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**“helping migrants locate information & services
to settle in their local community”**

**“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.”**

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

Latest News

Sending Requested Information to Immigration NZ



To avoid delays in processing time, it is advisable when sending applications to Immigration NZ that all relevant sections of forms are complete and accompanying documentation included.

On some occasions, Immigration NZ will contact you for further documentation. The quickest ways to send this information is by:

1. Fax (Hamilton branch is 07 957 3217)
Make sure your case officer's name, and your client number and name are on the documentation.
2. Email. Often the email address is on written correspondence from your case officer.

Dropping information in the 'Drop Off' box in the Immigration branch office can take 2 days for your case officer to receive, resulting in delays to your application.

4 May 2009: Immigration Advisers Licensing Act Takes Effect

From 4 May 2009, the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007 requires that anyone who provides immigration advice in New Zealand must have a licence from the Immigration Advisers Authority, unless they are exempt from the requirement to hold a licence.

From 4 May 2009, Immigration New Zealand will refuse to accept applications from unlicensed onshore advisers.

From 4 May 2010, offshore advisers giving advice to people seeking visas or permits will also have to be licensed.

Applications from Unlicensed Advisers

From 4 May 2009, Immigration NZ will refuse to accept applications from unlicensed onshore advisers. If an onshore adviser acting on behalf of an immigration client is not on the Register of licensed advisers (or not exempt), their application will be returned failed lodgement, and we will advise the Registrar of the Immigration Advisers Authority. Advisers who are awaiting a licensing decision from the Registrar are considered unlicensed.

Amended Immigration Forms

People intending to submit an application to Immigration New Zealand after 4 May 2009, who choose to have an immigration adviser acting on their behalf, must supply their adviser's details. They can do this in two ways.

1. Using a March 2009 version of the form, complete the adviser details section of the form. Assuming the adviser is not unlicensed and that the application meets all other mandatory lodgement requirements, the application should be accepted for assessment.
2. If an applicant submits an old form (dated before March 2009), we will put the application on hold at lodgement stage while we seek the immigration adviser's details. This processing delay can be prevented if we are provided with the immigration adviser's details on the form [Immigration Adviser Details \(INZ 1160\)](#)



**For a list of approved Immigration Advisers go to
www.iaa.govt.nz/Register.htm**

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

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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.

Sat, 23 May 2009

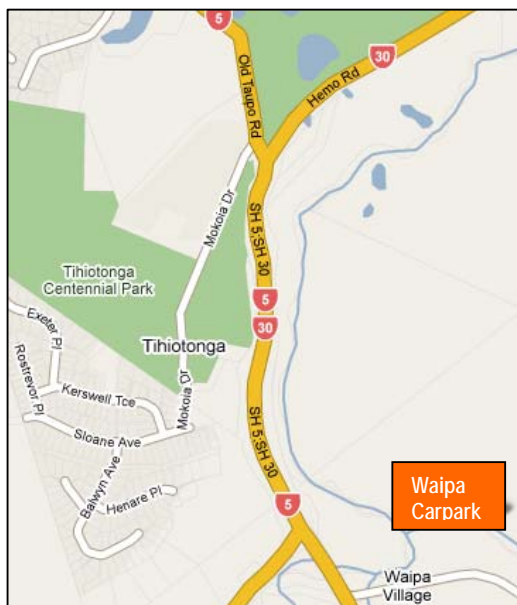
10am-4pm

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)



What's On



MAGMA 2009 – Short Film Festival

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

43 FILMS FROM NZ AND SPAIN

WORKSHOPS AND GUEST
PRESENTATIONS

Tickets (\$12) available from
McLeod's Booksellers and
the door (no eftpos at venue)

Online programme at www.magmafilm.org.nz



The Rotorua Marathon

Sat, 2 May, 9am – 7pm
Starting and finishing from outside
the Energy Events Centre

NZ's most popular marathon.
The course is one lap of Lake Rotorua,
Pick up a bargain and good advice
at the ASICS Sports Expo, held in the Energy Events Centre.

