

THE PHANTOM

Winter 2021



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Chair Report: Libby Fletcher

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Phantom, I hope that you are all keeping well, warm and dry.

The LTRA committee are very pleased that the Tarawera Sewerage Scheme was adopted into the Rotorua Lakes Council 2021-2031 Long-Term Plan on the 28th June.

To all of you who put in submissions to the Council; thank you, it was a terrific response and there were well over 100 submissions.

Council Approves Tarawera Reticulated Sewerage Scheme in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan

1/ Rotorua Lakes Council adopted the design and delivery of a reticulated sewerage scheme for Tarawera and agreed that a sub-committee be set up, consisting of council officers, Lakes Community Board members and appropriate representation of Tarawera residents. The aim is to jointly develop a set of criteria that lays out clear guidelines to identify ratepayers unable to make a lump sum repayment at the completion of construction of the

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scheme and develop viable repayment options. The outcomes of the sub-committee's work will be reported to Council before adoption in the scheme's capital funding plan.

2/ Council approved the initial work to progress the detailed design and a scheme procurement process in Year 1 of the LTP, bringing forward approximately \$2.5 million to provide the community with more certainty on the full project costs and the required household capital contribution.

3/ Council agreed to bring forward the project from year 5/6 into year 2-4, subject to continued community support, more accurate costings and clearly defined repayment criteria after year one of the Long-Term Plan.

Matters relating to Tarawera reticulation were voted on and the motion was carried unanimously.

Important Transfer Station Information

We really need your help in ensuring the Transfer Station functions efficiently. Please refer to the info on page 4 for what you, your family, guests, tenants and holiday makers using your property at Tarawera need to know. Thank you for your cooperation.

Keep well and warm.

Best wishes,

Libby

Red 60L Rubbish Bags

Residents in Tarawera are entitled to 52 plastic council rubbish bags each year (1 July to 30 June); so if you rent out your property you will likely need to buy extras*. Please do not use other bags if you run out. Initially bags were delivered to each property but this service resulted in a significant number of bags not reaching their intended recipients. In order to secure residents annual allocations, Council now keeps bags at several locations and allow people to collect them.

RLC Recycling Centre - 24 Te Ngae Road (opp. Countdown) 7.30am - 4.30pm Mon - Sat 9.30am - 4.30pm Sun

Tarawera Transfer Station - 1113 Tarawera Road 1.00 pm - 4.30 pm Thurs & Sun

Bring along proof of address with photo ID **to the Recycling Centre on Te Ngae Road on a weekday** and you'll be able to collect your bags.

***Additional bags can be purchased individually for \$1.70, or a bundle of 10 for \$17.00 at:**

- Recycling Centre (24 Te Ngae Road, Rotorua)
- Tarawera Transfer Station (during opening hours)

Click on the link below for more info:

<https://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/our-services/rubbish-and-recycling/rubbishbags>

Using the Transfer Station

You will have noticed that the recycling bins at the Transfer Station have been moved as have the rubbish bins. The reason for this is that some people were throwing their rubbish in with the recycling. Since that change there has been a reduction in the amount of recycling that goes into the landfill.

There's still a large amount of recycling that ends up in the landfill because of contamination:

- ◆ Please ensure all plastic containers are clean, please rinse them out before putting them in the recycling
- ◆ Please do not put the plastic tops of milk or cream bottles in the recycling
- ◆ Please do not put pizza boxes in the recycling, as again that will contaminate the recycling

We appreciate that recycling is different in various parts of the country which is confusing.

The number in a triangle on the base of packaging does not guarantee that item is recyclable;

it simply indicates the type of material the product is made from

ie 1.PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate), 3, PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)6. PS (Polystyrene)

For Rotorua here is what can and cannot be recycled:

ACCEPTED

- Clean Plastic Containers numbers 1, 2 and 5 only
- Clean Aluminum Cans – beer, soft drink, fruit and vegetable cans
- Clean paper and cardboard (no pizza boxes)
- Glass bottles sorted into the correct colour groupings



NOT ACCEPTED

- Plastic bags, cling film, bubble wrap and polystyrene
- Wine bottle tops
- Plastic milk and cream bottle tops



If you bring your recycling in plastic bags, please sort it at the Transfer Station into glass and plastics otherwise the whole container will have to go to the landfill. For the same reason no rubbish bags to go into the recycling bins.

