

More Ngongotaha Champions



Congratulations to Ngongotaha's Premier Men's Netball Team for winning the Grand Final 61-45 at Mercury Baypark in Tauranga on 15 August. Earlier that month, Johnny Grace celebrated reaching 100 games for the Ngongotaha Sports and Community Club.



Do your bit for Prostate Cancer Awareness

The Blue Walk this year is on 29th of September, starting at the Village Green.

Registration starts at 4.30 pm, walk starts 5.30 pm.

Also, you can support the annual Blue Quiz at Hennessey's on the 16th of September.

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Thursday 9.45am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee and fellowship.
11.00am Bible Study.

All are welcome.

Simplifying Local Government is Not a Simple Process!

The Head Start pathway is part of the Simplifying Local Government programme which is aimed at reducing the number of councils across New Zealand, removing regional councils and moving to unitary authorities. Head Start enabled councils to submit their own proposals for mergers for Government to consider with other councils going to an alternative government-led "backstop" process. Analysis by RLC showed that

functional connections are strongest toward Tauranga City and Western Bay of Plenty, while geographic and catchment connections are strongest with Whakatāne, Western Bay of Plenty and Taupō, and perceptual and demographic similarity is strongest with Whakatāne, Taupō and South Waikato.

Community engagement, however, has most strongly favoured Taupō and/or South Waikato as perceived alignment partners and has shown significant concern about alignment with Tauranga. The economic alignment and strategic-fit evidence also points in more than one direction. Tauranga City and the wider Bay of Plenty provide the greatest economic scale, growth, freight, logistics and urban growth capability.

However, Taupō and South Waikato provide a stronger inland strategic-fit narrative with Rotorua through tourism, geothermal resources, forestry, rural production, land/resource similarity, training links and central North Island corridors. The economic criterion therefore supports a judgement between different economic models, rather than a simple ranking by GDP or population.

Options for Council to consider were reduced due to other councils' decisions ahead of the Rotorua Lakes Council decision on 29 July 2026. Rotorua Lakes Council will now work with Tauranga City Council to jointly submit an eligible proposal under the government reforms Head Start pathway after being granted a deadline extension.

Council has approved directing the chief executive to work with Tauranga City Council to submit an eligible Head Start proposal that includes a "western" unitary authority (a merger of Tauranga City and Western Bay, against that council's wishes) and a "central" (Rotorua) unitary. The proposals already written separately by each of the two (Tauranga and Rotorua) councils would remain unchanged but would be submitted together with a letter signed by both councils, noting that the two documents should be viewed as one proposal.

Summarized from [News.Rotorua](#) and [RLC Website](#)

LAKEVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Spring must be just around the corner because the yellow pollen dusting is in full swing coating everything and irritating noses!

They say a good cold winter kills all the bugs in the garden and the frosts that we had earlier in August were certainly cold. Sadly they don't appear to have killed the bugs that are affecting so many people at the moment. The course is looking like it could do with a bit of warmth but has held up pretty well this winter especially with that run of frosts.

September club activity is the popular Top Dog/Cat competition. Players are currently begging, stealing, bribing or borrowing partners they think will help them take out the title! We look forward to the friendly rivalry and banter that will no doubt be evident through September.

Twilight will start early October once daylight saving kicks in which is not too far away!

As mentioned previously we had the pleasure of working with Trees for Survival this year. We had a fantastic day on Monday 17th August planting 867 native plants with tamariki from Rotokawa school and Dawn and James from Trees for Survival. This is such a cool initiative that gives tamariki the opportunity to get outdoors and have a positive impact on their local environments. The children were awesome workers and are great kaitiaki of Lakeview and their outdoor green spaces. A big thank you from Lakeview for being a part of our history and helping our course enhancement project!

EVENTS/FUNCTIONS.

Enquiries are continuing to come in for luncheons, weddings, birthday celebrations, prize givings and everything else function wise. If you are looking for a venue where you get a fantastic experience rather than just a place to have a meal give Charlie a call on 021346891 or email events@lakeviewgolf.co.nz. Remember to start booking those Xmas work functions! Don't leave it to the last minute.

QUIZ NIGHTS.

There will be one more quiz night in September being Friday 25th. These have been well attended with new teams registering which is fantastic.



The top teams have been different for the most part which makes it interesting and the competition more intense!

A big thank you to Kelvin our quizmaster for coming up with 100 questions for every quiz which we are sure is no easy task. We appreciate his time and efforts in making these nights a success.

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!

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Backing Ngongotaha families to save for the future

Saving for retirement is one of those things that is easy to put off. When you are paying a mortgage, running the kids around and keeping an eye on what the weekly shop costs, money you might need in forty years does not feel urgent. But it matters, and it comes up more than you would think when I am out and about in Ngongotaha. National wants to back New Zealanders to get ahead, build a bigger nest egg and retire with greater financial security. In Budget 2025 we took some practical steps. We lifted the default contribution rate for both employers and employees, and we extended the Government contribution to 16- and 17-year-olds so young people starting out in work are not left behind. We have also committed to gradually lifting KiwiSaver contributions to 12 per cent by 2032, which is the level Australians already have.

Now we want to go further for people who are working hard and planning ahead. Christopher Luxon has announced that, if re-elected, National will make KiwiSaver compulsory. We will set our kids up with a start of their own, support mums and dads on paid parental leave, and make sure older workers do not lose out. From 1 July 2028, everyone in work will be required to contribute to KiwiSaver, or an equivalent retirement savings scheme. Contributions will be set at the default rate, so by 2032 employers and employees will each be putting in 6 per cent.

For young families in Ngongotaha, the next part matters. From 1 July 2027, every baby born in New Zealand will be automatically enrolled in KiwiSaver, with a \$1500 Baby Boost payment to kick-start their savings.

That is money quietly working away in the background from day one.

We will also help mums and dads keep building their KiwiSaver while they are on paid parental leave. A new baby is a special time, but it puts real pressure on the household budget. Families are often down to one income with more going out the door.

