

ROTORUA-TATAU TATAU

Our people, our culture, our place, our Rotorua

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LAKES COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Rotorua Lakes Council will be closed from midday Wednesday 22 December 2021 to Monday 10 January 2022.

We wish you and your loved ones a safe, happy and relaxing holiday break.

Services such as water, rubbish and recycling, noise and animal control will operate as normal. Rotorua Library will be open except on public holidays.

For any questions or urgent issues, phone the council Customer Centre (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) on ☎ 07 348 4199.

As Christmas Day falls on a Saturday this year, there are no changes to kerbside collection days. The public holiday for Christmas Day observed (Monday 27 December) does not affect kerbside collections either.

You can check collection days at rotorualakescouncil.nz/rubbish
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- ⚠ see illegal dumping
- ⚠ see an overflowing bin or litter
- ⚠ notice that toilets in our parks or reserves require maintenance

Rotorua Lakes Council takes advice on the most appropriate use of te reo Māori from its iwi partner, Te Arawa. The name of the Council magazine, *Tatau Tatau*, is the Te Arawa dialectal version of the kupu meaning 'we together' (commonly written as *Tātou Tātou*).

The absence of macrons is particular to Ngāti Whakaue which has mana whenua (traditional authority) over the township of Rotorua.

Cover photo:

L to R: Members of the Fordlands community Maraea Pomana, Kristyl Eru, Harmony Millanta and Darcy Hunt, pictured with the mural at Huia Lyons Reserve.

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CREATING COMMUNITY WORKS OF ART

Murals can make a space more inviting and when those who live nearby are involved, it ensures a sense of ownership for the whole community.

This is the experience of Rotorua Lakes Council's community arts advisor Marc Spijkerbosch, who has worked on countless murals over the years, helping to brighten up public spaces, parks and reserves.

Marc says when installing murals in neighbourhoods, it's important they represent the community they are displayed in and the best way to do that is involving those who live there in the creative process.

"Participation gives ownership and that means murals are respected and looked after," Marc says.

One recently completed mural at the Wrigley Rd Reserve was created with the help of the Fordlands Community Centre and a group of local young people.

The mural showcases famous artists, along with local street signs and messaging. Marc says the process was a lot of fun and the rangatahi enjoyed seeing their work come to life.

He says when children and young people are given the opportunity to create "you can see the lights go on" and their artworks are often a depiction of their environments.

"I'm always amazed with what kids come out with."

In recent months Marc, along with Reporoa College's Catherine Silberschmidt and students in the school's art department, completed work at the local Butcher's Pool which involved students painting panels that showed "what's wonderful about this part of the world".



Reporoa School students creating art for the Reporoa community mural

"We focused on nature and what makes Reporoa special. The kids were great to work with, there are a lot of talented kids in our community," Marc says.

A freelance artist for about 25 years before taking up his role with the council eight years ago, Marc loves working with young people and helping boost pride in their communities through art.

"I really enjoy working with schools and kids."

Got an idea for a community art project?

Email  marc.spijkerbosch@rotorualc.nz



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Tēnā ra koutou katoa,

We are very quickly approaching the end of another year and it has been one during which every aspect of our lives has continued to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a Council we have continued to work on multiple fronts to respond to the challenges faced by Rotorua, as well as dealing with the added challenges of the pandemic.

Our 2021-31 Long-term Plan which was adopted mid-2021 is very much focused on our district's big challenges – housing and community safety, infrastructure, economic development/employment and climate change. These are the key priorities we need to address to keep the Rotorua district moving forward and Council is working very hard on all fronts to achieve progress for the benefit of our district and its residents.

We are also continuing with future-focussed projects such as the lakefront development, forest developments, Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre and restoring our museum.

In all our work, partnerships continue to play a vital role – partnerships with iwi and mana whenua, with Central Government agencies, with industry leaders, developers and businesses and with community leaders and organisations. Council continues to lobby and advocate on behalf of Rotorua but can't achieve what our community needs alone –

we'll only get there if we work together towards shared goals and combine our efforts, and that's what we're trying to lead and facilitate.

I'm proud of the work Council is doing during these unsettling and uncertain times – some of which is highlighted in this magazine – and I'm extremely proud of the collaboration, innovation and resilience that has continued to shine through in our community despite the challenges.

High vaccination rates are key to moving into the next phase of the pandemic response and I urge everyone to get vaccinated – to protect yourself, your loved ones, the community, and our economy.

We look forward to continuing the good work together with you for the benefit and betterment of our whole district, and look forward to seeing further progress in the year ahead.

In the meantime, I wish you all a very happy festive season and a wonderful and safe summer. Look after one another.



Steve Chadwick,
Mayor of Rotorua



Te whakaahu i te takiwā | Shaping our district

MĀU E WHIRIWHIRI – TE AROTAKE WHAKAAHUANGA 2022 Your Choice – 2022 Representation Review

Rotorua Lakes Council will seek legislative change to enable a preferred representation model to be adopted at the earliest possible time.

A representation model determines the make-up of Council including how many councillors there are and the number of seats allocated to wards.

Council's preferred model to best represent the needs of Rotorua (3 Maori ward seats, 3 general ward seats and 4 at large seats + 2 community boards), is not permitted under current legislation.

In the meantime, Council was required to adopt a lawful model and has adopted an interim model with 1 Maori ward seat, 1 general ward seat and 8 at large seats + 2 community boards

FIND OUT MORE:

 bit.ly/YourChoice2022



KĒTI TĀNIKO (Modern Tūhourangi Design)
Artist: Denise Morgan-Koia – Tūhourangi, Ngāti Rangiwewehi, Tainui

Te tirohanga ki te mahi | Vision to action

TE HURA I NGA POU WHENUA O TŪHOURANGI - UNVEILING OF TŪHOURANGI ARTWORKS AT TE PŪTAKE O TAWA

Taonga depicting tūpuna (ancestors) of Tūhourangi now take pride of place at Te Pūtake o Tawa forest hub in Rotorua.

The installation of the artworks is part of the Whakarewarewa Forest Development project, enabling the sharing of kōrero (stories) of tūpuna (ancestors) important to Tūhourangi.

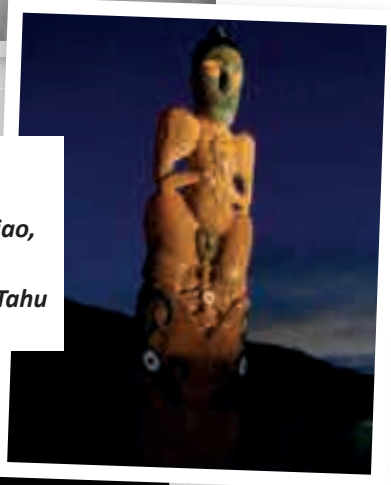
Te Pūtake o Tawa is on the way to Tikitapu (Blue Lakes) and provides another access point to the trails of Whakarewarewa Forest.

The local artists who designed and created these magnificent taonga during the past year were selected by Tūhourangi and include a mix of both established and up-and-coming artists.

This aspect of the forest development project was enabled through partnerships between CNI Iwi Holdings Limited, mana whenua, Rotorua Lakes Council and central government's regional economic development and investment unit, Kānoa – REDIU.

 Photography by Stephen Parker

Head out to Te Pūtake o Tawa at 516 Tarawera Road to learn more about these taonga.