For further information click on the link below:

<https://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/our-services/rubbish-and-recycling/services/transferstations>

Community Centre Update: Claire Stewart

Our New Sign

Thanks to: Ange and Dave McKay for design and working with the metal worker to get it made; Tony Perks and Dave Townsend for putting it up—and of course the funding from the Great Tarawera Trout Smoke Off that made it all possible.



Weekly events:



Tai Chi: Every Monday 9.00am-10.30am. Contact Alison Walker if you are interested in coming along on: aire@xtra.co.nz

Friday Night Drinks: Every Friday from 5.30pm. All welcome. BYO drinks and nibbles.

Monthly Working Bees

Working bees on the hall grounds and building are held the first Sunday of every month at 10 am.



Hall Hire

Murray Dillner is the contact for hall bookings. Please contact Murray if you would like to book the hall for an event on murrayedillner@gmail.com

Fees for hall rental are:

- Child's birthday party or similar event, half day: \$30 (member) \$50 (non member).
- Council or similar external 'commercial' group—date rate of \$250 or \$200 for not for profit organisations.

Hall hire is a key revenue stream for the centre to ensure we can cover basic costs such as insurance and building warrant of fitness.

Membership Fees

If you're not already a member or if you need to renew your annual membership fees please find the details below. This goes towards the upkeep of the hall and also ensures you get member rates for hall hire and invites to all events.

\$20 Payment by internet banking to:

Account name: Lake Tarawera Community Group

Account number: 03-0415-0068074-000

Reference: Please include your name

If you know someone who is a member who is not receiving our emails please forward this email

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and ask them to [click this link to subscribe.](#)

If you have any further questions regarding the Lake Tarawera Community Group please contact Claire Stewart on clairemariestewart@gmail.com

Regards, Claire.

Local Radio: 87.5 FM

(Tarawera 87.5 has been down but will be back up in about a week.)

Programming

Mainly music with an emphasis on the boomer generation.

- ◆ 6.00 am, **Billboard Magazine Top 500 Hits**
- ◆ 9.00 am **Rewind the 50s**
- ◆ 10.00 am **rewind the 60s**
- ◆ 11.00 am **rewind the 70s**
- ◆ 12 noon **Tarawera Jukebox. Music mix. 1955-60, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s**
- ◆ 4.00 pm **Anything goes. A cross genre mix of jazz, easy, folk and well—anything goes!**
- ◆ 8.00 pm **Old Time Radio. Old radio serials**
- ◆ 9.00 pm thru to 6.00 am. **Old time Swing and Jazz**
- ◆ **Sunday night. Popular Classical music**



Reception

Very difficult. The transmitter is at the northern end of the lake (Otumutu Lagoon). A repeater could be placed around Stoney Point/Boatshed Bay if there's sufficient interest.

FM is like TV really and needs an antenna. Especially in this case as I am restricted to 1 watt output under the law. The terrain here is not suitable for radio reception even in many cases working against cell phones. The antenna could be a simple strand of wire. Rabbit ears, either an indoor or outdoor FM antenna. A simple rod antenna may work outside. Or an old TV antenna would work. It needs to be pointed towards Otumutu Lagoon. Broadcast is mono as it travels further but I can convert it to stereo. Stereo reception would probably be limited to the lagoon area and would become mono as the distance increases.

If you wish I could visit your location with a radio with a field strength meter which may fix your reception problem.

You can contact me at tarawerafm@gmail.com

Streaming over the internet is possible but I'm a bit concerned about the narrow bandwidth down here. Many of you may have noticed the internet suffers from congestion from time to time.

If anyone wants to make a program or assist you are most welcome. Contact me please if you wish to. I have to pay a copyright fee to APRA which would cover your music as well.

I run the station as a hobby. I am extremely grateful for the donation from the Spring Fair Committee. Thank you very much.

Cheers, happy listening and many thanks.

Owen Dawe.

Lake Tarawera Pest Control: July 2021

It is all go in ridding our world of animal evil doers.

Rats

Specifically rat bait—we have struck a problem.

Our rat baiting operation is a bit too successful. The simple formula is that in the last year we have used 100 buckets of bait but only received a BOPRC subsidy for 80 buckets— leaving a 20 bucket shortfall. I think there is a confluence of factors:

- * A mild winter has meant the normal drop off in bait uptake has not happened
- * We have more stations using more bait than previously
- * Those people managing bait stations are more attentive to the task

To put this in perspective, 100 buckets is 820 KG of bait used 95% along Spencer Road. By any assessment that is a lot of bait and it is all used in enclosed stations meaning it has a negligible amount of waste.

