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Settlement Support
Coordinator

"If you have an event or something of interest that you would like to include in the newsletter, please send it to me by the 20th of the month."

This newsletter focuses on highlighting local providers of services relevant to migrants and newcomers, upcoming events and items of interest.



ROTORUA GETS ITS OWN COMMUNITY GARDEN

What are community gardens?

Community gardens are common all over the world. They provide a shared space for communities to work together to grow produce and learn new skills. Community gardens also provide a venue to meet new people and build a sense of community.

Selwyn Community Learning Centre has acquired funds to establish a community garden as part of a wider community project. The aim is for people to learn how grow and cook their own produce. The kitchen and dining area is already completed!

Toni, the project co-ordinator is keen that migrants, newcomers and locals from all ethnicities get involved.

Mickey is also available to assist. She has experience in establishing the community garden in Nelson, NZ and in working on a range of gardening projects in Africa...an expert on how to reuse items and make the best use of cheap materials in the garden.

How you can get involved?

1. Learn about basic gardening skills while developing the Community Garden.

AgNZ is offering a Practical Horticulture Course. AgNZ has successfully delivered this course in many areas around NZ to a diverse range of students. Every-one who has finished the course has enjoyed the experience and formed lasting friendships. The course is hands-on, and will offer the opportunity to learn while building the community garden.

The course is NZQA approved and funded by TEC.

Start Date:	28 April 2009		
Finish Date:	27 October 2009		
Class Days/Times:	Tuesday	9am – 2.30pm	
	Thursday	9am – 12.30pm	
Venue:	Selwyn Community Learning Centre, Selwyn Primary School, Old Quarry Road		
For further information and to register, contact the Course Manager, Alex Johnston			
Tel: 07 349 5483	Mob: 027 592 1016	Email: ajohnston@pgqwrightson.co.nz	
Course Fees:	\$190, includes resource materials (for NZ citizens and permanent residents)		

2. Contact Settlement Support with your ideas.

Unfortunately those with Work Permits are not eligible for the course above. However, there are many other ways to participate.

Some suggestions have included:

- A dedicated migrant section of the garden
- A section where migrants can grow herbs and vegetables that they miss from their home country
- Themed sections in the garden based on regions of the world
- Various Gardening groups
- Themed workshops for everyone, such as How to make a Raised Bed, Winter Gardening, Composting, Worm Farming.

Contact Heather McAllister on 07 348 4199 ext 7054 or at heather.mcallister@rdc.govt.nz

Go on, try something new!



Following the Beginners Mountain Biking cycle ride in March and the enquiries I had received since then, I have negotiated a reduced rate on the Phundamentals course by MTB Skills Clinic. www.mtbskillsclinics.co.nz

Heather McAllister (Settlement Support Co-ordinator)



Sat, 23 May 2009

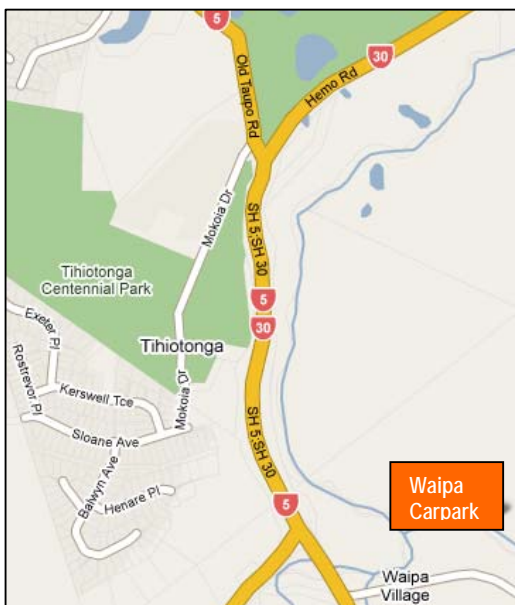
10am-4pm

Meet by the Settlement Support banner at Waipa Carpark, off SH 5 to Taupo

Lunch

12:30pm Bring lots in case you get hungry

COST: \$75 (normally \$129)



Mountain Biking

Rotorua is a mecca for biking. The Whakarewarewa forest offers purpose built biking trails for all ages and abilities.

The Phundamentals Course

Is the course for me?