This is a great event that the whole Rotorua community gets out
around the lake to cheer on and support the runners.



The Red Cross - Together for Humanity Dinner and Auction

Fri, 8 May 2009 From 6.30pm
Distinction Hotel, Fenton St, Rotorua

With special guests including:
Annah Stretton, designer, publisher,
business woman. And Mystique, our fabulous local band!
Auction items include: body shop products, books, Red Cross
cookbooks and first aid products,
Movie, music and sport signed memorabilia and much, much
more!!!

Cost \$70-\$80

Contact Alia Mabey Tel: 07 348 3738
alia.mabey@redcross.org.nz



Kaharoa School Auction & Gala

Sun, 17 May 09
Gates open 8.30am Auction 10.30am
Kaharoa School Grounds
(Off SH36, Tauranga Direct Rd)

Pick up a bargain, grab a coffee and enjoy
the rural countryside.



Bay of Plenty Magic V Northern Mystics

Mon, 18 May 09
Rotorua Energy Events Centre
Doors open 6pm, Match starts 7pm

Come and see netball at its best.
Many of the Magic players, represent NZ
at a national level.

Tickets cost \$8-25, available from Ticket Direct
www.ticketdirect.co.nz



Auditions for 'BLAST FROM THE BLAST'

Sat, 23 May 2009 2-5pm - Singers
Sun, 24 May 2009 1pm - Dancers
Casa Blanca Theatre, Riri St, Rotorua

Rotorua Musical Theatre hosts auditions for
'BLAST FROM THE PAST'

Season Dates: 7-22 August 2009

Contact: Richard Marshall Tel: 07 347 8658
richardjmarshall@xtra.co.nz



Believe It or Not Quiz Nights

Tuesdays, 29 May – 28 July 2009
7.00- 9.30pm

Seismic Gastrobar
1158 Whakaue Street, Rotorua

No limits on team members.
Registrations are a MUST.
First in first serve basis.

Warm up your cold Tuesday nights and enjoy a night out
competing for great prizes!

FREE

Contact Mercia Waqanimaravu Tel: 07 348 2082
info@seismicgastrobar.co.nz



Paradise Valley Springs Wildlife Park

467 Paradise Valley Road, Rotorua

Come and meet the new arrivals...
the Captain Cooker pig family has
increased with four new black piglets.

Half price for locals with Rotorua ID
Tel: 07 348 9667

www.paradisev.co.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



Blues Week Festival

29-31 May 2009

Ten bands over 3 days, including Mojo Mama and
The Hired Guns and The Jukes, plus the popular
'Ladies Sing The Blues' show.

Venues include The Belgian Bar, Scotty's Bar, Solace,
Seismic Gastrobar and ex-Herbs Restaurant and Bar.

FREE entry to all venues.



For events in Rotorua, check out

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

Are you up for a
challenge?



WANTED NEW ZEALAND ADVENTURERS

To participate in
**THE
SKINNY DIP**

Canada's Travel + Escape Adventure Show

All ages over 18, singles, married or unmarried couples

All shapes and sizes

Big personalities and strong points of view welcome

There will be no frontal nudity

Must travel on foot

Must be a capable swimmer

You will be paid a daily honorarium of \$200

Must be available up to three days between May 11th - 15th
(Exact dates to be determined)

Please contact:

skinnydipnewzealand@bestboy.ca

bestboy
PRODUCTIONS

Volunteering



Citizens Advice Bureau



Have you ever used the services of the Rotorua Citizens Advice Bureau? We are a voluntary organization that provides free, confidential information and advice to anyone on just about any subject.

We have a huge range of information resources on consumer issues (buying from shops or trades people), employment rights, family and relationship matters, immigration, human rights, benefits and health issues, just to mention a few.

The Bureau is staffed by Volunteer workers who have been trained to assist anyone who needs our help. If our workers cannot give you the answer to your problem we can refer you on to other organizations who will be able help.

