

ROTORUA-TATAU TATAU

Our people, our culture, our place, our Rotorua

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Koinei tō tātau kāinga.
Ko tātau ōna tāngata.
Nā tātau tonu i ora ai te ahurea Te Arawa me ōna āhuatanga katoa.
He iwi auaha tātau e tuku nei i tā tātau e ako nei.
E kōkiri nei tātau i te angitū, i te hihiri me ngā rerekētanga maha.
E kaha tautoko nei tātau i te whakapūmāutanga o te taiao.
Mō te katoa a Rotorua... Tatau tatau.

This is our home.
We are its people.
We're the heart of Te Arawa culture and expression.
We're innovative and we share what we learn.
We're driving opportunity, enterprise and diversity.
We're supporting a legacy of sustainability for our environment.
Rotorua is a place for everyone.
Tatau tatau - We together.

Rotorua provides opportunities for people to grow businesses, enjoy leisure and recreation time and develop strong community connections.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected us all. As we come to terms with a new normal, it's important you stay prepared and up-to-date with the latest information. Stay informed at [covid-19.govt.nz](https://www.covid-19.govt.nz) or [tearawacovid19.nz](https://www.tearawacovid19.nz)

Cover photo

Students from Rotorua Youth Centre's Power 88.3 radio programme (L to R): Daniel Perese, Julia Lane, Keisha Kohu, Ella Brodley, Logan Pota, Ryan Claperton, Liam McFarlane

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NEW VOICES TAKING TO THE AIRWAVES

A new radio station providing a platform for rangatahi in Rotorua is about growing skills and confidence in a way that allows young people to be creative and have fun at the same time.

Power Rotorua 88.3 is run by young people as part of a radio broadcasting programme launched in January 2020 by the Rotorua Community Youth Centre Trust.

Programme participant Logan Potae says he's loved every minute.

"Power 88.3 has given me an adrenaline rush – there's nothing like talking live on air, you never know what's going to happen. You might say something you weren't meant to or play the wrong song, but you have to roll with it."

And it's not just on-air skills that students are developing. Students Ryan Claperton and Ella Brodley say they're also learning about editing.

Rotorua Community Youth Centre Trust chief executive Jen Murray says radio is a medium young people don't usually have the opportunity to play in so Power 88.3 provides a once-in-a-lifetime learning experience. "The aim was to create a fun and vibrant environment that encourages creativity and helps build confidence, giving young people valuable work experience and future employment potential."

Participants learn to set up, programme and run the radio station as part of a 12-week course. An optional 12 weeks of volunteering at the end of the course allows students to receive further mentoring to run their own radio shows.

Alongside the technical skills, operating the radio station gives young people the opportunity to interact and work with others, explore various roles, develop interpersonal skills, set goals and practice self-management.



Left to Right: Gus Te Moni, Saxon Mansell, Mayor Steve Chadwick, Liam McFarlane and Logan Potae

"Engaging young people in decisions that affect them results in better outcomes and that's central to our approach," Jen says.

"It is a platform for young people to express themselves and explore their ideas, opinions, culture, values and identity."

Research shows creative programmes build self-worth, confidence and positive attitudes and behaviours that then improve school performance and help develop good life skills, Jen says.

"Participating in the arts makes young people feel good about themselves and helps them discover hidden strengths and talents."

The radio broadcasting programme was launched with funding from Ministry of Youth Development, Rotorua Energy Chamber of Commerce Trust, New Zealand Community Trust, Sky City Community Trust and the Lottery Grants Board.

Want to get involved?

Contact Steve Holmes, Rotorua Community Youth Centre Trust Youth Development Manager:

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The Rotorua Community Youth Centre Trust is a dedicated 'one-stop shop' for young people with a primary focus on youth development, employment and health. The Trust delivers services, programmes and activities that build on the strengths and skills of young people, with youth voice and participation at the centre.

🌐 rotoruyouthcentre.org

Nō roto i te hapori | In the community

HOMES FOR EVERYONE

He Papakāinga, He Hapori Taurikura - A Strategy for Homes and Thriving Communities

Safe, connected, sustainable and thriving communities are at the heart of the strategy developed to address housing issues in Rotorua.

A leadership group including representatives from Rotorua Lakes Council, Te Arawa and the Ministry for Housing and Urban Development created He Papakāinga, He Hapori Taurikura - A Strategy for Homes and Thriving Communities to address the challenges faced by our communities. The group was supported by agencies such as the Ministry of Social Development, Kāinga Ora and the NZ Transport Agency, which have strong connections through their work programmes. During July and August our communities were asked to give feedback on the objectives and work programme proposed, to ensure what we heard during consultation last year had been captured.

Much of the feedback focused on the various workstreams and what the detail of those might look like. People generally agreed with the proposed approach and wanted to know more about how it would all come together. Because the strategy is a high-level document that sets out the overarching objectives, the detail is yet to be worked through and will involve a number of different groups and agencies, given the complexity involved in implementation. Work already underway, including work that is independent of the strategy, will also support many of the desired outcomes.

An example of the collaborative approach to working together to address the housing shortage is the recent Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Kāinga Ora (formerly Housing NZ) and Māori land incorporation – Ngāti Whakaue Tribal Lands. The incorporation owns more than 3,000 hectares of land in Rotorua and wants to help whānau into homes while at the same time addressing housing shortages. Following the signing of the MoU, Government announced a \$55 million investment from the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund to go towards upgrading Te Nga Rd and associated stormwater. This will help to open up the incorporation's land at Wharenui. Kāinga Ora has also been working alongside hapū in Eastern Rotorua to consider opportunities to develop and then lease hapū-owned land temporarily for transitional housing purposes.

During the coming months you can expect to see details relating to the individual workstreams, including who will lead these, and what it means for our communities.

For more
information, Visit

 [rotorualakescouncil.nz/
housingstrategy](https://rotorualakescouncil.nz/housingstrategy)

He tāone marū | Vibrant city heart

ROTARY MARKET SETS UP IN NEW KUIRAU PARK DEVELOPMENT

The ever-popular Saturday morning market run by the Rotary Club of Rotorua North now operates from a purpose-built space in Kuirau Park.

The Rotary Market has been operating for 33 years, offering a variety of hot food, fresh produce, bric-a-brac, crafts, plants and a whole lot more. The funds raised from the stall fees go back into the Rotorua community.

The success of the market and the need for expansion saw Rotorua Lakes Council work with the Rotary Club to develop a new market space which



Rotarian Paul Woollaston and RLC project manager Ian Stabler

opened on 1 August at the corner of Kuirau Park, where it meets Pukuatua Street. It allows for more stallholders and entertainment and serves as a parking for inner city workers during the week.

The Rotary market runs every Saturday from 7am to 1.30pm.

For enquiries, email

✉ kuiraumarket@gmail.com

or visit [f @KuirauMarket](https://www.facebook.com/KuirauMarket)



Are you a grower, maker, baker or creator? Why not become a vendor at the Rotorua Farmers Market?

The Farmers Market runs each Sunday at Te Maawa (9am - 1pm). For a small fee, stallholders get their own barrow to operate from, plus the support of the market team in promoting their products.

Interested? Email brigitte.nelson@rotorualc.nz

POSITIVE AGEING EXPO

Valuing Age

Age Concern Rotorua District, with support from Rotorua Energy Challenge Trust, once again presents the Positive Ageing Expo.

