



The Governor General

Queen Elizabeth II is the constitutional Head of State. The Governor-General is politically neutral and is the personal representative of the Head of State to carry out public responsibilities of the Crown. To find out more about the role and functions of Governor-General, go to www.gg.govt.nz

Central Government

New Zealand is a modern parliamentary democracy. Members of Parliament (MPs) are elected every three years via a system based on proportional representation. Cabinet is the central decision making body of central government. It is headed by the Prime Minister and Ministers chosen from the Members of Parliament.

Government Services and Departments are listed in www.govt.nz

Regional Council

Environment Bay of Plenty

Rotorua Branch, 1125 Arawa St, Rotorua
T. 0800 368 267

www.ebop.govt.nz

A major focus of our work involves looking after the environment, managing the effects of people's use of freshwater, land, air and coastal water.

Other work includes:

- Managing the risks posed by our major rivers including the region's major flood control schemes.
- Planning and prioritising the region's land transport needs, including major roading improvements.
- Organising passenger transport services, including Rotorua's Cityride.
- Navigation and safety on our harbours and lakes.
- Supporting sustainable economic development.
- Strategic thinking for our region's future.



Local Council

Rotorua District Council

Civic Centre, 1061 Haupapa Street, Rotorua
T. 07 348 4199

www.rdc.govt.nz

E. mail@rdc.govt.nz

Some of the services provided include:

- Property and rating information
- Animal welfare
- Dog registration
- Building and planning
- Community and recreation
- Economic development
- Licensing
- Roading
- Waste management



*Tatou tatou' – (we together)
Signifying the harmony between
Pakeha and Maori
Rotorua District Council Coat of Arms*

Voting

Voting is not compulsory in New Zealand. If you are eligible to vote, you are required to enrol as an elector.

You are eligible to vote if:

- You are a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand
- You have resided in New Zealand for 12 months or more
- You are over 18 years old
- You have enrolled to vote.

Enrolment forms can be collected from your nearest Post Office. Electoral records are maintained by the Registrar of Electors. If you change address, it is advisable to inform the Registrar. This can be arranged at any Post Office.

You are automatically enrolled to vote in Regional and local Council elections, once you have enrolled to vote in general Elections.

Elections New Zealand

www.elections.org.nz