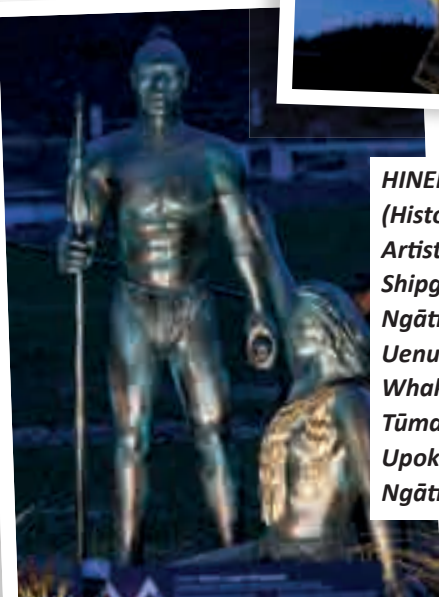
UMUKARIA (Chief)
Artist: Tukiri Tini - Tūhourangi Ngāti Wāhiao, Ngāti Whakaeue, Ngāti Hinekura, Tainui, Ngāi Tahu



WĀHIAO (Son of Umukaria)
Artist: Iwi Le Comte - Ngāti Wāhiao, Ngāti Rangiteaorere, Ngāti Tarāwhai, Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairoa, Ngāi Tuhoe



KATAORE (Taniwha)
Artist: Tāwhanga Rika – Tūhourangi Ngāti Wāhiao, Ngāti Tarāwhai, Ngāti Rangiwewehi



HINEMOA AND TŪTĀNEKAI (Historical Romance)
Artist: Okiwi Logan Shipgood – Tūhourangi Ngāti Wāhiao, Ngāti Uenukūpako, Ngāti Whakaeue, Ngāti Tūmatawera, Ngāti Kahu Upoko, Ngāti Tarāwhai, Ngāti Hinekura



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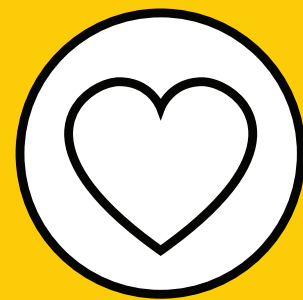
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TE ARAWA COVID-19 RESPONSE HUB

When action fighting the pandemic is needed locally, the Te Arawa COVID-19 Response Hub is quick to step up.

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck New Zealand in 2020 marae, hapū, health and community organisations across Te Arawa joined forces to establish the hub and support whānau, provide education, information and outreach. They've also promoted the importance of getting vaccinated and ensured the process of getting a vaccine is accessible.

Vaccination awareness continues to be focus for the Response Hub.

Te Arawa Covid Response Hub chairman Monty Morrison is proud of how swiftly Te Arawa acted to contribute to the fight against COVID-19.

Within hours of the Alert Level 4 lockdown being announced in March 2020, the Te Arawa COVID-19 Response Hub was established to support whānau within the rohe.

This year the focus has been protecting whānau with vaccinations and providing support during the Delta outbreak.

“Our vaccination strategy has been a combination of education and outreach, to ensure our people have accurate information to make an informed choice for their whānau,” Monty says.

When another Level 4 announcement came in August, healthcare providers banded together to set up a drive-through vaccination clinic on Clayton Road.

And there are regular outreach clinics going into remote communities such as Mamaku, Reporoa, Mangakino, Mokoia, Ngongotahā, and Fordlands.

Find out more at

 tearawacovid19.nz



Left to Right: Labour MP Tamati Coffey, his māmā Rangī Coffey, John Matenga from Te Puni Kokiri, Te Arawa COVID-19 Response Hub chairman and spokesman Monty Morrison

Those involved in setting up the clinics included Korowai Aroha Health Centre, Lakes District Health Board, Manaaki Ora, Te Arawa Lakes Trust Te Arawa COVID-19 Hub, Te Arawa Whānau Ora, Te Roopu Hauora o Te Arawa, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Pikiao and Western Heights Health Centre.

“While the drive-through clinic on Clayton Road is a by-Māori for-Māori initiative, we welcome everyone,” Monty says. “The more vaccinated people we have in our community, the better protected we will all be.”

This summer and beyond, Monty says the Hub's priority will continue to be ensuring as many Te Arawa whānau – and all members of our community – are vaccinated.

“We must stand united in our fight against COVID-19 – not only as Te Arawa but also as part of the team of five million in Aotearoa. It's everyone's responsibility to protect each other,” he says.

“This is the single most important time for the current generation to protect our whakapapa.”



Staff on site at the Te Arawa drive-through vaccination clinic on Clayton Road, Rotorua.

TACKLING OUR HOUSING CRISIS

Housing is a key priority for our district and Rotorua Lakes Council is working with urgency on many fronts, in partnership with others, to enable more housing.

Council, Te Arawa, central Government agencies and local housing providers have partnered for a coordinated approach to achieve a better Rotorua with more housing choices and thriving communities.

Like much of New Zealand, Rotorua is facing a housing crisis with a significant number of local people living in, or on the brink of, serious housing distress.

In late 2019, as part of a place-based assessment Council and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) worked together to understand Rotorua housing challenges and identified a housing deficit of 1750 and growing.

Other challenges included a lack of public housing, increasing homelessness, unaffordability of house sale prices and rentals, a lack of available land for development, cost of building and the availability of tradespeople, RMA consenting requirements, high rates of unemployment and low wage rates compared to the rest of the country.

During the past two years local housing challenges have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

Despite this, after more than 15 years of little growth, the Rotorua population has continued to increase since 2013.

- ▶ Rotorua population increased 2.7% (1,800 people) between 1996 and 2013.
- ▶ 2013 to 2020, the population increased 13% (9,000 people).
- ▶ As at June 2021 Rotorua population was 77,254.

Infometrics predicts our population will increase to:

- ▶ 85,085 residents by 2031
- ▶ 90,835 residents by 2051

The existing housing deficit and projected growth mean Rotorua will need an additional 6,000 homes to be built during the next 10 years.

So what is Council doing?

- ▶ **2021-2031 Long-term Plan – housing target set**
Council has committed to enabling construction and development of 6,000 new homes by 2030, with additional development potential of more than 10,000 residential sections.

- ▶ **Rotorua Homes and Thriving Communities Strategy**

This was developed with Te Arawa and central Government agencies and aims to deliver short, medium and long-term housing solutions covering the spectrum of need, from emergency and transitional housing to market rentals and home ownership.



▶ **30-year Infrastructure Strategy**

Council has committed to investing \$424 million in core infrastructure (roading, stormwater, sewerage and water supplies) during the next 10 years to ensure safe, reliable infrastructure able to meet current demand and support future housing development.

▶ **Pukehangi Heights Plan Change**

A streamlined District Plan change was approved by the Minister for the Environment to fast-track rezoning of privately-owned land along Pukehangi Road. This is now zoned for residential housing and Council continues to work with landowners to support progression of developments to enable an estimated 790 homes.

▶ **Intensification Plan Change**

Intensification will enable more housing and a greater mix of types of housing, in appropriate locations. The composition of household sizes and types in Rotorua is starting to change. We will need more smaller, low-maintenance homes in medium to high density. The proposed Plan Change will give residents more choice about where they live and the types of homes they live in.

▶ **Improvements to consenting processes**

While the Government is leading changes to national policy to enable faster residential development, Council is looking at ways to improve and streamline consenting processes to enable development of medium to high density residential builds such as duplexes and terraced homes.

To find out more about what Council is doing to address housing challenges in Rotorua:

 rotorualakescouncil.nz/homesforrotorua

▶ **Government funding opportunities**

Council is working alongside various partners to attract Government funding to enable housing development in Rotorua. In 2020, the Government granted Waka Kotahi and Council \$55m for roading and stormwater infrastructure to support and enable housing in the city's Eastside area of Whareniui.