Whether you're 60+ or supporting a parent or friend, you're sure to find useful information at the expo.

- Wide variety of exhibitors
- Emphasis on health, wellbeing, lifestyle and social connection
- Services available for seniors



Saturday

7 November 2020

9:30am - 3pm

Free entry

Over 30 stalls focused on positive ageing with activities and demonstrations throughout the day

Rotorua Energy Events Centre

Queens Drive, Rotorua



Papa whakatupu | Outstanding places to play

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all the amazing
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explore in Rotorua, go to
 [rotoruanz.com/
local](https://rotoruanz.com/local)

Rotorua is a fantastic place to reconnect with family and friends. There's so much to do here to keep everyone entertained, so why not invite your favourite people here to show off our wonderful and wonder-filled backyard, and support our local businesses at the same time.

Deals and combos

School holidays are a great time to visit and there are lots of new activities to check out, with many tourism operators still offering special rates for locals, and/or great combo deals. For locals' rates, check out rotoruanz.com/local and to see who's offering combos, contact the helpful team at Rotorua Visitor Centre & i-SITE on Fenton Street.

What's new?

Have you been to Redwoods Altitude yet? This eco-adventure takes you through an exhilarating guided journey along 25 Indiana Jones-style jungle bridges – from 25 metres up!

Another thrilling activity to consider is a floatplane tour with Volcanic Air. One of their newest tours takes you on a round trip from Lake Rotorua to the secluded Manupirua Springs Hot Pools on Lake Rotoiti for a lovely soak along the lakefront.

Mountain biking is a must-do in Rotorua, and as more people shift to electric bikes, you'll see them on our amazing forest trails.

Electric and standard mountain bikes are available for hire at the Waipa mountain bike hub.

After your ride, treat yourself to a cold drink or a coffee and a soothing shinny dip at Secret Spot Hot Tubs, located at the Waipa hub. Or pre-book for a soak in your own cedar hot tub. Your legs will thank you for it.

Kai time

Don't forget to schedule in a few meals at some special places. Pātaka Kai restaurant at Te Puia is now open to the public without an entry fee. The menu showcases a contemporary fusion of Māori flavours and traditional cooking methods, served with beautiful views of Pōhutu Geyser and the geothermal valley.

We're lucky to have such an incredible playground right here on our doorstep, from geothermal attractions and spas, to adventure activities, and family favourites like biking and enjoying the forest and lakes. Become a Rotorua ambassador – share our amazing place and help support local.



He taunaki i te hapori | Investing in our community

REDEPLOYMENT PROGRAMME KEEPING LOCALS IN WORK

Rotorua Lakes Council is working with local contractors InfraCore Limited to deliver a programme of work that has redeployed 25 locals affected by COVID-19.

The objective is to enable locals to continue to work, providing a boost to the local economy, and carry out important work on community assets.

Rotorua Lakes Council Infrastructure Group manager Stavros Michail says the opportunity is a win-win for both.

“Being able to keep locals in employment is important not just for our economy, but also for the wellbeing of the community. We know that for most people, having employment is not just about a steady pay cheque. It’s mana-enhancing, it’s about learning new skills, giving back to the community and connecting with others.”

The Government announced \$1.12 million of support for Rotorua in May, a part of a funding package for regions hit hard by the economic impacts of COVID-19 – an outcome that aligns with Rotorua’s Build Back Better economic recovery strategy.

Council contracted InfraCore to deliver the programme, beginning with work they do in the community. Following a series of training days, the new recruits set to work enhancing infrastructure around the district.

InfraCore Limited chief executive Matthew Scott says the opportunity to work alongside Council and MBIE’s

Provincial Development Unit which allocated the funding, means a lot to the business.

“An important part of our core purpose is to deliver positive social outcomes to the community in which we operate. It’s great that we’ve been able to assist people get back on their feet post-COVID, being able to provide an opportunity to develop new skills and keep themselves buoyant and positive – that’s the best outcome for us.”

From the team

“Good being out in the countryside and having the opportunity to use my skills I have obtained in the past.” - Andrew Hayward
“Having a weekly income to support my family has been really good.”

- Emmanuel Leather

“It’s given me the ability to experience work I would not have considered previously and I am really enjoying it.” - Hera Pirihi-Wano
“It’s been great working at InfraCore, I’ve learnt new skills and would like to carry on doing this sort of work.”

- Genevieve Strickland



Andrew Hayward



Emmanuel Leather



InfraCore



Hera Pirihi - Wano



Genevieve Strickland

ESTABLISHING A STABLE, RELIABLE AND SAFE WASTEWATER NETWORK

Rotorua Lakes Council is entering into a 10-year contract to run the district's day-to-day wastewater services.

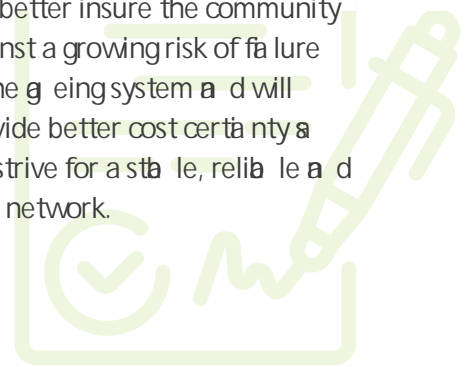
The performance-based contract is with a consortium made up of Trility NZ, Stattec and Fulton Hogan, and includes operating the city and Rotoiti wastewater treatment plants and network maintenance and renewals.

Under the contract, and to cover fixed costs in wastewater activity, Council will budget \$15.6 million each year, an increase on the \$14.9 million a year it currently budgets, not including unforeseen costs. The residential targeted

rate for wastewater will increase by about \$1.92 a week for most ratepayers.

Following decades of significant under-investment in our wastewater network – a situation not unique to Rotorua – more than 60 per cent of our wastewater infrastructure is now classed as “poor” or “very poor”. Rising costs, growth, compliance requirements and climate change add to the pressure on the system.

Council believes continuing with the current operating model is very risky for our community. As the system ages, the risks grow. Council believes a collaborative partnership with the consortium will better insure the community against a growing risk of failure in the ageing system and will provide better cost certainty as we strive for a stable, reliable and safe network.



Key information

- Current multiple wastewater services contracts are being consolidated into one with end-to-end responsibility. About 87% of work on the local network is currently delivered by outside contractors.
- Council still owns and controls wastewater networks and related services on behalf of community.
- Decisions about further investment and expansion of networks remain with Council.
- Council expects to see less critical wastewater infrastructure regarded as “poor” or “very poor” by contract's end. At present that figure is 66 per cent, expected to improve to closer to 50 per cent.
- Operational council wastewater services staff (10) are transferring to the consortium, as agreed with their union.
- Trility NZ Ltd established by Trility Group in Australia
- The consortium will provide training and career opportunities, employ local staff and maintain relationships with local iwi.
- Contract is for \$146m over 10 years.



This contract is separate from the proposed wastewater treatment plant upgrade and related discharge.

The contract does not preclude Council from Government's proposed 3 waters reforms and does not prevent future decisions on how services are delivered.

How did we get here?

Infrastructure for water, stormwater and wastewater is among the community's most important assets.

Work to consider alternative ways to provide wastewater services began in 2017 and Council has consulted the public twice in the past two years, to make sure the contract will, on balance, provide the best long-term benefit for our community.

