



Kirihimete Merry Christmas



What's Happening in Rotorua?

Dec 10

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"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.

Updated Volunteering Guide

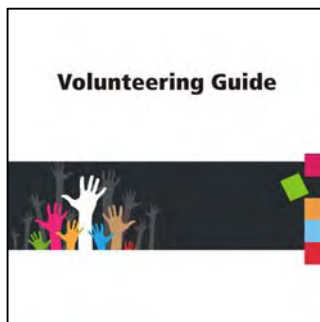
Settlement Support and the Citizens Advice Bureau have updated the Volunteering Guide.

The guide lists volunteering opportunities in Rotorua, the work involved and any skills required.

There is a huge range of volunteering activities available; including the arts, conservation and sports and recreation.

Volunteering is a good way for migrants to:

- Meet new people
- Learn new skills
- Give others the benefit of their experience
- Practice English language skills
- Have fun



Collect the guide from:
Settlement Support
3rd Floor, 1136 Arawa St,
Rotorua

Citizens Advice Bureau
Community House,
1115 Haupapa Street,
Rotorua

Stay Safe over Christmas and the Holidays

The good news is that many injuries can be prevented. Some simple things you can do to keep your family safe this summer are:

- Keep looking when you're cooking – don't leave your BBQ unattended
- Turn off your Christmas tree lights before you go to bed.
- Never use candles in a caravan.
- Always have a correct-fitting life jacket for everyone on board your boat.
- Always swim between the flags at the beach.
- Have non-alcoholic drinks available for your party guests.
- Make sure you have a sober driver to take you home after those Christmas parties.
- Always wear your seatbelt – in the front AND the back seat.
- Remember if you feel stressed or worried, it's ok to ask for help.



Settlement Support Rotorua Opening Hours in the Holiday Period

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.

The Settlement Support office will open up until 23 December 2010 and from 5 January 2011.

I wish you an enjoyable Christmas and New Year, and look for to hearing from you again in 2011.

What's On!



Rotorua Dance Party

Parkside Community Centre

Sat, 11 Dec 2010



Ceroc Rotorua, invites you to join them at their Studio, for a Fun INTRODUCTORY BEGINNER CLASS @ 7.30.....and dancing till late with Chart Topping Hits.

Cost: \$20 (eftpos available)

Light supper and refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you at 7 Tarewa Place, Rotorua

Contact: Claire Andrews 0272749933

www.dare2dance.co.nz

Rerewhakaaitu Rodeo

Sat 11, Dec 2010, 8.30am – 4pm

Rerewhakaaitu Domain

(37kms south of Rotorua following SH5 & SH38)

Cost: \$15, children under 12 \$5



Fun and excitement for the whole family. Refreshments available on site or BYO picnic.

Bucking Bulls, bucking horses, international cowboys and cowgirls from the USA, Canada, Australia and our own stars from Rerewhakaaitu and around NZ.

Live band playing at the Rerewhakaaitu Domain Pavilion after the event - all welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Superstocks and Stockcars

11, 26, 27, 28 Dec 2010, 7pm-10.30pm

SE Equipment, 105 Paradise Valley Road, Rotorua



Speedway action for all the family, including the NZ Superstock finals on 28 Dec 2010.

Tel: 07 345 5740

Mob: 021 703 731

Cost:	Adult	Child	Family
11 Dec	\$15	\$10	\$40
17 Dec	\$10	\$5	\$25
26 Dec	\$10	\$5	\$25
27 Dec	\$20	\$10	\$50
28 Dec	\$30	\$10	\$65

Soundshell Market

12, 18, 19, 26, 28 Dec 2010 9am-3pm

Rotorua Lakefront, near the Novotel hotel



It will soon be by Christmas and the time to get those bargain presents from the Market at the Lakefront is NOW. Indoor and outdoor stalls, great parking, great prices and a huge variety of stalls featuring goodies from all over the world, plus curios and collectables. Heaps of free parking.

Free Community Concert

Sat, 18 Dec 2010 2 – 4pm

Glenholme Reserve, Miller Street, Rotorua

Cost: Free

Victory Church Rotorua are hosting a free community concert. All are welcome to this event.

Good music, drama skits and entertainment for the family. Just bring a blanket for the kids for this concert in the park.

The concert is about crime awareness in our city.

Following the concert will be a screening of the movie twice dead, a modern day cross and the switchblade, showing at 72 Malfroy Road at 6pm.

Contact Graham Thomas on 07 348 1499 x 8942

Summer Festival Horse Racing

Sun 27, Dec 2009, 12 noon – 5pm

Arawa Park, Fenton St, Rotorua



Head along to the races for fun family entertainment. Kids' entertainment is free. Hire a mini marquee to grab the best spot on-course.

Free children's entertainment.

Bring your own picnic, or enjoy the cafes on site.

Entertainment: Interislander Tug of War, Springfresh Splash'n Dash, Undercover Cody Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap and Dash, Interislander 3-headed T-shirt race and Sunsmart Colouring Competition.

Cost: Adults \$10, Children FREE

www.theraces.co.nz

For events in Rotorua, go to www.rotoruanz.com/events www.eventfinderfinder.co.nz and www.ticketmaster.co.nz



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Rotorua Youth Centre (RYC)

The RYC provides a space for young people to be themselves (youth lounge), have fun with other youth and interactions with experienced youth workers. We deliver services, programmes and events lead by youth opinions, in a youth focussed environment. Our youth workers believe in walking alongside young people through their journey into adulthood.

Centre Hours

Tuesday – Thursday 2pm-7pm
 Friday 2pm-9pm
 Saturday 12pm-9pm
 Closed – Sunday, Monday and Public Holidays :)

YOUTH LOUNGE
 TABLE TENNIS INTERNET POOL TABLES ADVICE
 COUCHES MUSIC PS3
 YOUTH WORKERS CAFE
**OPEN TUE-THUR 2-7PM
 FRI 2-9PM & SAT 12-9PM**
 The sweetest place to come kick it with your crew, and meet some new peeps too...

SHAKE IT LIKE A...
 ...polaroid picture.
 With a mackin youth lounge, computer lab, classroom, art studio, art gallery & brand new dance studios the RYC facilities are so fly they'll make you wanna shake what yo mamma gave ya...

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Rotorua Youth Centre presents... a free event

YOUTH DAY OUT

YOUTH CENTRE IDOL singing competition in Rotorua for young people, aged 13 and over

SUMO SUITS * MECHANICAL BULL * WII GAMES SEGWAY RIDES PAINTBALL GUNS
 DANCE BATTLES ART EXHIBITION GRAF ARTISTS * LOUNGE CASTLE * COMPS
 FOOD STALLS HEAPS OF FREEBIES & PRIZES
 CADET FORCES TE WANANGA WAIAKIRI POLYTECH INFO EXPLO
 WORKSHOPS * cafe * lolli scramble and more!!

12PM SAT 18 DEC
ROTORUA YOUTH CENTRE
 6 TE NGAE RD ROTORUA WWW.RYC.ORG.NZ
 contact 07 343 1012 or admin@ryc.org.nz

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR AWESOME SPONSORS:
 ROTORUA AQUATIC CENTRE ROTORUA DISTRICT COUNCIL TAMAKI TOURS READING CHURCH
 WOODS & MCCORMACKS BUNGEE CLUB ACTIVA TV ROTORUA STRAIGHTEDGE TENNIS WEST
 WILD KAPING ROTORUA ENERGY CHAIRMAINS TRUST

Youth Day Out, Sat 18 Dec

A whole lot of fun for FREE! In celebration of our new centre we're throwing a party. From 12pm – 4:30pm we've got a whole happening including the Youth Centre Idol singing comp (with Raggamuffin Tickets & Vegas Surf Vouchers for the winners!), sumo suits, mechanical bull, dance battles, graf artists, freebies, games, wii, segway rides, food stalls – ahhh you gotta be here!!

Youth Health Clinic



Responding to the needs of Rotorua young people; enhancing their well-being in a safe welcoming and vibrant service. The Rotovegas youth health centre was established in 2002 to deliver a range of specialist youth health services for Rotorua youth, which is free for 15 – 24 year olds.

Centre Hours

Mon: Nurse 12.00pm – 4.00pm, Doctor 1pm – 4pm
Tue: Nurse 12:30pm – 4.00pm, Doctor 1pm – 4pm
Wed: Nurse 11.00am – 5:30pm, Doctor 3:30pm – 6pm
Thu: Nurse 12.00pm – 4.00pm, Doctor 10:00 am – 1pm
Fri: Nurse 12:30 pm – 4.00pm, Doctor 11:00 am – 2pm

STI Clinic (The STI Clinic is run by Rotorua Hospital and open to all ages) Mon – Fri 3pm – 5pm

Christmas at the Churches



A Procession of Carols

Sat 11 Dec 2011, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Sun 12 Dec 2011, 2pm - 4pm

St Luke's Church, 1223 Amohia St, Rotorua

Cost: Entry by programme \$5, Children are FREE



The final concert for the Rotorua District Choir's 50th Anniversary Year is a selection of beautiful carols, many not heard before in Rotorua.

Included is an instrumental group of up to 20 children from the Chapman College and choristers from the Rotorua Home School Association. International carols and local material are featured covering the period from Advent - the season before Christmas and the coming of Christ - to Epiphany which is the anniversary on 6 January, remembering the coming of the Three Wise Men to honour the infant Jesus in Bethlehem.

Come along for this wonderful Christmas Celebration and enjoy a piece of Christmas Cake during the interval!

For further information, contact Diane on 07 345 6884

Christmas Under the Oak Tree

Fri, 18 Dec 2011, From 6pm

St David's Church,

Corner Wharenui Road & Reeve Road, Rotorua

FREE



Family Fun Day with sausage sizzle, ice blocks and drinks.

Lots of activities for the kids

Come along and meet other families

All Welcome!!!

Contact Annette Jenkins on 07 349 0990

Festive Finale

Sat 18 & Sun 19 Dec 2011, 7.00pm – 9.30pm

Living Well Church,

47 Biak St, Rotorua



A relaxed concert to celebrate Christmas.

Everyone welcome.

For further information, ring 07 3487932

Christmas Week Services & Events

C3 Church

Rotorua Convention Centre,
Crn Fenton & Arawa Streets, Rotorua

Sunday Services 10am

Living Well Church

47 Biak St, Rotorua

Sunday Services 10am

Tel: 07 3487932, www.livingwell.co.nz

Ngakuru Church

938 Whirinaki Valley Rd, Ngakuru

Sun, 19 Dec Community Carol Service 7pm

Christmas Eve Service 9pm

Salvation Army

Corner Old Taupo & Hillcrest Roads, Rotorua

Sunday Services 10.30am

Tel: 07 346 8077, www.salvationarmy.org.nz

St David's Presbyterian

Corner Wharenui Road & Reeve Road, Rotorua

Christmas Eve Service 11 pm

Christmas Day Service 9.30am

St John's Presbyterian

Corner Ranolf & Victoria Street, Rotorua

Christmas Eve Service 11.15pm

Christmas Day Service 9.30am

Christmas Day Lunch 12 noon (To register, tel 07 345 9973)

Tel: 07 3482954 (Mon – Thu 9am – 4pm), www.stjohnsrotorua.org

St Luke's Anglican

1223 Amohia St, Rotorua

Sun, 5 Dec, 5pm

A Contemplative Advent Taize Service

Sun, 19 Dec, 7pm

Nine Lessons and Carols Service

21-22 Dec, 10am 12pm

Christmas Discovery Programme

for families and children

Christmas Eve Service:

Carols from 11pm, Service 11.30pm.

Christmas Day Services

8am and 10am

Boxing Day Services

8am and 10am

Tel: 07 348 5390, www.waiapu.com/st-lukes-rotorua

St Mary's RC

40 Seddon St, Rotorua

Christmas Eve Service 7pm and Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Service 10am

Tel: 07-348 0289

St Michael's RC

1 Lake Road, Rotorua

Christmas Eve Service

5pm and Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Service

8am

Tel: 07-348 0289

Christmas Activities

Hospice Tree

13-17 Dec 2010, 9am - 4pm
City Focus, Tutanekai Street, Rotorua



The Hospice Remembrance Tree will be in the City Focus from 13 December to 17 December 2010.

Everyone is welcome to place a card on the tree to remember a loved one at Christmas time.

Carols By Candlelight

Fri, 17 Dec 2009, 7-9.30pm
Kuirau Park, Rotorua ,
(next to Ranolf Street, opposite Rotorua Hospital)
Cost: FREE



This is 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 7pm, and the Carols will commence at 7.20pm.

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

Christmas Shopping

ROTORUA NIGHT MARKET
Every Thursday night from 5pm
In the 'The Heart of Tutanekai Street'
(located between Haupapa and Pukuatua Streets)



**rotorua
night
market**

Come and meet a local producers, chefs, artisans, artists and designers.

See, smell and taste fresh seasonal fare.



SANTA VISITING TIMES

at **postie+** Tutanekai Street, Rotorua
Dates for Santa all in December 2010

2 THURSDAY	11:00am - 1:00pm & 5:30pm - 7:30pm
3 FRIDAY	11:00am - 1:00pm
9 THURSDAY	11:00am - 1:00pm & 5:30pm - 7:30pm
10 FRIDAY	11:00am - 1:00pm
11 SATURDAY	11:00am - 1:00pm
16 THURSDAY	11:00am - 1:00pm & 5:30pm - 7:30pm
17 FRIDAY	11:00am - 1:00pm
18 SATURDAY	11:00am - 1:00pm
20 MONDAY	11:00am - 1:00pm
21 TUESDAY	11:00am - 1:00pm
22 WEDNESDAY	11:00am - 1:00pm
23 THURSDAY	11:00am - 1:00pm & 5:30pm - 7:30pm

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING on THURSDAYS

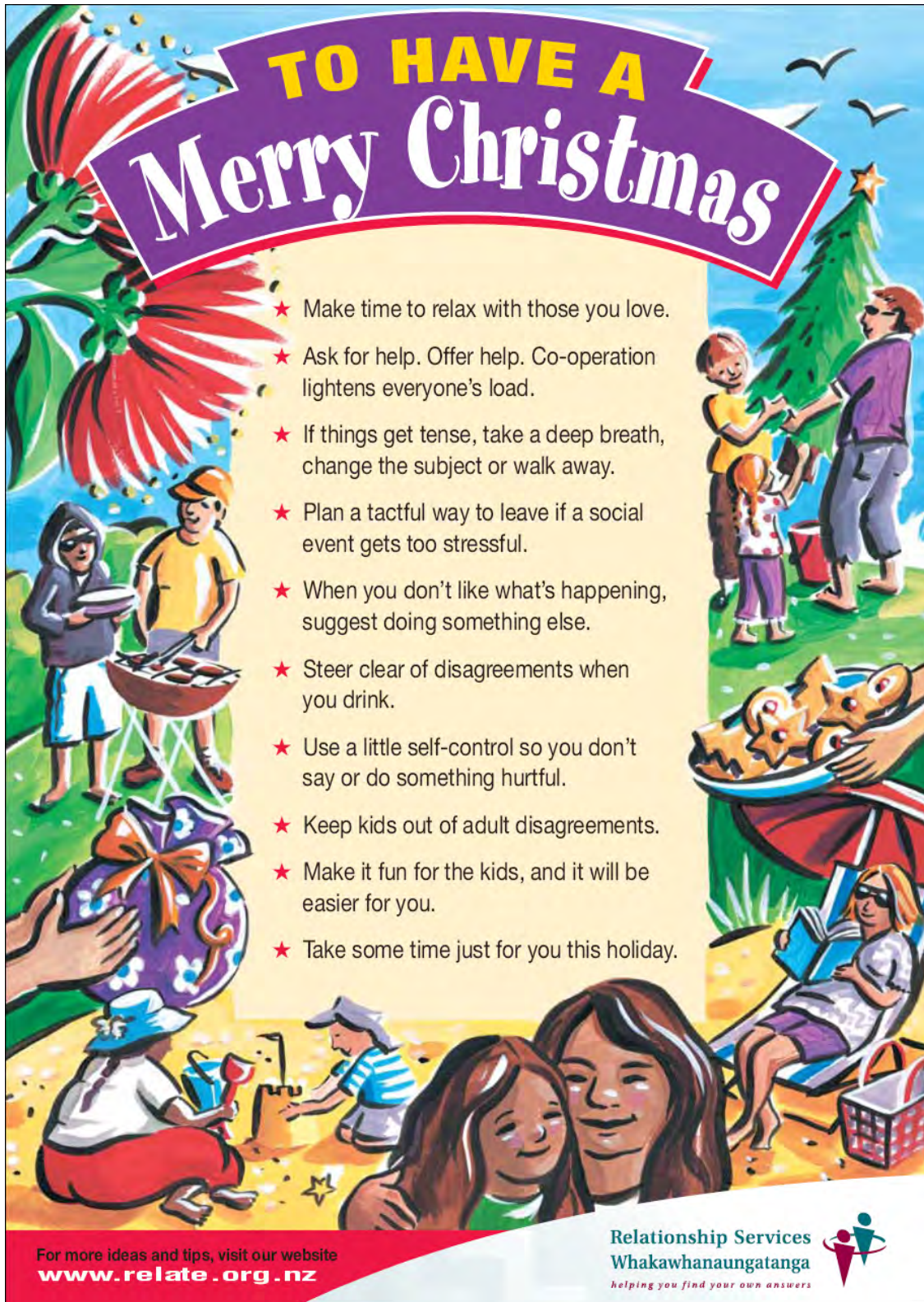
To find participating shops, look out for the bows.



Every purchase you make after 5pm on a Thursday night, could win you a ...

- \$500 shopping 'bownus'
- and a mystery trip for 2 somewhere on east coast of Australia.

Practical Tips for Christmas



TO HAVE A Merry Christmas

- ★ Make time to relax with those you love.
- ★ Ask for help. Offer help. Co-operation lightens everyone's load.
- ★ If things get tense, take a deep breath, change the subject or walk away.
- ★ Plan a tactful way to leave if a social event gets too stressful.
- ★ When you don't like what's happening, suggest doing something else.
- ★ Steer clear of disagreements when you drink.
- ★ Use a little self-control so you don't say or do something hurtful.
- ★ Keep kids out of adult disagreements.
- ★ Make it fun for the kids, and it will be easier for you.
- ★ Take some time just for you this holiday.

For more ideas and tips, visit our website
www.relate.org.nz

Relationship Services
Whakawhanaungatanga
helping you find your own answers

Summer Activities for Everyone

Things to do @

THE REDWOODS FOREST off Tarawera Road, Rotorua

The Redwoods is FREE to enjoy & explore so it is an excellent place for families to visit any time of the year.

- Enjoy a picnic
- Talk a walk
- Jump off the "big log"
- Have a cycle
- Complete a short orienteering challenge



Explorer Trail sheets and Discovery Packs are available for 6-8 year olds and 8 years and over.

Don't forget to collect your reward when you finish!

Orienteering maps are available at the Gift shop for \$3.

www.redwoods.co.nz

ROTORUA MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY Government Gardens, Rotorua



Discover the great stories of Rotorua with our discovery trials. Search for hidden objects, find out interesting facts – you get to play detective.

Collect one from the front desk on arrival.

There are trails for all ages.

- 5-7 years
- 7-10 years
- 11-12 years
- 12 years and over.

When you complete your discovery trial you will receive a certificate.

ROTORUA RESIDENT INFORMATION

Rotorua residents receive free admission to Rotorua Museum. To receive your free admission please bring along the following: Some ID, eg. a drivers licence
AND

something with your address on it, eg. a power bill.

If you are a student with an ID card from a Rotorua School, this is all you need.

If you have Rotorua Library card we will ask to show some ID with this so we can be sure it belongs to you.

HIP brochure (Oct – Apr) Hobbies, Interests & Passions



The HIP (Stuff for Baby Boomers) brochure gives information on how to get involved in hobbies, interests and passions.

The publication is primarily aimed for those over 50.

Copies are available from:
Settlement Support Rotorua,
1136 Arawa St, Rotorua

Rotorua District Council,
1061 Haupapa St, Rotorua

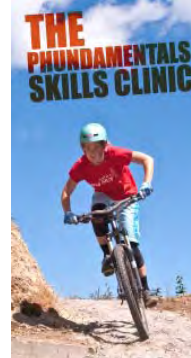
City Focus,
Tutanekai St, Rotorua.

It can also be viewed on the Rotorua District Council's website www.rdc.govt.nz

Click on the Recreation tab for Activities for Over 50's.

Use the booklet to discover the many options available on your doorstep. The booklet includes a calendar, a useful quick reference to key events and courses available from October 2010 to April 2011.

Mountain Bike Skills Clinics



Have you ever wanted to improve your balance and handling skills on a bike?

MTB Skills Clinics offers a range of skill based coaching on a regular basis. The clinics all stem from basic handling principles and although they have been refined and found better ways to explain and teach the concepts, those core skills are still true to the day they were thought up.

What this means for you...

You are being taught the most important skills needed to handle a bicycle which have been developed from riders who still race and take an interest in developing handling skills which been developed in conjunction with bike frame improvements.

Contact Gabby at info@mtbskillsclinics.co.nz or on 021 86 5454 (best to leave a text if no one answers - probably out coaching).

www.mtbskillsclinics.co.nz

Back Page News

Goings on @ the Library

JAPANESE BOOK COLLECTION

Konnichi wa ! The library are very pleased to have welcomed a delegation from Rotorua's sister city, Beppu to officially launch our Beppu Book Exchange Collection.

The formal opening of the collection follows an exchange between the two libraries of around 150 books earlier in the year.

The Library started a collection of Japanese books some five years back. The new volumes have greatly enhanced the collection.

The Foreign Language collection is invaluable for many different people. Recently a grandparent remarked that she always took out the Dutch books so she could read to her NZ born grandchildren, ensuring that they were familiar with their own heritage and language.

For language students, the collection is also of great value or for those who are away from their own homeland. Being able to read in your native tongue must be comforting at times.



Pictured are members of the Beppu delegation with Rotorua Mayor, Ken Winters (back centre).

BOOK FAIR

Friends of the Rotorua District Library hold a book fair on the first and third Saturdays of the Month at the old tearooms in Kuirau Park from 9.00am – 1.00pm. There are thousands of books at bargain prices and all proceeds go back to the library.

December dates: 18 December

Contact Anne Hunt email annedon@clear.net.nz for further information.

Whakanuia

Sun, 6 February 2011, 10am – 3pm

Whakarewarewa, The Living Thermal Village,
17 Tryon St, Rotorua

Cost: FREE for local residents with ID



Whakanuia brings 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"

A celebration for our whole community to enjoy. We invite you to come along and join in on the festivities as we acknowledge the richness and diversity of our people living in Rotorua.

It is a day of fun, sharing and learning for all ages.

Next year, alongside Maori we will also be celebrating our UK, Nordic and European cultures.

If you would like to participate by selling food, being an entertainer, showcasing wearable arts, providing a talk about your culture, displaying your arts & crafts or creating interactive activities, we would love to hear from.

For more information contact Renee Nathan:

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