



Settlement Support (Rotorua)

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Heather McAllister
Settlement Support
Co-ordinator

"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.

Stroke Foundation Awareness Week 6-12 Sept 2010



Each year about 6000 people in New Zealand suffer a stroke – that is about 17 people a day.

It is vital to recognize when someone is having a stroke and

to start treatment as soon as possible, because the sooner medical treatment begins, the more likely brain damage can be reduced and a better outcome achieved.

Prompt action can save lives, improve recovery and reduce ongoing costs from stroke to families, caregivers and tax payers.

Recognising a Stroke

Is it a Stroke?

Check it out the **F.A.S.T** way!

Face

Smile - is one side drooping?

Arms

Raise both arms - is one side weak?

Speech

Speak - unable to? Words jumbled, slurred?

Time

Act fast and call 111! Time lost may mean brain lost.



CALL 111 IMMEDIATELY IF YOU THINK IT'S A STROKE

Rotorua Field Officer

A Field officer is available to discuss any stroke-related problems.

Tel: 07 349 6022
Email: strokemelakeland@paradise.net.nz
Web: www.stroke.org.nz

Settlement Support Local Network Meeting

Friday, 15 Oct 2010, 12 noon – 2pm

Committee Room 2
Rotorua District Council Offices
1061 Haupapa Street, Rotorua

Theme: What immigration support is available locally?

Guest speakers:

- Heather McAllister, Settlement Support New Zealand
- Jane Eynon-Richards, Citizens Advice Bureau
- Mayuan Si, Community Law
- Michelle Urquart, Office of Todd McClay – Member of Parliament for Rotorua

Find out:

- What services provided by each organization?
- What is the NZ Immigration Advisers Authority?
- How and when to use:
 1. An immigration lawyer / consultant
 2. Your Member of Parliament (MP)

A light lunch will be provided

Confirm your attendance, by Tuesday, 11 Oct 2010 to:

Heather McAllister, Settlement Support Co-ordinator
Tel: 07 350 0533
Email: ssnzrotorua@rdc.govt.nz



What's On

Mega Garage Sale

Sat 11 Sept 2010, 8am – 11.30am
Arawa Bowls Club, 64 Lytton St, Rotorua



Mega Garage Sale with all sorts available, you name it we should have it. Home baking stall, sausage sizzle too. Come and grab a bargain. It'll be Rotorua's best!

Cost: FREE

Contact: Gillian Lamprey on 07 347 1376 or at glampsat@xtra.co.nz

Mr Rotorua Grand Finale

Sat 11 Sept 2010, 6pm – 10pm
Distinction Hotel, 390 Fenton Street, Rotorua
Tel: 07 349 5200



The ultimate man who can do it all. The final 5 men who are competing for the title of Mr Rotorua 2010 will all do their own performance. There will be drinks and nibbles, Russell Harrison will host this event and announce the winner.

This is going to be a night of fun and great entertainment that you don't want to miss out on!

Cost: \$20

Tickets can be purchased from Distinction Hotel.

Shari Cole - Pacificana

Rotorua Museum of Art and History
Government Gardens, Rotorua
Tel: 07 350 1814



During the 1960s and 1970s American-born Shari Cole, lived for nine years in American Samoa. During those years she developed a passionate interest in Pacific weaving, learning skills and melding them with her own distinctive creations.

A selection of the artist's own works and collection items reveal a long-standing passion for the Pacific and its people.

Cost: Free with Admission

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.

artsMAD Evening for Art Lovers

Mon, 21 Sept 2010 from 5.30pm
Pheasant Plucker, 1153 Arawa Street



Presenters include architect and interior designer Jacqui Heaton, sculptor Jamie Pickernell, prosthetics artist Jeff Finton, photographer and painter Tracey Robinson, film maker Lara Northcroft, artist and Waiariki Institute of Technology coordinator of creative arts Don Overbeay, musician Rosanna

Dedman, and other Rotorua creatives.