In 2015, councils were required to develop 30-year infrastructure strategies, including how best to address risks associated with the reliable delivery of services to their communities. That led to changes in how some things were done in our district – for example, the way the landfill was run and changing from paper rubbish bins to bins and kerbside recycling.

Council has also needed to invest more appropriately each year for necessary wastewater renewal work, and to explore alternative service delivery options, with the following goals:

1. Council still owns the assets, sets the direction and determines levels of service;
2. End-to-end responsibility for network stability, reliability and safety;
3. Reliable and commercially enforceable risk management;
4. Access to research and innovation;
5. Better cost certainty;
6. Improved condition of critical assets by the end of a year agreement.

The process was carefully managed alongside expert advisors (iwi, legal, contracting, technical, staffing).



To find out more:
rotorualakescouncil.nz/wastewaternetwork

Our wastewater networks:

- 2 wastewater treatment plants (Rotorua city and Rotoiti)
- 600km of pipes
- 87 pump stations
- 1,366 low pressure grinder pumps
- Current network value \$374 million
- More reticulation schemes by 2028 (Rotoiti/Rotomanga Taawera Manakau)



**Stantec -
technical intervention
expertise**



**Trility –
system know-how,
analytics, compliance**



**Fulton Hogan –
physical works
(70% of the work)**

The consortium

Trility's Australia/New Zealand operation specialises in wastewater and water services.

Trility Group's shareholding company, Beijing Water Group, is publicly listed on the Hong Kong stock exchange.

Trility's key partners in the Rotorua wastewater services consortium are specialist engineers Stantec and New Zealand company Fulton Hogan, which will deliver about 70 per cent of the physical work, with

staff predominantly from Rotorua

It will focus on investing in staff locally and supporting local contractors.

Trility has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with iwi that takes cultural considerations into account and includes provision for investment, employment and training opportunities.

Improving the transport network of Rotorua together

A lot of work is happening across state highways of Rotorua to create a transport system that is safer, more efficient, and caters to all road users.

Connect Rotorua

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is working with Rotorua Lakes Council to deliver Connect Rotorua – a programme to improve two of the city's key transport corridors; State Highway 30A and State Highway 30:

- Central Corridor SH30A/Amohau Street
- Eastern Corridor SH30/Te Ngae Road Stage One – from Sala Street to Iles Road
- Eastern Corridor SH30/Te Ngae Road Stage Two – from Iles Road to the Rotorua Airport.

These projects will improve daily journeys for the people who live and work in Rotorua, help others who rely on this network for wider business, tourism or travel purposes, and support growth and development in the years ahead.

For more information visit nzta.govt.nz/connect-rotorua

SH5/SH30 safer speeds

We have now completed engagement on the State Highway 5 and State Highway 30 speed review, and we'd like to thank those of you who submitted feedback on the current speed limits on these roads.

We'll use this feedback to decide if a speed limit change is the best thing to do to improve road safety, where new speed limits could begin or end, and if any other safety improvements might be needed.

We had an excellent response and are now reviewing all of the feedback. After we have completed our review, we will share the outcome of the engagement and our next steps with you.

For more information visit nzta.govt.nz/speedreviews

SH5 Tarukenga to Ngongotahā

As part of the regional package of the NZ Upgrade Programme \$14m is being contributed to improve safety along SH5 and reduce congestion at the SH5/SH36 roundabout. This will add to the \$1m from our Safe Network Programme that is funding the design of the safety improvements.



The improvements cover 8.1km of state highway, starting in the west near Tarukenga and ends at the SH5/SH36 roundabout in Ngongotahā. It includes installing rumble strips, roadside barriers and shortening the existing passing lane for safer merging for vehicles. The SH5/SH36 roundabout upgrade will include an additional lane in all directions around the roundabout, as well as when approaching, entering and exiting the roundabout.

For more information visit nzta.govt.nz/t2n

SH33 Te Ngae Junction to Paengaroa safety improvements

Work on the safety improvements started late 2017 and is expected to be completed in 2021. The safety improvements include:

- a wide centreline from Paengaroa to Te Ngae Junction to provide more space between oncoming traffic and reduce head-on collisions;
- installing road side safety barriers at high-risk locations to stop vehicles from running off the road or hitting trees and deep ditches.

For more information visit nzta.govt.nz/tj2p

Nō roto i te hāpori | In the community

ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REBUILD



Fire destroyed the St John's Church in 2017, but the site on the corner of Ranolf and Victoria streets will soon be home to a multi-functional building that will serve as a place of worship and a place for the community.

The St John's Church team worked with Rotorua based DCA Architects of Transformation to plan the rebuild. The new worship area will seat 250 people and is designed to cater for community concerts and other activities, while other areas within the building can be used for smaller worship gatherings, conferences and community classes.

Where possible, local companies from Rotorua and the Bay of Plenty have been used as principal consultants in the design - including BSK Consulting and Structural Engineers, Fluid Engineering Consultancy, and Veros Property Management Group.

A central kitchen area has been carefully designed to meet all the needs of the church. This includes hospitality following Sunday services, funerals, weddings, and for the Community Facing Ministry (CFM) requirements of the church. The CFM runs several programmes during the week including a drop-in gathering on Wednesdays that provides friendship and support to individuals and families in need in our city. The CFM also runs a food bank (The Cupboard) and a preschool programme (Sunbeams).

These services, together with the Sunday church service, are currently being offered from temporary premises at 267 Fenton Street, next to Rydges.

With planning now well advanced, it is expected that earthworks will start on site during summer with construction due to take 12 months.

DCA Architects of Transformation (DCA) regard the re-development of the St. Johns Church as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Working with the church congregation, DCA has developed a design befitting a future-focused, fit-for-purpose church facility - benefiting the wider community as well as the churchgoers themselves.

Through collaborative partnership with the church design committee, DCA completed extensive research to analyse trends in Christianity and religion in New Zealand. The work releases a transformative design that creates a comfortable, flexible and inviting building. The new home for St John's Church serves to dispel some of the perceived traditional barriers of church building design - striving for a more inclusive approach.



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

To find out more go to:
 [rotorualakescouncil.
nz/koreromai](https://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/koreromai)

A Rotorua Climate Action Plan aims to ensure our district is ready for upcoming changes in a low-carbon economy, and that we can adapt to climate changes that may be unavoidable.

Public feedback is being sought on the draft action plan, which sets out proposed targets and actions and was developed following input from previous community consultation.

Council is one part of the community but to be effective, we need to work with a wide range of others towards the goal of our community being climate resilient.

Rotorua Lakes Council committed to the UN Global Compact – Cities Programme in 2015 and the need to address climate change forms part of Council's Sustainable Living Strategy.

In 2018, Mayor Steve Chadwick committed to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and, as part of that commitment, Council must submit a climate action plan by February 2021.

Council has already undertaken work to assess its own and the district's carbon footprints, the latter alongside Bay of Plenty Regional Council. Climate risk and vulnerability assessments have also been undertaken.

Council is already actively addressing issues relating to climate

change in a variety of ways, including infrastructure planning, and will support initiatives led by others.

The draft climate action plan identifies mitigation and adaptation themes with proposed actions against goals related to these.