At this point we are using our financial reserves from the Charity Auction to make up the shortfall, at some stage soon we need to make a decision about what to do. I don't think it is reasonable to ask the Regional Council to give us more money as they are more than generous to us with their resources, if we are to continue the baiting program we will need to come up with a plan.

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AED (Heart Defibrillator) Lake Tarawera Fire Station

(Secure external cabinet by
front door)

**Stoney Point Reserve
151 Spencer Road
Lake Tarawera**

**Phone - 111
for cabinet combination
from Ambulance**



**MERLIN'S
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For Everything Electrical
Phone: 07 362 8572

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Rabbits

Ditto on the mild winter. This has led to rabbit population growth, rabbits don't like the cold and the wet and we have had relatively little of either this winter.

They are destroying our newly planted natives at Kariri Point, we have tried all manner of countermeasures with limited success. As spring approaches rabbits will strip bark from young trees to get at chemicals within the tree.

This is the damage done to a *Karamu* by rabbits at the Point. The tree was saved only by wrapping the trunk in mesh.



Rabbits are cunning and don't like being removed, plus it is very hard to remove the last rabbit. I will be trialling a .22 and night vision scope at Kariri Point in the next month to see if that will improve my success rate. If this works then I can attack the rabbits inhabiting other areas of the community. The night vision scope takes away a huge amount of variables when shooting small game.

Possums



Unusually we had a small possum on our driveway during the day this week, Fiona remarked on how cute it was. For possums to be out during the day there is something seriously wrong and as predicted this 'cute' possum was clearly very ill, so for a variety of reasons, it went to the big bush block in the sky with the aid of an axe.

I have been catching a consistent number of possums; they are not at plague proportions and we seem to be able to keep a lid on them.

Mustelids

I am going to admit my inability to catch stoats and ferrets; they're way too cunning for me! Despite trying all manner of methods, I've wasted way too much time trying to catch them and had negligible success.

Someone advised me to think like a stoat but couldn't give me any ideas on what went through a stoat's head. My latest plan is to use a Fenn Trap which is set in a tunnel of twigs and dirt enhanced by the use of rabbit scent from (the hopefully) soon to be shot rabbits from Kariri Point.

Any advice on any of these issues I will gladly accept.

Ratmeister and perhaps soon to be rabbit and stoatmeister.



Regards

Ratmeister (& Waspmeister)

Phone: 029 575 0943

Email: rats@eol.co.nz





ALL OVER LAKE TARAWERA



Jenny Donne - Lake Tarawera Specialist

I am experiencing a high rate of buyer enquiry at the moment so if you are thinking of coming to the market please give me a call. The Lakes market has been my specialty for over 10 years which gives me a wealth of knowledge of the local community plus being backed by the Bayleys brand with strong national and international links gives your property a leading edge in today's market.

Thinking of coming to the market this Spring? Call me for a free, no obligation, confidential appraisal.

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Landcare (2115): Pete Fahey

Most of you will be familiar with the work done on Kariri Point since 2015. The efforts of our band of volunteers is really starting to show through. The old man's beard although not eradicated is generally well and truly under control. The plants that have been planted over the last couple of years are coming on a treat, now that the Ratmeister has eradicated the possums and is continuing the battle with the rats. It also helps that we have and use the equipment to water the new plants over their first summer.

As well as the planting that has been done, the seedlings popping up in huge numbers are great to see. These include: pigeon-wood, totara, pittosporum, tawa and mangleao . This wouldn't have happened if the possums were still there. There is also a marked increase in bird life ... tuis, bellbirds, grey warblers, whiteheads, fantails, silvereyes, kereru, moreporks as well as the ubiquitous Californian quail...

There has been another concerted assault on the acacias in the vicinity of the boatsheds. The good news

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is that these trees which were poisoned standing will provide a heap of firewood (which we split and sell locally) but the bad news is that there is a ton of tidying up to be done. Anyone wanting to contribute to this project is welcome to come along to the next working bee and lend a hand.

Thanks to the Tipu Waiariki Charitable Trust (www.tipuwai.co.nz), we recently took possession of assorted native plants including four hundred pohutukawas. Most of these will end up on the Point but we have given some away to help locals reclaim otherwise waste land. We have already planted almost a hundred pohutukawas along the top of the cliff facing the lake. In another hundred years or so these will be something to see ...