Rotorua District Council community arts officer, Kiri Jarden, says it is a fantastic opportunity for local people to gain insight into what inspires creativity, while also gaining some inspiration themselves.



Fri, 24 Sept: Germany

When: Every last Friday of the month,
12.10–12.50 pm

Venue: Rotorua Arts Village (RAVE)
Corner of Hinemaru & Hinemoa Sts, Rotorua

Each month a migrant tells of their culture and of their experiences of settling into New Zealand.

For further information, contact:
Judy on 350 2395, judy.winiata@englishlanguage.org.nz
Heather on 350 0533, ssnzrotorua@rdc.govt.nz

Gypsy Craft Fair

25-26 Sept 2010, 9am – 5pm
Rotorua Lake Front



This Gypsy Fair will specialise in crafts such as glass blowing, silversmith, woodworks, tarot readings tattooing and much more. There will also be clothing, food, coffee, shops, bouncy castles, motor bike rides, pony rides and free entertainment all day.

A great day out for the family!

Cost: FREE

Celebrate Literacy Day

Wed, 8 Sept 2010

Altrusa Great Read

Take 10

To celebrate Literacy Day, the public is invited to be part of 'Altrusa Great Read', at Rotorua City Focus, Midday - 3pm.

Everyone is encouraged to spend at least 10 minutes reading in any language they choose.

The Mad Poets and The Rotorua Writing Group will be there as well as others promoting literacy and learning

Participants will go into special prize draws.

Altrusa is an international service organization that works in communities around the world to improve literacy.

Altrusa Rotorua

Contact Kathleen Lee on 07 347 9336.
www.altrusa.org.nz

Literacy Rotorua

Want to improve your reading, writing or maths?

Or do you know somebody who does?

Contact Mary Longson
Community House
1115 Haupapa Street, Rotorua
Tel: (07) 350 2286 / 021 204 3904
Email: litro@xtra.co.nz



Tales by Torchlight

with the Travelling Tuataras and friends

FREE
ENTRY



Kyle Burling Year 12 - WHHS Special Needs Unit

Experience the mystery of the forest at night.
The performance of stories and songs will enchant you!

Tuesday 14th September 2010, 6.00 pm to 7.30pm

Meet in The Redwoods car park behind the Visitor Centre by 5.30pm.
All weather venue under the Original Redwood Forest Sails

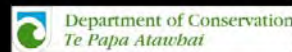
Wear warm clothing. Bring a blanket, hot water bottle, something to sit on and don't forget a torch!

Coffee
Cart
on site

An event for the whole family.
Children must be supervised.



Contact Jill Walker 3620888



Rotorua Public Library

1127 Haupapa St, Rotorua
Tel: 07 348 4177

- Anyone borrowing Library books on Wed, 8 Sept 2010 will go in the draw for a prize.
- The Library will also be running a competition on Literacy Day, for the most four letter + words made out a phrase to be announced on the day.



Conservation Week

This Conservation Week find out more about the local region. Join thousands of other people all across the country to celebrate our native plants and wildlife, our incredible natural areas, and the places that are part of our history.