Climate mitigation refers to actions which aim to reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through energy efficiency, emission reduction and other conservation initiatives with five key groupings identified for potential emissions reduction actions: buildings and energy systems; transportation and urban form; consumption and waste; leadership, advocacy and economic opportunity; natural environment and rural economy.

Climate adaptation refers to actions that anticipate the impact of changes in climate, and aims to reduce our community's vulnerability and increase its resilience to those changes. Proposed climate adaptation actions may be grouped under the themes: infrastructure; people and communities; natural environment; economy; and governance, leadership and advocacy.

How could climate change affect us in Rotorua?

- Higher temperatures
- More heavy rainfall events and more frequent flooding
- Water shortages, reduced water quality
- Increased risk of wildfires
- Longer crop growing season and fewer frosts
- Increased risk of invasive pests and weeds
- Increase in water-borne, food-borne and vector-borne diseases
- Loss of native wildlife, including māinga kai



TE RĀKAU TŪ PAKARI FUND NOW OPEN



Applications are now open for Rotorua Lakes Council's \$1m fund to help build community wellbeing and address some of the medium to long-term impacts of COVID-19 on our district.

This one-off fund is part of the Build Back Better recovery plan for Rotorua and provides financial support to help communities develop and build resilience. It is also intended to help grow the capacity and capability of local community organisations/groups as they respond to local needs.

The focus of this pūtea is to support our community groups and organisations to develop, respond to needs and new opportunities, support new operating models, grow capability, and collaborate and innovate, as part of COVID-19 recovery.

Applications to the fund will be considered monthly until June 2021, or until the fund is fully allocated.

With the focus on equitable participation and increasing community resilience and social capital, the Te Rākau Tū Pakari fund is for community groups and organisations from a cross-section of the community sector within Rotorua.

Council is looking for kaupapa and initiatives that support the community sector to make a difference to those who need it, and help them to adapt to a new way of working, while responding to needs and new opportunities.

We also want to support new ways of operating and growing capability, capacity and resilience, using collaborative and innovative approaches that help to grow community participation.

The Fund is targeted towards initiatives that support those who need it most.

There is no limit to the amount that can be applied for, although Council expects most successful applicants will receive between \$20,000 and \$60,000. Funding decisions will be made by a committee made up of three elected members, one Te Taitokerau representative and Council officers.

Only organisations/groups active in the Rotorua district and activities specific to the benefit of Rotorua district communities will be eligible.

Examples of groups that can apply include:

- Not-for-profit, charitable organisations and social enterprises
- Local marae, hapū, iwi
- Sports clubs, codes and regional sporting bodies delivering programmes to Rotorua
- Community associations or hubs
- Multicultural and ethnic community organisations/groups
- Local arts organisations/groups
- Other community-based interest groups
- Social service providers



For more information
and to apply visit:

 [rotorualakescouncil.nz/
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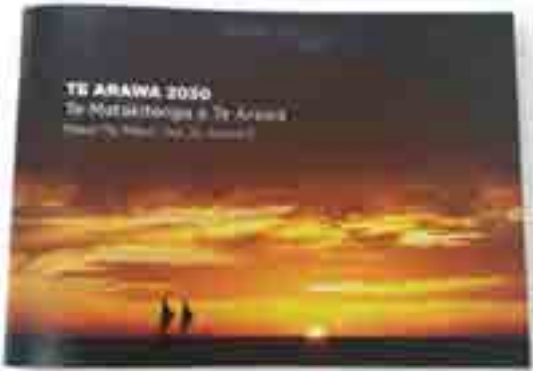


Te aro ki te āpōpō | Future focus

MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA, TE ARAWA E! TE ARAWA 2050 VISION LAUNCHED

Uniting to respond to issues like COVID-19 demonstrates how Te Arawa is starting to bring to life a picture of what descendants want to see in the next 30 years.

The Te Arawa 2050 Vision document, available in te reo Māori and English, was launched at Te Puia in July and is available at tearawavision.nz.



Te Taru White, chair of Te Tatau o Te Arawa – the organisation that project-led the vision document – says hundreds of whanaunga along with marae, hapū and iwi māngai and other Te Arawa groups contributed to the creation of the document which started from a blank canvas.

“Over more than a year, many hui, conversations, wānanga, surveys, interviews and feedback via social media were collated across generations and coupled with intensive research that’s been distilled to produce this vision. It will not impugn the rights of hapū and iwi to exercise their tino rangatiratanga (sovereignty) over their resources. Instead, it leverages our ability, in moments, when we need to unite and leverage from our collective strengths to influence transformational change,” he says.



A kà tuhi (writer) of the document, Anā a Hiini, who la gely translated it into te reo Māori, is excited Te Arawa whānui has developed a strategy.

“Implemented correctly, it would benefit our people through the sustainability of our language, natural resources and leadership. The effects of COVID-19 have further promoted dialogue, created a need for change and an opportunity to establish our own mana motuhake (independence),” says Anaha.

More than 150 people attended the reorua (bilingual) Te Arawa 2050 Vision launch hosted by Anā a a d his wife, Gra e Hiini, a d broadcast live by Te Arawa FM.


Gra e says it wā a honour to MC alongside her husband.

“To be part of such a momentous event which highlights the strengths and positive characteristics of our iwi made me very proud. And being a presenter of the vision made me optimistic about the future,” she says.

Ma y Te Arawa entities a d individuals have a red y begun initiatives that a ign with the gob s identified in the vision.

This includes the esta lishment of the Te Arawa COVID-19



You can read the document
and watch kōrero from
Te Arawa uri (descendants) at
 tearawavision.nz
Story by Te Tatau o Te Arawa