The course is for anyone

- New to mountain biking
- Wishing to improve their skills

What will I learn?

You will learn:

- Balance
- How to stay stable through rough ground
- Using the front brake to allow you to ride slowly down steep, slippery chutes
- Riding corners and over trees roots
- Maintain steering on steep tracks.

What to Bring?

- Bike and Helmet
- T-shirt and shorts
- A thermal top
- A waterproof jacket

To register, contact Heather McAllister on 07 348 4199 ext 7054 or ssnzrotorua@rdc.govt.nz by 15 May

Please let me know if you need a bike.

What's On



Batik Exhibition

March 26 - April 17 from 10am-4:30pm
Rotorua Arts Village(RAVE), Hinemaru St

A free solo exhibition by Batik Artist Ann Hay
Ann's favourite subjects are bird, animals
and people.



Vero Autumn Race Day

Wed, 8 April 11.45am- 4pm
Arawa Park, Fenton Street,
Rotorua
FREE

Enjoy a lazy afternoon watching
the ten races, have a flutter on
your choice for winner.
Food and drink also available



EASTER EVENTS

Good Friday Combined Churches Service

Fri, 9 April, 9am – 12 noon
FREE

There will be a combined churches
Good Friday church service in the
City Focus
All welcome



The 3rd Annual Amazing Easter Race

Sat 11 April
FREE FUN FAMILY EVENT
Registrations at City Focus from 10:30am to 12:30pm.
Race Starts 1pm, Prize Giving 3pm at Village Green.

Maximum of 4 people on a team.
One member must be 14 years or over.
Entire Race revolves within the City
All on foot and mostly undercover.

Limited to 100 teams only.
1st, 2nd and 3rd teams to complete the
race receive prizes valuing \$860,
supplied by Agrodome, Agro ventures and Lakeland Queen.

First 50 teams to complete the race receive goodie bags, and
go in the draw to win a Diamond Back Mountain Bike
Prizes for the best dressed teams.



Steam Day at Te Amorangi Museum

Sun, 12 April 09, 10-4pm
Te Amorangi Museum, Robinson Ave,
Rotorua

Many of the museum's historic machinery
are fired up. Enjoy a ride on the Rotorua
Model Engineers Club locomotives.

Contact Judith Moore on 07 333 1874



He Aho Tangata The Human Threads Exhibition

Until Sunday, June 07, 2009
Rotorua Museum of Art and History
Government Gardens, Rotorua

An exhibition by John Bevan Ford,
a leader in the contemporary Maori art.
FREE for Rotorua residents with ID



Open Day - The NZ Heritage Farm

Sat, 18 April, 10am – 4pm
171 Fairy Springs Road, Rotorua

The Open Day is a fun, interactive,
informative and inexpensive day out
for all ages.

Enjoy the Farm Walk,
Hand feed our friendly animals and
learn what's good and not so good
for our environment.

Gold coin donation

Contact Suzi Gilgour Mob: 021 183 1931



U & I SOCCERFEST

Sat, 18 April, 10am – 4pm
Rotorua United Football Club, Te Ngae Rd

A Football tournament to celebrate Rotorua's multi-cultural
diversity. There will be food stalls from various ethnic groups.

Come and join the Newcomers Picnic get together.

Contact Florence on rotorua@newcomers.co.nz or
07 349 0990

MAGMA 2009

April 30-May 3
Shambles Theatre, Amohia St,
(behind Pak N Save)
Rotorua

43 FILMS FROM NZ AND SPAIN

WORKSHOPS AND GUEST
PRESENTATIONS

Tickets available from
McLeod's Booksellers and
the door (no eftpos at venue)

Online programme at www.magmafilm.org.nz



LIVE MUSIC

On Arawa Street at:

- The Belgian Bar 07 348 6190
- Princes Gate Hotel 07 348 1179
- Pheasant Plucker 07 343 7071

On Tutanekai Street at:

- The Pig and Whistle 07 347 3025



For events in Rotorua, check out

www.rotoruanz.com/events and www.ticketmaster.co.nz

Go on, try something new!



April Holiday Classes At The Aquatic Centre

14-17 April and 20-24 April

Improve Your Swimming

Is your child struggling on a skill?

Book them into the holiday programme and give them a chance to overcome it.

We run an intensive programme over 4 or 5 days in the holidays. You choose!