| Sun 12th | Mon 13th | Tue 14th | Wed 15th | Thu 16th | Fri 17th | Sat 18th |
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| Kids Fish Out Conservation Week Opening Event 9am – 3pm Fish & Game Trout Hatcheries, Paradise Valley Road, Rotorua | | Utuhina Stream Restoration Planting 1.00pm to 2.30pm Meet at Ray Boord Park | | Meet the kiwi keeper 10.30am – 11.30 Rainbow Springs front counter | | A Walk in the Forest 7am – 10am Kaharoa Hall, Kaharoa Road |
| A Walk in the Forest 7am – 10am Kaharoa Hall, Kaharoa Road | Attracting Native Birds 9.45am – 11.45 Meet at The Redwoods | Tales by Torchlight with the Travelling Tuatara's & Friends 6pm - 7.30pm Redwoods Forest, under the sails -please meet at car park behind visitors centre. | | Gathering Maori Medicine at Jubilee Track 10.30am – 12.30 Violet Bonnington Reserve, Paradise Valley Road, | Kiwi Forever launch 3-5pm Kiwi Encounter at Rainbow Springs | Okareka Mistletoe Restoration Project - Weed Control Day 9am – 12pm Meet Cnr Summit and Okareka Loop Rd, Okareka (lake end) |
| Te Amorangi Garden Spring Clean 9am – 12pm Te Amorangi Museum Robinson Ave | | | Meet the kiwi keeper 5.30pm – 6.30pm Rainbow Springs front counter | | Wildfoods Cooking competition 11am – 12:30pm Waiariki Polytechnic Catering Trade School –Block C | Planting Day at Violet 9am -12pm Violet Bonnington Reserve, Paradise Valley Road, Rotorua |
| Rata Trip to Whirinaki 8 am or at Murupara DoC office, SH 38 at 9 am Meet at the carpark between the Convention Centre and the Police Station, Fenton Street, Rotorua at 8 am | | | | | | A Night out for Kiwi - A charity auction 7:30pm Rainbow Springs Kiwi Wildlife Park |
| | | | | | | Sun 19th |
| | | | | | | Tuhoto Ariki Track work day 8:45am – 1pm Meet transport at Hill Rd/8Mile Rd junction (gate) |
| | | | | | | Waiotapu Mud pool & Rainbow Mountain Carving unveiling 1pm - 3:30pm Meet DOC office Rotorua for free bus |
| | | | | | | Our planet matters – Family/Whanau action day 10.30am – 2.30pm Meet Dog walking area, Hannah's bay reserve |

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| Kids Fish Out Day- Conservation Week Fish & Game/Rotorua Anglers Ass/DOC Come for a fun day out at the Ngongotaha Hatcheries to celebrate the start of conservation week. Catch a fish, check out the conservation week displays, enjoy a sausage sizzle and take part in any number of fun activities including the Great Drain Game (RDC) and the Traveling Tuatara's. See you there. Info Rob Griffiths, 07 349 8226, rigriffiths@doc.govt.nz Difficulty Easy Cost Fishing \$3/child. 6-14 years old | A Walk in the Forest Kaharoa Kokako Trust Join Green Ribbon award winner Kaharoa Kokako Trust for a walk in the Kaharoa Forest to experience the forest, hear some birds, learn about the Kokako and what the Kokako Trust, DOC & volunteers do there. Info Graeme Young, 07 3490407, Graeme.Young@tenon.co.nz, Bookings Essential Difficulty Easy/Medium Cost \$5 Adults, children free | Te Amorangi Garden Spring Clean Keep Rotorua Beautiful A clean up of the gardens at Te Amorangi Museum. Info Christine Findon, 027 474 1753, christine.findon@rdc.govt.nz Bring Volunteers please bring own garden equipment (e.g. secateurs, spades, fork, water & sunscreen) Bookings Not required, (Call contact person if weather looking suspect) Difficulty Easy/Medium | Rata Trip to Whirinaki Rotorua Botanical Society This trip will take in sections of the Whirinaki track near Minginui, the new Moerangi mountain bike/walking track and return via an old 4WD track and the Mangamate stream to the Whirinaki track. There will be good opportunities to see and hear numerous birds including kaka, kakariki and whio. Info Gareth Boyt, gboyt@doc.govt.nz 07 366 5194(hm) 07 366 1086(wk) Bookings Essential Difficulty Medium Cost Free - donation for petrol costs |
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12 – 19 Sept

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Attracting Native Birds

The Redwoods

Join in with Lynmore School students to make and hang bird feeders, plant native plants, install our new bird bath and learn how to attract native birds to your garden. Postponement date, Friday 17th in case of weather.

Info Julianne Wilkinson,
julianne.wilkinson@rdc.govt.nz
(07) 3500110

Bring A spade if you can. Wear clothes that you can get dirty.