▶ **Priority Development Area – CBD and central city residential growth**

Council and Rotorua Economic Development (RED) are working together on key pieces of work to revitalise the inner city including enabling more residential living within the CBD. This includes working with mana whenua on cultural foundations, development of an inner city design guide, an incentives policy to encourage residential and commercial development, and opportunities to support potential landowners and developers to undertake projects that support inner city living.

▶ **Rotorua Housing Taskforce**

A Taskforce of government agencies, iwi and council was established in March 2021 to provide better support and outcomes for people in emergency housing or at risk of homelessness. MHUD has contracted 13 motels to provide emergency housing for more than 200 whānau and a community-led housing hub – Te Pokapū – has been set up to support and place people into housing. Meanwhile, Kāinga Ora is working urgently to deliver about 190 homes by 2024 with about 50 expected to be completed by mid-2022.



Construction underway at the Mountview Green development in Koutu.

"We need to establish our own small, yet effective, team of development advisors and iwi-based action researchers.

"Te Tatau is taking inventory of Te Arawa-owned land and will engage with administrators of land blocks to discuss their housing and development aspirations and the tautoko they require.

"Next year, we aim to have four land blocks alongside as case studies. Two have already signalled they wish to be involved. We will work with them to develop master plans for papakāinga or other housing - based on the wellbeing compass - and then support them through their consenting processes.

"Every step will be recorded to create templates and guidelines for inclusion in the Mauri Ora housing model for other land blocks and developers to follow.

"This is major mahi for Te Tatau. But we are determined to work toward the future Houmaitawhiti saw for his people all those generations ago."

The Te Arawa Vision states that by 2050:

- Noticeable gains will be made by Te Arawa uri and whānau as planned for in our Te Arawa Health Strategy; Tamariki Ora Strategy, Taiohi Toa Strategy and Housing Strategy;
- Dedicated resources are successfully deployed to meet identified whānau needs and aspirations;
- Lifelong learning opportunities help Te Arawa uri and whānau achieve self-determination and self-management;
- Connection and participation between people and of people to their marae, hapū and iwi is prevalent.

Rotorua Reorua update

Te Tatau and Council representatives are proud to have joined the launch of Aotearoa Reorua that supports towns and cities to become bilingual centres.

As pioneers of reorua cities in Aotearoa, Te Tatau and its council partner were in at the beginning of a new, nationwide, Department of Internal Affairs-led, Te Whare o te Reo Mauriora programme launched online in late October.

Te Tatau board member, Rangitīria Tibble, says the new programme actively supports Rotorua Reorua and its goal of having te reo Māori seen, heard and celebrated.

"As the first city in Aotearoa to launch as a reorua city it is wonderful that Rotorua will now be supporting other centres interested in becoming reorua.

"We're pleased that Aotearoa Reorua is about councils and iwi working in partnership on their bilingual journey.

"For Rotorua Reorua it means Te Tatau and [the council] can continue to work closely to rollout our own rautaki reorua (bilingual plan) and advance our shared aspirations for te reo Māori and our city."



Rangitīria Tibble

See  aotearoareorua.govt.nz
for more information



WATER CONSERVATION

Rotorua looks set for a warmer than usual summer - and while that might be good news for many locals, it could put the city's water supplies under pressure.

Rotorua is fortunate to have a number of reliable water sources with most of the city's drinking water supply coming from natural springs.

These springs aren't impacted by weather conditions but do play a vital role in feeding some of our natural water courses like the Utuhina, Puarenga, Awahou and Hamurana streams.

Unlike other places, Rotorua doesn't have to rely on rainfall to supply drinking water but warmer temperatures and fewer days of rain during the last two years is resulting in lower levels and flows in some rivers, streams and wetlands. This impacts habitat for a large variety of aquatic fauna and flora.

It's important we do what we can, as a community, to conserve water, particularly over summer, to help reduce any impact on waterways, ensure there is plenty of water for the district's households, and safeguard back-up supplies in case of firefighting emergencies.

Be mindful of your water use and do your part to conserve as much water as possible.

Follow Rotorua Lakes Council on Facebook and Instagram for water conservation updates this summer

How you can help:

- Use a hand-held hose to water lawns or gardens and do it during cooler hours of the day to minimise evaporation and avoid over-watering.
- Collect rainwater to use in your garden.
- Keep lawns longer to retain more water and create deeper roots for healthier grass.
- Use a watering can instead of a hose to water your garden.
- Don't leave sprinklers on overnight.
- Use a bucket and sponge to wash cars, houses or driveways instead of a hose.
- Don't run taps unnecessarily.
- Report water leaks to Council by calling ☎ 07 348 4199.

Water supply for Rotorua:

- Water supplied by Council comes from 10 natural sources – eight springs, one bore and one lake.
- The central city water supply stores up to 32,000 m³ of water in 10 reservoirs.

Ka ao ka ao ka awatea | Making a difference

LOVE OF THE LAND AND THE LANGUAGE

Whenua is a very special dog – using his understanding of te reo Māori to help protect New Zealand’s environment and provide support to rangatahi.

Almost two, the border collie is in the early stages of the Department of Conservation’s Conservation Dog Programme (CDP), responsible for detecting protected species and pest plants, working alongside his handler Stu Herewini.

The CDP has been around for decades but Stu and Whenua are new to the mahi (work), starting their involvement last year.

The pair also contribute to other work in the community.

Stu is involved in the Te Kura Taiao Eco Warrior programme, which allows young people to work together to look after the natural environment. He is also a community youth advocate applying animal therapy experiences and learnings with rangatahi me taiohi (adolescents and young people) in respite care and early intervention processes. And he’s involved in the Ngā Hapori Programme, which provides rangatahi-centric control, management and participation in an activity-based environment with sport.

Whenua is a huge part of the animal therapy programme, helping rangatahi to deal with stresses.

Stu reckons his four-legged friend is the best facilitator he has worked with.

“Whether a student does or doesn’t interact doesn’t matter – animals give unconditionally.”

Stu says the work he and Whenua do is focused on the Te Whare Tapa Whā Māori health model, which supports taha hinengaro (mental and emotional wellbeing), taha tinana (physical wellbeing), taha whānau (family wellbeing) and taha wairua (spiritual wellbeing).

And as te reo Māori is the “most loving language in the world” according to Stu, having Whenua receive his commands in the language supports the Te Whare Tapa Whā Māori approach.



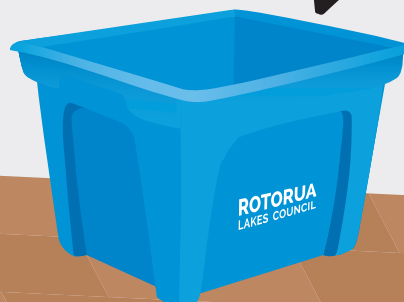
Stu Herewini and Whenua

To find out more about the CDP, visit doc.govt.nz/our-work/conservation-dog-programme/

A recycling tip for you and your mates, keep bottle caps and lids out of the blue crate



smart
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INNER CITY UPDATE

CBD revitalisation plan

Work is underway on foundational pieces that will help guide the development of a refreshed revitalisation plan for the Rotorua CBD.

A CBD plan is part of the Rotorua Economic Development Strategy Framework that was approved by Council last December. It was identified as a key action by the CBD sector group that was established last year to consider economic recovery strategies (following the 2020 lockdown).

Several pieces of work need to be completed before a proposed plan can be developed, including working with mana whenua and Te Arawa on cultural foundations, developing an inner city design

guide for urban development, and working on an incentives policy to encourage commercial and residential development in the inner city.

A steering group will lead and assist with this work and an initial workshop with the Rotorua Business Chamber to explore options for the incentives policy has taken place.