Book online at www.swimsation.com or in the office.



Unison Lake Safety Programme

Our award winning **Unison Lake Safety Programme** is also running over the holiday period.

This educational programme is designed to keep our children safe on Rotorua's many lakes and is only \$12.50 for two 2 hour sessions.

The programme includes

- Deep water survival skills
- lifejacket scenarios
- kayaking

Contact the Aquatic Centre at

Tel: 07 348 8833

www.rdc-aquatic.co.nz



Give it a Go Day!



Land Based Activities

- Golf • Trampolining • Croquet
- Ringball • Marching • Bowls
- Badminton • Volleyball
- Pacific Island Activities and more!

Sunday 19 April 2009
11am - 2pm

Rotorua Aquatic Centre
and Kuirau Park
(entry through Aquatic Centre)

Water Based Activities

- Swimsation
- Unison Lake Safety
- Monolin • Kayaking
- Waka Ama • Surfing
- Aqua Classes and more!



Check out the huge range of sport and recreation opportunities on offer in Rotorua



A great FREE family day out

A **Smokefree** Event

Bring lunch for the family or use one of the FREE BBQ's available

For more information please contact Sport Bay of Plenty on 07 348 4125



Government Gardens Explorer Trail Competition

Complete one of our Government Gardens Explorer Trails before Monday April 27th 2009 and go in the draw to win one of two great prizes.

Answer our bonus website question and receive an additional entry in to the draw.

Go to the Rotorua Art & Museum website to download an entry form

www.rotoruamuseum.co.nz/ExplorerTrailcompetition.asp

Prize Package 1 includes:

A family pass to [Kiwi Encounter](#), a [Agroventures](#) family activity pass, and a [Rotorua Duck Tours](#) family pass

Prize Package 2 includes:

A \$100 Rotorua Museum retail voucher



Volunteering



Citizens Advice Bureau

Citizens Advice Bureau can provide information to assist with almost any issue, and if we can't, we'll find someone who can.

No problem is too big or too small.

Whether you're about to be evicted from your flat, need to find local childcare, or want advice on how to deal with a neighbour, we have trained CAB volunteers to assist you. They'll discuss your options with you and give you contact number for any services or organisations that will be able to help further.

Ever thought about volunteering for the Citizens Advice Bureau?

Well now is a good time to get involved.

There are lots of benefits from being a volunteer:

- It's a chance to give something to your community
- You meet people
- You have the satisfaction of helping people
- You develop new skills, which may help you into paid employment
- You are part of something dynamic that looks after the well-being of your community

You don't need formal qualifications or specific work experience to be a CAB volunteer.

The CAB will provide you with basic and ongoing training and the most up-to-date information and resources available, to enable you to provide the CAB service to the public.

What's important is that you are:

- able to listen
- open-minded
- keen to learn
- interested in people
- eager to help others
- interested in sharing information
- wanting to learn about your community
- able to make a regular time commitment

If you are interested in becoming a CAB volunteer, we would love to hear from you.

Contact Jane Eynon-Richards, the CAB co-ordinator

**Rotorua Citizens Advice Bureau
Community House, 1115 Haupapa St
Rotorua
Tel: 07 348 3547**

Volunteer ESOL home tutors

ESOL Home Tutors deliver English language tuition and settlement support to adult migrants through a range of services.

Rotorua Home Tutors currently have vacancies for volunteer home tutors.

Working one to one with an adult migrant for about one hour a week, you will help them learn English, and teach them about the New Zealand way of life. We will train you and provide ongoing access to teaching material.