Bookings RSVP

Utuhina Stream Restoration Planting

Rotorua District Council

Utuhina Stream side planting. The restoration of stream side native vegetation will help to protect and enhance this city stream.

Info RDC Parks administration.
Cancellation will be over the radio.

Bookings Registration required by the 1st Sept, ring RDC Parks administration on 07 348 4199

Tales by Torchlight

Travelling Tuatara's

Experience the magic and mystery of the forest at night. The performance of stories and songs ... will enchant you.

Info Jill Walker, 07 3620888

Who For the whole family

Bring All weather outdoor venue. Warm clothes, bring a blanket, torch, something to sit on & a hot water bottle.

Meet the Kiwi Keeper

Rainbow Springs

Meet a real Kiwi Keeper. Learn about the programme to help save the kiwi. Look at what kiwi eat and how they survive. Go on a kiwi egg hunt. For younger children – 4-10yrs old.

Info Toni Thompson, 07 350 0440,
toni.thompson@rainbowsprings.co.nz
Bookings Essential - spaces are limited!

Cost \$10.00 per person

Wildfoods Cooking Competition

Waiariki Polytechnic Catering Trade School

A 'wild day' of cooking at the polytechnic. Watch students compete in this annual cooking competition. Festivities will also include competitions, demonstrations & tastings.

Info Reg Hawthorne, (07) 346 8919

Gathering Maori Medicine at Jubilee Track

Sport Bay of Plenty & Mt Ngongotaha Bush Restoration Trust

Take an educational native bush walk through Violet Bonnington Reserve. This walk will provide spectacular views of Rotorua and a history tour by Mt Ngongotaha Bush Restoration Trust whilst gathering Rongoa (Maori Medicine) with Tom Tuakana from Te Whare o Kenehi Charitable Trust.

Info Lisa Mansell, 07 348 4125
lisam@sportbop.co.nz

Bookings Essential, Lisa Mansell, email or call.

Kiwi Forever Launch

Rainbow Springs Kiwi Wildlife Park

National launch of the Education pack (Kiwi Forever) by the Bank of New Zealand Save the Kiwi trust.

Registration to attend is essential. Attendees will be able to collect this resource free of charge. Attendees will have the opportunity to see Kiwi Encounter on the day of their visit.

Info Toni Thompson, 07 350 0440

Bookings Entry by registration

Mokoia Island Locals Day

Mokoia Island Trust & Waiora Experience

Join the Waiora Experience & Mokoia Island Trust and discover the gem that is Mokoia Island. The day will include cultural interpretation, native fauna & flora, a walk to the summit.

Info Lynette, 07 345 7456,
bookings@hellsgate.co.nz

Bookings Essential

Cost \$25 per person – proof of local residency on payment

Planting Day at Violet Bonnington Reserve, Mount Ngongotaha

Rotorua Branch Forest & Bird

Planting Day for people of all ages & abilities. Approx 380 native plants have been donated by Flooring Xtra and Rotorua District Council.

Info Sandra Goodwin, 07 362 8865,
sgoodwin@actrix.co.nz

Bring Wear suitable clothing & strong footwear. Bring gloves and a spade if you have one. Bring a drink and morning tea.

Okareka Mistletoe Restoration Project: Weed Control Day

Rotorua Botanical Society

This is part of a wider project aimed at restoring the threatened native mistletoe in two DOC administered reserves at Lake Okareka through an ongoing programme of revegetation and weed control. A chance to see and contribute to 'hands on' protection of our threatened native mistletoe species.

Info Paul Cashmore, 07 348 4421 (hm),
349 7432 (wk),
pcashmore@doc.govt.nz

Bring Drink, snack, raincoat, boots or gumboots, gloves, spade and pruners
Difficulty Medium, not suitable for young children.

A Night Out For Kiwi

Rainbow Springs Kiwi Wildlife Park

A black-tie cocktail function with charity auction. All proceeds will go to the National Kiwi Trust and Kiwi Encounter to save our kiwi. A night out like never before in Rotorua with MC Nathan Rarere; guest speaker TVNZ6's Nic Vallance and very special guest Stacey Jones. Enjoy a night out to raise to money for kiwi conservation. Exciting auction items include, breakfast with Stacey Jones the following morning, holidays to Sydney and Queenstown, adventure packs, pamper packs, art work and much, much more.