Do you have a desire to help others while learning about the local community? The work of the Rotorua Citizens Advice Bureau is interesting and varied with many opportunities to become familiar with local and national agencies. Our clients either telephone or visit the Bureau for information. It is therefore important that our workers have a reasonably good command of the English language.

The Bureau is currently looking for new Volunteers to undertake its five week training programme, commencing on Friday, 5 June 2009. The training will involve five full Fridays (9.00am to 3.00pm), and three Wednesday evening sessions.

Once the training is completed a Bureau Volunteer is required to work in the Bureau for 2-3 hours each week on a rostered duty and to attend a two hour session of training each month. Workers can also become involved in other Bureau activities.

An application form and further information is available from:

**The Bureau, at Community House,
1115 Haupapa Street, Rotorua,**

or telephone the Coordinator – Jane on 348 3547.

Applications close Friday, 8 May 2009.



HELP US BUILD IT!

Habitat for Humanity Rotorua needs your help to build a home. Your help will enable us to construct a simple decent home from 27 April – 2 May 2009.

We rely heavily on volunteers and corporate partners to help us build homes.

Can you swing a hammer? Whether you are a qualified tradesperson, a handy DIYer or an absolute beginner, we would love you to join us.

There are many other ways to help.

If you are available and would like to help in this project or future projects, please contact Habitat for Humanity Rotorua Office with your details.

**Phone 07 343 9273 or
email rotorua@habitat.org.nz
www.habitat.org.nz**

Te Amorangi Museum Working Bee

SATURDAY MAY 30, 2009 9AM – 12 NOON

Join Keep Rotorua Beautiful and the Soroptimist club of Rotorua in a clean up of the garden before winter sets in.

Bring gardening gear and lots of enthusiasm and help us care for Rotorua's best kept secret

Contact Christine Findon
Tel: 07 348 4199 ext 8253
Email Christine.findon@rdc.govt.nz



Help in the Workplace or with finding a job



English for Employees

English for Employees is for people wanting to improve their language, literacy and numeracy for the workplace.

This programme is **free** to adults who have Permanent Residence and are working either part-time, full-time, casually/seasonally or are self-employed.

The programme starts from 27 April 2009.

For further information, contact:

Judy on 07 350 2395
Rotorua Arts Village (RAVE)
Hinemaru St, Rotorua
Tel: 07 350 2395
Email: rotorua@esolht.org.nz
www.esolht.org.nz



Career Services are a free service that can provide face to face help you with your job search, writing a CV, improving your interview skills and providing information on the local job market.

Their website has been updated to incorporate a wider range of information including a specific section for migrants.

- **“People new to New Zealand”**
 - ‘Settling In’- Find out about life and work in NZ
 - Take the Kiwi Workplace Culture quiz
http://www2.careers.govt.nz/3205.html?&no_cache=1
- **“Get Job Information”** has information on
 - Kiwi job descriptions
 - the current job market
 - practical tips on how to get a job
- **Use online interactive tools to**
 - Produce a CV
 - Review your skills
 - Identify and use your transferable skills

Contact Selwyn Insley on 07 349 0680
1141 Pukaki Street, Rotorua
www.careers.govt.nz



Are you looking for employment?

www.newkiwis.co.nz is a free national jobsite for skilled migrants eligible to work in NZ who are seeking employment. New Zealand Employers use our website to search for the skills they require. If a potential Employer is seeking your skills they will download your CV and contact you directly by phone or email to arrange an interview. You can sign up for e-mail alerts and also search the “job vacancy” section – just be aware many employers search the database without posting their vacancy.

Don't have a CV?

Once you register your information an automated PDF CV will be created for you.

Are you eligible to work in NZ?

If you have a valid work permit, open work permit, working holiday visa, permanent residency or citizenship then you are eligible to work in NZ

Act now – over the next few weeks we will be engaging NZ Employers to list their vacancies on our website and search our database for CV's. If you do not want to miss out on this opportunity then visit www.newkiwis.co.nz today to register as a job seeker.