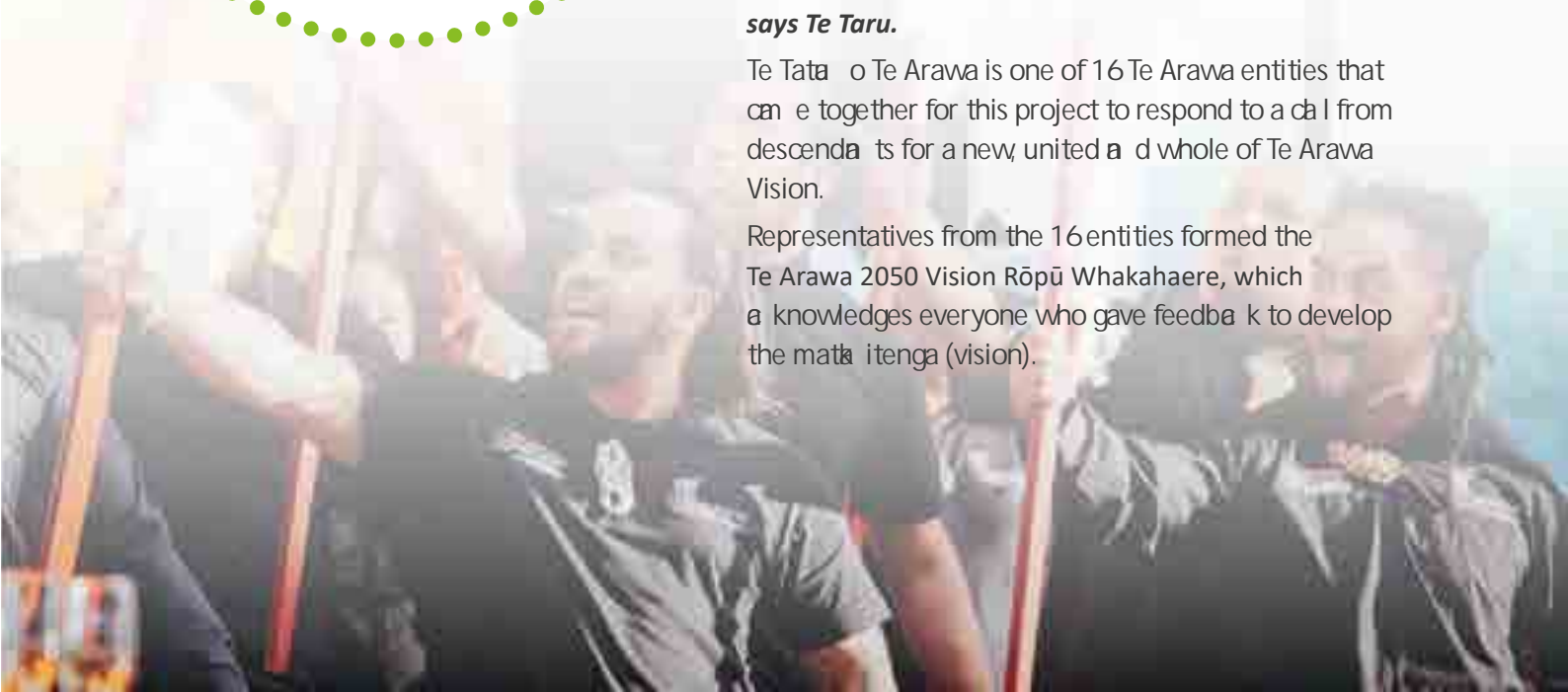
Response team and Te Arawa Whānau Ora utilising maramataka mātauranga (knowledge about the Māori luna cā enda) into its mā i.

Te Ta u White, who is a so the deputy chà r of the Te Arawa Federation of Māori Authorities, is part of a team looking at developing a Te Arawa ba king model.

“For too long western banks have enjoyed our deposits, our resources going into their banks and that pūtea being repatriated overseas with us getting limited benefit. We should establish our own Te Arawa bank, a bank that actually services our own people from our own monies. Pūtea that circulates and supports our own housing and business needs. So watch this space,” says Te Taru.

Te Tata o Te Arawa is one of 16 Te Arawa entities that can e together for this project to respond to a cā l from descenda ts for a new, united a d whole of Te Arawa Vision.

Representatives from the 16 entities formed the Te Arawa 2050 Vision Rōpū Whakahaere, which a knowledges everyone who gave feedba k to develop the mata itenga (vision).



BOP REGIONAL COUNCIL



Watch out wallabies

Wallabies have been stripping grass and native forest floor around Rotorua since 1912 and based on current rates of spread, it is estimated they could inhabit up to 30% of the North Island within 50 years. The Government has allocated \$27 million to control the wallaby population in the Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Canterbury and Otago regions.

During the coming months Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC), Waikato Regional Council and Department of Conservation will look at the best way to scale up the surveillance and control needed to successfully reduce wallaby populations. In the meantime, if you see a wallaby (dead or alive) anywhere west of Rotorua east of Kawerau or south of Rainbow Mountain, please note the location, take a photo if you can and report it to



 stoppests.co.nz

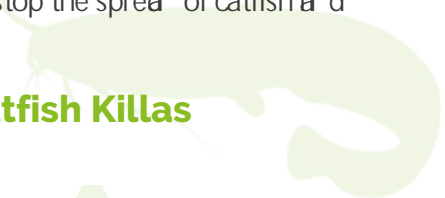
The war against catfish in Lakes Rotoiti and Rotorua continues

The amazing, highly dedicated Te Arawa Catfish Killers have netted more than 25,000 catfish this year to help suppress population growth. Recent figures show 62,000 catfish were caught across Lakes Rotoiti and Rotorua during the past 12 months, the highest annual catch numbers since this pest was first discovered in our lakes in 2016.

BOPRC and Te Arawa Lakes Trust continue to work in partnership to find new solutions for controlling catfish numbers. Alongside netting by Catfish Killers' volunteers and contractors, a biocontrol feasibility study is being investigated as a potential long-term tool to managing the catfish population.

Lake users are asked to be vigilant and remember to Check, Clean and Dry boats and equipment when leaving a waterway, to stop the spread of catfish and aquatic weeds.

 [@Te Arawa Catfish Killers](https://www.facebook.com/TeArawaCatfishKillers)



Ngongotahā flood review project

Government's 'shovel ready projects' fund is contributing \$3.7 million towards flood mitigation works for Ngongotahā.

A range of flood mitigation options and interventions to reduce flood risks in the Ngongotahā catchment are being investigated by BOPRC and Rotorua Lakes Council, working together with a Community Reference Group.

With flood modelling now complete, a combination of three of the possible options will be effective in moving flood flows through the urban area and into Lake Rotorua. Detailed design work is underway on the engineering solutions and these will be shared with those directly affected by the 2018 flood, and the wider community.

Removal of at-risk trees between Relph Road and Paradise Valley Springs Wildlife Park, part of the upper catchment mitigation works, has also received government support. Part of this work has been funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and has created jobs for two new workers and several subcontractors whose job security was impacted by COVID-19.



For more information visit:

 rotorualakescouncil.nz/floodreview

He pito kōrero i ngā mahi a te Kaunihera | Update to services

CHANGES TO RECYCLING RECOVERY FOR ROTORUA

Recent changes to international trade of plastic waste have reduced demand for several types of plastics. As a result, Rotorua Lakes Council is one of many councils in New Zealand that is no longer recycling plastics 3, 4, 6 and 7.

Plastics 3, 4, 6 and 7 make up 1 – 2% of recycling in Rotorua.

What does that mean for how I use the kerbside service?

There are no changes to the way you use the kerbside service. Plastics 3, 4, 6 and 7 are separated at the Materials Recycling Facility where your recycling is transported. These plastics will then be disposed of at the landfill.

You can still put clean plastics 1 – 7 in your recycling bin and continue to use your red bin for general household waste but we wanted you to know about this change as some people may, as a result, want to consider reducing their use of the plastics that are no longer being recycled.

Need a reminder about what items can go into your kerbside recycling bin?
Check under the lid!



If you would like to know more about these changes and how to minimise your use of plastics 3, 4, 6 and 7, visit rotorualakescouncil.nz/recyclingrecovery

Papa whakatupu | Outstanding places to play

ROTORUA AQUATIC CENTRE

The community has told Rotorua Lakes Council that it values the Aquatic Centre as a facility for locals to use and enjoy.

Council reflected this feedback in the 2018-2028 Long-term Plan and allocated \$7.5 million towards the initial stages of the redevelopment of the centre.

What's in store for the outdoor pool?

The redevelopment will ensure the facility meets modern safety codes, is fit-for-purpose and future-proofed. The first stage of the redevelopment includes upgrading the 50m outdoor pool including deepening, lengthening, and adding a partition to enable the pool to be used as either a 50m pool, or two 25m pools. Installation of a Poolpod lift for those who have difficulty using, or cannot use, pool ladders to enter and exit the pool, will also improve accessibility.



