



Kirihimete Merry Christmas



What's Happening in Rotorua?

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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.

Settlement Support Rotorua

Updated Resources for Newcomers to Rotorua

Settlement Support New Zealand is a national support network established to direct newcomers and their families to information and services they may need during their first years in New Zealand.

Welcome to Rotorua: a guide for newcomers

This has just been updated and is available as an A5 sized booklet and online at www.rotorua-living.com/settlement

Contents include:

- Finding a place to live
- Health Care
- Improving your English
- Ethnic groups and churches
- Things to Do in Rotorua
- Investing and Setting up a Business
- Tax & Banking
- Schooling and Education
- Legal Matters
- Maori Culture
- Obtaining work

Collect the Welcome Guide from:

Settlement Support Rotorua,
3rd Floor, 1136 Arawa St, Rotorua

Rotorua District Council,
Ground Floor Foyer, 1061 Haupapa St, Rotorua

Rotorua Public Library,
1127 Haupapa St, Rotorua
(open evenings & Saturdays)

Citizens Advice Bureau
Community House, 1115 Haupapa Street, Rotorua



The Settlement Support office will be closed from 24 December 2009 to 5 January 2010.

I wish you an enjoyable Christmas and New Year, and look for to hearing from you again in 2010.

What's On!



Carols By Candlelight

Fri, 18 Dec 2009, 7-9.30pm

Kuirau Park, Rotorua ,
(next to Ranolf Street, opposite Rotorua's Public Hospital)
FREE



Rotorua Geysersland Lions Club will be holding Carols by Candlelight again this year. It will be an enjoyable celebration of Christmas for families and children.

Song sheets will be published in the preceding Tuesday edition of the Rotorua Review. Candles and holders will be available at the venue for a gold coin donation, or you can bring your own. Bring a chair or a rug, and warm clothing. There will be food and drink stalls set up on site.

The Rotorua Symphonic Band will commence playing at 7 pm, and the Carols programme will commence at 7.20. Local entertainers will perform and lead the carol singing. Candles will be lit at 8.50.

Come early to make sure you get near the action and pack in together to make room for as many as possible.

Soundshell Market

19, 20, 26, 27, 28 Dec 2009

2, 3, 17 Jan 2010

9am-3pm

FREE

Rotorua Lakefront, near the Novotel hotel



Come on down to the fabulous Lakefront and have a relaxing stroll around the market. Have a coffee/muffin, some hot chippies or keep cool with an ice cream. Visit and buy from the many indoor and outdoor stalls...crafts, curios and collectables..... Heaps of free parking.

Summer Festival Horse Racing

Sun 27, Dec 2009, 12 noon – 5pm

Cost: \$5, children free

Fri, 8 & 22 Jan 2010, 12 noon – 5pm

FREE

Arawa Park, Fenton St, Rotorua



Summer Festival Raceday: thoroughbred horse racing on our recently recreated track. Free childrens entertainment. Bring your own picnic, or enjoy the cafes on site.

Contact: Ann Squire on 07 348 2024

www.theraces.co.nz

For events in Rotorua, go to

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

Make the Most of Tourist Venues

Many venues in Rotorua are either free, have discounted rates for locals, or each local is FREE with each fee paying visitor.

FREE to Rotorua Residents

These venues are FREE to residents who can show proof of living in Rotorua, such as a library card or rates, power or telephone bill.

Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland

T. 07 366 6333, www.geyserland.co.nz

Rotorua Museum

T. 07 349 4350, www.rotoruanz.com/rotorua_museum

Local rates for Rotorua residents

These venues offer special deals to residents who can show proof of living in Rotorua, such as a library card, rates, power or telephone bill.

Agrodome

T. 07 357 1050, www.agrodome.co.nz

Hell's Gate

T. 07 345 3151, www.hellsgate.co.nz

Paradise Valley Springs Wildlife Park

T. 07 348 9667, www.paradisev.co.nz

Rainbow Springs

T. 07 350 0440, www.rainbowsprings.co.nz

The Locals Card entitles a family (2 adults and 2 children) to unlimited entry to Rainbow Springs and 50% discount to Kiwi Encounter and free tea or coffee at their café.

Skyline Skyrides

T. 07 347 0027, www.skylineskyrides.co.nz

Gondola Card - Unlimited use of the gondola for 12 months, and discounts on luge rides and in the restaurant.