Keith Fletcher & Libby Fletcher (no relations!) admire their efforts after assembling piles for mulching at K.P.

Finally, a big thank you to the solid core of volunteers and to those of you who make it when you can.

Whether that's every month or once a year we appreciate it! The morning tea is always a highlight ...



Remember the Stihl Shop in Rotorua give anyone associated with Tarawera Landcare 2115 a discount by way of a donation - so be sure to get your toys serviced there.



STIHL SHOP

Pat Thorpe: Fiona McAllister

Born in Epsom and growing up on the ancient slopes of Mount St John, a scoria cone in Auckland's volcanic field, Pat Thorpe considered this an idyllic backyard as a child. Children seemed much more independent then and the old Maori kumara pits made an ideal backdrop for children's war games.

After finishing school, Pat wanted to study at Elam School of Fine Art to further her artistic talent. She had already been attending part time for five years while at school. Her father, however, considered there were two suitable occupations for a woman—nursing or teaching. Reluctant to push for Elam due to the cost, and since nursing involved night duties, and her mother was a teacher, Pat went to Auckland Training College. She specialised in art and thoroughly enjoyed her time there. Ralph Hotere was a peer and trumped Pat for the position she wanted – working as an Art Advisor in schools. Pat went on to teach for much of her life, with a focus on art.

During a sometimes lonely stint working in a country school, Pat's eye was drawn to an advert in the New Zealand Herald offering: "Direct entry to Commissioned rank for New Zealand women in the New Zealand Army". Thinking this would mean being with more people her own age, she applied and though considered somewhat overqualified, she was selected with about ten women who went to Waiouru to commence Officer Cadet Training.

The adjutant who oversaw the women was a tall, distinguished, accomplished man named Ian Thorpe. "The adjutant", Pat recalls, "was like God; the Commander thinks he runs the show, but the adjutant really does". He could be a somewhat intimidating figure and she spent about a year avoiding him. After being commissioned, she was stationed at Fort Dorset in the Capital. After informing her the Leave she'd applied for was approved, Ian then advised that he happened to be driving his car to Auckland (the very day Pat was due to leave), and suggested he give her a lift.

They soon began dating and when their families met up it was discovered that Pat's mother and Ian's aunt were old friends. Years later Ian and Pat also realised they had been born a few years apart in the very same nursing home in Domett Road, Epsom.

An engagement followed, but Ian was soon posted to Germany for a year, so they continued their relationship by post. Pat worked as an Army Officer (a gunner in the 10th Coast Regiment). Reliant on a military aircraft to return, his arrival was delayed several months and he only arrived a week prior

to their wedding, which caused a few butterflies! Forbidden by the army to serve in the same area, when Ian was posted to Waiouru, Pat retired from her position and returned to teaching. As certified on their marriage certificate, Ian married a 'Retired Army Officer'.

Ian was a keen trout fisherman and they spent many happy times at the Turangi end of Lake Taupo, camping and fishing. Pat claims that while Ian fished she spent a lot of time retrieving her flies from the bushes.



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In 1960, after failing to find suitable alternative holiday accommodation in Taupo to their 10' x10' tent, Ian declared the only other suitable lake to investigate was Lake Tarawera. At Tarawera they met the sociable Ronnie and Jerry Millar (who had met Somerset Playne on the voyage out from England). Ian's career and the affinity six-month old Susan Thorpe had with the Millar's collection of dachshunds cemented the relationship, and Ronnie offered to sell them a bracken and scrub covered, lake-front section in Millar Road (now Ronald Road) for the sum of £350. Realising they would probably have many years living around the globe serving the Army, the couple were keen to secure a New Zealand base and what better than on the shores of one of the greatest trout fishing locales.

As Ian's career flourished, in 1962 the Thorpes moved to England and then on to Malaya (now Malaysia) to join the NZ Battalion. The expat life, just north of Malacca, was good and Pat enjoyed her time in the Military Camp where she had a gardener and 'three beautiful Chinese women' who assisted with the children, cooking and washing. With Ian away travelling a great deal, Pat quipped that Jenny didn't know who her father was until she was about two. Aside from being active in the Wives Club, Pat also studied Chinese brush painting, as she tried to continue her art wherever they lived.