To get the full project update head to rotorualakescouncil.nz/poolupgrades



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Te Oranga Nui Rāwhiti Mai Eastside Structure Wellness Plan

Developed in partnership with the Tatau Pounamu Collective and Rotorua Lakes Council, the plan aims to look after, and improve, the health and wellbeing of our people (hunga ao) and environment (taiao) by having a plan for the future of the Eastside.

The plan is currently out for consultation until 16 October 2020.

Ngā piringa o Te Oranga Nui - Rāwhiti Mai
What does the Eastside Structure Wellness Plan mean for you?



Housing in your community.
Where it will be and what it will look like?



Getting around. How you get to school, work, friends – bus, walk, cycle, scooter etc.



Business and Industry.
Where will you shop, work, access services, start a business?



The quality of your environment, including the quality of water in your streams and lake, how much greenery is in your neighbourhood, protection of 'special places,' and creation of new places.



Playgrounds and reserves. Where your children play and how far is this from your home?



Celebrating diversity and culture of our communities. How do we make sure our communities are inclusive?



Community safety and what this looks and feels like.




Tell us what you think about the plan we've put together



Kōrero Mai | Have Your Say

You can find the plan online at

 rotorualakescouncil.nz/koreromai

or  tataupounamurotorua.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

Te tirohanga ki te mahi | Vision to action

LOCAL COMPANY AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR NEXT STAGES OF LAKEFRONT REDEVELOPMENT

Learn more about this work at

 [rotorualakescouncil.nz/visiontoaction](https://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/visiontoaction)

Work on the lakefront redevelopment restarted soon after the COVID-19 lockdown and contracts were awarded for new sections of work.

Local company Campbell Infrastructure was awarded contracts for Stages 2, 3, and 4.

Campbell Infrastructure began work on Stage 2 in June. This has included removing some of the current Volcanic Playground and installing new play equipment, seating and picnic areas. Further work on the playground areas will happen in stages between now and 2021, avoiding construction during school holidays and to try to ensure some playground equipment is always available.

When finished, the new playground areas will be three times bigger than it is now and suitable for all ages and abilities with more space for gatherings, and improved accessibility.

Stage 3 will begin next year and involves landscaping, lawn terraces and construction of a shaded path between the lake edge and playground.

Stage 4 involves transforming Memorial Drive into a plaza rather than a thoroughfare, providing more gathering space and more space for a variety of parking including mobility, motorcycle, and bicycle. This stage is set to get underway in late September 2020, at which

time Memorial Drive will no longer be available to vehicles.

Work along the lake edge continues, while development of the western end of the lakefront and the commercial development are still in the planning stages.

In 2018, a \$19.9 million Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) investment was announced for the project. This is being used alongside \$20.1 million of Council funding to transform this recreational, economic and cultural resource. In July 2020 the PGF allocated an extra \$1 million, to progress work on a cultural overlay for the project. This will consist of artwork, interpretation and design, with local artists creating carved pou and information panels telling the placiva ta (stories) of mana whenua.

The lakefront design has been made possible through the support of our partners, the Gifted Reserves Committee (Pukeroa Ōruawhata Trust) and Te Arawa Lakes Trust. The design reflects the heritage and ongoing contribution of Ngāti Whānau and Te Arawa to our district. Together, our vision is to develop the lakefront into an outstanding recreational area to benefit locals, support tourism, and encourage private investment to create new jobs and benefit our community.



Lakefront operators remain open for business. Head down to the lakefront to see what great activities they have on offer!

INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS – PARKS AND LAKESIDE RESERVES

In the 2018-2028 Long-term Plan, Council set aside more than \$2 million to invest in lakes infrastructure enhancements along with other Sport, Recreation and Environment projects worth more than \$75 million.

Council works with Rotorua Lakes Community Board, Te Arawa Lakes Trust, iwi/hapū groups, community organisations and the wider public to deliver projects that enhance public spaces for locals and visitors to enjoy.

Komuhumu (Gisborne Point)

Work to construct a new concrete boat ramp and jetty at Komuhumu (Gisborne Point) is now complete. The new ramp and jetty replaces the previous unformed gravel launching area and will ease congestion for boaties accessing Lake Rotoiti. Improvements to the carparks and additional reserve furniture will make the space a more family-friendly place to visit.

Playground upgrades

Almost \$1 million is being invested in replacing seven playgrounds across the district. In 2019, Council sent 3,800 surveys to locals to find out what people valued most about their local playgrounds. Feedback from those surveys has helped design the new playgrounds and the replacement work is underway.

Lake Ōkareka - Boyes Beach ablution block

The new multi-facility block at Boyes Beach is finished and will support locals and visitors as they enjoy the popular lakeside reserve.

Lake Ōkareka - Acacia Road

Working in partnership with Lake Ōkareka Community Association, Council has completed a number of upgrades to the toilets, boat ramp, jetties and car park/reserve area at Acacia Road.

Lake Rotoehu - Kennedy Bay

The Kennedy Bay jetty has been renewed, improving boat user access to Rotoehu.

Lake Rotomā - Matahi Spit

Funding provided by Rotorua Lakes Community Board has assisted Council to upgrade the public facilities at Matahi Spit and a new playground will complete improvements to the reserve.

Ōtaramarae boat ramp

Council has recently completed work to improve the top of the boat ramp and hard stand on the northern jetty side of Ōtaramarae, Lake Rotoiti.



Komuhumu (Gisborne Point)



Komuhumu (Gisborne Point)



Playground upgrades



Boyes Beach



Kennedy Bay



Ōtaramarae boat ramp

Te tirohanga ki te mahi | Vision to action

ROTORUA MUSEUM'S HIDDEN GEMS



Making the news

As deconstruction of spaces within Rotorua Museum Te Wha e Tānga o Te Arawa continues, some great heritage and historical items are being uncovered. Check out these newspapers found in the walls of the beautiful mezzanine.

This *New Zealand Herald* edition is dated Tuesday September 18, 1906, and advertisements include 'Muir's Celebrated Corn Cure', and one for Schnapps indicating, "it is helpful as a medicine, and its regular, moderate use prevents the ill-effects of unwholesome water". As well as many notices about patents, people were advised to buy Beetham's Laloa to "make the skin as soft as velvet" and "prevent the attack of mosquitoes".

During construction of the Bath House building (1906-1908) newspapers were placed within the walls to help with insulation.

'Outside the Walls' guided tours continue

Our fantastic Rotorua Museum guides continue to offer free 'outside the walls' guided tours around Government Gardens. Visitors and local schools can take in the Museum grounds, and learn some of the interesting history of battles, buildings and the Government Gardens, which were transformed from a wilderness of scrub, hot pools and geysers into a oasis of Victoria's charm.

Tours:
Monday - Friday:
11am, 1pm and 2pm
Saturday and Sunday:
11am and 2pm
Meet outside Te Rūnanga Tea House.
Tours are weather dependent.

Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre



Earlier this year, an amendment to the resource consent was submitted, and this has now been approved with the support of Heritage New Zealand. The application for building consent has also been submitted, and this is awaiting the outcome of peer reviews for geotechnical and structural engineering. The pre-construction work, removing walls, floor and ceiling linings, has uncovered a number of building condition issues, and the team is working through the implications of these on the project.

