

Fishing Season starts 1 October

FLY FISHING TUITION

If you are living in the Ngongotaha area, you are only a few minutes away from some of the best trout fishing in New Zealand. Lake Rotorua itself, and the stream mouths of the Ngongotaha, Waititi, Awahou and Hamurana are all prime fishing locations that attract local anglers and fishers from around the world.

If you have spent time watching the fishers catching the magnificent Rainbow or Brown trout, and thought, "I wonder if I could do that" now is your opportunity to learn. The Rotorua Anglers Association are running a series of weekend courses designed to teach a beginner the basic skills and knowledge required to begin the joy of fly fishing.

Tuition begins at the Rotorua Anglers Association club rooms in Pererika Street and concludes with some practical skill sets on the water. For further information regarding the course, and to book your attendance visit the website www.rotoruaanglers.org

On Sunday 2nd November, children aged from 6 to 14 years-old will be able to catch a rainbow trout at the hatchery's specially designed fish-out pond. For many children, this will be their first trout fishing experience and with expert tuition from members of the Rotorua Anglers Association, they're guaranteed to catch



a trout that can be taken home for dinner! A sausage sizzle and drinks are available. Fish filleting for a gold coin donation is also available. Catch a tagged trout from the pond and win a spin rod and reel combo kindly supplied by sponsor Kilwell.

- Bookings essential.
- The event is strictly for children aged between 6 and 14 years.
- A \$5 donation is requested to help run this event. Please bring cash as EFTPOS is not available.
- All fishing equipment is provided. Do not bring fishing equipment.
- Expert tuition and one-on-one help is provided for each child. Everyone catches a fish.

These popular events are only possible thanks to sponsors. Please support these sponsors. Agrodome and Kilwell Sports. And we couldn't do it without the assistance of the good people at the Rotorua Anglers Association.



Aussie angler Paul Rahman just landed a 17.75kg brown trout in Twizel's Ōhau Canal - officially recognised as a world record catch on 4kg line! After a 30-minute battle with this river monster, Paul proved that New Zealand's waters hold some serious surprises.

Mamaku Volunteer Fire Brigade take on the Skytower

On 11 September 2025, 5 Mamaku volunteer firefighters took on the 1103 step Firefighter Skytower Challenge.

Every day, 8 Kiwis are diagnosed with blood cancer or a related blood condition. It can affect anyone, at any age and any time in life. The cancer journey is overwhelmingly difficult for patients and their families/whānau, but donations can help make a difference.

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The bar will be available to purchase drinks (No BYO).

We will have refreshments & BBQ available under the trees at #6.

Golf carts are able to be booked directly through the club.

Raffles will be running and will be drawn on the night.

Registration forms are available at manager@equisucceed.co.nz, please submit by Friday 24 October. Available in paper or online form.

Payment details:

\$200 per team or sponsorship. Payment to 06-0413-0385236-003 with contact person's name and GOLF as reference.

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LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

What a wild ride Spring is turning out to be! The only sign that spring is actually here some days is the continuing appearance of those brave daffodils and blossom trees. The course is holding up well although the greens are in definite need of some sunshine probably along with the rest of us!

Club competition for October is the Stroke Play Championships. We wish all competitors the best of luck. It is a great achievement to get your name on the Honours Boards, so play well and enjoy. CONGRATULATIONS to father and son pairing of Max and Caleb Simpkins on their victory in the Top Dog competition! A big shout out to Joe and Court Marsters who came second. We are hosting the Golf NZ Mixed Foursomes over Labour weekend which is promising to be a great couple of days of golf, camaraderie and fun.

Day light saving has started, so a reminder that TWILIGHT GOLF starts October 15th. Tee off from 4pm – 6pm every Wednesday weather permitting. This is a great way to get 9 holes of golf in after work, enjoy some fun and laughs on the course and relax with some liquid refreshments and kai afterwards. You do not have to be a member of a club to participate. See you there!

We have been busy planting more native plants on the course with the help of tamariki from Mamaku and Ngongotaha Primary. A big thank you to them for their mahi - they can be proud of their involvement in enhancing community environments for all to enjoy.