Probably the highlight of the family's time in Malaya was when some of the soldiers brought back a little gibbon ape from Borneo which the Thorpes adopted, and named Cathy. Pat insisted Cathy would not live her life tied up and the gibbon happily made herself at home in the children's tree hut in the garden. She and the children became great friends with the gentle primate cuddling them and taking them by the hand as they walked together. In the mornings, Cathy would climb up through the security bars on the windows, tiptoe across the room and give Pat a kiss on the cheek as she had observed the children doing. Paddling down to the children's room she would fight her way through the mosquito net to make herself at home on a bed and play with the soft toys before joining the family for breakfast. She would sit with the family as she dined on pawpaw and was not averse to helping herself to the fruit on their plates if they were a little slow. One indignant cook left after stating he refused to serve a gibbon breakfast.



Returning to New Zealand in 1966, with their three children, (Richard and Jenny having now joined the family) they settled into a new home in Linden, Wellington. Ronnie's earlier offer to clear their section and build them a house at Tarawera, had not eventuated and by the time they returned he had died, although Jerry still lived nearby.

In 1969, they purchased a former motel unit at the Auckland Easter Show and moved it onto their section at Tarawera where it still remains. In 1971 while they were living in Canberra, they were able to purchase the adjacent section (where Pat now lives), after clarifying who actually owned it: not Jerry as first thought, or Ian Anderson. It actually belonged to a Kiwi who worked in Singapore as a Mercedes dealer, and the Thorpes had bought their car from him in 1966, while living in Malaya!

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Incidentally, Millar Road at Okareka still exists, traversing over Playne farm to Tarawera. To avoid confusion, in 1970, Jerry was asked to rename Millar road at Tarawera. It was renamed Ronald Road; Ronnie Millar's full name was Ronald Alexander Millar, and Alexander Road is also named for him.

While in Canberra, Pat ramped up her painting, joining two other wives and the three ventured out every week to paint. They held exhibitions, one of which Pat won. Pat's mother's family were artistic and an aunt who studied at Elam went on to be a ticket writer at iconic Auckland department store, Milne and Choyce. Pat also has grandchildren who paint.

From 1973-79 the family were back in Wellington until New Zealand's Governor General offered Ian a position in Fiji and Ian retired from the NZ Army to command the Fiji Forces. He'd had a previous stint serving with the Fiji Battalion in Malaya from 1954-56 as adjutant. When that role ended after three years, they returned to Wellington.

After selling their Linden residence, the couple moved permanently to Tarawera in 1983 and helped build their new home on their second section (where Pat continues to enjoy an active life). After early retirement, Ian sat his Ticket and for several years was launch master of the Rere Moana, a popular tourist vessel that operated on the lake. Pat reflects that perhaps Ian should have been a Naval Officer; he loved the water and sailing.

An enjoyable period of many years at Tarawera was interrupted when Ian was again asked to lend his expertise in Fiji, this time establishing the Fiji Officers School of which he became Commandant. A seven year stint from 1990-97 followed. During this time they enjoyed their yacht and sailing the stunning Fijian waters.



On their return to Tarawera, Ian looked out at the lake and asked, "Why aren't the children sailing - *why?*" In conjunction with the LTRA and other sailing enthusiasts, in 1999 he was instrumental in forming the Lake Tarawera Sailing Trust which was enthusiastically embraced by the community. Pat has continued this involvement and is very hands-on, including using her talents to design and screen-print the club's t-shirts (left) as well creating as the sail bags and colour coding.

Sadly Pat's beloved husband died in March, 2019 a few days after they had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Brigadier General (31359) Ian Thorpe's military career had spanned more than 50 years. Like any parents, they were proud of their children. Eldest daughter, Sue has a Masters in Archaeology and now lives and works in the Chatham Islands. She commissioned her mother to do a series of 33 water colours, for a field guide, which Pat has just completed and delivered. The next project is a series of insects. Richard (Rick) is a successful marine biologist who initially worked for

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Doc's predecessor, the New Zealand Wildlife Service, helping Don Merton save the critically endangered Black Robin on the Chathams. His career has taken him around the world including to turn off oil wells in Kuwait, help save dugongs and to Madagascar. Youngest daughter Jenny Donne will be known to most locals as a successful real estate agent with Bayleys and generous supporter of the Tarawera Sailing Trust.

