



**SETTLEMENT SUPPORT**  
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# What's Happening in Rotorua?

Newsletter February 09

## Settlement Support (Rotorua)

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 News

A new year provides a great opportunity to consider learning new skills.

This newsletter offers some suggestions for you to try.



### WORKSHOP

**Unsure of how to pronounce Maori words?**

**Thursday, 26 February 5.30pm – 7.30pm**

This will be a friendly introduction to Maori language, culture and local stories of Rotorua.

Come along for a fun interactive evening.

FREE EVENT

Register by Friday, 20 February 2009 to:  
**Heather McAllister**

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Direct Dial: **07 3500 533**

Mobile: **027 4913167**

Email: [heather.mcallister@rdc.govt.nz](mailto:heather.mcallister@rdc.govt.nz)

## Settlement Support has moved.

Settlement Support is now located on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 1136 Arawa Street, Rotorua.

### Directions

The office is in the same building as the library. Go to the entrance of the library, and walk round the building to the office entrance on Arawa Street.



### Contact Details

Telephone: 07 348 4199 ext 7054 Direct Dial: 07 3500 533

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Note: Some of the phone numbers have changed.

## 3. FUTURE EVENTS

### Beginners Mountain Biking

**March 2009 – date to be confirmed**

Rotorua is a mecca for biking. Just minutes from the city centre is an adventure playground of purpose built biking trails for all skill levels in Whakarewarewa Forest.

- Learn basic mountain biking skills
- Try out some of the bike trails

If you don't have a bike but would like to take part – don't despair. Arrangements can be made.

### Interested in Setting up Your Own Vegetable Garden?

Green Fingers is a free service to put people wanting to learn vegetable gardening skills in touch with local residents wishing to pass on their knowledge.

The aim is to help people establish their own vegetable garden at their own home. Mentors discuss ideas for the garden, give advice in setting up the garden, then keep in touch to provide suggestions on continued use of the garden over a period of time.

The service is flexible to meet the needs of those participating.

**For any of these activities, to register your interest, contact Heather McAllister on 07 3500 533 or email [heather.mcallister@rdc.govt.nz](mailto:heather.mcallister@rdc.govt.nz)**

# What's On

Take advantage of the long summer days to enjoy some of the activities available in Rotorua.

Many events, courses and workshops are taking place in Rotorua at this time of year. Check out the following.

- 1. Adult Community Courses and Workshops**  
Rotorua Arts Village, Hinemaru St, Tel: 07 348 9008 and Mokia Community Centre, Vaughan Road, Tel: 07 345 5971
- 2. List of local Arts, Sporting and Recreation Clubs**  
Library Community Database ([www.rotorualibrary.govt.nz/Services+and+Resources/Clubs+and+Organisations](http://www.rotorualibrary.govt.nz/Services+and+Resources/Clubs+and+Organisations))

## RECREATION

**Sun, 15 February 09, 10am – 2pm**  
**Lynmore Tennis Club**  
Lewis Road, Rotorua  
**Tennis Open Day**

Come play tennis for free.

Contact Erin Tuthill on 07 345 6958 or email  
[rumblebee@rocketmail.com](mailto:rumblebee@rocketmail.com)

**Thurs, 19 February 09, 5.45pm**  
**Lake City Athletic Club**  
Neil Hunt Park, off Tarawera Rd, Rotorua  
**Trout Fly Summer Series (Run, Jog, walk)**

Come and discover scenic tracks in Rotorua. Choice of 5.4km or 3km course.

Cost: Adults \$5, Children \$3  
(includes a free beer/wine for adults & softdrinks for under 18's, plus a BBQ and a spot prize draw.

Contact Chris Corney 021 770366

**1-28 February 09**  
**Bikewise Month**

Cycling activities for commuters, beginners, families and the serious cyclist during the month of February.