The lesson of caring for green spaces outside their own backyards is a valuable one and hopefully they will continue being kaitiaki of their wider environments into their adult lives. We thank Environment BOP for their funding of this project through the Environment Enhancement Fund.

This has enabled us to plant over 1700 native plants over three years!

Kia ora from Rach at the Lakeview Operations Desk

Thanks to everyone who came to our Blue September BBQ — with your help we raised \$300! Big shout out to our volunteers!

End-of-year function bookings are filling fast — grab your spot now: events@lakeviewgolf.co.nz We're also excited to be setting up a community garden at Lakeview as part of the Rotorua Festival of Gardens. If you'd like to help out, or have time or resources to donate, I'd love to hear from you.

Rach - events@lakeviewgolf.co.nz

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 dig out your sunhats: summer is on its way!!

Golf shop phone number is 07 357 2341

About Dad Jokes

I tried explaining taxes to the kids, but they just said, "That sounds like your problem."

Some days I wonder about my parenting choices. Other days, I question how my kids do the things they do!

The first child eats dirt, and parents rush to the doctor. The second child eats dirt, and it's cleaned up. The third child eats dirt, and Dad just asks "Do I still need to pack lunch?"

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- Ngongotaha Emergency Response Plan (draft)
- Ngongotaha Emergency Defibrillator
- Ngongotaha Stream Team
- Ngongotaha Life Memories Museum
- Ngongotaha Community Hall (supporting)

Kia ora Koutou, Katoa !! Hello Everyone !!

Thank you to those who attended our Annual General Meeting on the 28th August. It was great to have you with us. A huge thank you to Annabella Martin for your yummy, 'light as air' sponge and the other goodies you gave towards our supper. Your sponge is No1 by many accounts and it was No1+ on the night and very well received. Thank you: it was a wonderful Surprise!!

Membership

If you would like to join us please email progressngongotaha@gmail.com to let us know that you would like to join us, we can't wait to hear from you. Membership is by Koha (Donation).

Organisation Membership

Your organisation may also like to become a member of Progress Ngongotaha Kokiri Ngongotaha Incorporated. We welcome your expression of interest as well. It would be great to have a strong representation of the community around the table. Please email us for information.

Kaahori taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini

We cannot succeed without the support of those around us

Ngongotaha Stream Team

11th September Gavin shared the following "Two huge improvements to the stream walkway. Rotorua Lakes Council has had contractors in to replace the old wooden bridge with a culvert, and to reform a section of the track. A notoriously slippery clay base has been dug out and a gravel surface laid down. There has been positive feedback from regular walkers of the track who had been wary of the previous clay base."

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AED Defibrillator: we need someone to join our volunteer team to carry out checks on our AED situated on the outside wall of the Gull Service Station.(see photo)

We require the AED to be checked regularly each month. If this sounds like something you would like to do for our community, please email or phone/text Lynn 022 1404391 for further details.

Ngongotaha Community Hall

Our community hall is getting a wonderful makeover throughout the kitchen area. With many thanks to the Ngongotaha Lions who gave the Hall Committee a generous donation, we now have a new pristine pie warmer. 'Top this off' with our previous purchase of new elements for the stove and preparing kai/food will be so much easier.

Until next time Happy Days !!! Heather, Lynn, Lee, Bob and our many Volunteers

Riddles for Dad to Solve

Two fathers and two sons go on a fishing trip together, all in the same boat. They each catch a fish, for a total catch of three fish. How is this possible?

There are only three men: a grandfather, the father (grandfather's son), and the father's son.

A dad had a set of identical twin daughters, both born in different years and on different days, just one minute apart. How is this possible?

The first was born at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, the other was born on January 1 at midnight.

A father has five daughters, and each daughter has one brother. How many kids does he have in total?

Six because each daughter has the same brother.

Someone's father has four kids: North, West, South and one other. What is the fourth child's name?

Someone!

What's Forrest Gump's password?

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Good education is critical for setting up Ngongotahā students with the skills they need to do well, and that is a focus of this Government.