Meanwhile, CCO (council-controlled organisation) Rotorua Economic Development (RED) is progressing work with landowners and developers/ investors to look at potential projects that support CBD living.



PrestoPark

Heading into the CBD? Save time and pay for your parking on your mobile device!

Download and use the parking app, PrestoPark.

The app provides a flexible and contactless way to pay for parking in the inner city of Rotorua.

It is available for Apple and Android users. Search for it in your app store by its name, PrestoPark.



For more information and to download the app, just scan the QR code or search for PrestoPark in your app store.



COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES TO EXPAND

Council's community safety efforts are being extended across the district after previously being focused on the CBD and surrounding inner city areas.

In recent years, Council has worked in partnership with Police and other key safety stakeholders, to focus its safety efforts on providing response and support to reduce anti-social and criminal activity.

Community safety is a key priority of Council's 2021-31 Long-term Plan (LTP) which includes an additional \$500,000 per year for community safety initiatives.

A draft Community Safety Plan approved in March 2021 includes increasing patrols in suburban areas and partnering with other organisations.

Other actions:

- Increase Council's Safe City Guardians team from 4 to 10 for patrol services, replacing security contractors by early 2022 and reducing patrol costs.
- Increase Council's CCTV monitoring staff from 2 to 4 to enable more consistent services and flexibility around monitoring hours.
- Extend Council-operated vehicle patrols into residential areas and reserves to deter and detect anti-social and criminal behaviour.
- Assess public spaces and address areas of concern.
- Strengthen relationships and connections with Māori Wardens, Neighbourhood Support and Community Patrol Groups.
- Reassess the approach to lower level crime that negatively impacts perceptions, like graffiti, to improve responses.
- Extend the CCTV network to cover the entire CBD and Fenton Street.
- Improve data collection and analysis to move to a more prevention-based approach.

Work is already underway on a handful of priority public locations for additional CCTV cameras following feedback and information from CCTV camera operators and Police.

Council staff continue to work closely with Police and others on a daily basis through activities like vehicle and foot patrols, the joint annual Summer Safety Campaign, CCTV monitoring and public education.

Council patrols and CCTV monitoring have now shifted to a summer roster, focusing more intently on the hours of busiest public activity. Council's mobile CCTV trailer will also be used throughout the district during summer as a further tool to address concerns, act as a deterrent and provide information to Council and the Police.

Anti-social, suspicious and criminal behaviour should to be reported to Police by calling ☎ 111. For non-urgent matters call ☎ 105.





Ka ao ka ao ka awatea | Making a difference

DOING ALL WE CAN TO BE DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY

Dementia affects almost 70,000 Kiwis and it is estimated that by 2050, almost 170,000 are likely to be living with the condition in New Zealand.

That means it's important for libraries and community hubs to be safe and welcoming.

Considerable work is underway to ensure Rotorua Library at Te Aka Mauri in the CBD is dementia-friendly. This involves developing collections, programmes and services for adults with dementia and those who care for them. Rotorua is leading the way in a number of initiatives.

In 2020, our library launched a Memory Loss and Dementia collection that consists of fiction, non-fiction, and dementia-specific photobooks. It's used by the public and by the Dementia Lakes book group that meets regularly at Rotorua Library.

Relevant titles are found by searching the library catalogue for "dementia friendly resources", a search phrase recommended by our cataloguing team and now adopted by libraries across New Zealand.

Involvement in building the dementia collection during the last two years resulted in key learnings for local librarian Joanne Hatcher:

- books with colourful pictures can spark memories and start conversations;
- those with dementia can still enjoy well written content;
- maintaining literacy through reading or being read to can help people with dementia to maintain communication;
- adults with dementia may have been well-read and need more stimulation than just child-like abridged stories.

Rotorua Library is working in partnership with the University of Auckland to build digital capabilities for seniors with cognitive impairment. A pilot is underway where digital mentors help teach adults with early-stage dementia to use a tablet or laptop to carry out online activities. Eventually this programme will be offered to public libraries nationwide.

Members of the Rotorua Library digital mentorship team have completed Dementia Friendly training through Alzheimers New Zealand and you'll recognise them by their purple wristbands.

Based on the success of Busy Bags for children during the last 18 months, the Rotorua Library Team at Te Aka Mauri is also developing a take-home activity bag for adults with dementia. These 'memory kete' will include activities to stimulate memory, based on the history of Rotorua.

Rotorua Library is a place for the whole community and working towards being dementia-friendly means that adults with dementia can continue to visit knowing they are in a place with items to borrow and programmes to enjoy, where they are treated with kindness and respect.

For more info, phone Joanne Dillon on ☎ 07 351 7064



*Joanne Hatcher with a selection of books from the dementia-friendly collection.
Photo credit: Sue Heke*

Te auahatanga o Te Manawa | Inner city innovation

CAFÉ TO CONNECT EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY



A vibrant new inner-city café in Rotorua is set to bridge the gap between education and the hospitality industry.

A Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology-led project, supported by Rotorua Lakes Council, the new commercial café will be located in the i-SITE building on Fenton Street and is expected to open in early 2022. The café will not be a training facility but will offer Toi Ohomai Hospitality and Culinary Arts students the opportunity to sharpen their skills in a commercial environment.

Junior café staff will be completing industry apprenticeships while Toi Ohomai students will gain valuable work experience and training as part of their course. Students will also be able to showcase their work at student-run, pre-sold evening functions.

Toi Ohomai Business Design and Service Industries faculty dean, Bart Vosse, says the project was borne out of discussions with industry leaders keen to raise standards across the hospitality industry.

A 2016 report by world-renowned tourism consultant Professor Terry Stevens identified the need to improve service and delivery standards and this venture aims to stand alongside industry to help lift the bar.

Visit [toiohomai.ac.nz](https://www.toiohomai.ac.nz) to learn about study options in 2022.

The café will be managed and operated by highly trained senior staff providing top quality service at a destination café.

“Industry feedback has indicated that graduates need to be more ‘employment ready’ to be able to walk into the fast-paced world of commercial hospitality,” Mr Vosse says.

“Toi Ohomai has seen the need to give students the most realistic, hands-on learning experience possible by establishing and operating a commercial café in the heart of the central city.

“We are bridging the gap between education, industry and community – and we’re proud to do so.”

Rotorua Lakes Council owns the i-SITE building and in March 2021 Council agreed to add an outdoor area to the site being developed by Toi Ohomai, to ensure the successful establishment of the café and realisation of associated benefits to the district and community. The addition of the outside area is also intended to add to the vibrancy in Jean Batten Square.



Te tirohanga ki te mahi | Vision to action

NEW LAKEFRONT PLAYGROUND TO OPEN BY CHRISTMAS

The new Rotorua lakefront playground is on track to be complete and open to the public this month.

Local company Campbell Infrastructure has been working on the playground since April 2021. The COVID-19 lockdown caused some delays but the team has worked very hard to catch up to deliver a brand new playground for tamariki to enjoy this summer.

A new toilet block, shared path, grass terraces and landscaping are also expected to be finished by Christmas. Keep an eye on Council's channels for the official open date.

Work to begin on toddler play area in the new year

In the new year, Campbell Infrastructure will begin work on a new toddler-specific play area at the lakefront, where the existing Volcanic Playground is currently.

This was due to begin in October but delays meant this section of the playground would then have been closed over the Christmas period so it was decided to hold off starting until January.

The toddler play area design is based on a typical lakefront setting and celebrates the natural environment of Rotorua. Once complete, the playground surfacing will depict a lake and waterfall with a twin slide going down the waterfall, climbing

Still to come is the completed extension of the new boardwalk out to the west, new space for commercial operators, a new wharewaka, and a new car park off Lake Road.

