

ROTORUA-TATAU TATAU

Our people, our culture, our place, our Rotorua

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Te kaunihera o ngā roto o Rotorua

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Rotorua Lakes Council will be closed from midday Friday 21 December 2018 to Monday 7 January 2019 with services such as water, rubbish and recycling, noise and animal control operating as normal.

Holiday hours for Council services will be available at rotorualakescouncil.nz from 15 December.

Any questions or urgent issues can be phoned through to the council (24 hours, 7 days) on **07 348 4199**.

No rubbish and recycling collection on Christmas Day

Waste collection staff won't be emptying bins on Christmas Day. This means for that week (24- 28 December) collection days will move to the following day.

See the table below for your Christmas week changes

Normal collection day	Christmas week collection day
Monday 24 December	Monday 24 December
Tuesday 25 December	Wednesday 26 December
Wednesday 26 December	Thursday 27 December
Thursday 27 December	Friday 28 December
Friday 28 December	Saturday 29 December


Collections will return to normal the following week (31 December – 4 January). Check your collection day at rotorualakescouncil.nz/rubbish


If you have any questions or concerns about rubbish and recycling collections please call Rotorua Lakes Council on **07 348 4199**.


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MAKING THE HEALTHY CHOICE THE EASY CHOICE

Working as a nutritionist in schools, Jasmin Jackson saw first hand just how many children were lacking healthy, nourishing food in their lunches.

After some initial research and exploration, a board of trustees was formed and Ka Pai Kai Rotorua was established as a charitable trust with Jasmin as chair.

Two months later, their first school lunches were delivered.

Ka Pai Kai Rotorua is a not-for-profit school lunch service that makes nourishing school lunches fresh to order each day. The model originally began in Tokoroa and has been adapted to suit Rotorua.

Ka Pai Kai lunches are made using high quality ingredients and compostable and eco-friendly packaging wherever possible. The trust has excellent relationships with local organic produce growers and suppliers who regularly donate goods for lunches such as eggs, micro greens, and lettuce. Where possible, Ka Pai Kai uses locally grown and supplied produce to reduce its carbon footprint.

In less than a year Ka Pai Kai has grown from providing lunches to two low decile schools, to providing lunches at nine schools, delivering about 700 school lunches per week.

Jasmin explains their success has a lot to do with changing people's perception of food.

"When we started in May 2017, we were told things like 'children don't like healthy food' and 'healthy food is too expensive'.

"Ka Pai Kai aims to challenge these perceptions by showing parents how much children can enjoy nutritious kai. We aim to make nourishing school lunches affordable and accessible and most importantly, normal for tamariki here in Rotorua."

"Eating well is important for good learning outcomes and all tamariki should be able to eat a nourishing lunch regardless of their parents' income."

Volunteer support allows Ka Pai Kai to keep costs low and lunches are sold with no profit margin. However for some whanau the \$2.50 to \$4 it costs to make a Ka Pai Kai lunch is still more than they can afford says Jasmin.

"To reduce inequities, our generous sponsors and donors subsidise the cost of our lunches in lower decile schools to make them affordable, and to enable us to compete with poor quality kai like hot chips, sausage rolls and pies.

"Although providing free lunches is not our core operation, where schools come to us with significant food insecurity issues and Kids Can free food is not available to them, we work with the community and our sponsors and donors to meet this need."

Rotorua Lakes Council announced a three year partnership agreement with Ka Pai Kai Rotorua earlier this year and the grant provided will help the trust achieve its long term goals.

There are currently about 25 volunteers assisting in the kitchen, operating from a local marae and a further 15 volunteers who deliver the lunches Monday to Friday. Ka Pai Kai has two paid employees – a part time kitchen coordinator and a part time kitchen hand.

"Our long term goal is to be financially self-sustaining while also meeting our goal of reducing inequities for children.

"We were thrilled to receive the grant from Rotorua Lakes Council and it couldn't have come at a better time.



Jasmin Jackson, Chairperson of Ka Pai Kai

We are currently capped at providing lunches to nine schools due to the size of our kitchen. Without a bigger kitchen we can't take on more schools, despite the demand for it.


"The grant will help us lease a larger kitchen and employ a skilled Operations Manager to help grow Ka Pai Kai's income stream, with a view to being self-funding within three years."

Ka Pai Kai Rotorua is always on the lookout for new corporate sponsors and there are a number of ways to be involved.

Jasmin says the support Ka Pai Kai has received from the community has been a highlight of the journey.

"It's been awesome to see our community support what we are doing. So many individuals and organisations have put their hands up to help and it just goes to show that everyone wants what's best for our community and our tamariki. This support has always given us the confidence to keep doing what we're doing, and it lets us know that we're on the right track."

Visit:

 fuelled4life.org.nz/fresh-made/what-is-ka-pai-kai-rotorua to find out more.



Rotorua celebrated local business success recently at the 2018 Westpac Business Excellence Awards. We profile the supreme winner and the city's employee of the year

**Four Square
Edmund Road
owner Clare
Gallagher with
Employee of the
Year award winner,
Daniel Ward.**



Celebrating success

FOUR'D THINKING

“Who, at 20 years old, knows whole-heartedly what they want to do with their life and fully invests in a plan to get them there?”

According to Four Square Edmund Road owner Clare Gallagher, Daniel Ward does. The Rotorua lad was recognised at this year's Westpac Business Excellence Awards as Employee of the Year. His boss and mentor Clare also accepted the Retail Excellence Award and speaks highly of her employee.

“We are really proud of Dan and what he has achieved.”

Daniel has been working at the busy Four Square for five years and is fully committed to being a grocer. He wants to own his own store.

He says winning the Employee of the Year award “blows my mind”.

When we caught up with Daniel and Clare the pair couldn't stop grinning when they spoke about working at Four Square and winning their respective awards.

Daniel is a clear customer favourite at the store and has a legion of fans both young and old. Clare says Daniel's nomination for the award talked about his desire to

help everyone, his passion and dedication to not only be a great team player but to offer the best service.

“I just try to motivate people and I enjoy helping people,” Daniel says. “This job is 100 per cent about the people, customers and staff.”

He credits the job for helping him learn about himself.

“I never used to talk to people. I've learnt so much in this job. This is where I developed all my confidence.”

Daniel is halfway through a manager development programme and will also be put forward for leadership development courses. He says he wouldn't be able to do it without Clare's support and mentoring.

Clare worked at Four Square Edmund Road when she was working through her manager training.

“This was the ideal. It was the store we'd love to own, but we thought it was way out of our league. When the opportunity

came up to purchase the store, we jumped at the chance.”

Clare says the store has great community spirit and that is something she is a huge believer in and wants to foster.

“Being able to give back and be an active part of the community is what drives us in business.”

For Clare, who bought the business just over a year ago, the prospect of winning the awards was just a dream.

“We set ourselves the goal of being finalists [in the business awards] and we achieved that. Winning was just amazing. I couldn't believe it.”

She only decided to write down some notes for a speech while waiting for a taxi to take them to the awards evening – just in case.

“It was so overwhelming. I am just so proud of the team and what we have achieved.”

“We ask a lot of our staff and they just smash it.”



Blair, Denise, Jacqui, Jeff and JP from Event Impressions

Celebrating success

MAKING AN IMPRESSION

Sixteen years ago Pinterest didn't exist and people thought Jacqui and Jeff Alexander were crazy for bulk buying chair covers.

The husband and wife duo set up Event Impressions after working in Rotorua's hospitality industry and ever since have been working behind the scenes to make sure conferences, events and parties go off without a hitch.

The duo admit they are complete opposites – but that's what makes them a great team. They built the business from the ground up and in doing so have helped showcase Rotorua through event planning and design, not only to people throughout New Zealand, but on the world stage.

Their hard work was recognised at Rotorua's 2018 Westpac Business Excellence Awards, with Event Impressions taking out the Service Sector Excellence Award as well as the Supreme Award.