The next training sessions start on Tuesday, 28 April 09

**Contact Judy Winiata, the ESOL Co-ordinator
Rotorua Arts Village (RAVE), Hinemaru St
Rotorua**

Tel: 07 350 2395

Email: rotorua@esolht.org.nz



School Holiday Programme



APRIL 2009 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Programme Provider & Contact Details	Age	Cost	Programme Details
Rotorua District Council Aquatic Centre Phone for more information Reception Desk Ph: 3488833	Children	\$4.00 per child	Tarzan swing, mini tramp, inflatables, competitions and giveaways. Get to the Aquatic Centre 1-4pm daily these school holidays.
Rotorua District Council “Green Team Holiday Programme” Contact Natalie at the Aquatic Centre on 3501819 or 3500569 for more information	5-14 years	\$15.00 per day or \$60.00 per week	Fun filled holiday programme held at the Rotorua Soundshell 9am-3pm, Monday-Friday (excl public holidays.) Various activities for all to enjoy. Tuesday, 14 April – Friday, 17 April Monday, 20 April – Friday, 24 April
Rotorua District Council Public Library (bookings essential) 1127 Haupapa Street, Rotorua Contact: Kay Hall on 3484177 More information available at www.rotorualibrary.govt.nz	Children 6-12 years	FREE	‘Library Challenge’ for children aged 6-12 years. To celebrate the new children’s area. Join us these school holidays for the ‘Library Challenge.’ Test your skills against others in board games, giant chess, table soccer and WEE Sport. Will you be our ultimate challenger? Registrations begin 1 April. Places limited. (All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.)
Rotorua Blue Light C/- Rotorua Police (Bookings Essential) Tickets available from Rotorua Tourism, Fenton Street – Phone 3431728	8-16 years	\$39.00	Rotovegas Cruz – full packed days visiting the Agrodome, Skylines, NZ Mini Golf, Rotovegas Ten Pin, Polynesian Spa and lunch provided by Burger Fuel. Second week only Mon 20 April – Thurs, 23 April
Te Papa Takaro o Te Arawa Phone 3483377 Programme Manager: Iwi Te Whau Programme Co-ordinators: Ngareta Te Whau and Ngaire Ngamoki.	5 to 13 years	\$70.00 per week (subsidy available)	This is a fun and enjoyable programme that caters for everyone’s needs, based in the Rotorua Intermediate Gym. The Te Arawa Holiday Programme provides a safe and creative place to learn and be physically active. Morning and afternoon tea provided. Tuesday, 14 – Friday, 17 April 2009 Monday, 20 – Friday, 24 April 2009
Craft Warehouse & Bead Me Up Please phone for more information Phone Vanessa Gunn on 3490844 (shop) or 027 4488893		Varies	Tuesday, 14 April – Friday, 24 April 2009 There are three different activity times: 9.30– 11.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. Activities vary from beaded animal keyring, mosaic frog, butterfly or fish, paint and fire, scrapbook canvas, treasure chests and lots more.
RAVE Art Adventures (Bookings Essential) Rotorua Arts Village, Hinemaru & Hinemoa Street Corner Phone: 3489008 for more information and bookings or email: office@rave.org.nz	7 years and above	For each session - \$5.00 4 sessions - \$15.00 ALL sessions - \$50	15, 16, 17, 20,21 and 22 April Two Sessions per day: 9.30 a.m. – 12 noon and 1.00 pm. – 3.00 p.m. Programme includes origami toy box, flax weaving, beads and baubles jewellery, painting classes, cross stitch for beginners, pottery and lots more.

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ANZAC DAY

25 April

ANZAC DAY (25 APRIL) is observed in New Zealand as a day of commemoration for those who died in the service of their country and to honour returned servicemen and women.

25 April is the anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli in 1915. On the first anniversary of that landing, services were held throughout the country in remembrance of the 2,721 New Zealand soldiers who died during the eight-month Gallipoli Campaign. Since 1916 ANZAC Day has evolved, to acknowledge the sacrifice and service of subsequent wars and to encompass new understandings of the full impact of armed conflict on those who have served their country.

ANZAC DAY & POPPIES

The Friday preceding Anzac Day each year is usually the day that red poppies are sold by volunteers from the RSA. New Zealand's first Poppy Day was held in 1922, when artificial poppies were sold to assist needy soldiers and their families. Ever since, the proceeds from Poppy Day have been used for the RSA's welfare service.

The association between fallen service men and woman and the poppy began in the Napoleonic Wars of the 1800's. Flanders poppies were the first to bloom over soldiers in northern France and Belgium. It was a Canadian medical officer, John McCrae, who wrote the famous lines;

***In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row.***



THE DAWN SERVICE

The Dawn Service is today's the most popular of the ANZAC Day observances. It is timed to coincide with the initial landings at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915.

Commemorative services begin before dawn with a march by returned and service personnel to the local war memorial, where they are joined by other members of the community for the Dawn Service.