New Kiwis is a partnership project between the Auckland Chamber of Commerce and Department of Labour .



New Zealand
Sign Language
is in Your Hands



NEW ZEALAND 4-10
SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK MAY
WIKI O TE REO ROTAROTA O AOTEAROA 2009

New Zealand Sign Language

New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) became New Zealand's third official sign language in 2006.

It is unique to New Zealand, having signs for Maori terms, and concepts.

NZSL is a combination of hand shapes, facial expressions and body movements. It has a unique structure and is not just sign representations of the spoken language.

Sign Language is the voice of Deaf people and enables them to fully participate in our communities.

Anyone can learn New Zealand Sign Language.
It is literally in your hands.

For further information, www.deaf.co.nz



New Zealand Sign Language Week

NZSL Week is about all New Zealanders celebrating and promoting New Zealand Sign Language.

The theme for this years NZSL Week is
"The Future of New Zealand Sign Language
is In Your Hands"

Events in Rotorua

Learn more about NZ Sign Language

Wednesday, 6 May 06, 2009, 10am – 2pm
Rotorua's City Focus, Tutanekai & Hinemoa St

Deafywood Comedy - "The Quietest Comedy Act
in Town"

Tuesday, 5 May 2009

John Maucere (aka Deafywood) is a world renowned deaf entertainer and comedian.

John will be breaking through all boundaries to where no deaf man has gone before; making people laugh regardless of communication barriers.

Tickets available from
07 571-5930 / 021 465 031

www.deafywood.com
www.nzsign.co.nz



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A GO! SIGN WITH
YOUR WHANAU,
FAMILY AND FRIENDS

I Love to Sign

NZSIGN.CO.NZ

Hold your palm out. Move it to the side twice
KIA ORA

Place finger tips on chest, move hands away and make fists at same time
HOW ARE YOU

Form fist handshape with thumb extended upwards
GOOD

Back page news



Footsteps learning Journeys @ home is a nationwide organisation that is committed to providing quality home-based educational support for preschool children. We are guided by the principles and goals of Te Whāriki, (the New Zealand early childhood curriculum), and Kei Tua o te Pae (assessment for learning ece), which enables us to encourage our children to grow as competent and confident learners and communicators.

In most cases our learning programme is free to families. The Ministry of Education recognizes the value of pre-school education so they provide the funding for this service. All footsteps' visiting teachers/co-ordinators are fully qualified in early childhood education. Their role is to provide ongoing support and guidance to the child and the caregiver to enhance and develop the child's learning through an individual and personalised learning programme.

The staff at footsteps understands the importance of keeping parents and caregivers informed so we provide a written report called a learning journey on the child's progress after each visit.

The co-ordinators visit once a month to the child's place of care which can either be their own home, or that of the care givers and are in regular phone contact with the caregivers.

A caregiver is classed as a person over the age of 20yrs and who is not the legal guardian of the child. Footsteps offers the 20 hours free scheme for 3 and 4 year olds and also has available the Winz childcare subsidies (conditions apply). The minimum requirements for using the footsteps service are; the child must be in care for a minimum of 12 hours a week and that the caregiver passes the police check and health and safety requirements around the home.

Please feel free to ring 0800 footsteps for more information or use our website at www footsteps.org.nz

Linmark Educational Services Ltd
PO Box 8144, Tauranga, 3145
P 0800 546 627
E info@linmark.co.nz
www.linmark.co.nz



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

Breakfast With Your MP 1 May 2009



New Zealand is a parliamentary democracy. Members of Parliament (MPs) are elected every three years. Our last election was November 2008.

Todd McClay is the MP for the Rotorua Electorate.

Todd will be at the Robert Harris Café on Tutanekei Street (across the road from Hennessey's Pub) on

Friday, 1 May 7.30 - 9.00am

Feel free to come along and meet with Todd.

Find out what an MP does, discuss any issues, or just say hello.

The morning is open to anyone to attend.

For further information Tel: 07 348 5871

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