Argentine ants, they go as far as possible towards the property boundary. Eradication works best if the neighbours do it too. Argentine ants link their nests within super-colonies which can extend hundreds of metres. As most baits are carbohydrate based, Argentine ants are often not interested in them. They prefer proteins, such as things like dead geckos, birds, bugs, and wet cat and dog food."

Paul and Nic agree on the one product they would buy to tackle ants – NoPests Ant Bait. The gel is widely available at Mitre 10, Farmlands and Oderings . Often we have to postpone a job when we discover they've applied ant sand. We ask them to rinse it off and call us back when the ant trails reappear.

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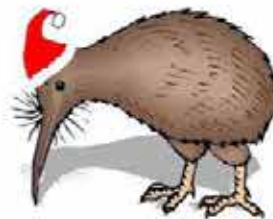
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A recent and very disappointing example is public reports concerning a very senior police officer allegedly accessing highly inappropriate content. However you use a work device, your personal digital fingerprint is not private.

Firstly, any work device (phone or laptop) and data that comes with your job and apparently 'allows some personal use and/or is split off from the main work part of the phone' (or however HR describes it) is anything but. From an employer's perspective, they're thinking a few benign personal calls here and there, catching up on news from NZ Herald or Stuff, checking the school timetable app, maybe a recipe search for tonight's dinner or a restaurant. That sort of thing.

No employer is really thinking their employees are going to use work devices for excessive data use on messaging app video calls, personal social media apps, personal banking or investment apps, accessing sexual or dark web sites, viewing or downloading questionable or extreme content. It's called good faith and trust in the employment relationship, and both employer and employee have a part to play in that.

While a work phone might have a dual or e sim to operate, the reality is a phone's data usage is typically set to automatically connect to the network and data of one sim. If you're an employee, I'll bet you're using your 'free' work data.

If you're at home and your devices are set to use your home wifi that doesn't really change things because device internet browsing, sites accessed and so on is stored and searchable. Any photos or other material or downloads are stored as downloads. And no, it doesn't go away just because you delete.



When it comes to personal emails, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner's advice on their website is that employers 'should have clear written policies about the use of work systems for personal use. An employer is entitled to view your emails on the work email system, especially if you are using an email address that was assigned to you by your workplace.

Some workplaces may have a policy that states the employer can access all email traffic on their system'. You can bet your bottom dollar that if your employer is looking for reasons (or additional reasons) to terminate your employment for misconduct, one of the first things they're going to do is audit your use of work devices - usage, history, what you've been looking at, downloading, and when.

My advice is to use a work device and email account solely for work-related matters and nothing else. Do not put personal apps or other accounts on your work devices. Do not access or link your Gmail or other email account. Do not use a work email address for personal matters.

In fact, my advice is to not use work data at all. Mobile data packages are cheap, so are phone handsets if you don't need the latest and greatest. Get your own and keep your personal life separate and private.

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