ANZAC DAY IN ROTORUA

Each ANZAC Day more and more people of all ages and nationalities are getting involved. There are several ways to join New Zealanders and commemorate this special day.

- * Dawn service 6am at Ohinemutu (off Lake Rd) assemble there 5.45am
- * Parade about 8.50am from Fenton St Memorial gates through Government Gardens
- * Civic service 9.30am at Convention Centre, Fenton St

ANZAC BISCUITS

New Zealand and Australia share a tradition of Anzac Biscuits. Both countries claim to have invented them, but Anzac Biscuits are similar to many other older biscuit recipes that are designed to produce crisp, hard and nutritious biscuits that keep well.

One of the food items that women in both countries sent to soldiers during the First World War was a hard, long-keeping biscuit that could survive the journey by sea, and still remain edible. These were known as Soldiers' Biscuits, but after the Gallipoli landings in 1915, they became known as Anzac Biscuits.

The traditional Anzac Biscuit is hard and flat - ideal for dunking in tea and then eating. During the First World War, some soldiers used broken biscuits to make a form of porridge to add some variety to their diet.

Today's version of the biscuit is a softer, chewy, sweet biscuit.



ANZAC biscuits can be bought in the supermarkets, however, it is more fun baking them.

Recipe

Melt 115g butter and 1.5 tablespoons of golden syrup.

Add 1 teaspoon of baking soda dissolved in 2 tablespoons of boiling water.

Mix in: 1 cup of rolled oats, 1 cup of flour, 1 cup of coconut, ½ cup of sugar.

Drop tablespoons of the mixture onto baking paper, and bake until a pale golden colour (about 15 minutes) at 180°C.



Tax Cuts & Credits From 1 April 09



THE NEW WEEKLY \$10 TAX CREDIT

From 1 April 2009 a new independent earner tax credit (IETC) has been introduced. You could be eligible, if you earn between \$24,000 and \$48,000 a year, are a New Zealand tax resident and don't receive Working For Families, a benefit or a pension. The tax credit phases out from \$44K to \$48K.

Receiving your \$10 a week could be as simple as changing you tax code to ME.

Tax residence rules differ from the NZ immigration rules. You're a New Zealand tax resident if you're in New Zealand for more than 183 days in any 12-month period.

For further information, visit www.ird.govt.nz/ietc, call 0800 257 700 or talk to your employer.

CHANGES TO PERSONAL TAX RATES AND THRESHOLDS

From 1 April, reductions to personal tax rates and changes to personal tax rates were introduced.

Your Income	New Tax Rate	Old Tax Rate
\$0 - \$14,000	12.5%	12.5%
\$14,001 - \$40,000	21%	21%
\$40,001 - \$48,000	21%	33%
\$48,001 - \$70,000	33%	33%
\$70,001 and over	38%	39%

Your Income	Your Weekly Tax Cut
\$15,000 - \$40,000	\$0
\$45,000	\$11.54
\$50,000-\$70,000	\$18.46
\$80,000	\$20.38

Most salary and wage earners will receive these tax cuts automatically via their employer.

www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax-individual

Do you provide a service that assists newcomers and migrants to settle in Rotorua?

If you would like to "profile" your organization or service in the newsletter, please contact the Settlement Support Co-ordinator on 07 348 4199 or at ssnzrotorua@rdc.co.nz

MINIMUM WAGE FROM 1 APRIL 09

From 1 April, the adult minimum wage is \$12.50 an hour. That's \$100 for an eight hour day, and \$500 for a 40 hour week, before tax.

By law, employers must pay at least the minimum wage - even if an employee is paid by commission or by piece rate. The minimum wage applies to all workers aged 16 years or older, including home workers, casuals, temporary and part-time workers.

Holiday pay must be paid in addition to the minimum wage.

An increase in the minimum wage will not affect an employee's other conditions of employment, unless they agree to the changes.

If you have any concerns about your wages or conditions of employment, contact:

Community Law, 1276 Pukuatua St 07 348 8060
Citizens Advice Bureau, 1115 Haupapa St 0800 367 222
Settlement Support, 1136 Arawa St 07 348 4199 ext 7054
<http://www.ers.govt.nz/pay/minimum.html>



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Visit: www.rotorua-living.com/settlement

For settlement information, visit: www.immigration.govt.nz/settlement