Tamaki Maori Village

T. 07 349 2999, www.maoriculture.co.nz

Te Puia

T. 07 348 9047, www.tepuia.co.nz

The Buried Village

T. 07 362 8287, www.buriedvillage.co.nz

Waikite Valley Hot Pools

T. 07 333 1861, www.hotpools.co.nz

Waimangu Volcanic Valley

T. 07 366 6137, www.waimangu.co.nz

Whakarewarewa Village

T. 07 349 3463, www.whakarewarewa.com

Check out Rotorua's holiday

hotdeals at www.rotorua-hotdeals.com



Community Garden Grand Opening



**Saturday Dec 12th
10am to 2pm**

at the Selwyn Community Hall
"A DAY FOR EVERYONE"

Free Entry

Harley Davidson rides

Car Boot Sale

Fun Activities

Food stalls

Sausage Sizzle

Bouncy Castle

Garden
hints

Awesome Prizes

Community Market

and much much more ...

Scarecrow Competition

Enter as a family,
community group,
business or school.

Made with
recycled materials.

Bring your finished
scarecrow for judging
@10.30am

Be part of Whakanuia 6 February 2010



Waitangi Day is a public holiday held each year on 6 February.

Whakarewarewa Village started 'Whakanuia' two years ago.

The purpose of Whakanuia was to bring our community together to celebrate Waitangi Day within a living Maori environment - enabling locals to enjoy a day of fun, sharing and learning, by celebrating the Maori heritage and other ethnic cultures within Rotorua.

Whakanuia means "To Acknowledge, To Promote, To Celebrate".

In 2008, the focus was Maori culture, and in 2009, the theme was "Pasifika".

Next year, the celebration theme is Asia, including the Middle and Far East Asia.

Activities in previous years have included:

- Native tree planting by various ethnicities that live in Rotorua.
- Interactive arts and crafts
- Storytelling
- Wearable Arts
- Music
- Traditional games
- Food

If you would like to be involved with the tree planting, or with sharing your stories, games or crafts from your home culture

contact Renee on 07 349 3463 or renee@whakarewarewa.com

Celebrate Children's Day

CHILDRENS AND FAMILY FUN DAY! at the Redwoods March 7, 2010

**Free activities for children, young people,
their parents and caregivers**

Get Involved!

We are keen to hear from groups and individuals wanting to share stories and fables or crafts from around the world.

Fundraising?

We are also interested in hearing from groups able to sell food at a reasonable price.

Volunteer?

We would love you assistance to set up, pack down,
Help run activities...

Contact:

Activities and Food – Julianne Wilkinson at The Redwoods on 07 350 0110

Arts and Storytelling – Jill Walker on 07 362 0888

Volunteering – Kiri Jarden on 07 350 0209 x 8154

www.redwoods.co.nz

Support the Rotorua Hospital Childrens Ward Charitable Trust

Shopping and late night dining in the centre of Rotorua

Late Night Dining

Many restaurants in Rotorua will have late night dining during the holiday period. The dates when restaurants have late night dining are listed on the right.

Bookings are essential after 9pm
Restaurants have a menu available until 10pm

Bars with Restaurants

Lone Star
The Shed
Rendezvous Restaurant

European/MiddleEast

Seismic Gastro Bar
Abracadabra
Macs Steaks
Solace

Indian

Indian Star
Lovely India
Tandoori Palace

Italian

Zanellis Italian

Stonegrill

Triple 1 Five

Christmas Shopping



Heart of Tutanekai Street Shop Closing Hours

Monday 6pm
Tuesday 6pm
Wednesday 6pm
Thursday 6pm
Friday 6pm
Saturday 4pm
Sunday 3pm

DECEMBER 2009



CHRISTMAS RESTAURANT DUTY ROSTER

Lone Star
Ph: 349 4040
December 1, 24, 31

Zanellis Italian
Ph:348 4908
December 2, 12, 23

Rendezvous Restaurant
Ph:348 9273
December 3, 8, 16

Indian Star
Ph: 343 6222
December 4, 15, 25

Abracadabra
Ph: 348 3883
December 5, 9,

Macs Steaks
Ph: 347 9270
December 6, 17, 22

Triple 1 Five
Ph: 347 1115
December 10, 21,

Tandoori Palace
Ph: 348 8122
December 11, 26, 28

Seismic Gastro Bar
Ph: 348 2082
December 13, 29

The Shed
Ph: 348 8124
December 7, 18,

Solace
Ph: 349 1551
December 14, 20,

Lovely India
Ph: 348 4088
December 19, 27, 30

JANUARY 2010



NEW YEAR RESTAURANT DUTY ROSTER

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Neighbourhood Support NZ



Safety Tips from Neighbourhood Support

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

The safe bit means taking extra care of yourself and your family during the holiday season.