We're replacing the National Certificate of Educational Achievement. Changes include removing NCEA Level 1 with students to sit a foundation award (test) in numeracy and literacy; replacing NCEA Levels 2 and 3 with two new qualifications (The New Zealand Certificate of Education at Year 12 and the New Zealand Advanced Certificate of Education at Year 13); requiring students to take five subjects and pass at least four to attain each certificate; and working with industry to develop better vocational pathways.

The aim is to lift outcomes and better prepare students for life beyond school – more than 8200 Kiwis shared their views on the proposal, so a big thank you goes to those who took the time. The proposed changes will strengthen foundational skills, improve coherence in teaching and assessment, and ensure qualifications reflect what students know and can do. If you're wanting to do some homework on what's proposed, the Ministry of Education website has more information: <https://www.education.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultation-proposal-replace-ncea/details>.

The Government is using sensible decision-making to drive better education outcomes with younger students too, ensuring all primary and intermediate schools have access to Learning Support Coordinators in a three-year rollout, funded by a \$192 million Budget 2025 investment. In total this will benefit close to 300,000 students across 1131 schools. Coordinators in Ngongotahā and Rotorua will support both staff and students, providing direct support in schools, working with neurodiverse students and those with additional learning needs and helping schools and families to navigate additional specialist support where required.

Ngongotahā's children are bright and curious – myself and my colleagues are committed to doing what we can to foster that through all of their schooling.

My Rotorua office is open five days a week, from 8.30am to 4.30pm at 1301 Amohau Street, or you can call in to Michelle and Tracey on 07 348 5871 - it will be our pleasure to help.

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Kaharoa School

Tēnā koutou whānau

Spring is here, with variable weather, daffodils galore, and the bleating of lambs and lowing of calves surrounding us. Many Kaharoa tamariki are in the midst of raising young animals in preparation for Ag Day in early October.

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Aims Games: We had students represent our school at AIMS in hockey, swimming and golf. This nationwide tournament for Year 7 and 8 is a huge stage, and we are so proud of the way they represented Kaharoa. Congratulations to the hockey team (placing 37th), Ruby and Benny - swimming (achieving multiple personal bests and some top 20 placings), and Kaden - golf (placing 27th). A massive thank you to our coaches and parent helpers for providing our students with this amazing opportunity—your hard work is very much appreciated!



Sports Camp: A group of intermediate tamariki from Kaharoa and Selwyn Schools attended Sports Camp at Tōtara Springs in the last week of term 3. Our team had an awesome week, coming away with some great results:

- ✓ Winners – Indoor Hockey (Girls), Rugby, Longball, Archery, Scramball
- 🥈 Runners-up – Basketball (Boys), Rock Climbing
- 🥉 Third Place – Athletics, Triathlon

Overall, we finished 5th out of 10 schools,

competing against strong teams from across Auckland and the Waikato. The team did really well! Congratulations to all our sportspeople, and a huge thank you to Matua Ryan and Matua Isiah for their organisation and enthusiasm.



Ag Day 2025 - Friday 17th of October

The aim of Kaharoa School event is for the children to care for and raise a lamb, kid, calf, chicken, or plant/vegetable and enter it in this event. Lambs, kids, calves and chickens (baby chicks) must be born between the 20th July and the 25th September.

We are still looking for parents able to volunteer to help the judges at the entrance to the ring. Please email agday@kaharoa.school.nz if you are able to assist with this.

There are 4 categories for our school event: Senior (Yr 6, 7 & 8), Intermediate (Yr 4 & 5), Junior (Yr 1-3), and Preschool.



Plants and Vegetables - this section is for students to demonstrate knowledge and presentation & care.

Lamb, Kid & Calf - The lamb, kid and calf sections involve leading, calling, and care & attention. Students will register their animals and remain with them for the day. Note: Calves will need to be registered with NAIT in order to compete at either event and bring with them or email a screenshot to agday@kaharoa.school.nz showing you have registered the movement. The school NAIT number is 12342129, Lynden Cook, Kaharoa School. The group day NAIT number will be shared close to the event.

Chickens - This section involves knowledge and presentation & care. Students will register their animals and remain with them until judging is complete.

Group Day: to be held on 24th of October at Reporoa Primary (Friday of Week 3). Competitive entries will be those that are placed 1st or 2nd in any of the categories for lamb or calf at our school Ag day. Students can also enter into the open ring with a lamb, calf, or kid.