Event Impressions helps create events nationwide and despite having an office in Auckland, Jacqui and Jeff are dedicated to keeping Rotorua the hub of the business.

"Rotorua is the town built on tourism, that's why we were here. We came here for the multitude of hotels and conferences," Jacqui says.

"We are here for the lifestyle. We choose to work from here because it is the place we want to be."

The decision to set up a second office in Auckland wasn't the couple's first choice.

"We were in the process of setting up an office in Christchurch which would act as our South Island base.

"It was 2011 and there is an industry event called Meetings which was scheduled to be held in Christchurch in June. It was going to be our debut event to showcase our Christchurch office.

We had planned to call it Shuffle: mix, move and mingle, that name became very apt.

"The earthquake happened in February and it was a very difficult and emotional

time. That event ended up being moved to Rotorua and that name became very appropriate.

"The event itself was a big achievement of ours. It is definitely one that sticks in my mind. One of the things we organised was a silhouette routine to the national anthem, it was hugely emotional and you could have heard a pin drop."

That event is only one in a huge portfolio. Jacqui can vividly remember and name several high profile events in which she has had a hand.

The Halberg Awards in Christchurch, Super Sprints, the first functions at Shed 10 and the Viaduct Event Centre.

The list is impressive. As Jacqui describes the work they do, it is evident she is passionate about her work.

"It is very taxing, physically, mentally and emotionally, but we do a lot more than just decorating."

Winning the local business awards came as a shock to the pair who acknowledge they were up against big competition.

"I was completely stunned. Everyone kept it a secret from us. We had no clue," Jacqui says.

Event Impressions was the team behind putting the business awards together and despite winning on the night, still had to pack up the venue.

The win has re-energised Jacqui who strives to continuously come up with inspirational and exciting events.

"Of course, we couldn't do it without our amazing team. They really do go above and beyond."

And what of Rotorua?

"Rotorua needs more growth, more hotels and conference facilities. There is a huge demand there."

Lexi the office companion



The winners:

- 🏆 Young Entrepreneur of the Year: Kacy Sander
- 🏆 Employee of the Year: Daniel Ward – 4 Square Edmund Rd
- 🏆 Social Licence Business Award: Crankworx
- 🏆 Not For Profit Business Award: Te Taumata Ngāti Whakaue Iho-Ake Trust
- 🏆 Innovation and Disruption Business Award: Kilwell Fibretube Ltd
- 🏆 Bi-Lingual Business Award: Kahui Legal
- 🏆 Business Person of the Year: Peter Clark – PF Olsen
- 🏆 Small Business Excellence Award: Stolen Bike Catering
- 🏆 Retail Excellence Award: 4 Square Edmund Rd
- 🏆 Service Sector Excellence Award: Event Impressions
- 🏆 Tourism & Hospitality Excellence Award: Kaitiaki Adventures
- 🏆 Primary and Manufacturing Industries Excellence Award: Onuku Māori Lands Trust
- 🏆 Judges Acknowledgement of Excellence Award: Kilwell Fibretube Ltd
- 🏆 Property & Construction Excellence Award: The Glass Guys
- 🏆 Outstanding Contribution to Rotorua Award: Red Stag Timber
- 🏆 Supreme Business of the Year: Event Impressions

Making a difference

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

In an unassuming shop in Rotorua's central city, magic happens.

Racks of clothes line the walls, with shoes and handbags on shelves. A meeting table is in one area and a laptop sits on a desk. Although it sounds like a normal retail store, the majority of these clothes aren't for sale – they are given away.

Those struggling to secure employment, returning to the workforce or wanting to change careers visit Dress for Success and often walk out of the Eruera Street store a different person.

"People arrive here and are who they perceive themselves to be, but they leave here the person they are meant to be," says Rotorua Dress for Success president Michelle Pleydell.

"We empower people and help them find their confidence."

Dress for Success first opened in Rotorua in 2012 and since then has helped nearly 1200 clients with CVs and outfits suitable for job interviews and work environments.

Dress for Success is a free service, with about 80 per cent of clients referred by partner agencies and the other 20 per cent being self-referrals.

"The self-referrals normally come to us after they have spoken to a friend who has come here and gone on to find a job," Michelle says.

"We offer a wrap-around service and can often be the missing link in the chain."

Internationally Dress for Success is a service offered only to women but the Rotorua office saw a need to also help men in the community. They are one of a limited number of offices in New Zealand to offer that inclusive service.

"About 50 per cent of the CVs we help with are for men. They don't all want help with clothes and dressing but we can help."

To keep them even busier the Rotorua team has recently completed a pilot programme with the Department of Corrections, called Resilient Women.

A Corrections spokesperson says this programme helped women offenders develop skills in confidence and resilience, with the goal of supporting them

into education, training or employment once completed.

Michelle says the pilot programme went well with 10 out of the 11 candidates in work or in training as a result.

The Corrections spokesperson says the Resilient Women's Programme would be run again in Rotorua.

"We are also looking to offer the programme to women on community-based sentences in Hamilton, Eastern Bay of Plenty and Taupo.

"We have been encouraging staff in our four regions to consider running this programme at their own Community Corrections sites, and have provided them with the relevant information to support this.

"The needs of offenders across each community may vary, so any decision to run this specific programme in other cities would need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis."

Michelle has been involved in Dress for Success in Rotorua since its inception.

"I was at the Chamber of Commerce and was contacted by Kim Pears who wanted to set up Dress for Success in Rotorua.

"I jumped on board straight away. It was just something which really resonated with me. We were women who wanted to help other women succeed."

Since then the Rotorua affiliate group has gone from strength to strength.

"No matter how many people we help, I always get a buzz out of it," Michelle says.

"You see some people coming to us who have no confidence in themselves or their abilities and by talking to them, helping them with their CVs and dressing them you see them transform. They stand straighter, they smile and you can just see them become the person they are meant to be."

Contact Dress for Success

☎ 07 348 3660

✉ rotorua@dressforsuccess.org

f [DressForSuccessBOP](#)



Dress for Success Rotorua volunteers (from left) Deb Bell, Sue Lewis-O'Halloran, Ans Hoyle, Jill Kitchen, Margaret Stodart, Julia Hemara, Sue McKenzie.

How to help:

- 👕 Donate quality clothes
- 👕 Volunteer as a stylist
- 👕 Help mend or iron items of clothing
- 👕 Buy items from the pop up shop
- 👕 Donate or take part in fundraising events

SAMPLE THE STREAT

Setting goals and becoming more community focused are top priorities for the Eat Streat collective.

Chairman and Sobar owner Jason Wright says there are big plans for the future of Rotorua's premiere al fresco dining spot.

"We want to work closely with the inner city revitalisation team and collaborate with them and just build on what we have. It's all about further enhancing the street and also becoming more community focused."

Since Eat Streat's inception it has become a unique environment and the businesses are now all working collaboratively.

"We have put in place a strong code of ethics and have agreed to work together. It could be quite difficult for people in our situation to work together but we are all on the same page about what we want to achieve and we are all dedicated to get there," Jason says.

"The community engagement moving forward is vital for our survival. We also need to focus on the low season and have been working with Destination Rotorua to offer Eat Streat as an asset and a place to go for those coming here for conferences."

One of the main goals is making Eat Streat as community focused as possible.

"We want the community to come and use Eat Streat as a facility. We could have prize givings and events here. The beautiful thing about Eat Streat is the fact that it is year-round waterproof. The geothermal underground heating is great too."

"We want to make the street more user friendly, have more bike racks, create loading zones to make it safer, have a big screen up all the time. We want more connectivity to the city's cycle tracks.

We really want it to have a communal feel when you are down here."

Jason has owned Sobar for two years and is also the owner of successful rafting company Kaitiaki.

"We have a tourism business and we were looking for a food and beverage offering. When a spot opened up on Eat Streat it was a no-brainer. It has great foot traffic and ambience."