**For more information
about this project visit**

 **visiontoaction.nz**

rock holds for tamariki to role-play climbing up the waterfall, a beach area with real sand and sand play equipment, and a timber jetty. A springer boat will be positioned as though it has just left the jetty and is heading to the beach.

There will also be a three-seater carousel swing with two baby/toddler seats and a small standard swing seat.

All the play equipment has been carefully selected to ensure it is suitable and enjoyable for under-fives and landscaping and seating will create a natural boundary around the play space.

Ngā koa a Raumati | Summer fun

SPOILT FOR CHOICE

Swimming, fishing, paddle boarding or water sports, nature walks or just relaxing on the shore enjoying lake views and stunning scenery – it's all here in Rotorua.

Home to 18 lakes, rivers, multiple parks and playgrounds and a multitude of walking, running and mountain bike tracks, Rotorua is an ideal place to be this summer for both locals and visitors.

It's important we look after wherever we visit to protect the environment and respect those around us, to preserve the places we love.

Top tips for doing your bit to look after our place:

- Clean up after yourself. Take your rubbish home with you if there are no bins or bins are full. While rubbish and recycling bins will be well-serviced during summer, an influx of visitors means they can quickly become full. If you see overflowing bins, call Council's Customer Centre on 07 348 4199.
- Be mindful of others. Ensure family-friendly behaviour (no reckless or unsafe activities); remember that all council venues, parks and reserves – including forests – are smokefree; and if you're using boat ramps and jetties, watch out for others.
- There are more than 15 public barbecues at favourite lakeside reserves and parks and if you're using one, take care. Don't leave it unattended, wear appropriate clothing and clean it after use, ready for the next person.
- Look after yourself. Stay hydrated, be sunsmart, keep an eye on people you're with and if in or on the water, stay within your capabilities and wear a lifejacket when needed.
- Protect our beautiful lakes. If you're a boatie and moving between waterways, check your equipment and remove any weed fragments, clean all your equipment, drain all water and dry your equipment before using it another waterway.



For a map of Council playgrounds and skateparks:

 bit.ly/3mxtXJo



The new Motiti Protection Area rules are now in effect.

This means you can no longer take marine life from the three areas making up the Motiti Protection Area.

You can anchor in the area so long as you follow the guidelines. For more information or to download the GPS coordinates visit www.boprc.govt.nz/mpa



If you're heading out on the Rotorua Te Arawa lakes this summer, you need to self-certify that your vessel (boat, jetski) and trailer are both free of aquatic pest fish and weeds.

Boat ramp checkpoints have been set up around the rohe (region) with self-certification forms which you must complete, sign and display on the dashboard of the car towing the trailer.

For more information go to www.boprc.govt.nz/check-clean-dry



SEEN A WALLABY? REPORT IT

In order to stop wallabies from spreading it's vital that we know where they are.

It is estimated that if no control work is undertaken, a third of the North Island could be impacted by the spread of wallabies within 50 years.

We're asking everyone to play their part and protect by reporting sightings of wallabies at www.reportwallabies.nz

No Lifejacket? No excuse!

At the time of COVID-19, lifejackets should be worn at all times unless the support has assessed the risk and it's found it's safe to remove them. They will be worn when crossing a sea or lake that is not certified for children's lifejackets.



There are all kinds of lifejackets for different types of boating situations. It's important you have the right kind and the right size for the activity you intend to make.

Things to consider:

- The activity - fishing? watercraft operation?
- The location from where you intend to go
- The conditions you are likely to encounter

Go to your local supplier or see www.marine.co.nz for more information. The best type of lifejacket is one that is approved for your activity.

All lifejackets should have a break strap, reflective tape, whistle and light.

Papa whakatupu | Outstanding places to play

HELP SUPPORT – AND PROMOTE – ROTORUA

We're lucky to live in a city with more great shops, restaurants and tourism operations than our size warrants and these businesses need our support now more than ever.

With COVID-related lockdowns around the country significantly reducing the number of visitors in Rotorua, it's vital we continue to support our local businesses as much as possible – not only by visiting, shopping and dining local ourselves, but also encouraging others to do the same.

Seek out and support the smaller, family-run businesses like cafés and restaurants, shops, makers, artists and service providers. Most of our tourism operators in Rotorua are also locally owned. Keep in mind that behind every brick façade or food truck window is a person, group or family working hard to create their best life.

Know someone sculpting beautiful garden art or sewing face masks? Buy something. Spot a new restaurant? Call in for a meal, then walk down the block to support the next restaurant by stopping for dessert. New start-ups and regular pop-ups especially will likely be struggling to hang on for better days. Reassure them, with your custom, that their efforts are appreciated.

The National Business Review, which has been creating and analysing New Zealand business news for more than 50 years says “innovation *is the primary driver of economic growth and employment*”.

Rotorua is full of innovative, creative entrepreneurs, so rewarding the brave and encouraging the tenacity of those trying something new or different is more important than ever.

If you're not sure where to find these people and their businesses, just scan your socials. Facebook groups like Chooice and Rotorua's Good, Bad & Ugly Reviews are great places to start.

By becoming an influencer yourself, you can also make a huge difference. Share your positive dining experiences or give a shout out to your favourite bartender on your social media channels, even LinkedIn. Whether you have 10 followers or 10,000, you'll be helping these businesses incrementally.

In the words of social media strategy guru Cassie Roma “... *supporting the folks we care for is rad.*”

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Arts Village Café

Need a new idea
for where to have your
next meal?

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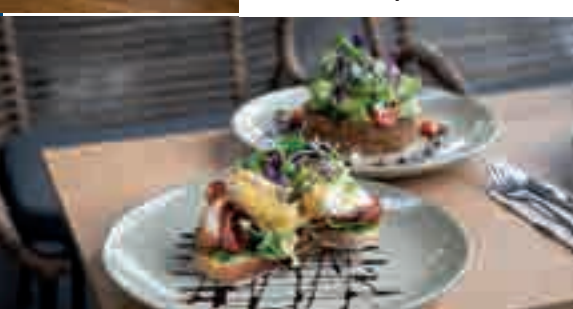
 rotoruanz.com/eat-drink for
a starter list on where to eat and
drink while you're out and about



Lime Café



And Rice Japanese Kitchen



Trail Kitchen



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ROTORUA MUSEUM UPDATE

The unique geothermal environment in Rotorua is a huge drawcard for visitors but creates challenges that need to be understood and worked through when it comes to projects.

Further investigations continue to provide specific information towards solving the complex geotechnical and structural challenges of Rotorua Museum Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa, housed within the Bath House building in the Government Gardens.

Since being closed in November 2016 following the Kaikoura earthquake, various structural and geotechnical investigations have taken place to help inform strengthening and design plans.

As a complex heritage building sited on geothermal ground, it is important to understand the risks and the design solution before work starts.

The Rotorua Bath House building is one of the most challenging and complex strengthening projects happening in New Zealand. Each section of the building is built differently and sits on geothermal ground that varies from north to south – meaning each section of the building needs to be understood and considered separately.

One of the investigations being carried out by specialist contractors explores the building's sensitivity to the effects of liquefaction which is the reaction of some ground types to seismic shaking whereby the ground liquefies, losing its strength and ability to hold buildings above it.

Advanced laboratory testing will help to determine site-specific liquefaction resistance levels in relation to the museum site.

Shear wave velocity testing assesses subgrade strength and soil classification, as well as the likely movement of the ground during an earthquake event. These investigations, along with previous geotechnical testing, will help inform the refinement of structural solutions.