Info Kat Hicks, 07 3500440
kat.hicks@rainbowsprings.co.nz

Bookings Essential,

Cost \$80.00 - tickets available from
www.eventfinder.co.nz

Ohau Channel Clean Up

River Rats Raft & Kayak

Join River Rats for a kayak from Lake Rotorua through the Ohau Channel to Lake Rototiti & pick up any rubbish from the channel & banks.

Bring Your own kayak, lifejacket, and appropriate clothing for conditions. Hire boats available.

Info Justin Hutton, 07 345 6543,
info@riverrats.co.nz - Check with River Rats in the event of bad weather

Cost Free. A limited number of kayaks are available for \$10 per person. This includes the kayak, clothing & equipment.

Tuhoto Ariki Track Work Day

Rotorua Mountain Bike Club

Working bee to re-route bikes away from the two bog holes just past the clearing 10 minutes ride into Tuhoto Ariki. The proposed boardwalk and new bench will also reveal a gnarly old rata spar. Catch the free/sponsored Southstar Shuttle up to the gate on Tawa Rd.

Bring Work clothes, gloves, pack, pack liner (for carrying pumice fill), mug.

Bookings Dave Donaldson,
021 824 682, dworld@orcon.net.nz

Waiotapu Mudpool & Rainbow Mountain Carving Unveiling

DOC/Ngati Tahu Ngati Whaoa

Join Ngati Tahu Ngati Whaoa & DOC at these quintessential Rotorua sites for the unveiling of carvings. Learn of the historical significance & geology of the area. The afternoon starts with a free bus ride to Waiotapu mudpool where a small ceremony and walk around the recently upgrade facilities. Then onto Rainbow Mountain – walk to the craters and the Ngahewa Wetland for a sausage sizzle

Info & Bookings 07 349 7400,
bsu.bayofplenty@doc.govt.nz
Bookings are essential for free bus service.

Bring Sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing

Our Planet Matters – Family/Whanau Action Day

NZONE/Hannahs Bay Community Restoration Trust

Education and action for the whole community, including a wetlands treasure hunt for kids NZONE wetlands planting & Free BBQ, composting, organic gardening, making wildflower seed ball workshops etc. If you would like to run an activity, put together an information board or do anything you feel is important just let us know.

Info Denise La Grouw, 07 345 5592, denisel@clear.net.nz

Bring A spade if have one, and sturdy footwear, food scraps, lawn clippings – or any other material for composts

National Clean Up Week 17 – 24 Sept 2010

Keep New Zealand Beautiful



National Clean Up Week takes place from 17th-24th September 2010.

It's easy to get involved, simply join an organised Clean Up Event in your area, or set up your own Clean Up Event that other people can come along to.

Once you've registered a clean up event we'll send you everything you need to carry out your clean up (bags, gloves, certificates for participants, evaluation form) and you can download the "Event Guide" with heaps of information about how to conduct a clean up, health and safety/first aid information etc in the registration process.

For further information and to register a new event, go to <http://nationalcleanupweek.knzb.org.nz>, otherwise just turn up to an event listed below. It's a great way to meet others and to do something worthwhile.

Become a Volunteer

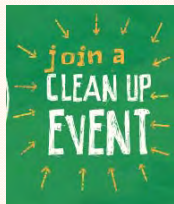


Keep New Zealand Beautiful is on the hunt for amazing volunteers right around the country. This year we're getting our teeth into some awesome events like Rhythm N Vines, the Ellerslie Flower Show and more as well as community programmes and initiatives and this is your chance to show you're proud to help!

Simply register your details at www.knzb.org.nz, and we'll be in touch with all the details on how you can become a member of the Keep New Zealand Beautiful whanau.

To learn how Keep New Zealand Beautiful is working in Rotorua, contact:

Christine Findon on 027 474 1753, or
christine.findon@rdc.govt.nz



Local Events:

CLEAN UP RANGINUI STREET

Date & Time: Fri, 17 Sept 2010 at 11am
Assembly Point: Meet at the playground on corner of Camilla Dr & Ranignui St, Ngongotaha
Description: Clean up rubbish from Ranginui Street, Ngongotaha

KAHAROA CLEANERS!

Date & Time: Sat 18 and Sun 19 Sept at 10am
Assembly Point: Corner of Central Road and Sunnex Road, RD6 Kaharoa
Description: To clean up the verges on Central Road. It is disgustingly littered with beer bottles, Mc Donald's food packaging and general litter. There are a lot of children that cycle their bikes and ride their horses on this road and it would be nice to see it clean for once.

LETS CLEAN UP RERE

Date & Time: Sat 18 Sept from 11:30 am to 2pm
Assembly Point: Rerewhakaaitu Domain, Rerewhakaaitu
Description: In summer heaps of people come to our domain, but leave all their rubbish behind if we want more people want to come to our community we want to keep it clean. So come on down.

WESTERN HEIGHTS PRIMARY

Date & Time: Friday 17 Sept from 1.30pm to 2.30pm, and
Friday 24 Sept from 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Assembly Point: Western Heights Primary School, Clayton Road
Description: Our kids, teachers and whanau are going to get together to clean up our school and the surrounding parks and streets. Come and join us!

Local Elections 2010

YOUR VOTE YOUR COMMUNITY

Local Elections 2010

Rotorua District Council comprises a mayor and 12 councillors elected at three-year intervals.

There is also the Rotorua Lakes Community Board, which comprises 6 members - 4 are elected and 2 are appointed (councillors).

The elections for the Mayor, Councillors and the Rotorua Lakes Community Board will take place this year on 9 October 2010.

The election will be a postal vote. The system of voting is 'First Past the Post'. Successful candidates are those who receive the *most* votes. Candidates do not have to receive a majority, that is, more than half of the votes cast.

If you are eligible to vote, you will receive voting papers from 17 September 2010.

Voting closes on 9 October 2010.

There will be opportunities to meet the candidates and hear their policies at various events this month.

Who can Vote?

- Must have Permanent Residency or New Zealand citizenship
- Must be on the electoral or ratepayer roll
- Must live or own property in Rotorua District

You can enrol or check your enrolment details online at www.elections.org.nz

People residing outside the district who own property in the district may be eligible to enrol on the ratepayer roll.

Anyone wanting information about the upcoming elections can contact Council's Electoral Officer:

Peter Christophers, on (07) 3484199, or email peter.christophers@rdc.govt.nz

Timetable

The timetable for the 2010 Council election can be found at <http://www.rdc.govt.nz/YourCouncil/Elections.aspx>

Rotorua Toy Library Inc.

WOW New Toys ! available for you to borrow NOW!!

Where from? The Rotorua Library Children's Section.

1027 Haupapa St, Rotorua

We have:

- ; NZ Hand Puppets,
- K's Kids Owl Stacking Buckets,
- Plus... RIDE on TRIKES.

You need a Library Card and \$1-\$3 per toy for 3 weeks loan.

Have Fun!

We have more new toys and are introducing new ones on a monthly basis. We have around 360 toys now in our Toy Library which is situated in the District Library ground floor children's section.



Back Page News

FREE ENGLISH LESSONS

- All levels welcome
- Come and practise your Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing
- Meet international students

Monday to Friday 2 - 4.30pm
September 27 – October 22 2010

Ring Jan or Teri now to reserve your place
or come and visit us:

Rotorua English Language Academy
1460 Pukuatua Street
Rotorua
Ph: 349 0473

**Lessons given by teachers seeking
higher qualifications supervised by
University of Cambridge qualified
tutors**

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ROTORUA

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Visit: www.rotorua-living.com/settlement

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



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