If you are at the beach or rover keep an eye on your kids. If they can't swim – do something about it.

Don't have your Christmas presents clearly visible in your vehicles or your home, leave the presents in cupboards until Christmas eve.

Criminals like Christmas shopping also!!

Christmas is a time of family and SHARING. That means everyone in the family helps to make the occasion a friendly one.

Keep windows and doors locked at night.

If you are at the back of the property ensure the front is locked up.

Don't leave fishing/boating gear in your boats overnight.

If you can get at it easily so can the criminal element



Don't let this happen at your home this Christmas!

Neighbourhood Support Rotorua

Tel: 07 349-9470

Email: nsrotorua@clear.net.nz

Volunteer and Get Paid!

- Event: Learning@School 2010, an Education conference with an emphasis on IT in education.
- Venue: Various but centred on the Energy Events Centre at the start of each day.
- When: 24th, 25th and 26 (afternoon) February 2010
- Role: Work as attendants on the six 90-minute breakout sessions over 2.5 days.
- Benefits: Lump sum per person for whole programme over 3 days (\$240 per person)

If you or your group are interested, contact

Martin on 07 350 1744, email martin.croft@rdc.govt.nz or

Amanda on 07 349 5141 ext 8694, email amanda.hohneck@rdc.govt.nz

before 23 December 2009.

www.learningatschool.org.nz



Those who attended French cooking lesson are pictured with Susana So (centre), from Rotorua Multicultural Council who organized the event, and Hiroyuki Teraoka (right), the chef tutor from the You and Me restaurant in Rotorua.

If you would like future U & I CAN COOK lessons, contact Susana on san@drawingboard.co.nz



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Immigration New Zealand



Introduction of a minimum income threshold for Essential Skills Work Permit holders who want their dependent children to live with them in New Zealand.

- a. Dependent children (see E4.1.5) of holders of work permits granted under the Essential Skills work policy (WK) after 30 Nov 2009 will only be granted a student permit or visa if their parent/s meet a minimum income threshold.
- b. The minimum income threshold is \$33,675 gross per annum and must be met and maintained wholly by the salary or wages of a parent or parents holding an Essential Skills work permit.
- c. Evidence must be provided of the Essential Skills work permit holder's current salary or wages to satisfy that the applicant's parent/s meet the minimum income threshold.
- d. Despite (b) above, dependent children of Essential Skills work permit holders whose parents have an application being considered under the Samoan Quota or Pacific Access Category must meet the minimum income requirements of those policies (see S1.10.35 or S1.40.35) to be eligible for a student permit under this policy.
- e. Dependent children are not required to be assessed against the Essential Skills minimum income threshold if their parent/s:
 - i have held any temporary work permit before 30 Nov 2009; and
 - ii have remained on a valid visa or permit from 30 Nov 2009 until the date of the dependent child's application under U8.10.

f. If a visa or permit application is declined under this policy and the dependent child becomes unlawful the parent's permit may be revoked.

g. If the parent/s do not maintain the minimum income threshold for the duration of their or their dependent child's permit both visas or permits may be revoked.

Note: Where both parents hold Essential Skills work permits, their income may be combined to meet the minimum income threshold.

www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/general/generalinformation/news/Novemberrelease.htm

Medical certificates

Immigration New Zealand will continue to accept the previous versions of the *Medical and Chest X-Ray Certificate (NZIS 1007)* and the *Temporary Entry X-Ray Certificate (NZIS 1096)* until 29 March 2010.

- [Medical and Chest X-ray Certificate \(INZ 1007\)](#)
- [Temporary Entry X-ray Certificate \(INZ 1096\)](#).

New PR Visa for 20-35 year olds

The government is introducing a new Silver Fern visa for 20-35 year olds, as a pathway for obtaining Permanent Residency.

The aim of the Government's new Silver Fern visa will be to attract young highly skilled people to work long term in New Zealand.

"The new Silver Fern policy enables young people with proven potential to come to New Zealand for up to nine months to seek skilled employment. Once they find skilled employment, they will be able to stay for a further two years, while they apply for residence. This will create a pathway to residence for young skilled people, who want to come to New Zealand to further develop their careers, and potentially to settle permanently."

Minister of Immigration, Jonathan Coleman

Details of the policy have yet to be announced. The visa will be implemented in April 2010.

Web link for full press release.

www.beehive.govt.nz/release/silver+fern+visa+target+talented+graduates

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