Slowest lift in the land

Who ever went in the little old Museum lift? It ran from beside the café toilets, up to the classroom and on to the foyer mezzanine level of the Bath House building. It was a slowest lift in the land with a tendency to break down often! It has now made way for a new multi-use family area located where the old bathrooms used to be. A new lift will be located on the other side of foyer within the South Wing. When Rotorua Museum opens, this new lift will offer access from mezzanine to Mudbath Basement for the very first time.



ROTORUA MUSEUM STRENGTHENING AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The first stage of strengthening for the grand old Bath House building began in August when throughout the South Wing all interior and exterior walls had brittle connections changed to flexible connections on the Reid Bracing fixings.

These steel crosses sit in the walls and the plasterboard was removed to allow access to both the top and bottom connections.

The South Wing of Rotorua Museum was home to the exhibition *Ngā Pūmanawa o Te Arawa* (The Eight Beating Hearts of Te Arawa), which told the story of Te Arawa's epic journey across the sea to life in Rotorua now.

Lone bather removed

One lone bather, together with heritage baths and nearly 60 original bathing features, have been moved into storage from the Mudbath Basement to prepare for the foundation works on the building.

The complex removal process involved professional conservators, engineers, riggers and construction contractors Hawkins, working alongside our own Museum team to carry out this project.



What was removed:

- 2 x women's Doulton baths weighing 464kg each
- 1 x man's Doulton bath weighing 332kg
- 1 x cast iron bath with bather weighing 170kgs
- 1 x mud vat – rusted sides required frame stabilisation before moving
- 1 x wooden linen cupboard
- Walls and frame of nurses' station
- Clay and cast iron pipes
- Wooden ceiling battens
- Contents of the strong room including ledger pages and a diary along with a ink stand and ink wells
- Other treasures found were a brush from under the men's Doulton bath, a cigarette packet hidden behind the cupboard, old towels from under the baths and a glass milk station bottle found in a room alongside ceramic tiles.

For the most recent updates, visit

 [rotorualakescouncil.nz/visiontoaction](https://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/visiontoaction)

The Mudbath Basement was a must-see exhibition at Rotorua Museum requiring visitors to don hard hats to explore underneath the historic building, ducking under pipes and scuttling past the boiler, to see the three original Royal Doulton ceramic baths – and one cast iron bath complete with surprised bather.

The original baths were used for medicinal mud bathing and have been in this location since the Bath House opened as The Great South Sea Spa in 1908.

Te tirohanga ki te mahi | Vision to action

WHAKAREWAREWA FOREST LOOP – COMING SOON!



The new Whakarewarewa Forest Loop is set to be a fun and memorable trail that showcases a classic Rotorua mountain biking experience - redwoods, geothermal features, Māori culture and stunning views.

The approximately 35km mountain bike track around the forest is being constructed to New Zealand Cycle Trail (NZCT) Grade 2-3 standards, with the aim of being certified as a NZCT Great Ride. It will be suitable for riders with a moderate level of fitness but who might not have the technical skills to tackle more challenging tracks.

The ride will take an estimated three to six hours to complete, or people may choose to complete the loop over multiple days.

We have worked closely with Rotorua Trails Trust, CNI Iwi Holdings Ltd, and mana whenua to develop the loop, which is formed by connecting sections

of existing trails and sections of new purpose-built trails. The ride will run clockwise around the forest, across the Tokoraigi Fa'e (which overlooks the city), through the new Taawera Road Forest Hub, past Lake Tikitapu, through to the existing Te Ara Ahi path on SH5 to connect to the Wapapa mountain bike camp. The new sections of track have been under construction since December 2019, and the loop is scheduled to be opened by Labour Weekend 2020.

To ensure the ride is fit for purpose, we've employed the help of some of New Zealand's expert trail builders. Here's what they had to say:

Trail Builder Adam King from Empire of Dirt: "We have spent many years designing and building mountain bike tracks overseas and around New Zealand. Being involved in the construction of the forest loop has been a great experience.

Our section of the trail had a few

unexpected issues to overcome but we were able to devise quick and efficient plans to achieve an excellent product."

Trail Builder Craig Pattle from Velosolutions: "It was really great to be given the opportunity to build part of the forest loop. I have been riding in the forest for a long time and remember and spent most of my forest youth at the old super jumps, which is the exact part of the forest we needed to build in which was awesome."

Rotorua Trails Trust Trail Builder Lance Tavinor: "It's nice to be part of a group of passionate people who are doing their best to shape cycling in this city by building a trail that will hopefully show the rest of the world the beauty that is Rotorua." This work is part of the Whakarewarewa Forest development, a collaboration between Te Komiti Nui o Ngāti Whakaue, Tūhourangi Tribal Authority, CNI Iwi Holdings, and Rotorua Lakes Council, with investment funding from the Provincial Growth Fund.

Learn more about this work at

 [rotorualakescouncil.
nz/visiontoaction](https://rotorualakescouncil.nz/visiontoaction)



Ngā Pātanga | Events

ROTORUA NUI - YOUR GUIDE TO ROTORUA EVENTS!

A new online platform promoting what's on in Rotorua provides a one-stop shop for all local events information.

Rotorua Nui showcases all types of events, from sports to culture and everything in between.



 rotoruanui.nz



Find and attend events that fuel your passions – keep up to date with what's on through our website, quarterly events calendar, Facebook, Instagram and monthly e-newsletters.

Create and promote your own events – event organisers and marketers can list events for free to engage with wider audiences through the Rotorua Nui platforms.

Rotorua Nui is derived from the full name of our lake, Rotorua nui-a Kā umatanomoe.

Nui means plentiful, numerous, great, abundant and important, which perfectly reflects the vibrant and varied events that take place across the Rotorua district. The name was chosen following guidance from Rotorua Lakes Council's internal kaupapa Māori team – Te Amorangi, and a Te Arawa language expert.



Hākinakina
Sports



Māhi ā Rēhia
Performing Arts



Karapinetanga
Hapori
Markets & Festivals



Hapori
Community



Wānanga Kōrero
Talks & Workshops

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO ICONIC EVENT



When eight trailblazing runners set off to complete the first recorded marathon around Lake Rotorua in 1962, nobody could have predicted it would evolve into one of New Zealand's most iconic events.

By 1977, entry levels were more than 500. The following year, numbers more than doubled and the event now regularly attracts more than 3,000 participants over various distances.

The 1970s served up some world-class victors. The 1974 Commonwealth Games silver medalist and two-time Olympian Jack Foster won the race four times while 1968 Olympic Games bronze medalist Mike Ryan won in 1971.

Women were officially allowed to enter for the first time in 1974 with Palmerston North mother-of-four Valda Roch victorious.

Throughout the 1980s, the race consistently attracted upwards of 2,000 runners with stalwart performer Phil Blingering winning three times and posting the course record of 2:16:05 in 1988 – a mark that still stands today.

In terms of sheer numbers, the race enjoyed its high point at the 25th-anniversary edition in 1989 – attracting a record of nearly 6,000 starters, the largest number for any marathon in New Zealand.

In 1993, the Survivors Club – which today boasts more than 500 active members – was set up for all runners who had completed 15. Of the current members, Michael Stewart has racked up more than 40 appearances while Verna Cook-Jackson is the only woman to have reached that mark.

The race has so long boasted a genuine community feel and serves an important purpose as a fundraiser with entrants encouraged to run for a charity. With the event attracting participants from all over the country, the local economy also gets a significant boost with spending in accommodation, tourist attractions, hospitality and retail.