It is understandable that many parents, most often mums, stop contributing during those months. National will fix that by making a Government contribution to a parent's KiwiSaver while they are on paid parental leave, even if the parent is not contributing themselves. And for older workers who are still on the job and still passing on what they know, we will require employers to keep contributing for staff over 65 on the same basis as everyone else. People who work hard and save carefully deserve a Government that backs them, not one that reaches for more tax every time they get ahead.

National's plan is about fixing the basics and building the future. For Ngongotaha, it is about giving families a bit more security down the track.

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Will you and your whānau be ready?

While our local emergency management professionals and teams will help if a disaster happens, everyone should be prepared to look after themselves and their community. This means you'll have resources if you need to rely on yourself for some of the time. It's up to you to make sure you and the people you care about are ready. The good news is there are plenty of resources on how to make a plan and get prepared.

Know your neighbours

People with good relationships with their neighbours recover much more quickly from a serious event. You could:

- Organise a street barbecue
- Welcome new neighbours when they move in
- Offer support at times of extra need.

Make a plan

- Plan how you will connect with your family
- Pre-arrange meeting places, if you're not at home when an emergency happens
- Outline where you will go if you have to evacuate.
Get your household ready - getready.govt.nz

Tailor your plan: Every household has different needs:

- Babies and young children - make sure you have extra supplies for your baby
- Pets and other animals - microchip, plan how to evacuate them, and have enough supplies
- Disabled, elderly or less mobile people - how will you navigate an emergency scenario?

Store extra supplies

- Drinking water for at least 3 days
- Long lasting food that doesn't need cooking
- Toilet paper and plastic buckets
- PPE and first aid supplies.
Keep a grab bag with supplies at home, at work and in the car.

Organise a grab bag

- Walking shoes, warm clothes and rain wear
- Water and non-perishable food (including for babies or pets)
- Hand sanitiser, first aid or medications
- Portable phone charger
- Cash and important documents/identification.

Know your risks

- Plan for specific emergency scenarios, like flooding, earthquakes and landslides
- Prepare your house ahead of severe weather
- Know the warning signs for various disaster risks.

Make your home safe

- Know where and how to turn off your gas valve, power and water mains
- Fix or fasten - secure heavy items of furniture
- Check your home insurance.

Stay up to date

- Make sure your phone is capable of getting Emergency Mobile Alerts
- Keep your phone charged and portable chargers handy
- Check for updates on Council social media, local Civil Defence pages, or on the radio.

Include your animals in your plans

Pets and livestock are your responsibility in the event of an emergency.

See the MPI website for checklists and resources.

BIG DOG? BIG RISK? THINK GASTROPEXY



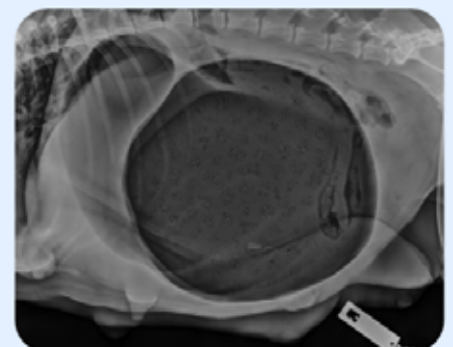
For some dogs, particularly large and deep-chested breeds, gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV), or bloat, can be a life-threatening emergency.

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Kara Niles' 5 things that add value before you sell

1.



Make a great first impression

Your front entrance, gardens and exterior are the first things buyers see. Tidy gardens, water-blasted paths, a clean front door and fresh-looking fencing can immediately lift the way a property presents.

2.



Freshen, don't reinvent

A fresh coat of paint in tired areas, repairing marks and replacing worn fixtures can make a home feel significantly newer. Stick with simple, neutral choices that appeal to a wide range of buyers.

3.



Get the little things fixed

Leaky taps, loose handles, broken switches, sticking doors and unfinished DIY jobs can give buyers the impression that a home has not been well maintained. Small repairs can have an impact on buyer confidence.

4.



Declutter and create space

You don't necessarily need to remove everything, just enough to let buyers see the rooms properly.

Clear kitchen benches, tidy cupboards, remove excess furniture and give buyers a sense of how spacious the home really is.

5.



Make the outdoor areas work for you

In Ngongotahā, outdoor living is a real lifestyle advantage. Make decks, patios and gardens inviting. Clean outdoor furniture, trim the gardens and create a space where buyers can picture themselves enjoying the warmer months.

Thinking of selling?

Every property is different, and what makes sense for one home may not make sense for another. If you're considering selling in Ngongotahā, I'm always happy to have a chat about where I would spend money and where I wouldn't.

Kara's listings



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Utuhina 249 Malfroy Road

eves.co.nz/ert22022



NGONGOTAHA INDOOR BOWLS

Monday 27th July Aggregate

Another great night of bowls! We were aiming for points tonight, but there was only one team who came away as winners — and that was Greg and Grahame!

Monday 3rd August RSA Triples Tournament

Another great night of bowls! We had three teams taking part tonight, with the aim of picking up some points. While there were no prizes for the Ngongotaha teams this time, it was still a fantastic and enjoyable social evening. It was great to get out there, enjoy the bowls, and play against members from other clubs. Thanks to everyone who took part and helped make it such a fun night!

Saturday 8th BOP Interclub

Six clubs took part, making for some tough and competitive games throughout the day. Ōhope came out on top, defeating RSA in the final. Our Ngongotaha Club team didn't quite make the top spot, but we were pleased to come away with the Plate — a great result after some tough competition!

Sunday 9th BOP Champion Of Champions Triples

The team of Helen, Gail and Greg were the winners for Ngongotaha Club, earning them the opportunity to compete against the other clubs in the Bay. Nine clubs took part in the competition. The Ngongotaha team played well throughout the day but just missed out on qualifying for the next round. The winners on the day were RSA, who played Taupō in the final. It was a very close contest, with RSA taking the win by just one point. Well done to all the teams who took part!

Monday 10th Mystery Night

Last night was meant to be a mystery night, but it didn't end up happening—so we had a normal bowls night instead. In the second game, the teams swapped roles, with the skips taking the lead position and the leads playing skip. There was lots of laughter coming from two teams in the first game, and overall, it was a great atmosphere. No winners tonight—just good fun on the mats.