A highlight for Jason of owning a business and working on Eat Streat is the reaction from visitors and newcomers to Rotorua.

"It is really rewarding when you bring someone from out of town here. They really buzz on it."

Coming into summer Jason knows the dining precinct will be busy with both locals and tourists.

"We have a great atmosphere here and people really enjoy it. We definitely encourage people to come and check it out, especially if they haven't been down here for a while.

"There is something for everyone on the Streat; the range of venues is wide and varied. It is a unique and different location and something which other cities and towns are looking to replicate."

Jason says it is exciting to be part of Rotorua's history, especially at a time when the city is experiencing growth.

"With a new hotel being developed in the central city it will be interesting to see what impact that will have. Also the Lakefront development – there's so much happening to boost Rotorua, it is exciting to be a part of it."

Jason attended the Provincial Growth Fund announcement of the Government's \$19.9 million commitment for the Lakefront project.

"It was awesome to hear the announcement. It is very exciting and hopefully this will help fast-track the project.

"It's all about building that connectivity between the lakefront and Eat Streat and the inner city."

Sobar staff member Kevin Harford loves working on Eat Streat.

"We just get such a huge range of people coming through here. There are people from everywhere," he says.

"You hear so many different stories from travellers.

"We get so many compliments about Eat Streat from both tourists and locals. It's just something you don't find anywhere else and people are just blown away."

 rotorualakescouncil.nz/eatstreat



HOSPICE

Monica McTague describes herself as a fighter. The Rotorua woman has a terminal heart condition and has been told she could die at any moment but surrounded by family, she continues to get up and see another day.

Monica suffers from a range of illnesses but her primary condition is Congestive Heart Failure. She takes pride of place in her special chair in the middle of the family's lounge. She has oxygen tubes hooked up to her nose and relies on the assistance of a walking frame.

She is surrounded by family in every sense of the word. Every wall of the lounge is filled with family photographs and family members come and go from the busy household.

It's not just relatives she is classing as family but also the team at Rotorua Community Hospice.

Monica has been in Rotorua for just over a year and is under the care of the local Hospice team. She was previously in Auckland with her niece Barbara, who is also her caregiver. Barbara gave up work to look after Monica but the increasing cost of living in Auckland prompted a move to Rotorua to be closer to family.

Monica says she hasn't always been sick. When she was younger she was healthy and had four children. Her terminal diagnosis came about seven years ago.

"I've had a hard road," she says. "If it's not one thing, it's another."

Monica isn't a huge talker, letting her sister Bernadette and niece Barbara fill in the gaps.

"It's been tough," Bernadette says.

"We've been told she could go at any minute. We experienced it when we were in Auckland, she should have passed twice, but she found the energy to keep on fighting. So we just take things one day at a time."

Bernadette says the family would be lost without the help they receive from Hospice.

"They are just awesome. They are wonderful, they come in with huge smiles and know how to cheer Monica up when she is having a down day."

"But it's not just Monica, they support us too. They have become an extension of our family."

Monica is house-bound and the Hospice team regularly visit her at home. They change dressings and organise doctor visits.

"It is hard to describe everything they do," Bernadette says.



"They are just angels. They look after so many people."

The average number of new patient referrals to Rotorua Hospice per year for the past five years is 268. The team care for people in their final days, with 80 per cent of their patients dying in their own homes.

While Hospice care is free, it costs a lot to provide the service. As an essential health provider, Hospice receives Government funding but also relies on financial support from the community which is essential to meet the shortfall.

Rotorua Community Hospice receives about 50 per cent of its funding from the Lakes District Health Board and has to fundraise for the rest, about \$90,000 annually. This is made up from fundraising events, two op-shops, grants and donations.

Monica's family are urging people to help out.

"One day you may need them," Bernadette says.

"Look within your hearts to support this beautiful whānau Hospice."





Volunteer hours 2017:

10,599

Average number of new patient referrals per year for the past 5 years is

268



About 80%

of people die in their own home
Hospice is a philosophy of care



The majority of people receiving support are cared for in their own homes



Hospice can provide care and support for anyone living with a life-limiting condition e.g. heart failure, motor neuron disease, MS or cancer



They care for families and friends as well, both before and after death

rotorua
community
hospice
Living Every Moment



How you can help:

- Shop at the Hospice op-shops, at 1134 Eruera Street and 288 Te Ngae Road
- Sign up to volunteer – email volunteers@rotoruahospice.co.nz
- Donate today via the national website or post a cheque to Rotorua Community Hospice Trust, PO Box 1092, Rotorua
- Become a Corporate Partner

Rotorua Community Hospice chief executive Jonathan Hagger and long serving volunteer Pare Aratema



Hospice welcomes new chief executive

A former church minister turned business administrative manager has become the new chief executive at Rotorua Community Hospice.

Recently taking up his new role, Jonathan Hagger is looking to continue the good work of the organisation, providing palliative care for patients with serious and incurable diseases and their whānau/families.

“Support is provided in different ways such as financial management, championing sustainable practices and most importantly, supporting the nurses without whom there would not be a Hospice service. It is my role also to acknowledge and support our Hospice volunteers who are essential for the day to day running of the service.”

Jonathan says having the opportunity to work for an organisation that provides an essential service to the Rotorua community is a privilege and very humbling.

“This whakatauki describes my philosophy and approach to life - He aha te mea nui o te ao. He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata. What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.”

He says the team at Hospice acknowledge the individuality of each person and take into account their physical, spiritual, emotional and social needs.

“I will support the ongoing work of Rotorua Community Hospice in becoming a culturally competent service provider meeting the needs of all persons in our community. Rotorua has a culturally diverse community and it is vital that we are sensitive to and incorporate, the values of all people and in particular Māori. Te Ara Whakapiri is a key set of guidelines and principles published by the Ministry of Health in 2017 and we are incorporating this model into our delivery of care in conjunction with Waikato and Taupo Hospices. Having these principles embedded into the work we do is a priority piece of work. In future we will also be seeking opportunities to work collaboratively with Te Arawa and iwi on projects to support families and whānau across Rotorua.”



Shaping our District

LAKEFRONT DEVELOPMENT

For more
info visit:

[rotorualakescouncil.nz/
lakefrontdevelopment](http://rotorualakescouncil.nz/lakefrontdevelopment)



Rotorua's Lakefront is getting a makeover that will improve this popular community space for both locals and visitors.

The redevelopment is included in Rotorua Lakes Council's 2018-28 Long-term Plan and will feature a new playground, a five-metre wide boardwalk over the water, a terraced area to the lake edge and improved public and commercial facilities. Parking will be moved and the village green will be retained.

- 1 Ohinemutu Entrance
- 2 Boating and Water Sports
- 3 Boat Trailer Parking
- 4 New Waka Ama Facility
- 5 Relocated Car Parking
- 6 Shared Space
- 7 Increased Bus Parking
- 8 New and Larger Wharewaka Building
- 9 Open Lawn for Events
- 10 5m Wide Timber Boardwalk
- 11 Plaza Space for Entertainment
- 12 Terraces
- 13 Commercial Operators
- 14 Shelter and New Toilets
- 15 Shelter
- 16 Existing Trees to be Retained
- 17 New Playground
- 18 Compacted Lime Paving
- 19 Compacted Lime Promenade
- 20 Concrete and Grass Terraces
- 21 Bridges to Boardwalk
- 22 Existing Toilets Retained
- 23 Wide Shared Footpath and Cycleway
- 24 Natural Lake Edge
- 25 Boardwalk Viewing Platform
- 26 Future Hotel Site
- 27 Future Viewshaft
- 28 Future Spa Site
- 29 Building for Restaurants, Cafe, Kiosks, and Commercial Ticketing

Reviving our facilities

MUSEUM AND SHMPAC

Project managers have been appointed for seismic work and redevelopment of Rotorua Museum and the Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre

Following a competitive detailed tender process WSP Opus were appointed to manage the museum project and AECOM the performing arts centre project.