Taking the time to complete additional investigations now will ensure the best outcome for the well-loved facility.



Shear wave velocity testing outside Rotorua Museum, November 2021

For more information about these projects visit [🌐 visiontoaction.nz](https://www.visiontoaction.nz)



Crane lifting concrete panel into Concert Chamber



Concrete panels in place in the Concert Chamber, restored heritage trusses visible in the ceiling



One of the completed concrete shear walls



Finished orchestra pit in the Civic Theatre, ready for the lift to be installed

SIR HOWARD MORRISON PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Work on the Centre has been able to continue under Alert Levels 2 and 3, with additional safety measures in place. Careful forward planning has meant most materials required to keep the project on track have been arriving on site in plenty of time.

Two huge concrete panels are now in place in the Concert Chamber, with 156 stainless steel bolts pinning each of them to the previously unreinforced external heritage wall. Once the wall has been completed, new theatre-grade retractable seating will be fixed to it as part of the comprehensive package of theatre services.

The 1938 heritage trusses in the Concert Chamber ceiling have been restored and plastering and painting are well progressed on internal heritage walls in the main foyer. Plumbing and framing for the new toilet block is done, the new orchestra pit is complete, the internal shear walls are finished, and the lighting bridge walkways above the Civic Theatre auditorium are now in place.

As a result of the COVID-19 Delta variant outbreak, the specialist asbestos team was unable to leave Auckland for several weeks, setting back removal of asbestos. This is part of the project's critical path and means reopening of the centre is now likely to be towards the end of 2022. The extended lockdown in Auckland has also meant sourcing some materials from elsewhere and delays in other materials arriving on site. The project team is working hard to minimise COVID-related disruption by actively seeking alternative options.

Latest construction images, regular live updates and dates for project presentations can be viewed on Facebook

[f SirHowardMorrisonTheatre](#)

SAVE TIME – DO IT ONLINE

Some of the tasks you can do online with Rotorua Lakes Council

- Register and renew dog registration
- Request property and rates information
- Pay for parking
- Pay for rates or set up a direct debit
- Receive rates invoice via email
- Have your say – community consultations
- Check district maps
- Library services – select e-books, pay fees and extend loan periods
- Check your rubbish and recycling collection day

Rates invoice by email

Did you know you can receive rates invoices by email rather than having it posted to you?

It will be more efficient – and more environmentally-friendly!

Register on our website

🌐 rotorualakescouncil.nz/ratesviaemail

Pay by direct debit

For information and to fill out a direct debit form, go to

🌐 rotorualakescouncil.nz/ratespayment

Pay your rates via internet banking

Search for *Rotorua Lakes Council Property Rates Payments* as the payee. Make sure you enter your name and valuation number as payment references so we know who the payment is from. Your valuation number is at the top of your rates invoice.

For help call us on ☎ **07 348 4199**

or email ✉ info@rotorualc.nz

Head to 🌐 rotorualakescouncil.nz

for more information.

RATING OF MĀORI FREEHOLD LAND

Changes have been made to the way councils can rate Māori Freehold Land in order to support land use and development.

The changes affect Māori freehold land owners, developers and occupiers in multiple ownership.

The Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act aims to reduce barriers for Māori freehold landowners who want to use, occupy and build houses on their land.

Key changes

- Wholly unused land is now non-rateable;
- Individual homes on Māori freehold land can be rated separately;
- Councils have the ability to write off rates arrears;
- Land protected by Ngā Whenua Rāhui kawenata is now non-rateable;
- Standardised rates remissions for Māori freehold land under development;
- Multiple blocks can be treated as one.

Find out more:

🌐 [rotorualakescouncil.nz/
ratingmaorifreeholdland](https://rotorualakescouncil.nz/ratingmaorifreeholdland)

DEALING WITH OUR WASTE

Our district's former open face landfill was capped and sealed to better protect our environment and public health and safety.

Established as a landfill in 1970, capping and sealing was completed in 2018 and the site now operates as a refuse transfer station and recycling collection facility.

Green waste taken there is sent away for vermi-composting and concrete is crushed and recycled as building material.

Landfill court case concludes

In early 2017, with work to cap and seal the landfill underway but not yet completed, a series of severe weather events caused saturation of the site.

Following further significant rain on 6 April 2017 – which caused slips, flooding and treefalls throughout the Bay of Plenty and caused the flooding of Edgecumbe – stormwater contaminated with leachate overflowed onto land at the site.

Actions to rectify the overflow were taken immediately and there has been no repeat of what occurred that day.

The overflow resulted in six charges against Rotorua Lakes

Council provides kerbside rubbish and recycling collection throughout the district and provides four rural transfer stations, at Mamaku, Reporoa, Tarawera, and Okere.

Landfill waste generated by our district is transported to Waste Management's Tirohia landfill on a daily basis.

Council and, following withdrawal or dismissal over time of five of the charges, Council pleaded guilty to one count of discharging contaminated stormwater onto or into land (on 6 April 2017) in circumstances where it may enter water.

Any resulting environmental impact is not known but Council has acknowledged what happened and extended an apology to mana whenua.

Reparation of \$80,000 is to be used for water restoration work and will be administered by a trust that is to be set up. Council was also fined \$60,000.

Our district transfer station and collection facility (former landfill) deals with:

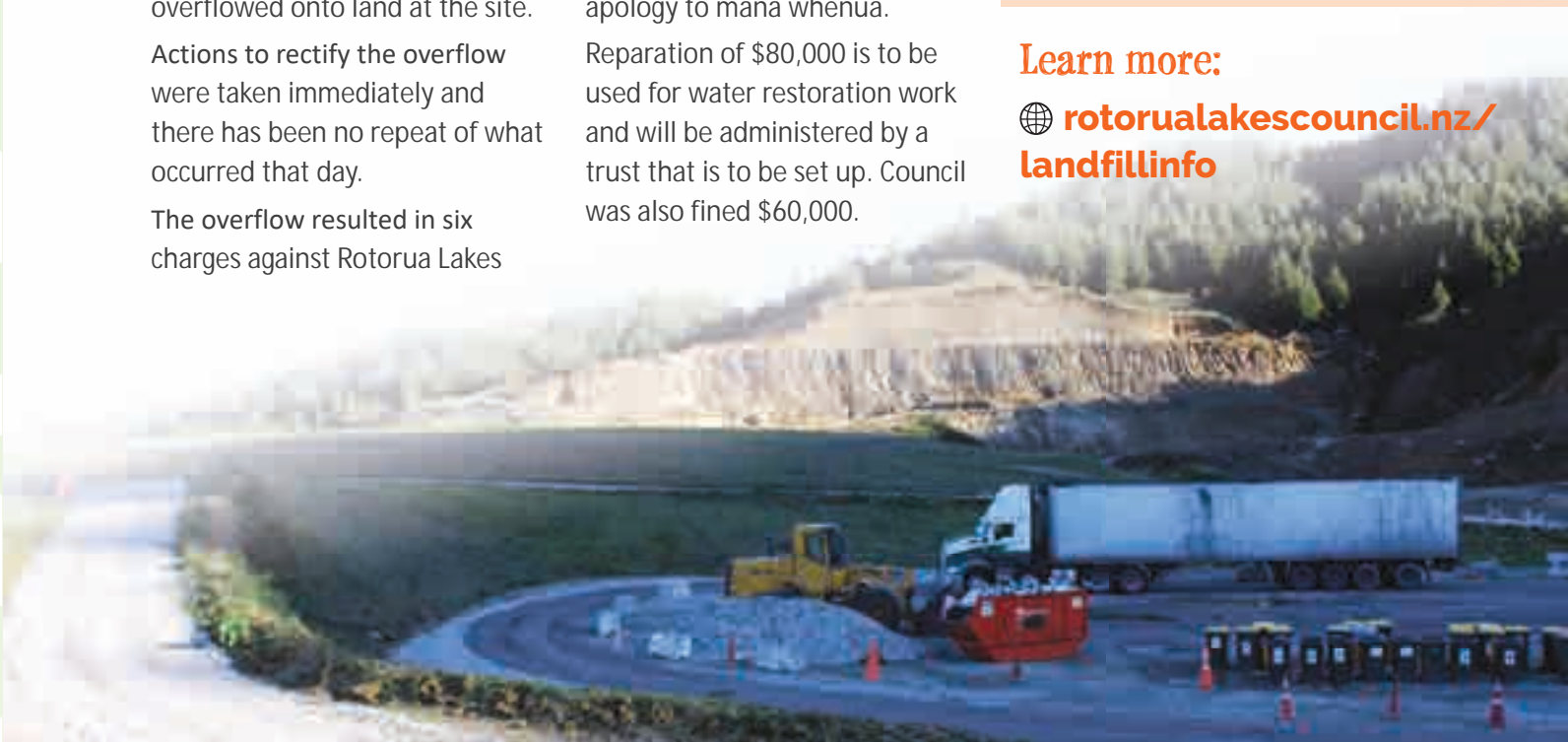
- 30,000 tonnes of rubbish (16,000 from council waste collections, 14,000 commercial waste)
- 5500 tonnes of green waste
- 1500 tonnes of concrete waste
- hazardous waste (e.g. used oil)
- some e-waste and whiteware

Rotorua kerbside collections:

- an average 12,000 bins collected daily
- 16,000 tonnes of rubbish and 5,500 tonnes of recyclables every year
- organics (food and green waste) make up 55% of waste in rubbish bins
- 65% of waste in kerbside bins is compostable (food, green waste and paper) and could be diverted from landfill

Learn more:

 rotorualakescouncil.nz/landfillinfo



The Eastside Community Wellness Plan provides a framework to ensure that Eastside Rotorua is a well-planned, connected and thriving community. Outlined is some of the work Rotorua Lakes Council is doing in partnership with Tatau Pounamu Collective and other contributors.



Key Move 1 – Provide for a safe and caring community

Sport, Recreation and Environment:

Council is taking a staged approach to engaging with local communities about playground renewals. For Eastside, those playgrounds will include Chaucer Place, Coulter Road and Scott Avenue with feedback helping to determine what sort of renewal takes place.

Work is underway to restore the Iles Road drainage reserve. The four-year project will involve mowing, weed removal and native planting to create a more usable and attractive space. Safety signage will be in place, and neighbours and the wider community will be notified as work progresses. Keep an eye out for opportunities to get involved with future restoration.

Eastside Emergency Management:

Champions from Tatau Pounamu Collective have been involved in Civil Defence Emergency Management Training so they can be better equipped when working alongside Council and the community in the event of an emergency.

The Rotorua Emergency Operations Centre was activated to support the recent COVID-19 Delta response. Most of that work was helping set up testing stations, sharing information and providing welfare support to those in need. Council worked with iwi, community groups and Eastside partners to support a small number of Eastside whānau with urgent needs.

Key Move 2 – Protecting and enhancing our taiao, our natural environment

Stormwater:

Geotechnical testing is underway at a small number of properties below Morey Street (part of the Kaipakau catchment). The testing will help determine potential improvements to the current stormwater network in that area.



Key Move 4 – Providing for a connected community

Eastside shared paths:

Work continues to improve walking and cycling connections. Vaughan Road shared path is progressing and local civil engineering firm Hickeys Contractors Limited is constructing the three metre wide shared path from Tennyson Drive to the Ōwhata/Te Ngae Road intersection. On the other side of Te Ngae Road, the future shared path linking Wharenui Road to Whakarewarewa Forest is in design. Construction of short sections of the Larcy Road shared path is complete and links to the Te Manawa ō Owhatiura trial crossing points.

Te Manawa ō Owhatiura (Innovating Streets):

Community feedback helped create the Te Manawa ō Owhatiura trial – the first 'Innovating Streets for People' project for Rotorua. It went live in May 2021 and community feedback supports making some trial elements permanent, such as the crossing on Larcy Road.

As a result, the trial crossing point outside the back entrance of Lynmore School will be turned into a pedestrian crossing. This will happen during the summer school holidays.

See more about the findings from the trial on the next page of this magazine or at

🌐 rotorualakescouncil.nz/TMoO

To find out more about the
Eastside Community Wellness Plan visit
🌐 rotorualakescouncil.nz/eastsideplan



Community feedback was woven together to create the Te Manawa ō Owhatiura trial – the first ‘Innovating Streets for People’ project for Rotorua. The trial project went live in May 2021 and used community feedback to determine the success of each trial element.

The trial aimed to create child-friendly streets that allow all people to move safely around the community by making physical changes to the streets surrounding Lynmore Primary School: Larcy Road, Iles Road and Owhatiura Drive.

Waka Kotahi provided most of the \$100,000 project funding, with Council funding 10 per cent.

The Lynmore community had already indicated it wanted more support for people walking and biking around the neighbourhood, making this the ideal location for an ‘Innovating Streets for People’ trial.

What were the features of the trial?

- Additional crossing points, marked with road paint, planter boxes and speed cushions to give pedestrians more safe places to cross;
- Road paint and bollards to reduce traffic speed outside the school, also separating pedestrians and drivers, and highlighting the presence of tamariki near the road;
- Re-aligned crossing points on Owhatiura Drive’s side streets, to give pedestrians better visibility of oncoming traffic.

Feedback from 85 people showed that, because of the trial elements:

- 41% said they slowed down when driving in the area
- 25% walk or bike through the area more
- 41% felt safer as a pedestrian

There has been plenty of community feedback that supports making some trial elements permanent, such as the crossing on Larcy Road. As a result, the trial crossing point outside the back entrance of Lynmore School will become a formal pedestrian crossing early next year. You can read more about the findings from the Te Manawa ō Owhatiura trial at

rotorualakescouncil.nz/TMoO

Thank you to all those locals who shared their experience of the Te Manawa ō Owhatiura trial. Learnings from this trial will be used to inform any future ‘Innovating Streets for People’ projects in Rotorua.

Find out more about projects happening all over Aotearoa at

nzta.govt.nz



Key collaborators in the the Te Manawa ō Owhatiura project working group:



SUMMER SAFETY AND SECURITY

Summer means people are often away and homes and vehicles can become a target for burglars. Get to know your neighbours and develop plans to deal with problems or suspicious activity. Exchanging phone numbers or emergency contact details is a good start.

Summer security tips

- Shut and lock all doors, even if you're only going out for a short time.
- Close and lock all windows - burglars don't like to smash glass.
- Don't 'hide' keys outside your home, or leave them in an obvious place near doors or windows.
- Make sure your valuables, including televisions and stereo systems, cannot be seen from outside.
- Make your home look occupied when you're away by using timers on radios and lights.
- When you buy new electrical items, don't advertise them by leaving the empty boxes out for recycling, turn the boxes inside out and fold them down.
- Hide or lock away passports and official documents.
- Don't leave car keys near doors or windows

When going on holiday:

- Have someone clear your letterbox
- Make sure a trusted neighbour/friend has your contact details while you are away
- Lock away all tools, garden furniture and valuable garden items
- If away for a long period arrange for your lawns to be mowed



Being part of Neighbourhood Support is a great way to bring people and neighbourhoods together to create safe, resilient and connected communities.

Meet regularly or as needed, stay connected online or by email, host barbecues or events, volunteer to be a street contact, undertake some neighbourhood projects, or even start your own group. Sign up at [nsrotorua.info/registration](https://www.nsrotorua.info/registration)

Find out more about
Neighbourhood Support Rotorua
by phoning ☎ 07 349 9470 or
✉ nsrotorua@gmail.com

Safe travels on our roads this summer

Plan ahead for a safe, enjoyable journey and give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination. Be patient and considerate of others on the roads. Keep up to date with:

- COVID-19 services update:
🌐 nzta.govt.nz/COVID19
- Traffic updates:
🌐 journeys.nzta.govt.nz/traffic
- Facebook:
📘 WakaKotahiHBG
- Twitter:
🐦 WakaKotahiCNI
- Journey planner (plan your trip with travel time information, traffic cameras, and updates on delays, roadworks and road closures):
🌐 journeys.nzta.govt.nz
☎ 0800 4 HIGHWAYS (0800 44 44 49)

Ngā pātanga | Events

TARAWERA ULTRAMARATHON BOOSTS LOCAL BUSINESS



Visit  taraweraultra.co.nz

Tarawera Ultramarathon is an iconic Rotorua trail running event and the 14th staging is set for 12 February 2022.

The event brings thousands of runners and supporters to the district, providing a welcome boost to the local economy.

Two businesses in particular have benefitted from the event's rising popularity.

Squadrun is the affiliated training partner of Tarawera Ultramarathon and was founded by Kerry Suter and Ali Pottinger. The business has grown with the event and now the pair and their team train between 200-300 runners each year. It is the biggest coach-led running community in Australasia.


Find them on Facebook @SQUADRUNcoaching

Mountain Jade teamed up with Tarawera Ultramarathon in 2018 when the Miler distance was

introduced, with each finisher receiving a hand-carved toki – a symbol of strength and courage.

Mountain Jade brand manager Rich Barter is grateful for the opportunity to share the business and its connection to the history and culture of Rotorua with Tarawera Ultramarathon runners.

"We've been able to tell our story to a whole new group of people," says Rich. "It's about connecting with people and hoping that what we do has some meaning for them."

Mountain Jade is on Facebook  MountainJadeNZ or find them at 1288 Fenton Street.

Entries are now open for all events, TUM21, TUM50, TUM102, TUMMiler.

Ngā koa a Raumati | Summer fun

FLOAT YOUR BOAT NEXT WAITANGI WEEKEND

For information and to register,
email  info@woodenboatparade.co.nz or
phone  021 855219

The Lake Rotoiti Classic and Wooden Boat Association is holding its 25th annual boat parade on during Waitangi weekend 2022 (5 – 6 February).

About 100 vessels are expected to take to the water, many of them historical, well-decorated and sporting crews in costume. The parade is a great event for spectators, who can view the parade by the lake reserve at Okere Falls, or as the boats make their way around Okawa Bay.

After the parade, there will be a lakeside picnic and games, including bobbing for lollies, sack races, egg throwing, tug-o-war and the great Rotoiti yellow duck hunt.

If you have a classic or wooden boat and want to join the parade, or take part in the lakeside fun and games afterwards, we would be delighted to have you join us.

Ngā pātanga | Events

GOING THE DISTANCE

Hannah Gapes, one of New Zealand's rising distance running stars, has a real passion for the Rotorua Marathon festival of events.

The 17-year-old, who represents Rotorua-based Lake City Athletic Club, started running at primary school and has since gone on to enjoy a flourishing career.

Earlier this year Hannah secured national Under 20 5000m and cross country titles but says competing in her hometown Rotorua Marathon is an annual highlight.

She first participated in the 5.5km fun run as an 11-year-old – the same year her father Daniel ran the full Rotorua Marathon.

"I remember loving that first event and in more recent years I've stepped up to running the 10km race," she explains. "It is special for me to go through Sulphur Flats and the Redwood Forest, which are both training routes for me. It is always super fun to run there, they're magical places."

Hannah has since gone on to excel in the 10km event – winning the women's race in 2020 before defending her title in 2021 in a blistering time of 36:17 – a time only two others bettered.

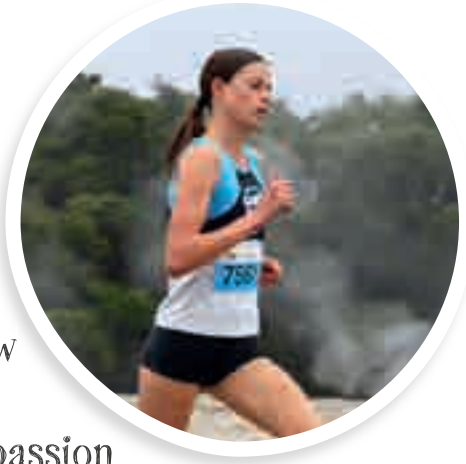
One thing she loves about Rotorua Marathon is the variety of events, suited to all levels of ability.


"The whole environment is really upbeat because everyone is there for the same reason," she says. "I've always thrived off that feeling. It is so exciting to see Rotorua on a race weekend – it is wonderful to experience."

Hannah herself faces an exciting future in the sport. In the new year she will look to defend her national Under 20 5000m title before taking up a US scholarship at North Carolina University to further her athletics career.

Before she heads overseas though, the John Paul College student plans to once again target the 10km race at the Rotorua Marathon and encourages others to experience the unique events on offer.

"The Rotorua Marathon has such history and all participants get a chance to run in such an amazing environment. Whether it's the full marathon, half-marathon, 10km or 5.5km fun run, there is something for everyone."



Enter an event at the
2 May, 2022
Rotorua Marathon
 [rotoruumarathon.
co.nz](http://rotoruumarathon.co.nz)



ROTORUA NUI

Your guide to Rotorua events!

Check Rotorua Nui for up-to-date event information

The events world has been in a state of flux since New Zealand went into lockdown again in August this year. With changing COVID-19 guidelines and levels leading to last-minute event decisions, Rotorua Nui has become an important website to find out the most up-to-date information on local events.

Developed and launched in August 2020, Rotorua Nui aims to provide our community and visitors a one-stop-shop for Rotorua events information. It also offers organisers a free place to promote their events to a wide audience.

The latest lockdown demonstrated the importance of the Rotorua Nui website in sharing event

amendments, postponements and cancellations quickly and efficiently.

Due to all the event changes and ongoing uncertainty, it was decided to not distribute the normal printed quarterly spring/summer events calendar which may immediately become out of date if there are further changes. The website can be updated instantly.

Rotorua Nui promotes fun and interesting events of all types - from sports to culture and everything in between, showcasing what a fantastic place Rotorua is to hold events all year round.

**HEAD TO THE WEBSITE
TO RECEIVE MONTHLY
EVENT NEWSLETTERS,
COMPETITIONS AND
SURVEYS!**



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ROTORUA NIGHT MARKET

Thursdays, 5pm - 9pm | Tūtānekai Street
Facebook icon RotoruaNightMarket

Vibrant entertainment alongside international cuisine and boutique stalls.



KUIRAU PARK MARKET

Saturdays, 8am - 1pm | Kuirau Park
Facebook icon KuirauMarket

Enjoy a wide variety of food, coffee, fruit and vegetables, plants and crafts.



ROTORUA FARMERS MARKET

Sundays, 9am - 1pm
Te Manawa, Intersection of Hinemoa and Tūtānekai Streets
Facebook icon RotoruaFarmersMarket

Grab brunch with live music while browsing fresh produce and artisan stands.



ROTORUANUI.NZ *your guide to rotorua events!*

Please ensure you visit the website for any updates.