Sunday 16th Champion of Champions Pairs

Nicole and Helen took part in the tournament and played well, winning two games. Unfortunately, they didn't qualify, but they had a great day and really enjoyed themselves.

Monday 17th Trophy

A bit hard to know exactly what went on tonight as I wasn't there, but from what I've heard, we were a little low on players. Those who made it along still had plenty of laughs and some good games.

Winners: Kevin, Chris and Robyn — 2 wins, 1 loss, 25 points.

Runners-up: Greg, Bruce Mapson — 2 wins, 1 loss, 24 points.

Saturday 22nd Champion of Champion Singles

The Champion of Champions Singles were played recently, and it was a very special day for our club, with one of our own members, Helen, winning her first title!(pictured) It was a great day of bowls, with some fantastic competition and plenty of excitement along the way.

I have to say, I'm feeling very pleased with myself and proud to have won my first Champion of Champions Singles title. It's a wonderful achievement and one I will certainly remember for a long time. A big thank you to everyone who supported me and helped make it such a great day.

Condolences

On a sad note, we extend our deepest sympathy to the Dibble family on the loss of Eddie. Eddie was in his 98th year and was a very well-respected member of the Ngongotaha Bowling Club. He joined the club in the late eighties, having previously been a member of the Kaharoa Bowls Club. Eddie was a Life Member, served as President, and was also honoured to be the Patron of our club. Along the way, he won quite a few competitions and made many lasting friendships within the bowling community.

I was fortunate enough to have the pleasure of winning the Pairs with Eddie, and later travelled with him to Whakatāne to play in the Champion of Champions Singles. We may not have won, but I certainly had a great day and learned a lot from Eddie. He was a true gentleman, a great competitor and someone who was always willing to share his knowledge and experience. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him. Our thoughts and deepest condolences go to the Dibble family at this very sad time. Rest in peace, Eddie.

Anyone looking at playing bowls can contact:

Richard Mills 07 3323623
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About Age

Once upon a time there were two young people in love. They met in High School and instantly knew that they would be married and be with each other forever. Their families became close friends and as they grew older it became more and more obvious to everyone that they were destined to be together.

At the end of high school, this fine young man dropped down to a knee and proposed to the love of his life. She accepted and the entire auditorium erupted in cheers. The two of them were so well known that the entire town and even some of the surrounding areas were happy for them.

One week before their wedding they decided to go to the movies. Well disaster struck. On their way home the car they were driving was struck by a drunk driver and they both perished. The entire county showed up for the funeral and it was a dark time for the community.

When the two youngsters arrived at the Pearly Gates they were greeted by St. Peter. He announced that even heaven knew of their love and wanted to know what they could do. Sheepishly, they asked for an audience with God himself. St. Peter ushered them in to God's private chambers and they asked of God "God, we have been in love for so long and we never got to get married. Would it be possible to get married in heaven?" Well God thought that would be a great thing and an event unlike any heaven had had in quite some time. They were shown their "cloud" and God told them he would get back to them with the details.

Well a few centuries pass and they never hear anything from God so they request another audience to find out what is going on. God informs them to be patient as he is working on it.

A few more centuries pass and God summons them to his chambers and informs them that everything is all set and they will be married on the next Sunday and all of the angels of heaven will be there.

It was an amazing ceremony and the reception was something that would never be topped again. The now married couple retired to their little slice of heaven to live out their afterlife together as they always intended.

A couple of months go by and they request another audience with the Almighty. While meeting with him they declare "God, we can't stand each other anymore and would like to get a divorce. Can you help us?"

God looks wearily into his hands and says "Are you kidding me, it took me four hundred years to find a priest up here, and now you want me to find a lawyer??"



Spring is here and we're looking forward to our biggest fundraising event of the year- The Craigs Investment Partners golf day in support of EquiSucceed.

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- Great prizes and prize for best dressed team
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Also About Age

*My son lost a youth rugby game because of heavy rain...
...he received a precipitation trophy*

Hip-hop is now 50 years old. Do you know what this means? It means hip-hop is now old enough to complain about today's youth being corrupted by hip-hop.

*How does a man keep his youth?
By giving her money, furs and diamonds.*



The Hauraki Stream Care Group

recently held a planting and lakeside maintenance session, planting around 100 plants and clearing grass from around previous plantings on the Hamurana Reserve.

Coordinator Peter Bjarnesen (Ph 0211088168) was recently spotted by our Secret Squirrel and received a box of chocolates.

*A priest, a minister and a youth pastor are standing by the side of a road, holding up a sign.
The sign reads "The End Is Near! Turn Back Before It's Too Late!"*

Well, along comes a redneck, driving a jacked-up ute and swigging a Waikato.

He screeches to a halt before the three men of the cloth, surveys their sign for a moment, and bursts into uncontrollable guffaws.

"Y'all religious nuts!" he shouts, after regaining his breath. "Go hang out with some climate change alarmists!"

He peels out around the corner, as the three men look at one another sadly.

*Moments pass, then from around the corner, there's a loud *SCREEEEEEEE!* followed by a *KERSPLASH!**

The minister turns to the other two. "Guys," he says, "that was the third one today!"

The youth pastor sighs. "You know, we should probably change our sign to say "Bridge Out" instead."

At a party, an old lady was complaining about the behaviour of the youth of today.

'Look at the girl over there.' She complained, 'I don't know what young girls are coming to! She is wearing boys jeans, a boys shirt, and that hair cut is so boyish - you wouldn't know if she was a girl at all, would you?'

'Well, as it happens I would', came the reply, 'because she is my daughter'.

'Oh dear', said the old lady embarrassed. 'I'm so sorry, I didn't know you were her father'.

'I'm not. I'm her mother'.

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- Ngōngōtaha Life Memories Museum
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- SH36 Concerns Being Voiced from the Community

Kia ora Koutou Katoa, Hi Everyone !!

We held our Annual General Meeting on the 5th August. It was a bitterly cold night, so we did receive quite a few apologies. Thank you to those who did brave the cold and rugged up well and also thank you for the apologies from those who couldn't make it. We had nine attendees and eight apologies. So if we get the timing and the season right we would have 17 plus attend our next AGM.