Run by Athletics New Zealand and Rotorua-based Event Promotions Ltd, the event now offers the full marathon, half marathon and 10km and 5.5km options.

The event would not be possible without the support of Rotorua Lakes Council, New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) and Red Stag Timber, who are among a number of partners and sponsors.

The Rotorua Marathon is expected to return to its usual annual timing of May in 2021. Sign up now to be part of this iconic event!

There is a distance for everyone, so, if you are keen to set yourself a goal and start your fitness journey, why not make 2021 your year? For the latest event info and to register please visit rotoruumarathon.co.nz

What's on

your district, your events



TE KAPU MITRE 10: WAIARIKI V TĀMAKI MITRE 10 CUP: STEAMERS V AUCKLAND

Cheer on the BOP Steamers in their second Mitre 10 Cup home game!

When: Friday 2 October, 6pm

Where: Rotorua International Stadium

[f](#) @BOPRugby



TE TŌNAMANA RANGATAHI Ā TE RĪKI MĀORI Ō AOTEAROA NZ MĀORI RUGBY LEAGUE RANGATAHI TOURNAMENT

Kōtiro and tama celebrate the 20th anniversary of this tournament.

When: Saturday 3 and
Sunday 4 October

Where: Rotorua International Stadium

[f](#) @NZMaoriRugbyLeague



PATAPATA UKURERE THRU HOT-LAKES UKULELE MEET

Weekend ukulele strum, open mic, workshops and concert.

When: Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October

Where: QE Heath Recreation Hall

[rotoruaukulele.co.nz](#)



TE RAPU I TE TARATA ME ŌTŪKAPUARANGI LOCATING THE TERRACES

NIWA scientist, Dr Andrew Lorrey, talks about sea ching for the Pink and White Terraces.

When: Thursday 8 October,
5.30pm - 7pm

Where: Rotorua Lakes Council Chamber, Ha ppa Street

[rotoruamuseum.co.nz](#)



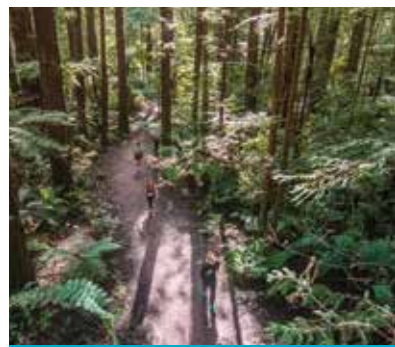
TE TŌNAMANA TUAKANA Ā TE RĪKI MĀORI Ō AOTEAROA NZ MĀORI RUGBY LEAGUE TUAKANA TOURNAMENT

The wāine toa wāia and rohe celebrate the tournament's 20th anniversary.

When: Friday 23 – Sunday 25 October

Where: Rotorua International Stadium

[f](#) @NZMaoriRugbyLeague



OMAHIA TE NGAHERE RUN THE FOREST

The coolest forest run or walk in the stunning Redwood Forest.

When: Saturday 24 October

Where: Redwood Forest

[f](#) @RotoruaForestFest



TE TAUMANO EKE PAIHIKARA MAUNGA EMERSON'S WHAKA 100

One of the toughest mountain bike marathons in the Southern Hemisphere.

When: Sunday 25 October

Where: Wāpa

[f](#) @Whaka100



ME HAERE TONU TE WHAKAATURANGA! THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

Indulge in the magic of the best songs from musical theatre featuring a hall-starter.

When: Saturday 24 October, 7.30pm

Where: Energy Events Centre, Rotorua

[theshows.co.nz](#)



TE AHUREI TĀKARO-HUHUA AHUTORU O ROTORUA 3D ROTORUA MULTISPORT FESTIVAL

With three events to choose from there is something for everyone!

When: Sunday 1 November,
from 9.30am

Where: Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake) & Whāia ewa ewa Forest

[f](#) @3DRotoruaMultiSportFestival



TE AHUREI AMERIKANA RĀTINI LATIN AMERICAN FESTIVAL

Join this passionate celebration of Latin America with food, dance and activities.

When: Thursday 5 November,
5pm – 9pm

Where: Rotorua Night Market, Te Maawa

[f](#) @RotoruaNightMarket



LPAC PRESENTS DISNEY'S ALADDIN JR

A magical musical theatre experience for the whole family.

When: Thursday 5 - Sunday 8 November

Where: Harvest Centre, Malfroy Road

🌐 lakesperformingartscompany.com



NGĀ MOTOKĀ TUKITUKI O ROTOHOKAHOKA TWS PARADISE VALLEY SPEEDWAY

Fast-paced speedway action followed by a massive fireworks display.

When: Friday 6 November, 7pm - 10pm

Where: TWS Paradise Valley Speedway

🌐 rotoruaspeedway.co.nz



RAKAPIOI ĀKI | SLAM ROCK

The Sulphur City Steam Rollers' roller derby event of the year!

When: Saturday 14 November, 6pm - 9pm

Where: Southern Trust Sportsdrome

🌐 steamrollers.co.nz



AOTEAROA — HE WHAKAARI PUORO RAKAPIOI AOTEAROA - A NEW ZEALAND ROCK MUSICAL

An award-winning musical about love mixed with some great NZ rock songs.

When: Friday 20 November - Saturday 5 December, 8pm

Where: Capital Theatre, 122 Riri Street

🌐 rotoruumusicaltheatre.co.nz



PŪTAHITANGA ONE PEOPLE CONCERT

A free community whānau event featuring music, kapa haka and stalls.

When: Saturday 21 November, 12pm - 4pm

Where: Kuirau Park

📌 @DominatedEvents



TE AHUREI OMA O ROTORUA ROTORUA RUNNING FESTIVAL

One of the most scenic running and walking events in the country!

When: Sunday 22 November, 6.30am - 2pm

Where: Rotorua Village Green

🌐 eventpromotions.co.nz



TE WHAKAATURANGA HAHANA O TE MOANA TE MOANA GLOW SHOW

A giant-scale puppet show with glow-in-the-dark characters from Māori myths under the sea!

When: Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 November, 10am and 11.30am

Where: Energy Events Centre, Rotorua

🌐 glowshow.co.nz



TE AHUREI TŪRAMA | DIWALI

Celebrate Diwali with light, colour, dance, music and delicious Indian food.

When: Saturday 28 November, 4pm - 9pm

Where: Te Maawa

📌 @BOPRotoruaIndianAssoc



TE TAUWHĀINGA-TORU TAMARIKI SANITARIUM WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON

Cheer on our Kiwi kids as they tackle this fun and active event.

When: Sunday 29 November, 7am - 12pm

Where: Kuirau Park

🌐 tryathlon.co.nz/locations/rotorua



TE WHAKATAETAE PĀ WHUTUPŌRO MĀORI Ā-MOTU MĀORI TOUCH RUGBY NATIONALS

Watch the best national teams battle it out for the top spot!

When: Friday 4 and Saturday 5 December

Where: Rotorua International Stadium

📌 @MaoriTouchNZ



TE WATAKA KŌANGA SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR

Check out what's happening in Rotorua this Spring in the new calendar.

When: Available from 4 September
🌐 rotoruanui.nz

Due to COVID-19 Alert Levels, some events may change. Check the online listing for latest details on each event.



🌐 rotoruanui.nz

ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua