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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.

WELL CHILD WEEK, 2-9 March

Well Child Week is held to help increase awareness of the Well Child concept in New Zealand.

"keeping all children under the age of 5 well and healthy, as well as growing and developing them to their fullest potential."



With Wellchild week upon us, the B4 School team is calling for a focus on child health.

One programme that has been put in place recently to help achieve this is the B4 School health check. This check is the final Well Child check. It is free for all four year old children and is to make sure that every child starts school healthy and ready to learn.

The B4 School check includes a check of the child's vision and hearing, teeth and gums, height and weight. It gives parents a chance to discuss their child's health and development with a Registered Well Child Health Nurse from Plunket or Tipu Ora.

If any concerns are raised action can be taken quickly and the child/family can be referred to the right person. This may be a GP or nurse, the dental service or experts who can help with social, developmental or emotional needs.

The assessment includes questionnaires that ask about the child's general health, social, emotional, development and behaviour. A weight, height, immunisation and an oral health assessment will also be taken. The Vision Hearing Technician will test vision and hearing at a separate time either at a clinic or at the Early Childhood Centre.

Make Wellchild week count. If you have a child who has turned four make an appointment with your Wellchild nurse at-

- Plunket – phone 348 4161
- Tipu Ora -phone 348 2400

For more information

- Talk with your Practice Nurse and fill out a consent form
- Contact Marilyn Ross, B4 School Coordinator on 349 3563
- Call Healthline – 0800 611 116
- Visit the Ministry of Health website – www.moh.govt.nz/b4schoolcheck

Tipu Ora and Plunket also provide well child and family health support services through free home and clinic visits to children under 5 years old. . They offer you information, support and developmental assessments of your child at varying stages between birth and 5 years.

For further information, contact

Plunket on 348 4161, www.plunket.org.nz
Tipu Ora on 348 2400

Children's & Family Fun Day @ The Redwoods

Date: 8 March '09
Time: 10am - 4pm
Where: at the Redwoods, Long Mile Road

Rotorua Police Armed Offenders Display
11.30am
With the BayTrust Rescue Helicopter

Fun, Free activities for children of all ages, their caregivers and families!

Arts and crafts, storytelling, music and performances. Environmental and Science activities, displays, sports activities and great games. Bike skills courses, rides and helmet safety checks.

Pimp My Bike Competition & Trolley Races
Start designing & Building today!

For a programme of activities visit: www.redwoods.co.nz

WIN
A prize package to the value of \$800. (including a guided bike, raft, kayak trip 7 hot swim!)
Have a go at 4 activities & be in the draw!

DESTINATION ROTORUA
Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust

What's On



Sundays in March 09, 1.00-2.30pm

Government Gardens, Rotorua

Music in the Band Rotunda

Bring a rug and chair. Relax and enjoy some great local music for free.

Sundays to 5 April 09, 2.00pm

Rotorua Museum of Art and History

Government Gardens, Rotorua

He Korowai o te Wai – The Mantle of Water lecture series

8 Mar: NZ Freshwaters – A State of denial in a time of crisis

15 Mar: How we arrest the decline in our lakes from harmful algal blooms

22 Mar: The many faces of bottled water

29 Mar: Tarawera River's journey to the sea and its transformation into a 'black drain'

5 Apr: Wetlands restoration on the Horowhenua coast, and the cultural landscape

FREE for Rotorua residents with ID

Contact 07 350 1814

6-21 March 09

Various locations within Rotorua District

Rotorua Festival of Arts

A range of exhibitions, theatre and musical performances.

Many events are free.

For further information, pick up the festival programme from the Rotorua Convention Centre on Fenton Street or check out www.rotoruaartsfestival.co.nz

Sat, 7 March 09, 9am – 12 noon

Te Amorangi Museum, Robinson Ave, Rotorua

Keep Rotorua Beautiful Te Amorangi Museum Clean Up

A working bee tidying the gardens. Bring gum boots, spades, forks, trowels, cold drink.

All welcome.

Contact Christine on 07 348 4199 ext 8253 or email

christine.findon@rdc.govt.nz

Sat, 7 March 09, 10am

Ngongotaha Skate Park

Ngongotaha Skate Clinic

Alta Skate are coming to coach local skaters.

Learn from the professionals and tightens your tricks.

All ages and skill levels are welcome. Register for FREE

Contact Layla on 07 357 5000,

email director@movietime.co.nz,

www.ngongotaha.com/ngosk8.html

Sun, 8 March 09, 10-4pm

Te Amorangi Museum, Robinson Ave, Rotorua

Steam Day at Te Amorangi Museum

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

10-21 March 09, 10am – 4pm

Rotorua Arts Village, Hinemaru Street, Rotorua

Spirit of Rotorua Photography Exhibition

Sat, 14 March 09, 10am- 4pm

Blue Lake, off Tarawera Road, Rotorua

Te Arawa Hoe Waka Festival

Go watch Maori teams compete in a canoe (waka) tournament.

Sat, 14 March 09 from 5.30pm

Ngongotaha Hall, School Road, Ngongotaha, Rotorua

Brewers and Liars Festival

Te Radar will be chief judge of the Liars Contest.

Entertainment includes blues, fire dancers and belly dancers, salsa drumming, a lingerie parade and Amjazz dancers.

Features ales, wines and cheeses

Cost \$25 (All proceeds to Rotorua Hospice)

Email: johnsmale@paradise.net.nz

21 & 22 March 09 From 8am

The Redwoods, off Tarawera Road, Rotorua

Rotorua Walking Festival

A weekend of fun and fellowship and non competitive walking.

Sat – Scenic forest tracks.

Dinner and dancing in the evening.

Sun - City, parks, thermal reserves and lake shore trail with historical and cultural interest.

Come on your own or make up a group.

Cost \$30-\$40

Tel: 07 349 8333,

Email: info@rotoruwalkingfestival.org.nz

www.rotoruwalkingfestival.org.nz

Sat 21 March 09, 9am-3pm

Te Papa Tipu Innovation Park, 49 Sala Street, Rotorua

Science in the Park - Discovering SCION

Excite your mind and discover a world of scientific wonder at Scion's open day. Take a guided lab tour, identify a mystery bug, or learn how earthquake proof wood is.

Come and enjoy an interactive showcase of activities, displays and experiments. FREE EVENT

Contact 07 343 5899

Friday, 27 March 09 12.30-1.30pm

Rotorua Newcomers Network

Abacadabra Café in Amohia St, Rotorua

Pink Room Fridays

An informal lunch for women. It's about taking time out for yourself and share experiences with other women.

Contact Florence on 07 349 0990, or email

rotorua@newcomers.co.nz

For events in Rotorua, check out

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

What's On



ARE YOU MISSING KICKING A FOOTBALL ABOUT?

U & I SoccerFest

Sat, 18 April 09 10am – 4pm
Neil Hunt Park, off Tarawera Road,
Rotorua

U & I SoccerFest is a football tournament to celebrate Rotorua's multi-cultural communities, organized by the Rotorua Ethnic Council in partnership with Rotorua United Football Club.

Anyone can get involved as a volunteer, or put a team of 7 together.

For further info or if you would like to be part of a team, send an email to ethnicsoccer@gmail.com



CAN YOU HELP MAKE THE SPCA WISH LIST COME TRUE?



One of the aims of the SPCA is to give shelter to animals in distress and re-home suitable animals where possible.

The Rotorua SPCA is dependent on public support for its existence.

With approximately 150 animals on site at any one time, the SPCA has high operating costs and chores that need to be carried out.

KNITTERS

Puppy and kitten jackets are required to keep the little ones warm.
Patterns for both boy and girl are available from us.

Contact SPCA, 24 Old Taupo Road, Rotorua
Tel: 07 349 2955

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 10.00am to 4.30pm,
Saturday 10.00am to 3.30pm,
Sunday 10.00am to 12.00pm



CV Training and Interview Preparation Workshop

18 & 19 March 09, 9am – 3.30pm
The Business Hub, 1209 Hinemaru Street
Rotorua

Presented by the Rotorua Chamber of Commerce.

Learn:

- How to Create a New Zealand style CV
- Interview skills
- Job search skills
- How to write a cover letter
- Presentation and First Impressions

Cost: \$75 (per person + GST) 2 day workshop includes tea and coffee.

For further information and to register, contact

Denise Emery, Employment Choices Co-ordinator on 07 349 8359 or 027 5704 048

Email: choice@rotoruchamber.co.nz



NAME THE KIWI CHICK UPDATE

At the last Migrant Mayoral in November 2008, Tina Rakoczy from Germany, won the Name the Kiwi competition with the name Te Awhina, meaning "to help" in Maori.

Te Awhina hatched on 7 November weighing 353g. By 21 February 09, the chick had grown to over 1kg and was ready to be released.

Te Awhina was released into a prepared area for wild kiwis at Cape Kidnappers in Hawkes Bay, along with Keke, a female chick also reared at Kiwi Encounters. Te Awhina will be monitored in future as it is the male birds who do the incubation.

To find out more about the kiwi conservation centre at Kiwi Encounters and the special discounts for locals at Rainbow Springs, phone 07 350 0440 www.kiwiencounter.co.nz



*Tina meeting
Te Awhina at Kiwi
Encounters in Nov 08*



*Te Awhina ready to be
released in Feb 09
look how big his feet are.*

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

RACE RELATIONS DAY, 21 March 2009

The theme of this year's Race Relations Day is **PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD**.

Neighbourhood Support

Neighbourhood Support can help make your neighbourhood a friendlier, safer and more caring place in which to live.

Neighbourhood Support NZ helps to:

- Encourage neighbours to talk to each other.
- Enhance the safety features and appearance of the neighbourhood.
- Minimise burglaries and car crime in the local area.
- Share information that will help reduce crime in the local area.
- Educate neighbours to take responsibility for their own safety.
- Know when and how to contact the Police, and other emergency services.

IT'S FREE. For further information phone 07 349 9470



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



TE TARI MAHI
Department
of Labour