The projects need dedicated, experienced project managers to ensure quality, timeframes and budgets are actively overseen every step of the way says Stewart Brown, Rotorua Lakes Council's Manager Arts and Culture.

"These projects are both quite complex. They both involve seismic strengthening, they are both Category 1 heritage buildings and they are both situated in a geothermal area with the added challenges that brings."

The design phase for both projects is well underway with construction to start in 2019.

The museum and performing arts centre are key projects in Council's 2018-28 Long-term Plan with \$15 million committed towards seismic strengthening of Rotorua Museum and \$4.5million towards seismic strengthening of the Sir

Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre. The balance of funds for both projects is to be sourced externally.

WSP Opus has a team in Rotorua and can draw on additional expertise from around New Zealand and internationally if required. The company also knows the challenges of working in our geothermal landscape.

"It means they will be right here- in the project and on site. With such a complex development quick responses will be a really important factor to keep the project on track," Mr Brown says.

AECOM, which has offices around New Zealand and the world, has provided excellent interim project management services for the performing arts centre during the past few months and has a wealth of knowledge and expertise.

"The depth of their team, experience working with Councils, combined project management experience and already established relationships will ensure this project continues to progress efficiently."

For more info visit:

rotorualakescouncil.nz/reopenshmpac

rotorualakescouncil.nz/repairmuseum



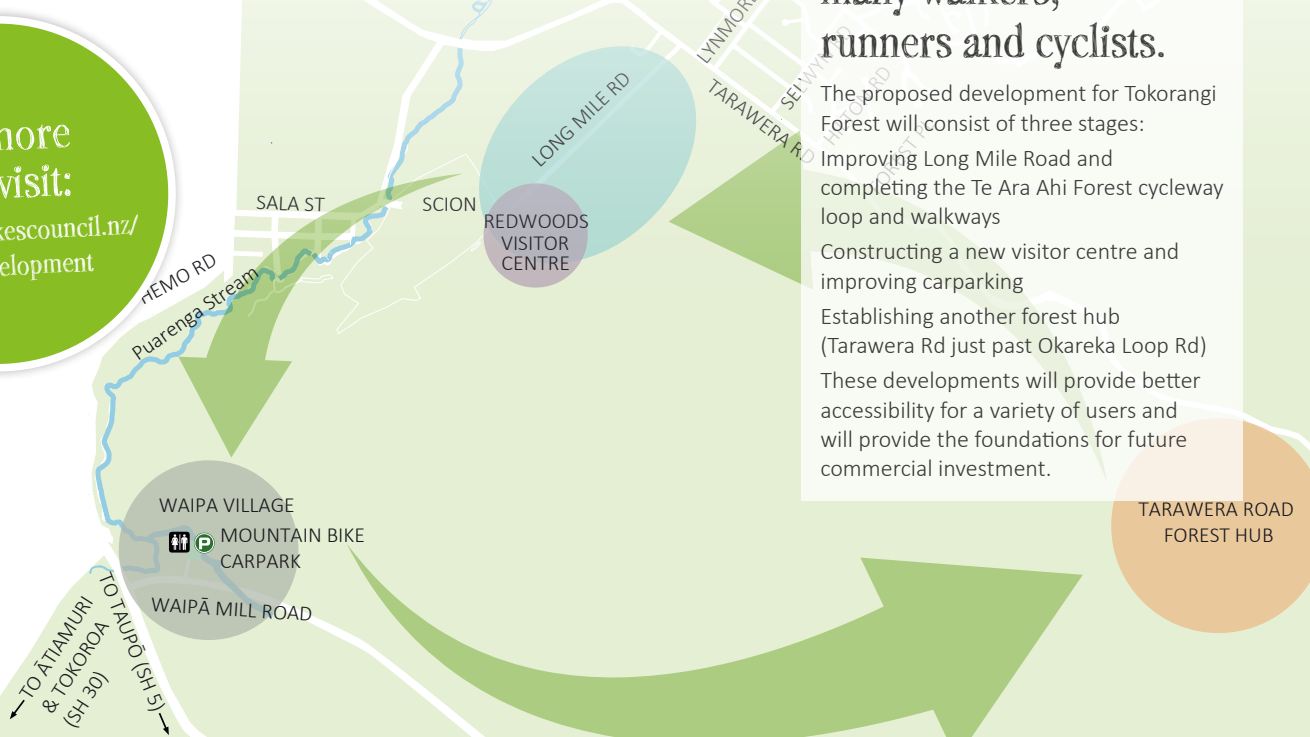
After more than a decade on stage and screen Kiwi actor, writer and director Cian Elyse White (Te Arawa, Ngati Pikiao) has taken up a new role as Rotorua Lakes Council's new Performing Arts Director, joining the Arts and Culture Team which is tasked with delivering events, facilities, services and programmes that will see Rotorua loved as the heart of Māori cultural expression and known for its vibrant and creative arts.

Shaping our District

WHAKAREWAREWA FOREST DEVELOPMENT

For more info visit:

rotorualakescouncil.nz/forestdevelopment



Tokorangi Forest (Redwoods) is a much-loved destination and is enjoyed by many walkers, runners and cyclists.

The proposed development for Tokorangi Forest will consist of three stages:

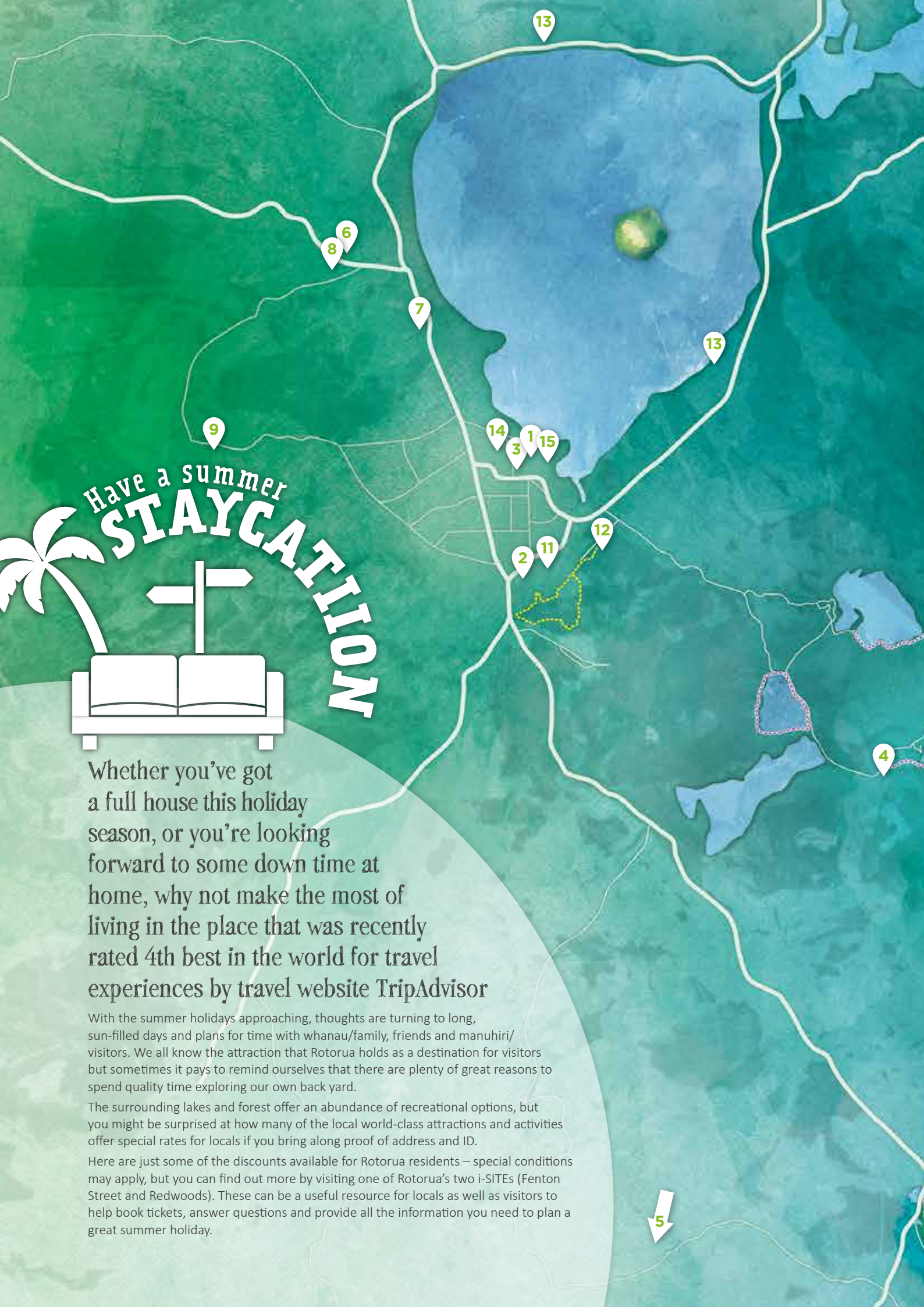
Improving Long Mile Road and completing the Te Ara Ahi Forest cycleway loop and walkways

Constructing a new visitor centre and improving carparking

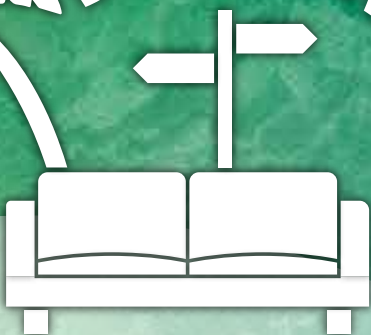
Establishing another forest hub (Tarawera Rd just past Okareka Loop Rd)

These developments will provide better accessibility for a variety of users and will provide the foundations for future commercial investment.

TARAWERA ROAD FOREST HUB



Have a summer
STAYCATION



Whether you've got a full house this holiday season, or you're looking forward to some down time at home, why not make the most of living in the place that was recently rated 4th best in the world for travel experiences by travel website TripAdvisor

With the summer holidays approaching, thoughts are turning to long, sun-filled days and plans for time with whanau/family, friends and manuhiri/visitors. We all know the attraction that Rotorua holds as a destination for visitors but sometimes it pays to remind ourselves that there are plenty of great reasons to spend quality time exploring our own back yard.

The surrounding lakes and forest offer an abundance of recreational options, but you might be surprised at how many of the local world-class attractions and activities offer special rates for locals if you bring along proof of address and ID.

Here are just some of the discounts available for Rotorua residents – special conditions may apply, but you can find out more by visiting one of Rotorua's two i-SITes (Fenton Street and Redwoods). These can be a useful resource for locals as well as visitors to help book tickets, answer questions and provide all the information you need to plan a great summer holiday.





Photo credit:
Te Puia



Photo credit:
Redwoods Treewalk

1 Rotorua i-Site

Free for locals

- 2 Te Puia offers a Whanau Card for free entry to the park
- 3 Bibleworld Museum and Discovery Centre (free to everyone)
- 4 Buried Village offers 50% local discount for the first entry and then a Heritage Card for a year's free entry
- 5 Orakei Korako offers a discount for the first entry and then you can return for free

50% discount on full price for locals includes:

- 6 Agrodome
- 7 Ogo
- 8 Velocity Valley (individual products)

9 Paradise Valley

10 Waimangu (excluding boat cruise)

11 Whakarewarewa, The Living Māori Village

Free family activities

- 12 Take a walk in the Redwoods. The Mokopuna track is popular with families, plus you can let the little ones take part in some rock hunting.
- 13 Visit one of Rotorua's lakeside reserves, Hannahs Bay or Hamurana lakefront reserve. Both offer walkways and playgrounds.
- 14 Kuirau Park is a great inner city spot which has walkways to explore geothermal activities.
- 15 Make sure you check out the bilingual playground in Government Gardens. Take a stroll around the gardens or go along to one of the free Outside the Walls museum tours.



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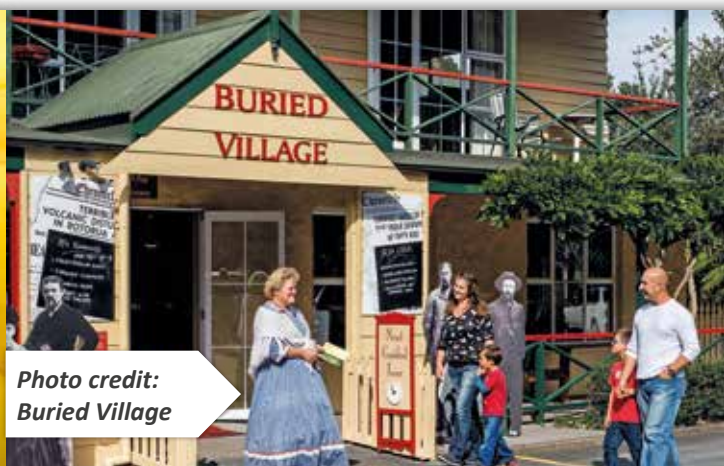


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Buried Village

Many others offer local discounts, including:

- > Adventure Playground Rotorua
- > aMAZEme
- > Canopy Tours
- > Hells Gate
- > Horse Trekking Lake Okareka
- > Kaituna Cascades
- > Kaituna Kayaks
- > Lakeland Queen
- > Mitai Māori Village
- > NZ River Jet
- > Off Road NZ
- > Railcruising

- > River Rats
- > Tamaki Māori Village
- > Waikite Valley Thermal Pools
- > Zorb

Annual or monthly passes

- > Polynesian Spa (also locals' discount for treatments)
- > QE Health (also locals' discount for treatments)
- > Rainbow Springs (also locals' discount for single visit)
- > Redwoods Treewalk (also locals' discount for single visit)
- > Skyline Rotorua

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Reo Rua

TATAU – TATAU

Te reo Māori advocate Rawiri Waru says the name of Rotorua Lakes Council’s magazine credits the organisation’s partnership with Te Arawa.

The magazine, which is delivered to about 26,000 mailboxes across the district was originally titled *Our Rotorua | Rotorua Tatau Tatau* when first published in September 2017. It was renamed *Rotorua – Tatau Tatau* at the suggestion of Rawiri, a Te Arawa o Te Arawa board member and Māori language interpreter and translator.

He raised the subject of the magazine’s title in September last year asking if both the *Our Rotorua* and *Rotorua - Tatau Tatau* could be given equal weight.

“Our Rotorua – he nui ngā kupu [features larger font] while we go to the bottom – he reo Māori and he āhua iti ngā kupu [is somewhat smaller font]. Is there a way that (you) can have... kia mana ōrite ngā reo e rua [so both languages have the same mana]?” he asked.

He says the magazine’s name is a reflection of the partnership agreement that was signed by Council and Te Arawa in 2015.

Council has made a conscious effort to use Te Arawa mita [dialect] and the term ‘tatau tatau’ appears in Council documents, including the official Manatū Whakaaetanga I Partnership agreement.

Mr Waru says the Te Arawa and Council partnership is flourishing. Te Arawa o Te Arawa, which is leading the district’s Reorua, Bilingual Rotorua, initiative has five key objectives including strengthening Te Arawa participation in Council decision-making and improving Council’s delivery of its obligations to Māori.

Its contribution has been widely acknowledged by councillors and locals as well as being recognised by Local Government New Zealand Excellence Awards, in 2016 receiving two accolades – a highly commended in the community engagement category

and a Judges’ Choice Award.

Some have asked us why no macron appears over the first ‘a’ in the word tatau. Rawiri explains:

“Now some years ago, there’s a story to this especially in Te Ao Māori [Māori world] when Te Arawa elder Mauriora Kingi was still alive, Ngā Kōeke o Te Arawa [Te Arawa elders] had a hui [meeting] about this particular phrase.

“If I remember correctly, one of the prominent kaumatua, Dr Te Poroa Malcolm, got up and he said ‘eh this is what we should say, Rotorua – Tatau Tatau’. Now I am emphasising the ‘tatau tatau’ because although many people write it with a macron

on top of the first ‘a’, which means tātau tātau [we together], Te Arawa has always traditionally used the phrase – Tatau tatau [we together]. Like ratau [them over there] and matau [us here]. That’s how we pronounce it here in Te Arawa,” says Rawiri.

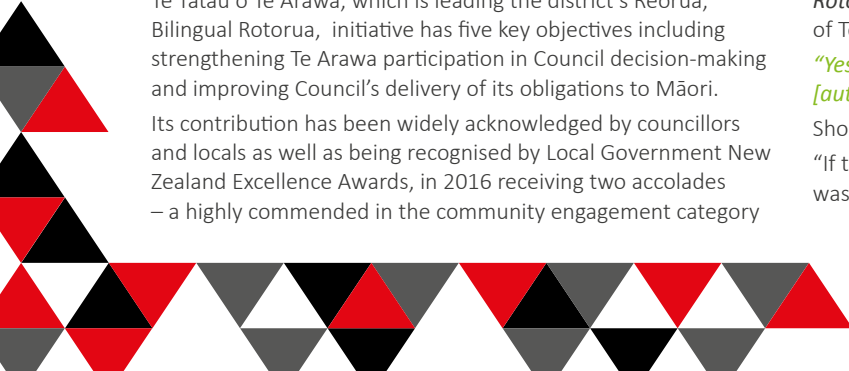
“I know there have been some debates around the sentiment that you should have a tohutō [macron] over the ‘a’. This is the kupu [word] of Te Arawa and how we pronounce this word. The magazine reflects that.”

Rawiri searches his memory when asked if the magazine name *Rotorua - Tatau Tatau* also pays homage to the kōeke (elders) of Te Arawa.

“Yes it does. We are very staunch about enhancing the mana [autonomy] of the people. And the magazine reflects that.”

Should it remain *Rotorua – Tatau Tatau*?

“If this [phrase] is what the kōeke of the time wanted when it was coined then, ā...waiho [leave it].”



FLOOD RECOVERY

Life was turned upside down for many Rotorua families when a severe weather event in April saw homes flooded.

The journey to get back to normality has been long and at times challenging for the people affected but the recovery is now on the home stretch.

April's flooding saw 94 homes deemed insanitary and not safe to live in. Rotorua Lakes Council set up a Flood Recovery Office and created a team of kaiārahi (community wellbeing navigators) to help people with any issues they faced.

By the end of November it's expected about 80 of those insanitary notices will have been lifted and 889 welfare cases closed. The Flood Recovery Office is also wrapping up but those affected by the flooding will still be able to get support from council through the Customer Solutions team.

"It has been a long road to get here," says Recovery Manager Andy Bell.

"Our main focus was to help those who have been affected and that has been at the forefront of everything we have done.

"The kaiārahi have done an amazing job and provided great support to those people who have been affected or were displaced. They have been a driving force which has helped people back into their homes."

The Mayoral Manaakitanga Relief fund was also set up to provide some assistance with \$63,000 handed out to 78 applicants.

With the help of many local businesses Rotorua Lakes Council put together Welcome Home Packs for displaced residents returning to their homes.

"We couldn't have done any of this without their support and I know those people returning home have appreciated the generosity of those businesses involved," Andy says.

Flood affected residents Janice and Joseph O'Brien were able to move back into their York Street home in October and say they were overwhelmed by the support they received from the kaiārahi as well as all those involved in their recovery journey.

"Everyone has been amazing, from our insurance company to the builders, to the council navigators, Janice says."

The Welcome Home Pack was an added bonus.

"What a lovely gesture. It does make us feel a bit special."

Meanwhile, nearly all storm debris has been removed from the Ngongotahā Stream following April's extreme weather event.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Rivers and Drainage Operations Manager Bruce Crabbe says staff have removed more than 90 per cent of the debris, which includes large willow trees that were sitting close to the mouth of the stream, so flood water will be able to better flow through spillways in the future.

"As well as the works immediately around the stream we have completed 240 site inspections in the region, responded to and met with 25 landowners and members of the public regarding their concerns and inquiries and completed 40 jobs."

The jobs ranged from basic investigations, planting and possible tree removal to fixing large erosion sites.

"A fantastic community planting day was also held in September with more than 70 members of the public helping regional council staff to plant along the Ngongotahā Streambank."

The regional council has also planted along other parts of the walkway to further stabilise the Ngongotahā Stream banks.

Mr Crabbe says his team had been busy behind the scenes estimating the volume of rock required for the erosion sites and banks that require armouring and securing a steady supply and delivery of the correct grade of rock.

"It's estimated we will armour the high priority sites with 800 tonnes of rock this summer."

The regional council will continue to complete ongoing routine inspections of the stream and banks to identify potential problems, remove or maintain vegetation at risk of subsiding and monitor other possible future erosion sites.

They will also continue to monitor completed work.



Shaping our district

ROADING



It's roadworks season and crews will be working across the Rotorua district during the next few months to progress and complete key roading projects as part of council's capital works programme.

Council is responsible for local roads and NZ Transport Agency for state highways and the two organisations provide input (and in the case of the agency, funding) Keep an eye on Council's website and social media channels for ongoing updates.

Council's roading programme includes

- > **Road rehabilitation** – This involves rebuilding road foundations and on average per year about 0.2% of Council's roading network requires foundation strengthening;
- > **Road re-seals** – Council re-surfaces about 8% of sealed roads every year. Check the road re-seals page: rotorualakescouncil.nz/resealing
- > **Emergency roadworks** – This includes work to repair damage caused by the likes of extreme weather events and is subject to funding contributions from the NZ Transport Agency;
- > **Capital projects** – Council (which is responsible for local roads) works with NZ Transport Agency (which is responsible for state highways) on both local and state highway projects and key projects currently being progressed

include improvements to Te Ngae Road (from Sala Street to Tarawera road) and improvements to Rotorua's central roading corridor (Te Ngae/Amohau Street).

> **CyWays programme** – Council is working on creating a network of connected shared paths throughout the city. This work is also part-funded by NZ Transport Agency and Central Government.

See cyway.nz for more information.

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Courtney shares her water saving tips

(SAVE)
(WATER!)



Just because we don't have rain doesn't mean we have to water our lawns every day.

DO NOT TAKE WATER FOR GRANTED!



Don't leave taps running and if you have a broken tap make sure you fix it soon.

GRANTED!

In the community

LINKING IN WITH LINTON PARK

The team at Linton Park Community Centre prides itself on providing a safe space for locals.

While the community centre has been at its Kamihi Place location for eight years but there is reinvigoration underway under new management.

Rosemary MacKenzie stepped up to the manager position after being on the trust board. In the centre she shares a cosy office with Sandra Combie. The pair is dedicated to making the centre a place where everyone feels welcome, included and a valued member of the community. They share plenty of jokes and laughs and their enthusiasm for the work they do is evident.

They only get paid for so many hours but spend far more time volunteering at the centre.

In a nutshell, Rosemary describes Linton Park as a community centre that is people friendly and exists to provide not-for-profit organisations a space where they can meet, run courses or workshops or hold events.

Linton Park was one of 11 community organisations to be granted Partnership Agreements with Rotorua Lakes Council and will receive \$15,000 a year, for the next three years.

"The board and staff were absolutely delighted to be accepted for the Council's Partnership Agreements," Rosemary says.

"The grants will certainly go a long way to make Linton Park for financially secure and will enable us to provide the services and courses we believe will benefit the community."

A wide range of community organisations utilise the space – "from cradle to the grave", Rosemary says.

"We offer a safe environment which is fully fenced. There's no discrimination and people feel welcome," says Sandra.

Rosemary says the community centre had become run down, with several thefts from their bike shed and the building being used as a rubbish dumping ground. "We've made a really big effort to clean up the space and make it inviting and really useable."

The fully fenced site and the addition of security cameras provide visitors with security.

The centre is a hive of activity with community groups booked in most days. There's also a children's play area and allotment-style garden.

"People pay a koha and they have a plot of land in which they can grow what they like."

There are currently eight people with an allotment, but Rosemary hopes more people will come and utilise the space.

While no courses or workshops are organised by the centre, Rosemary wants it to become a hub for the community.

"We want organisations to come here and have meetings or appointments with members of the community," she says.



Get involved

Are you a group or organisation needing a meeting or event space?

Do you have some free time to become a volunteer?

Get in touch with Rosemary:
✉ lintonparkcc@xtra.co.nz
☎ 07 348 0757

"Sometimes it can be hard for people, say with three kids, to get into town for an appointment, which might not end up being at the time they booked for.

"We'd like to see organisations coming here for appointments."

They have already set up a service where a lawyer will come to the centre and meet people needing legal advice.

"We offer a confidential space for them to meet and the initial consultation is free."

Also in the plan is to introduce a community market.

"It can be for produce, clothing, toys, anything. I think it would be great to have something like that here on a regular basis."



Rosemary MacKenzie and Sandra Combie



On the job - tunga mahi

SAFE CITY GUARDIAN

Jenna Samuel is one of the Safe City Guardians team. They provide extra eyes and ears in the inner city for Council, Police and local businesses, operating seven days a week.

What does your job entail?

Primarily ours is maintaining safety within the CBD. We also try to reflect Rotorua as being a fun and exciting place to not only live in, but to visit.

Where and when needed we assist the public, retailers, community support groups and various other agencies in the area – it could be something as simple as offering directions to establishments, through to having a presence during large events like Lakeside.

How long have you been in this role?

It's now five years.

What attracted you to this job and what do you love about it?

Before I started work as a Guardian I had seen what was happening in our community and it was demoralising.

Rotorua had been severely labelled in the national media and we knew that change needed to happen.

A position became available and allowed me a chance to work with an outstanding team that had a common goal – the betterment of Rotorua.

What are some of the more challenging aspects of your role?

That is a hard question. As our role is very fluid and has evolved from its initial inception I believe we have learnt how to cope with each challenge presented.

Being out and about you must know the city well. Do you know of any hidden gems around Rotorua city?

I like when we have events set up in Te Manawa, like the recent Speaker Tube. It was a brilliant interactive structure which not only looks appealing but got a lot of use. Te Aka Mauri is another place I do enjoy. It's the perfect little oasis where you can have a coffee, relax in the sun and tap into the free Wi-Fi.

What do you do to unwind?

This is going to sound so dull but I do a lot of crafts – jewellery, painting, DIY craft projects, knitting and when the mood hits, creative writing.

Also, because we (the Guardians) liken ourselves as ambassadors of Rotorua, I also try a lot of the tourist attractions. That way if a visitor asks for my opinion on something I can do so without prejudice.



Share with care

Look out for children on bikes before and after school

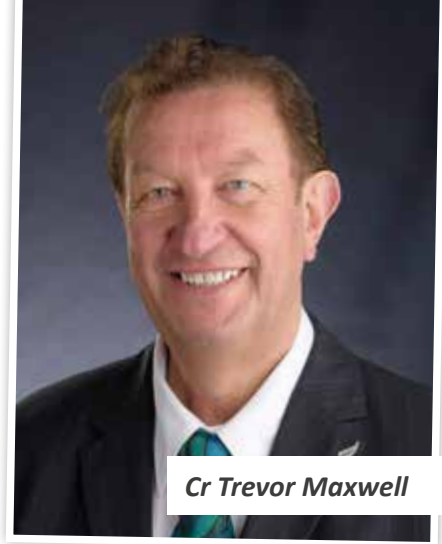
Find out more about cycling in Rotorua and the CyWay network at:

 cyway.nz



CR TREVOR MAXWELL

Trevor Maxwell has been a councillor in Rotorua since 1977 and was deputy mayor from 2002-2013. He is Council's cultural ambassador and also supports the creative communities portfolio.



Cr Trevor Maxwell

More than 40 years of being a councillor saw Trevor recognised with a special Local Government New Zealand award. He was presented with the Minister of Local Government Excellence Award for Outstanding Contribution to Local Government. The award was presented at the local government annual conference in Christchurch by Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta.

What are some of the biggest changes you have seen in Rotorua?

Some of the biggest changes include the lakes clean-up programme, which we have had huge government assistance with, and also the huge inclusion of the Te Arawa Partnership.

You are Rotorua born and bred. What do you love about our city?

I think it is just the best place to raise children and mokopuna. Our city is both big enough and small enough that we have everything practically free on our doorstep, like the lakes and forest.

You are passionate about your role as Council's cultural ambassador. Why is it important to you?

Coming from a little Maori village at Awahou, growing up by the marae and a beautiful clean river, which I still drink from, swimming in the lakes. This has all been a huge influence on me and it makes me proud. I get huge excitement to share this with others. I have also been involved in cultural entertainment and tourism for many years and appreciate what that industry has done for Rotorua.

You support Councillor Karen Hunt on the Creative Communities portfolio. What does this portfolio aim to achieve?

Councillor Hunt does a tremendous job and has had huge success, especially with lifting the inner city. The Creative Communities portfolio aims to build a vibrant and sustainable creative sector. Music, storytelling, performance and the arts all bring beauty and energy to our streets and encourage people and our communities to connect. When creativity happens in a community it

affects everyone, even those who don't participate directly.

What are some of the biggest challenges you have faced in your time at council?

I think it has been the unknown. You just don't know what is going to hit you. Who would have believed an earthquake in Kaikoura would cause us to have to close the museum and that we'd have to close the Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre. Those will take time and money to fix.

Can you rank your top three achievements to date?

I have thoroughly enjoyed supporting mayors while I was deputy for 11 years. That was a big achievement.

I am very proud of what we have achieved with the Te Arawa Partnership. Being able to rename one of our iconic buildings after Sir Howard was a big achievement.

I am also very proud to be part of a team which makes good decisions about our city and takes it forward.

What was your reaction when you were recently honoured at the LGNZ awards?

I was very chuffed and over the moon. When I found out I was being presented with that award I did feel very humbled by it all. It was lovely but it also made me appreciate all the ones I have worked with over the years. Some are still with us and some are not but they all had a big impact on me.

What are you most looking forward to for the year ahead?

I'm looking forward to the progress of our big projects which we've talked about in the 2018-28 Long-term Plan – the lakefront, museum, forest, Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre. I am exciting about those projects going forward. At the end of the day we are working towards leaving Rotorua a better place for our children and grandchildren to grow up in.



Councillor Trevor Maxwell (centre) hosting a delegation from Rotorua's Friendship city of Nanjing, China.





KIA TŪPATO! WARNING! STOP CATFISH SPREADING TO OUR OTHER LAKES.

Catfish are an unwanted pest threatening to ruin the renowned Rotorua lakes and tributaries. They prey on trout, native fish, and they also lower water quality by churning up mud.

Catfish have already made it into Lake Rotoiti and if they spread to our other lakes, it could be devastating.

**OUR BEST DEFENCE AGAINST
THE SPREAD IS YOU.**

~~BEFORE YOU LEAVE~~

1

Remove all weeds from your boat, trailer and gear.

2

Empty any ballast or lake water you may be carrying.

3

Don't leave your trailer in the water, catfish love hiding in them.

LIBRARY ALIVE WITH ACTIVITIES

It might be hard to conjure up what Picasso, musical instruments, guinea pigs and dancing have in common unless you have recently visited Rotorua Library in Te Aka Mauri.

Kylie and Hannah, the library's Youth and Early Childhood team, have special powers that enable them to create fun activities out of almost any subject.