Contact Lisa Mansell on 07 548 4125 or email  
[lisam@sportbop.co.nz](mailto:lisam@sportbop.co.nz)

**Every Tuesday, 6-7.30pm**  
**Lynmore Primary School gymnasium,**  
corner Iles and Te Ngae Rds, Rotorua

**Ultimate Frisbee**

A fun, non contact, mixed gender sport. Come along and try it.  
Free during the summer months  
Contact Jeremy Snook on 021 728 478

## ARTS & CULTURE

**Sundays in February 09, 1.00-2.30pm**  
**Government Gardens, Rotorua**  
**Music in the Band Rotunda**

22 Feb – Fore Gone Conclusion barber shop & Highland Pipe Band

A free series of performances

**Sunday, 15 February 09, 1-5pm**  
**Casa Blanca Theatre, 122 Riri Street, Rotorua**  
**Auditions for 'Ladies of the Night'**

Cast Required:

Female soloist singers

Female dancers (Auditions 1-2pm, bring your own backing CD)

Male singers who can hold a harmony

Contact Jan Beets on 07 544 2833

**Sunday, 22 February, 10am – 2pm**  
**Rotorua Arts Village, Cnr Hinemaru and Hinemoa Street**  
**Art & Crafts Fair**

Demonstrations of how to personalize your own gifts.

Come along to listen to live music and enjoy the atmosphere.

**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](http://www.rotoruaartsfestival.co.nz).

## SOCIAL

**Sat, 28 February 09, 10 am – 4pm**  
**The Redwoods, off Tarawera Road, Rotorua**  
**Children's Day**

Fun Free activities for all! Bike skills, arts, crafts, storytelling, environmental and science, music, performances, food, displays, sports activities and great games. Take part and be in to win awesome prizes. Trolley and "Pimp My Bike" Competitions.

Contact Julianne Wilkinson on 07350 0112 or email:  
[julianne.wilkinson@rdc.govt.nz](mailto:julianne.wilkinson@rdc.govt.nz)

### Newcomers Network

**Every first Wed of the month, 10.30 – 11.30 am**  
**Café de Paris, Hinemoa St (opposite the Post Office)**  
**Coffee Mornings**

All welcome, bring your children.

You will find Florence with a black NZ flag.

**Every last Friday of the month, 12.30p – 1.30pm.**  
**Abracadabra 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](mailto:rotorua@newcomers.co.nz)

# Bike Wise Month

## 1-28 February 2009



### Event Details

## Remember the code -421

Wear a helmet that fits!



**4**

**4 Straps**  
2 at the front  
2 at the back  
Divider clip just below your ears



**2**

**2 Finger salute**  
2 fingers width should fit above your eyes and the front of the helmet



**1**

**1 Finger**  
One finger should fit between the strap and your chin

## Before you go cycling do the ABC check

- A = Air in the tyres
- B = Brakes working – front and back
- C = Chain is oily - not too loose and not too tight



### Features your bike must have

- A. A red or yellow reflector at the back.
- B. Good brakes on the front and back wheels.

### At night:

- C. A steady or flashing rear-facing red light that can be seen at night from a distance of 100 metres.
- D. One or two white or yellow headlights that can be seen at night from a distance of 100 metres.
- E. Yellow pedal reflectors, or the rider must be wearing reflective material.

### Cycling Rotorua Time Trials

9am every Sunday of February  
Paradise Valley Rd, Ngongotaha end

FREE EVENT

Turn up to register. Suited to all levels of fitness.

Give it a try – race against the clock!

Contact Trevor on 07 349 1061 or email [t.cjohns@xtra.co.nz](mailto:t.cjohns@xtra.co.nz)

### Criterium Racing

6-7.15pm every Tuesday of February

FREE EVENT

Register and warm up at 6pm. There is a variety of grades to suit all riders.

Event subject to weather conditions.

Contact Trevor on 07 349 1061 or email [t.cjohns@xtra.co.nz](mailto:t.cjohns@xtra.co.nz)

### BMX Open Club Night

5.30-7pm Wed, 11 February

Family activity. \$2 to register

Wear long pants, a long sleeved shirt and gloves, and bring your helmet.