PTA Calf Fundraiser: In the coming months we will have a handful of weaned calves arriving at school. These have been kindly donated by local farmers and when sold, the proceeds will directly benefit the school.

We are on the hunt for the following if any one is able to help:

- 15 meters of Alkathene pipe to plumb in a water trough, and
- Meal and hay to feed the calves until they are sold.

We would also be happy to receive further donations of weaned calves. If you are able to help us with any of these, please email Ruth at ruthpta@kaharoa.school.nz

Calendar Art Fundraiser 2025: Our talented students have been working hard this term to create beautiful pieces of art! These masterpieces will soon be transformed into a range of keepsake products — calendars, cards, diaries, and sketch pads — perfect Christmas gifts for family and friends. Orders will open at the beginning of Term 4.

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.

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

NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

Monday 25th August President's Night

Tonight was a fun night organised by our President Richard Mills. We were put into teams, either black bowls or brown bowls, and we stayed in those teams and the score carried on to the next game. First game, we rolled up a tennis ball, next game some cards were put on the mat and if you landed on the card you got six points, the same as last game. The black team were Helen, Nicole, Cheryl, Martin, Richard and Bruce Mapson. We were the winning team for the night. The Brown team were Robin, John, Greg, Gail, Bruce Wiggins and Piet. Piet and Gail won the joker prize. A big thank you to our President.

Monday 1st September Buttons

As I was not present, not sure what went on but I'm sure someone took my place and helped Cheryl out as we would have started with the buttons. Richard and Bruce held the buttons for the night.

Monday 8th September RSA Challenge

It was a very busy and noisy night. Unfortunately, Ngongotaha club just didn't pull it off, so a win for RSA with 30 points to Ngongotaha 18 points. Maybe next year.

Monday 15th September Aggregate

An interesting night was had with the winners winning all three games with 23 points. The winners were Eddie and Nicole.

Monday 22nd September Men V Women

The women had to borrow three men for their teams. We had a Joanne, Sharon and Edwina but unfortunately they let us down and we lost to the men: 41 points to women 31 points.

Anyone looking at playing bowls can contact:

Richard Mills 07 3323623

Kevin Whyte 07 3574766

RIP Ngongotaha Lions



Sadly, Ngongotaha Lions Club have disbanded, due to increasing paperwork falling on the shoulders of a small committee lacking new volunteer involvement.

The group photo is of the current trustees for Ronald McDonald house. Ngongotaha Lions donated \$6550.00 to the continued maintenance of the holiday retreats in Ngongotaha.

The other photo is of President Jamie Paterson & Charles. The club donated \$5000.00 to a new Lions project being the fitting of a second bus with equipment needed to scan people for cancer.

In addition, the club donated funds to Progress Ngongotaha to be used for the continuing maintenance of the Ngongotaha Stream. Previously, our Lions Club had a huge involvement at TECT Park, planting a large quantity of native trees in the park, which is located halfway between Tauranga and Rotorua. The community support offered by our Lions Club will be greatly missed - thank you to the committee for your work.



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Age Concern

Last weekend I was invited to speak at the Introduction of Migrants to Rotorua and I was pleasantly surprised at the number, and variety of speakers covering such topics as midwifery, Citizens Advice Bureaux, our Health system, sports available, Govt departments, Elderly Services and other services required to successfully navigate being a migrant in a new country where almost everything is different.

For the International Day of the Older Person, which is October 1st, we have decided to set up an information stall at Woolworths Fenton. We are going to be there the day before International day of the Older Person in order to take advantage of the fact that it is a Tuesday and as such is Gold Card discount day when we would anticipate more visitors over 65.

Our minivan is being so well used at present with our Out and Abouts, home visits, Walkers with Walkers, frozen food delivery and special occasions. We also let the Multi-cultural Council of Rotorua, Kaumatua group, Probus, Pacific Island Trust and lifestyle homes villages use our van. As a result, we have set up a Givealittle Page to raise funds for us to purchase another vehicle. If you would like to donate towards such a worthy cause, please just look us up and donate.

The new Ipsos global study surveyed people in 32 countries to find out how attitudes to ageing are changing (or not) as we careen into a future where one in six people globally will be over the age of 60 by 2030. Here in Aotearoa, the numbers are even more stark: by 2028 we will have more than one million people aged over 65, or one in five people. And by the 2050s, over 65s will likely make up one quarter of the New Zealand population. So how does that all relate to our perceptions of ageing and how we see various life milestones?

This study interviewed 1,000 over 65s and they were not stoked about getting older. In fact, only 38% of New Zealanders are looking forward to old age a fair amount or a great deal, and 54%

are not very much or at all. At least this pessimism has nothing on France, where 88% of people said a huge “sacré bleu” to the marching of time. In Aotearoa, gen Z is the demographic who’s the least looking forward to old age with only 39% keen, millennials are 41% keen and gen X are 44% keen. Things fall off a cliff with the baby boomers, those closest to the VIP entry door, with only 25% looking forward to reaching the life stage.

New Zealanders consider 66 to be the official start of old age. Should any of you seek greener pastures, Italy and Spain are the most liberal with their numbers, believing that old age starts at 73. Want to feel old? In Indonesia they reckon it’s 59. Despite this, New Zealanders expect to live to 81 years old – optimistic compared with the global average expectation of 78, but shorter than our actual average life expectancy of 83. Interestingly, with each generation that passes, their optimism for their own lifespan grows – gen Z think they will live to 78, millennials reckon they will peace out at 79, gen X are serving six feet under at 83 and baby boomers are holding tight to 85. Good luck one and all.

Although we expect to live a longer life than most around the world, New Zealanders still put a hell of a lot of pressure on ourselves to have children, get married and buy our first home before we turn 30. According to those surveyed, the ideal age to get married is 27, and the ideal age to both buy a house and get pregnant is 29 (30 to become a father).

We may think getting married at 27 is ideal, but the actual average age of first marriage or civil union is 30.4 years for women and 31.6 years for men. If you chuckled at age 29 being ideal to buy your first home in one of the least affordable property markets in the world, you are on the right side of history. The reality is that first home buyers are older than ever, on average 37 years old in Auckland, 36 in Wellington and 35 in Christchurch. Same with babies too – 29 years old may be the perceived ideal but we’re having them later than ever, on average at 31.5 years old.

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Being Dad

Child: “Dad, can we get a pet dog?”

Dad: “Why don’t you get a pet tree instead?”

Child: “Why would we get a pet tree?”

Dad: “It’s just like a pet dog, but the bark’s quieter.”

I asked my wife if I was the only one she’s been with. She said yes, all the rest had been nines and tens.

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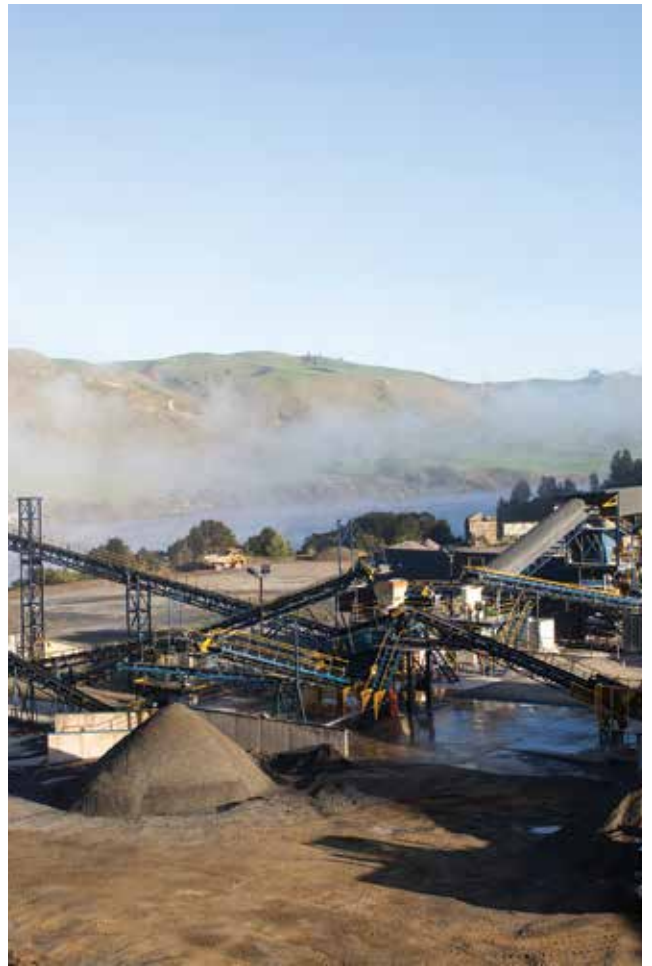
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We also had a group of 8 students participate in the mountain biking event, 'Whip, Grip and Rip' at Waipa Mountain Bike Park. Our students gave 100% during the event, which involved 3 different courses. Again, a challenging and positive experience for our students.