The October school holiday programme attracted record numbers of children with their grown-ups in tow. They designed Picasso masks, learned how to care for small animals, created musical instruments and dressed in every colour of the rainbow for a rainbow dance party.

One of the things that allows Kylie and Hannah to offer such a wide range of activities is their knowledge of the books on the library's shelves. Every holiday programme activity starts with a story related to the craft or other activity.

The spaces available in Te Aka Mauri also provide flexibility. School holiday programmes have always been an integral part of Rotorua Library's calendar of events but were previously constrained by the limitations of the library layout.

Te Aka Mauri is designed to meet customer needs in a way that doesn't negatively impact other users. Papatū, the Ground Floor, has a fun children's section, Te Ao Tamariki at one end which minimises disruption to other visitors.

Thanks to generous funding from the Wright Family Foundation, tiered seating can be found beneath the Tāwhaki installation, which means everyone can see visiting authors and performers.

During term time, Kylie and Hannah are back to their usual routine, offering He Pīpī Paopao- First Steps for Under Twos, He Pī Ka Rere- Adventurers for Under

Fives and He Aka Pikirangi which is solely in te reo Māori.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. They have been gearing up for the summer school holidays and have plenty of activities planned with some of the very popular programmes from previous holidays, like Mystery Steam Bags and LEGO, making a return.

The summer reading programme offers children the motivation to keep up with their reading over the holidays. Children who register for the programme and read for 15 minutes each day go in the draw for a prize. This includes an adult or older child reading to younger ones as well as older children reading on their own.

Everyone loves having stories read to them so if your children isn't a naturally keen reader they might enjoy an audio book. These can be borrowed on compact disc or downloaded from BorrowBox.



For more information about the library's children's programmes and events visit rotorualibrary.govt.nz



What's On

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Getting into the festive spirit has never been easier.

This year's Rotorua Christmas Parade starts the festive celebrations on December 1.

Organiser Alia Ryan says this year's event is going to be bigger and better with awesome floats and groups as well as the return of some of our favourite characters. "It's a fun, free, creative community event for all Rotorua whanau to enjoy."

About 40 community groups have volunteered their time to enter the parade, a mix of walking groups and floats.

"We have a cool mix of returning favourites and exciting new entries already booked for this year with more to come," Alia says.

The Parade leaves Rangiuru St at 4pm and makes its way around the central city, finishing at the Village Green.

There will be short prizegiving followed by a free outdoor Christmas family movie on the big screen.

"With a great selection of food vendors, Santa's grotto, games, carnival and lots of fun things to do, it's set to be a fantastic evening with the family."

Alia says the family atmosphere is the best part of the event.

"I love getting to put on an event that caters to my entire family. We have four children ranging from 2 years to 15 years and I know it's a challenge to have them all equally entertained."

Rotorua Christmas Parade

1 December

Parade starts: 4pm-5pm

Prizegiving: 5.30pm

Festival on the Green: 4pm-8pm

 christmasparade.co.nz

The Great NZ Santa Run - Rotorua

6 December

Registration: 5pm - 5.45pm at the event Village Green.

At registration you can collect your race number and Santa suit.

Race Briefing: 5.45pm

Start: 6pm

Prizegiving: 7.15pm

For something a bit different residents can also take part in the Great NZ Santa Run.

A major fundraiser for the Graeme Dingle Foundation, the concept is simple – a 2-3km fun run/walk in a Santa suit!

Each adult entrant receives a free Santa suit as part of their entry fee.

The courses are kept easy so everyone can finish with minimal training and are highly visible for maximum impact.

As mentioned, Santa Suits are provided to adults entered but there have been awesome outfits and dressing up in previous years. Lots of elves, Rudolfs and other characters make the run.

The recipient charity, the Graeme Dingle Foundation, is a leader in positive child and youth development building resilience and self-belief in New Zealand's young people.

Enter online:  santarun.co.nz



What's On

GLO

FESTIVAL

Monday 31 December 2018

GLO Festival is a family favourite on the Rotorua events calendar and is a fun way to celebrate the New Year. Gather with friends and family on the Rotorua Village Green and enjoy movies, entertainment, great food and of course, a legendary fireworks display. This New Year's Eve event, which is brought to you by Rotorua Lakes Council, is not to be missed so pack a blanket and picnic, grab the kids, sit back, relax and be entertained.

Timings:

- All Day** McMahons Amusements
- 4.30pm** Food trucks and music
- 6pm** Family movie on big screen
- 8pm** Talented local entertainers
- 9.30pm** Fireworks extravaganza
- 9.45pm** Evening finishes

 [RotoruaGloFestival](#)



10 – 20 January 2019
Rotorua Energy Events Centre

Take a journey out of the zoo and onto the stage with your favourite crack-a-lackin' friends!

Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip Hippo and those hilarious, plotting penguins, as they bound onto your stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime.

Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture, *Madagascar – A Musical Adventure JR* follows all of your favourite friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar.

Filled with outlandish characters, adventure galore and an upbeat score, *Madagascar JR* will leave audiences with no choice but to "Move It, Move It!"

Join Rotorua Musical Theatre and see this special stage show right here at the Rotorua Energy Events Centre.

Grab tickets for Christmas and take the entire family along!

Get your tickets:  ticketmaster.co.nz

Ticketmaster Box Office,
Energy Events Centre



What's on

your district, your events



BRAVE HEARTS

Celebrating the NZ cardiac story, this exhibition brings to life the pioneering work of New Zealand's heart clinicians. Gold coin entry.

When: 5 November 2018
– 5 March 2019

Where: Jean Batten Square,
Te Aka Mauri

bravehearts.co.nz



2018 ROTORUA SCULPTURE SYMPOSIUM

Eighteen talented sculptors from around the world will spend ten days carving and sculpting pieces relating to this year's symposium theme Ngā Wai o Rotorua – The Waters of Rotorua.

When: 16 – 25 November 2018

Where: The Arts Village, lawn

creativerotorua.org.nz



ROTORUA HALF MARATHON

New Zealand's premiere tourist city provides a spectacular backdrop for one of the most scenic and varied half marathons in the country.

When: 25 November 2018

Where: Event base is Village Green

rotoruahalfmarathon.com



WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Open to Kiwi kids aged 7-15 years the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is a fun and rewarding day out for everyone.

When: 2 December 2018

Where: Kuirau Park

tryathlon.co.nz/locations/rotorua



GLO FESTIVAL

A family New Year's event not to be missed. Gather with friends and enjoy movies, entertainment, great food and a legendary fireworks display.

When: 31 December 2018,
4pm – 9.45pm

Where: Rotorua Village Green

[@RotoruaGloFestival](https://www.facebook.com/RotoruaGloFestival)



MADAGASCAR – A MUSICAL ADVENTURE JR

Rotorua Musical Theatre presents this hilarious family show based on the DreamWorks animation motion picture. Follow your favourite characters as they escape from Central Park Zoo and find themselves in the madcap world of Madagascar.

When: 10 – 20 January 2019

Where: Rotorua Energy Events Centre

ticketmaster.co.nz



NORTHERN INTER PROVINCIAL TOUCH SERIES (IPS)

Touch provincial associations in the Northern Region will come together for what will arguably be the biggest Touch event of the season.

When: 26 – 27 January 2019

Where: Ray Boord Park,
Westbrook Fields

[sporty.co.nz/touchnz/Events/
Inter-Provincial-Series-IPS-1](http://sporty.co.nz/touchnz/Events/Inter-Provincial-Series-IPS-1)



ART TRAILS

Grab maps from the Rotorua iSite and explore the beautiful sculptures around Rotorua in two fantastic free art trails.

Where: Rotorua iSite

creativerotorua.org.nz



SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR

Check out what's happening over the summer in the new calendar out soon.

When: Available from
30 November 2018

Where: Rotorua iSite

rotorualakescouncil.nz/whatson



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