We enjoyed a lovely supper on arrival with a hot drink, this was well received rather than waiting until the close of the meeting. Some really good discussion was held, and we welcomed two new members which is great!! Welcome to Andrew and Warwick. One part of the discussion was about some local Facebook Activity that one of our members had been watching and was interested in. It has made us think about 'What we are doing and what we are focussing on?' through our Progress Ngōngōtaha Kokiri Ngōngōtaha Inc.(PNKN) Kaupapa.

So what is our Kaupapa? and How do we decide what to Concentrate on and to give Effort to? I can immediately give you an example from a recent phone call that PNKN received. It was just prior to our AGM, when a person called to give his apology and he started to talk about some concerns that he has for our community. The caller said "there must be more important things to focus on than the Ngongotaha Museum, and

the Stream!!? The conversation continued and his concern was about the Heavy Trucks using our road through the Village. I mentioned the times that we have witnessed huge truck and trailer units, endeavouring to turn left from Western Road onto SH36 (destination Tauranga). Ex Cr Bob Martin once counted all of the trucks passing our shop and Museum on the Main Highway, such was the concern about heavy traffic back then as well.

I informed the caller that this subject is now 'On the Agenda' and this is how we begin change making conversations in our community. Management will set a date, book the Hall, and put a Public Notice out and personally contact our members and Friends.

PNKN Incorporated Support Community-Led Development

Nāu te rou rou, nāku te rou rou, ka ora ai te iwi

Everyone has a unique contribution or strength to offer, communities flourish when people pool their resources and collaborate. This is well worth reading out loud.

It's exactly how the Ngōngōtaha Life Memories Museum began its life. We **did not** open the shop to create a museum. We opened the shop to fill it up with goods, so that it was no longer an empty, cold space. It created an Office space for our organisation, which was an added bonus.

Why did we need a shop? We didn't really need a shop as such, but the one we ended up occupying and a few other shops at that time were VACANT and it looked really bad, it looked awful. The Cottage Flair Shop was vacant for 18 months plus, at that time. So, we needed to do something to show that Ngongotaha wasn't closing down and the "spin off" from that decision was no more vacant shops and after about 12 to 15 months, we experienced the birth of our "beloved" "Ngongotaha Life Memories (Community)Museum". We made heaps of friends and gathered lots of suggestions and ideas, it was awesome. It was a magical five years and we loved meeting you all and being of service.

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This is Community Led Development at its most obvious and effective. It wasn't us alone who developed the museum, it was other people from our community who continued to bring in photographs, to share family stories and experiences. To 'Hang Out' and to enjoy the company of others, share stories, donate objects, and loan precious family Taonga/Treasurers. Honestly.....All PNKN did was to put a few photos up on the wall with the (Not for Sale sign) these photos had been sitting in the cupboard of the ladies, in our Community Hall.... for who knows how long??? We found a real Historic Treasure Trove in the Ladies 'Bathroom' Cupboard. So our Kaupapa is 'Community Led Development'. Lets go back to my caller....The State Highway Concerns are now Back On The Agenda for those of you who are just as equally concerned, this is where Progress Ngōngōtaha Kokiri Ngōngōtaha Inc. opens the opportunity for the whole of our community to come together to Lead the Way to hopefully have some of our community concerns solved, even if only partly to start with.

Progress Ngōngōtaha Kokiri Ngōngōtaha Incorporated believe in: Community Led Development

These are the Five Guiding Principles Developed by Inspiring Communities

- Shared local visions or goals drive action and change: NLM Museum, Ngōngōtaha Stream, Safety e.g Roving, etc. Etc.
- Use existing strengths and assets: People, Groups, Businesses, Resources, Donations...
- Many people and groups working together
- Building diverse and collaborative local leadership: There are many Leaders in a Community and not all lead from the front
- Adaptable planning and action informed by outcomes: Shared

We are working to bring other groups, clubs, businesses on board to form a 'Community Collective'. If you are interested in working alongside us for the good of Ngōngōtaha, please email progressngongotaha@gmail.com

Project 24/7 Defibrillator #2 Another Community Led Development Project

To purchase the Defibrillator and Cabinet we need \$3,001.50 We have already made a really positive start by meeting with Crispian Stewart (Projects and Engagement Manager) from Ray White Rotorua. Charity Garage Sale- When? Saturday 19th September 9 am to 12pm How can you help to make this Charity Garage Sale the best that it can be?

- We will need some goods to sell on the day
- People to help on the day

If you have goods that we can sell, please can you hang on to them for now? But please do let us know that you have something for us to sell. You can text to 022 1404391 or phone 3574565 if you would be able to help with the Charity Garage Sale. If you would like to come on board to help, or sponsor this project in some way, please email progressngongotaha@gmail.com with your name and contact details. Or leave your details with Sam at the Ngongotaha 4Square. Thank You for your support.

Our Facebook page is open. To find it look for: Progress Ngongotaha Facebook Page 2022. Please follow, share it and like it, thanks!

This has been a 'huge read' but I hope it gives you more of an idea of how we are navigating to bring our community together. As always Thank YOU to our Volunteers !!!

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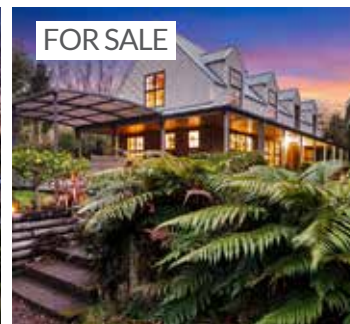


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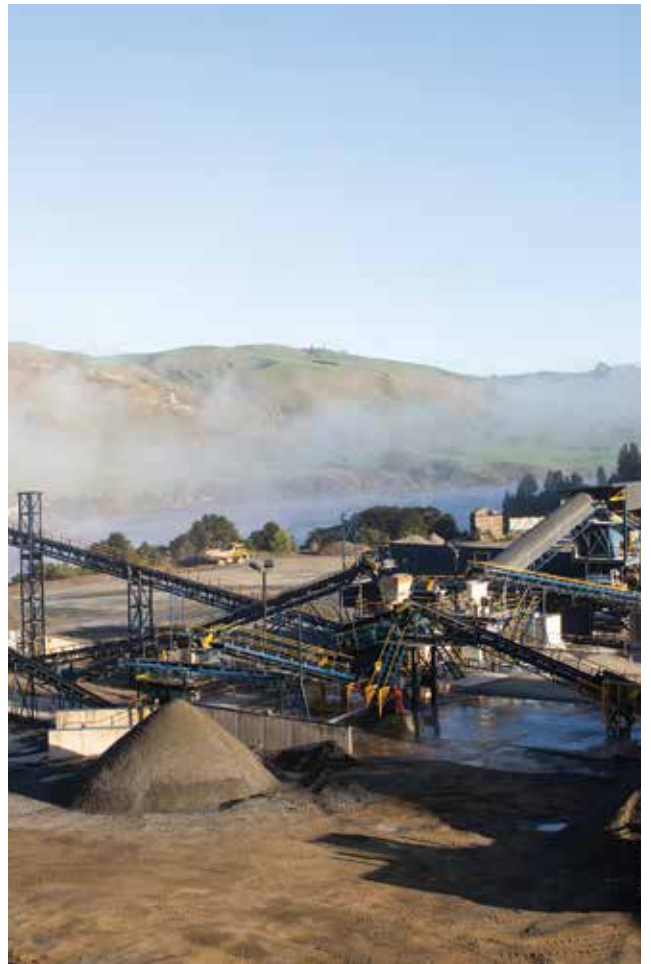
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Private House Sales

Buying or selling a home privately can be straightforward: no agents, no open homes, no commission, and a more personal connection between the parties.

But it also means taking on stress and responsibilities that a real estate agent would normally handle. I've been seeing quite a few private sales across my desk recently, so if you're considering the private sale route, here's a practical overview of what's involved and how to protect yourself along the way.

Why People Choose Private Sales: For sellers, the biggest draw is a clean-cut deal and avoiding agent commission. The parties have already agreed on a price between them and in their minds the deal is done and the pressure off. Private sales also give sellers more control over marketing, viewings, and negotiation style.

On the flip side, an agent gets the big bucks because they have the ability to draw in a bigger number of potential buyers and achieve a better sale price from the offers made - meaning that with a private sale the seller could be leaving money on the table.

Sometimes there's an emotional connection to a property and the seller wants to know who their home is going to, such as a young family.

Getting the Basics Right: Even without an agent, the legal framework doesn't change. A private sale still needs a written sale and purchase agreement, clear disclosure of known defects or issues, title check, standard conditions such as finance, LIM, and building inspection, and a lawyer.

The standard REINZ sale and purchase agreement is always recommended and is usually prepared by the buyer's lawyer. Note it's worth getting legal advice early before you sign anything. This is because under our law if it's in writing and signed by both parties, it's binding. So, it's never recommended to negotiate without legal advice by signing anything or sending an email (because that's writing ...)

Marketing and Viewings: Sellers need to think like an agent - good photos, a good tidy-up of clutter (and all that stuff in the garage ...), and a clear, honest description. Many private sellers use Trade Me, Facebook

Marketplace and other social media platforms. Be prepared to manage enquiries, arrange viewings, and answer questions about the property.

Buyers should approach private listings the same way they would any other property once they've got a signed agreement in place: LIM, finance condition, insurance condition, arrange a building inspection etc. Don't skip due diligence just because the process feels less formal.

Negotiation Without the Middleman:

Negotiation is where private sales can either shine or become unstuck. Without an agent, conversations are direct which can be great, but also emotional and stressful. Sellers should decide in advance their ideal price, bottom line, whether they're open to conditional offers, timeframes.

Buyers should feel comfortable asking questions and making a fair offer based on market research. A lawyer will help structure conditions, so you're protected while still being competitive.

However, where private sales can get tricky is when problems come back in the LIM or building report or something's happened to the property between the contract being signed and settlement. Without an agent handling those issues, it's the lawyers who effectively become the agent sorting issues out and regularly negotiating a price reduction for problems a seller may not have realised is even a problem (that lovely unconsented deck or recently tiled bathroom are classic issues).

The Legal Finish Line: Once the agreement is signed, the process hums along much the same as any other conveyancing. Lawyers handle title checks, conditions, settlement statements, mortgages, and transfer of ownership. Settlement day is coordinated between both parties' solicitors, and keys are handed over on settlement.

Final Thoughts: Private sales can be a great option, but they work best when both sides stay organised, transparent, and well advised. Whether you're buying or selling, having a lawyer involved early is the simplest way to keep the process smooth and avoid getting yourself into trouble.

With the right preparation, a private sale can be both cost effective and surprisingly straightforward.

Article supplied by Ros Morshead, solicitor at Lawbox.

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Flu and You!



Getting a flu vaccine helps reduce your risk of getting really sick or having to go to hospital.

Flu season has arrived late this year, and schools, workplaces and health providers are all feeling the impact. Here's what you need to know.

Spring isn't too far off, but winter ailments aren't over yet. Offices, schools and hospitals are grappling with a rise in cases of influenza and other respiratory illnesses this month. It seems like everyone's sick. How serious is it and what can you do?

New Zealand's experiencing a later-than-usual rise in influenza cases. Outbreaks of respiratory illness, many influenza-based, have been reported at residential care facilities, schools and childcare centres around the country. You've probably noticed more people away from work sick and parents may have received alerts from their kids' schools about flu spreading through classrooms.

Flu is serious: each year around 500 New Zealanders die from the flu.

Older New Zealanders have a higher risk of severe symptoms and adverse outcomes, such as hospitalisation and pneumonia. So does anyone who's pregnant or postpartum, or has asthma, diabetes, cancer, heart or lung conditions, according to Health New Zealand. They also warn of a higher risk of complications for Māori and Pacific people over the age of 55, children under five, anyone who's "significantly" overweight, and people with "serious mental health or addiction issues".

Although it is not 100% guaranteed to prevent the flu, the vaccine does reduce the risk of catching it and, importantly, becoming very sick with it. Last year, contraction rates were 69% lower in vaccinated people than unvaccinated, according to research by PHF Science. The flu vaccine also lowers the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

Influenza A is usually worse than a cold but the symptoms might be similar – fever, runny nose, chills, body aches, headache, cough, sore throat and gastrointestinal issues can all present with the flu, and their onset is likely to be sudden. After you're infected, (continued on page 17)



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it can take one to four days for symptoms to appear, and they're likely to last for about five days, though coughs can linger.

Influenza is very contagious: it can be contracted via particles released when coughing or sneezing, or via surfaces. This makes transmission, particularly in environments like homes, schools and offices during cold weather, when everyone's inside, sniffing and coughing anyway, common.

Influenza (flu) is a common viral infection that affects people of all ages. While it may be a mild disease for some, it can cause serious illness and hospitalisation in otherwise healthy people. Influenza vaccine is recommended each year for everyone aged 6 months and over. Vaccination is the safest way to protect you and your whānau from influenza AND reduces the spread of illness to the most vulnerable in our whānau and communities.

Immunising during pregnancy means antibodies are passed on to their baby to give them protection while they are too young to be vaccinated. The flu vaccine is updated every year to give you the best possible protection against the flu viruses likely to be circulating this season. This year's flu vaccine has been updated to better match newer subclade K (H3N2) influenza viruses. It is never too late. The highest level of protection happens in the first few months following vaccination; however, influenza can circulate in the community all year round.

The vaccine is safe. The flu vaccine has been around for many decades and has a great safety record. The vaccine does not contain live influenza viruses and cannot cause influenza. Common vaccine responses include mild pain, redness or swelling where the vaccine was given. These side effects usually last for a few days and go away without any treatment. Serious side effects, such as severe allergic reactions, are rare. If you are sick with a cough, runny nose or fever, it is still important to stay away from others, especially those most at risk, including pregnant people and newborn pēpi. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing and wash your hands.

The vaccine is funded for everyone:

- 65 years old and over
- with long-term conditions (like asthma, diabetes or cardiovascular disease)
- with reduced immune function
- who are pregnant: the vaccine is safe and recommended for every pregnancy.
- with specific mental health conditions or addiction issues
- 4 years old and under who have been hospitalised for respiratory illness or have a history of significant respiratory illness.

It is also funded for people under 65 who are most at risk of becoming very sick from flu:

Vaccines are available via appointment at GP practices, pharmacies (some offer walk-ins, but it's best to call ahead), vaccination clinics and hauora providers. Alternatively, you can arrange a time via Health New Zealand's Book My Vaccine portal. After you receive your vaccination you will need to wait up to 15 minutes for observation. Like most medicines, vaccines can sometimes cause reactions. These are usually mild, and not everyone will get them. Your health professional will discuss these with you at your appointment.

Source: Health NZ, Immunisation Advisory Centre, The Spinoff, and Life Pharmacy



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Happenings

5-11 Sep AIMS Games in Tauranga

4-20 Sep Bird of the Year Contest

14 Sep Meet the Candidates Evening. Co-hosted by Green Drinks and Forest and Bird, 5.30pm at the Pullman Hotel

16 Sep Blue September Quiz at Hennessey's

26-27 Sep Treeline Nursery 30 years birthday celebration

29 Sep Blue September Walk

1 Oct Age Concern's Staying Safe Driving Course at St. Johns

3 Oct Age Concern Positive Ageing Expo at Parksyde

14 Oct Age Concern AGM at Parksyde

16 Oct Kaharoa Ag day

13 Nov Equisucceed Golf Tournament at Arikapakapa. Contact manager @equisucceed.co.nz

Regular Events

Monday Indoor Bowls 7.00 pm Ngongotaha Community Hall

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

Tuesday Vets Golf 9.30am, Junior golf after school at Lakeview
Talking Tech on Tuesdays at Parksyde

2nd Tuesday Lions club meeting 5.30 at Ngongotaha Hall

2nd Wednesday Rotorua Collectibles Club: Do you collect anything?
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2nd Wed Ngongotaha Social Club 2026 10.00 -11.30 St Barnabas Church Hall Ph Raewyn 027 4792893

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

Thursdays Rotorua Scrabble Club 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Parksyde

Last Thursday of the month 2.00 pm Poetry Appreciation Society.

Contact Kay myfairykay@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.

Have you or your kids ever wanted to learn to sail? Here's your chance!

Ngongotaha local Chris Mitchell, a member of Rotorua Yacht Club says the Club is now offering Learn to Sail classes. The club supplies all boats for the courses. You'd be surprised to learn that sailing is a lot cheaper than many other sports.

The Club shares the same building as Coastguard, Rowing and others past the Lakeland Queen. Sailing small boats is heaps of fun, for which Lake Rotorua is ideal, shallow and sheltered.

The 3 groups doing learn to sail courses are young kids, older high school teens and adults. Sailing is a skill for life; just like riding a bike. Chris has seen teens who have become Camp America Sailing Instructors and professional race crew.

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Voting is open Sept 4-20 at www.birdoftheyear.org.nz. Winner will be announced Sept 21.

Meet the Election Candidates

Rotorua Forest and Bird and Green Drinks are running a Meet the Candidates meeting on 14 September, 5.30pm at the Pullman Hotel.



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Can do	Stepping up		Everyone belongs	



Trees for Survival Planting Day

What a fantastic morning we had, with lots of willing hands, we managed to plant nearly 1,000 native plants in around two hours – an amazing effort! A huge thank you to our parent helpers who helped transport our students to and from the farm and got stuck in alongside us with the planting. Your support helped make the day such a success. It was awesome to see the seedlings we have cared for over the past year finally planted in their new home.



Well done to our senior **hockey** teams. Both teams had a very successful end to a great season. The Goal Getters achieved overall 3rd place (with only one game loss all season). The Strikers achieved 3rd place in their division - fabulous growth and development seen within the team.

Congratulations Charly - representing Kaharoa School and earning two goal medals at Migs Interscholar Gym for double mini and **trampoline**.



Ag Day: 16 October 2026. This year the classes will be lambs, calves and kids. There will be no chicken classes this year as we do them every second year. Animals must be born between 20 July and 25 September. We are also planning three events leading up to Ag Day - Flower Art, Dog competition, and Ribbon Day (ponies/horses).

 Ag Day 2026 	
Now is the time to start having a conversation with your children about how they want to be involved. This is a fun and exciting event that children enjoy, while also learning about responsibility, care, patience, and the work involved in looking after an animal. Planned activities and events leading up to Ag Day:	
Flower Art Tuesday 13th October	Dogs (Y5-8 students only) Wednesday 14th October
Students will bring flowers to school for flower based art. There will be a tour around the classrooms Wednesday afternoon at 2:15pm to share completed art.	Leading over an obstacle course; Calling and obedience; Care and attention <i>Will require an adult to bring your dog for a set time and then return home.</i>
Ribbon Day Thursday 15th October	Lamb, Kid & Calf Friday 16th October
We plan to hold a Ribbon day with students bringing their <u>pony/horse</u> . Planning to have on lead and off lead classes, and care & attention.	The lamb, kid and calf sections are leading, calling and care & attention. <i>Note: a 'kid' is a baby goat...</i>
Other Information	
Every second year we include chickens and plants as part of Ag Day - this will occur in 2027. Students who are still at preschool are welcome to enter their animal in the Open Ring. They are invited to participate and bring their animal along to be involved. Preschool children are welcome to take part in leading, calling, and care and attention, but this is not expected. For school-aged students entering lambs and calves, we encourage you to also attend Group Day held on Friday 23rd October at Waikite Valley School. From our school Ag Day, we can enter into Group Day the top two animals in each event - leading, calling, and care and attention - from each class group: Senior, Intermediate, and Junior. This means up to nine students can be selected for each animal section. However, all students are welcome to attend Group Day and participate in the Open Ring, which is also available for kids (baby goats). Lambs, kids, and calves must be born between 20th July and 25th September. There are 4 classes for Ag Day and Group Day: Senior (Yr 6, 7 & 8) / Intermediate (Yr 4 & 5) / Junior (Yr 1-3) / Open There are resources available on our school website. www.kaharoa.school.nz following the green link titled "Click Here for Ag day Info" If you have further questions regarding Ag Day, please email agday@kaharoa.school.nz	

Volunteers needed!

We need community support for this event - are you able to help with parking, judging, assisting judges, or the food stall? Or are you able to link interested students with farmers you know who may have lambs, kids, or calves available for children to raise? If you are able to help in any of these areas, please email: agday@kaharoa.school.nz

AIMS Games 2026:

Kaharoa has swimmers, mountain bikers, and a hockey team going to the AIMS Games this year. The competition is 5th-11th September in Tauranga. We wish them all the best in their events.

Staff Updates: We are delighted to announce two internal appointments to our leadership team. Congratulations to Nicky King and Isiah Hamlin. Both continue their roles as full time classroom teachers alongside supporting their colleagues as leaders of learning. We welcome Elizabeth Kennerly back to our kura. She will be the Rākau teacher for the remainder of the year, taking over from Whaea Julie, who has a new role at Te Kura. We also congratulate Whaea Rosa and Whaea Greer, they will be heading into parental leave at the end of the term.

We have space for new students in some areas of the school:

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Ngongotahā. Our pre-school transition visits are held fortnightly on Thursday afternoons with our new entrant teacher (contact the school office for more information if interested). Our Year 6-8 classes are very full this year, but we have spaces in our Primary classes. We have space for 2027 enrolments at all year levels.

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

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Space, Style and Multiple Living Options

- Elevated to capture stunning views of Lake Rotorua and Mount Ngongotaha
- Three-bedroom, two-bathroom home with open-plan kitchen, dining and living area.
- Master suite with walk-in wardrobe and ensuite.
- Includes a two-bedroom cottage and a self-contained cabin.
- Double garage, enclosed pole shed and lean-to.

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Hamurana 48/361 Central Road

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Price by Negotiation

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Modern timeless design with exceptional quality

Elevated to capture sweeping Lake Rotorua views, this exceptional 327sqm (mol) home offers space, style and effortless living. A country-inspired kitchen with scullery anchors open-plan living and dining, flowing to covered outdoor entertaining. Four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a second lounge, solar-heated pool, rooftop solar and triple internal-access garaging complete the package, with exclusive bush trails nearby.

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Age Concern

The big event for Age Concern in October is the Positive Ageing Expo to be held on the 3rd of October at Parksyde from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm. Entry is free thanks to our sponsors One Foundation and We Care Charitable Trust. To date we have 27 stall holders ranging from 5 businesses and over 20 charities. I am sure that there is something for everyone so come along with your mum or dad and find out what has been on your mind. Many of the stalls are health related with the many conditions that seem to affect us more as we age. The other main theme of the stall holders is to do with Positive Ageing and the different organisations that have activities to keep us young.

Good in the Hood started in mid-August and runs until mid-September with our bin being at Z in Fenton Street so if you are filling up at that station please consider putting your orange tokens in our bin. The more tokens the more money it equates to.

Age Concern's AGM will be held at Parksyde on the 14th of October. We have had an excellent year and managed to get back on our feet financially, after the over-budget and red tape debacle over our tiny homes in Paraone Street.

At Age Concern, we know that for many people staying mobile can be important to maintaining independence, connection, and wellbeing as we age. Rather than focusing on testing or judgement, our approach to road safety is about building knowledge, confidence, and awareness so older drivers can make informed choices about their driving. Our next Staying Safe is free and on the 1st of October at St Johns. Just ring the office to book a space. By supporting older people to continue driving safely for as long as possible, and to plan ahead for future transport needs, we give people choices to suit their practical ability.

Money Hub has published the first guide of its kind in New Zealand: Over-65 Entitlements - The Definitive List for New Zealanders, a single consolidated list of every entitlement, payment, subsidy and discount available to New Zealanders aged 65 and over - more than 40 at last count and growing. The guide covers NZ Super and its extras, health subsidies, rates relief, transport, Supergold discounts, funded care and support, and special situations, with every item tagged so readers can see at a glance whether it is automatic, needs a one-off application, or depends on income, assets, a needs assessment or region.

The guide's central finding: most New Zealanders claim only a fraction of what they could. The information is scattered across Work & Income, Health New Zealand, councils, NZTA and dozens of (top of page)

High Use Health Card Not income tested - it suits people who visit the GP 12 or more times a year for an ongoing condition but miss out on the Community Services Card.

\$1,000 dental grant Up to \$1,000 a year, non-repayable, for immediate and essential dental treatment such as fillings and extractions - widely unknown.

ACC - at any age A persistent myth says ACC stops at 65. It does not - injuries at any age, including a fall at home, can qualify for funded treatment and support. A selection of 7 from the full list of 40+. Source: MoneyHub, Over-65 Entitlements - The Definitive List for New Zealanders Source: Scoop/MoneyHub

Rory O'Rourke Manager

company policies - and almost none of it arrives automatically.

1) Nothing arrives in one place - and almost nothing arrives automatically

Turning 65 unlocks far more than NZ Super, but nobody sends you the list. The information sits across Work and Income, Health New Zealand, your council, NZTA and dozens of company policies, and almost none of it arrives automatically - even NZ Super itself must be applied for. Our guide pulls everything into one place, organized by theme, so you can work through the lot in one sitting."

2) The most valuable entitlements are the least claimed

The pattern is consistent - the most valuable entitlements are the least claimed. The Community Services Card is the single most under-claimed card in New Zealand, and many retirees living mainly on NZ Super qualify without realising it. The Disability Allowance can cover GP visits, prescriptions, extra heating and a monitored medical alarm, yet it remains one of the least claimed payments on the list. And because the rates rebate must be reapplied for every rating year, only a fraction of eligible households ever see it.

3) Wealthier retirees miss out too - at least 15 items are not means tested

There's a persistent assumption that if you've saved well, none of this is for you. It's wrong. At least 15 items on the list apply regardless of wealth - free prescriptions, funded vaccinations and screening, Supergold travel and discounts, the Winter Energy Payment and NZ Super itself. The myth that ACC stops at 65 also needs to go - if you're injured at any age, including in a fall at home, ACC can fund treatment, transport and help at home while you recover.

Commonly missed: MoneyHub's selection from the full list

Commonly missed entitlement	Why it goes unclaimed
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Living Alone rate of NZ Super	Singles living alone are entitled to a meaningfully higher rate but Work and Income must be told when a living situation changes - including after a bereavement.
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Community Services Card	Many retirees living mainly on NZ Super qualify without realising - it takes minutes to apply and unlocks other subsidies throughout the system.
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Disability Allowance	Covers the ongoing costs of a health condition - GP visits, prescriptions, extra heating, special foods, even a monitored medical alarm - yet is one of the least claimed payments.
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Rates rebate	Must be reapplied for every rating year, so only a fraction of eligible households claims it. Retirement village residents have also qualified since a 2018 law change - and many don't know.
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Keeping Our Village Safe: Why Ngongotahā Needs Your Eyes and Ears – Sharon Fleet

When you think about what makes Ngongotahā such a special place to live, it is our deep sense of village community. From the banks of our local streams to the bustling storefronts in town, we are a neighbourhood that proudly looks out for one another. However, as our beautiful region continues to grow, so does the collective responsibility of keeping our streets safe. That is where our local community patrol steps in, and right now, we are looking for everyday heroes to join the team.

Operating right here in Ngongotahā, our local branch—the Rotorua Community Patrol—covers our village alongside our adjoining rural areas and the wider Rotorua district. Established in July 2004, we are ordinary local citizens doing something extraordinary. Working in close partnership with the New Zealand Police, we act strictly as their trusted “eyes and ears” on the ground.

A common misconception is that joining a community patrol means putting yourself in harm’s way or acting as a security guard. In reality, our mandate is safely built around the golden rule: observe and report. Patrollers always operate in pairs using a highly visible, marked patrol vehicle. We look out for suspicious behaviour, log graffiti, check on vulnerable local properties, and report incidents directly to the police. We never confront, we never intervene, and we do not chase. Instead, we provide the vital, real-time information law enforcement needs to intercept crime before it escalates.

Volunteering with us is incredibly flexible and easily fits around a busy lifestyle. Whether you have a few free hours during the day or prefer to join our evening circuits, every single shift helps build a shield of safety around our homes and rural roads. Beyond the safety aspect, it is an exceptional way to meet fantastic, civic-minded neighbours, learn new skills, and gain a profound understanding of the area we call home.

To ensure the utmost safety of our team and the public, all patrollers must be at least 18 years old, hold a valid New Zealand driver’s licence, and pass a standard police security vetting check. Don’t worry if you’ve never done anything like this before—comprehensive, professional training and ongoing support are fully provided.

We need people from all walks of life—parents, retirees, professionals, and young adults—to ensure our patrol truly mirrors the diverse, vibrant community we protect. If you have been looking for a tangible, highly rewarding way to give back to Ngongotahā and its surrounding rural districts, your opportunity has arrived.

How to Get Involved

Ready to make a difference? Taking the first step is simple. For an informal, friendly chat about what we do, contact our local coordinator, David Reader, on 027 490 2816. Alternatively, you can fill out an online enquiry directly via the CPNZ Bay of Plenty Join Page <https://cpnz.org.nz/join-cpnz/bay-plenty/> and select the Rotorua patrol option.

Don’t just wish for a safer community—help us build one.

Become a local patroller today!



Food Organic Green Organic

KERBSIDE COLLECTION COMING SOON!

From 1 October, put these things into your green-lid FOGO bin and help reduce landfill waste.



Accepted:

- Fruit & vege scraps
- Bread, pasta & rice
- Egg & nut shells, coconut husks
- Dairy products
- Meat/fish bones, scraps & fat
- Coffee grounds & loose tea leaves
- Lawn & plant clippings
- Leaves & weeds

Not accepted:

- Compostable products or bin liners of any sort
- Plastic, wood, paper, cardboard, metal
- Chemically sprayed plants/material
- Fibrous/woody plants - bamboo, large branches, flax, cabbage tree & palm
- Human/animal waste
- Soil or dirt



Read the full list at: rlc.net.nz/fogo

It's almost time to

Spring *into* Sold

Spring's nearly here! It's time to shake off winter and grow something new!
I'm kicking off the season with Spring into Sold and giving away free seed
packets to help you get your garden blooming.

Let's grow something great this spring, maybe even a sold sign!

Coming into a new season, the value of your property might have changed.
If you're curious, contact me for a current and confidential market appraisal.
I'll bring the seeds too!