Contact Carol Tew on 07 333 5959 or email

[rotovegasbmx@hotmail.com](mailto:rotovegasbmx@hotmail.com)

### Tykes on Trikes

10am – 12 noon Friday 13 February

Telly Tubby Hill – Gov Gardens

For under 5 years. Before you ride, decorate your bike and helmet.

FREE EVENT

Contact Jess Nelson on 07 49 5141 or 0272 498 020

### Go By Bike Day

7-9am Wed 18 February

Meet at the Energy Center at around 6:45am on the 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ride departs at 7 am. The route is secret! It will be a 'follow the leader' type scenario around town. Ride ends at the City focus for a 'free healthy breakfast'

Contact Lisa Mansell 07 348 4125

### Nervous Nellie's & Nigel's Cycling Safety Workshop

6-7.30pm Wed, 18 February

Meet at the reserve on Froude St, Whakarewarewa, Rotorua

Considering giving cycling a go but are nervous about cycling around Rotorua streets? Then this workshop is a fun introduction to cycle safety and bike maintenance.

To register contact Melissa Gordon on 07 348 4125 or email

[melissag@sportbop.co.nz](mailto:melissag@sportbop.co.nz)

### Night at the Velodrom

5-6pm Thursday, 19 February

Behind Westbrook Rugby Fields

A fantastic family activity, or go challenge yourself. Just turn up.

Contact Neil Derbyshire on 7 348 0189 ext 843

### Beginner Mountain Bikers

6-7pm Wed, 25 February

Waipa Sawmill Carpark, off SH 5

Bring your bike and helmet and enjoy a fun ride suited for the whole family.

Contact Sport BOP on 07 348 4125

## VOLUNTEERING FOR EVENTS

**Tues, 10 February 2009, 5.30 – 7PM**

**Rotorua Convention Centre**

### Would you like to assist as a volunteer at local events?

At Events & Venues we are always being approached by event organisers to help them find volunteers for their events. So we are aiming to have a database of volunteers who are available to join in the fun of events volunteering.

There are many benefits of volunteering and these include:

- Experience in different roles at events
- Meeting people
- Getting to see new events
- Adding to your CV
- Being offered work at other events
- Understanding how events are run and organised
- Free entry into events
- Contributing to the community

The type of events where volunteers have been needed in the past have included Raggamuffin, Bike the Lake, Reebok Ekiden Relay, Targa Rally, Indo Pacific Trampoline and Tumbling Champs, the Marathon and many more.

Roles that volunteers fill are varied and range from marshals to IT positions.

On Tuesday 10 February from 5.30 to 7pm at the Convention Centre, we are having an information session to talk about all aspects of volunteering. It is open to all people interested in volunteering and will cover everything you need to know so you can begin volunteering.

Please come along if you are interested.

**Contact: Kylie Lang, Events and Venues Co-ordinator on 07 349 5141 ext 8694 or email [kylie.lang@rdc.govt.nz](mailto:kylie.lang@rdc.govt.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](mailto:ssnzrotorua@rdc.co.nz)

## FISH OUT OF WATER



This is 'Babelfish', the fish Settlement Support submitted to the 'Fish Out of Water' competition. Rossica and her family from Bulgaria painted the fish. It is located in the City Focus building in the centre of Tutanekai Street. Thank you to everyone who sent me their national symbols.

Take a walk round the city centre to see the other fish.

'Fish Out Of Water' are located at Little Monkey Kids, Sole Outlet, The Styx, McLeod's Booksellers, Abracadabra Café and Bar, Mike Steiner Design, City Focus, Fern Arts and Crafts, Te Raukura Gallery, Of Hand and Heart, Triple 1 Five Café, Lady Jane's Ice Cream Parlour, Rotorua Public Library, and Hamills New Zealand.

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