Term Four Swimming

We are extremely fortunate to have a 25 metre, 6 lane, heated swimming pool, which was constructed 3 years ago. Our swimming pool will be open all of term four and our students will receive 3x40 minute swimming lessons per week. There is no cost to families. Swimming is an essential life skill.

Mamaku School Ag Day 17th October 2025

This important event is taking place on Friday 17th October. We have a committee of parents to organise this event. An open



invitation is extended to those in the community who would like to attend this fantastic day – light food and refreshments for sale.

2026 Enrolments

Mamaku School is now open for enrolments for 2026. We cater for Primary and Intermediate Year 1-8, and are located just 13 mins from central Ngongotaha. We also offer a before/after school programme - MSD subsidies available for qualifying families.

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 24 October Group Ag Day at Reporoa Primary
 31 Oct Equisucceed Golf Fundraiser at Arikapakapa
 7 Nov Eves and Child Cancer Fundraiser
 14,15,16 Nov Festival of Gardens

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,
 2nd Wednesday Rotorua Collectibles Club: Do you collect anything? Share your passion at St Barnabas ph 0272923579
 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.
 Contact Kay myfairkay@gmail.com or 0274 982 787
 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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THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS

How will you spend your next twenty years?

We at Ngati Rangiwewehi Awahou have just had a long run of our loved Ngati Rangiwewehi people dying. Our most recent loved ones were Alan Maxwell, Nan Thompson and Robert Vaipo Simon. They all died over a very sad one-week period. Moe mai ra koutou. Moe mai ra.



Since the passing of my Papa, I have been sitting on the Paepae at Awahou marae welcoming our manuhiri to tangi, such as those above, whenever I am available. Alongside many others assembled in our Tupuna Whare, we do our best to support the bereaving whanau and represent aroha to all our manuhiri who arrive to pay their respects. It can be a tough job farewelling loved ones constantly. I was having a cup of tea with my brother Morgan at the end of that particular week and he saw that I was down, so he asked me a very poignant question.

"Bro. What are you doing to do with your next twenty years, which could be your last?"

I hope to be here longer but that patai really got me thinking. I am a goal setter and Morg's question reminded me that I needed to revisit my goal setting space to plan and make the most of my next 20 years. Thanks Morg.

What would you consider doing for your next twenty years? I

have had a couple of weeks to think about it and these are some of the things I am considering.

Legacy

What is written on my headstone? What will I have helped establish? What will continue when I am gone? What value will I leave? Did I contribute positively to people, place and planet. How and why? Did I score my age at golf?

Spiritual

How do I continue to develop my relationship with Jesus. What areas does he want me to serve in. Prayer. Taking services. Helping whanau. Golf with Jesus.

Whanau

Quality whanau time especially with Carolyn, the kids and our mokopuna. Tuakana role with Bidois whanau. Phoning whanau. Being at the marae with whanau. Golf with whanau.

Governance

How many boards I will be on and why. Succession planning for my replacement on those boards. Ongoing training in Governance. Business/Charitable board balance. Golf with board members. (Continued on p21)

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My businesses

My Professional Speaking business. Where and when? My Kauri Consultancy business. Starting new businesses? Mentoring others in business. My Professional Director business. Golf with business partners.

Friends

Mates. Who and why? What activities? Eg Continue going to Bathurst? Kai with friends. My online presence with friends. Keeping in contact with overseas friends. Visiting overseas friends. Golf with friends.

Cultural

Iwi obligations. ANZAC@Awahou. Looking after my ancestors at the urupa/cemetery. Te reo me ona tikanga. Happy Maori language week for last week everybody. Kia kaha te reo. Golf in te reo Maori with Danny.

Travel

Why and when? Travel overseas with Carolyn. Travel to Bathurst/Teams champs. Business travel. Governance travel. Personal travel. Travel to St Andrew's to play golf.

Health

Stay healthy so I am here for 20 years. Regular doctors' visits. Take my meds daily. Kapa haka for the mighty NR Pakeke group. Horse riding with Carolyn. Mental health days on the golf course.

Recreation

Fishing. Speedway. Whitebaiting. Riding electric bike. Walking. Swimming. Reading. Golf.

Location

Where will I live and why? Need to start downsizing now! Live

near a golf course.

Education

Doctorate degree (so the kids have to call me doctor). Other training and quals. IOD? Writing and publishing columns. Writing new books. Learning a new skill like how to play the guitar. Write a book about golf.

This all looks like a good start. One thing stands out already. Golf and God are a certainty. What does your list look like?

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

Postscript on Fathers' Day

A child's experience: if Mum is laughing at Dad's jokes, it means they have guests.

I would give my dad what he really wants on Father's Day, but I can't afford to move out yet.

Last Father's Day my son gave me something I always wanted: the keys to my car.

Becoming a father is easy enough, but being one can be very rough.

Why are Fathers like parking spaces? The good ones are already taken!

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Spring house market observations

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I've noticed that when the housing market is buoyant and busy, people have more confidence to make decisions about changing houses, renovating or adding on, buying rental properties to add to the national rental housing pool, making lifestyle or job changes, or buying or setting up small businesses (and borrowing money against their home to pay for it). People just seem happier, spend more (which helps keep other people in jobs), and there's a general feeling of more confidence overall.

There was a flurry of activity in the first half of the year. Since then, America's sneezed a few times instantly impacting world markets which flows through to bank lending rates, the share market, and our Kiwisaver funds etc. And the New Zealand economy has reportedly shrunk, meaning the cost of living hasn't eased back like we were all hoping (Butter-gate comes to mind).

The reality is, though, that the housing market largely operates because of mortgage lending. And most people need a mortgage loan to buy - so no money, no housing market in the first place. On that note, if you're thinking of buying a house, I personally think it's better to focus on housing security and buying the best house you can comfortably afford.

I spoke to Dan Breed, Mortgage Broker at Loan Market for any general lending tips to help buyers in the current market. His thoughts were to not be discouraged if a customer's own bank says 'no' in the first instance. He pointed out that the advantage of a mortgage broker is they do all the loan leg work for customers, look out for the best lending deals, and can give customers confidence by working out a house price bracket that fits their deposit and income situation before they start to look.

A broker also knows the lending criteria for the different banks, are up to date on the interest rates across them, and which lender may have capacity to offer lower-deposit lending across its lending portfolio at any given time. He also pointed out that sometimes customers don't quite meet standard bank mortgage lending criteria in the current market, but it's worth knowing that brokers have access to several other non-bank mortgage lenders who offer competitive mortgage lending options, too. Further, non-bank lending is becoming more common. In addition, he noted that to help protect from unforeseen circumstances, there's also peace of mind options available to customers such as mortgage payment protection and/or life insurance that can be tailored to customer's needs and personal situation.

The takeaway from this article is that if you're thinking about buying a home, be realistic about your life situation and needs vs wants. Sometimes the traditional lineal path isn't the only way of achieving a goal - whatever the goal in life. This article isn't intended to be or give financial advice, so I recommend seeking your own financial advice when buying a property to check out all your lending options, as well as getting an early indication of what house price bracket you're in relative to your income and deposit. That way you know where you stand before signing up to buy a property and potentially wasting lots of money on due diligence reports and so on for nothing.

As always, I also recommend having your lawyer look over the contract before you sign to make sure the deposit is right (make sure the deposit due on the front of the sale contract is structured correctly, particularly if using Kiwisaver) and contractual dates etc align with the realities of the time it takes to process finance applications, and obtaining due diligence title, LIM and building reports etc.

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