In addition to Pat's continued role with the sailing trust, she has taken on responsibility for the library at the community hall and is an active member of the 'rat run', maintaining bait stations in her area. She still loves to paint and has a lovely studio/reading lounge on the mezzanine in her home which enjoys spectacular lake views and natural light.

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/rotorua-daily-post/news/decorated-veteran-brigadier-ian-thorpe-dies-aged-88/T5U3ZE76EXQH6GVKX5L6TXCYIY/>

Lake Tarawera Sailing 2020-21: Ray Gatland



Able to lead by Carol Gilchrist, Dave Townsend and Pat Thorpe, sailing at Te Karamea Bay this season has seen a real resurgence in the number of children and adults learning to sail in a fun environment.

Parents and grandparents take an active role in the sailing programme whether it is involvement in the teaching, being on the safety boat, or monitoring the skills required by the sailors. The sailors practise rig-

ging their boats, using the correct knots, swimming in a safety vest, righting an upturned boat, being able to go about and gybe under sail, and progressing to sailing a course.

The season is from November to April and sailing is on each Sunday 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the Cliff Road Reserve.

History

In 1999, a Lake Tarawera working group led by Ian Thorpe set up a sailing scheme to encourage all families to enjoy sailing on Lake Tarawera under the guidelines for water safety.

A training programme was adapted from the NZ Yachting Federation to suit lake conditions, and all sailors now receive a Certificate of Achievement at the end of each sailing season.

A storage shed was built in 2004 at the Cliff Rd Reserve and since then the fleet has grown, with most boats being donated by local enthusiasts.

Funding

Membership is FREE. Income is derived from charities, private donations and fundraising at the annual Spring Fair. Funds are used for maintenance, new equipment, rental and insurance.

Lake Tarawera Sailing is very grateful for the following contributions it has recently received:

- ◆ The Cassey family have donated their family Laser to Lake Tarawera Sailing. She has now joined the fleet sporting her new name CASSEY.
- ◆ Jenny Donne from Bayleys Real Estate, has generously donated \$500 to put towards another much- needed second safety boat.
- ◆ Mercury Energy through its Employee Community Fund, has very kindly donated \$1200 for new safety vests for the young sailors (6-12 years old), to use.

Regatta Results: 11 April 2021

The end of season regatta is the highlight of the year, with lots of fun racing including a pirate relay, a lotto challenge and the championship races. These are followed by prize giving and a sausage sizzle.

Championship Race	JUNIOR	Arlo Gray 1st	Sacha Scott 2nd
	INTERMEDIATE	Connor Scott 1st	Yasman Skevington 2nd
	ADULT	Dave Townsend and Richard Bollard	
Season Most Improved	JUNIOR	Selby Bollard and Connor Scott	
	INTERMEDIATE	Isabelle Bollard	
	ADULT	Claire Stewart	
Knotting Expert		Anjoescha Stevens	
Seasons Top Sailors	JUNIOR	Arlo Gray	
	INTERMEDIATE	Coco Stevens	



Spring Fair (Sunday 24 October)

Come along to the Lake Tarawera Sailing Tombola Stall in the Bayleys tent and enrol for the 2021/2022 season. Donations of bottles of wine, bottles/jars of sweets, and items for the auction will be gratefully received between now and the Spring Fair.

These can be given to Pat Thorpe Ph: 362 8341 or Carol Gilchrist Ph: 362 8489.



Pat Thorpe hands out Easter eggs to winning Red Team 2021



Preparing for the Pirate Relay 2021



Prize giving 2004 Regatta



Pirate Relay 2006



Opening of the new Boat Shed Nov 2003



Lottery Race 2010



Aaron Perks: Firebug Champion 2002



Laser Race April 2011

DOC Update: Leonie Johnsen

Get on Your Hike!

- **Short family walks - Kōkako Track 1.2km return – 45 min one way**

The Kōkako Track meanders its way down through some beautiful forest to Onaia Stream. This is a tranquil and secluded spot, ideal for a picnic or breakfast stop after listening to the dawn chorus! The return journey is back along the same track. There is a public shelter at the carpark with some interpretation panels on the area and its kōkako. 36 km north of Rotorua, from Rotorua access is via Hamurana road, then the Tauranga Direct Road, Kaharoa Road and finally Kapukapu Road.

- **Short walks at Lake Ōkātina Scenic Reserve - link them together for a longer walk.**

These short walks in Lake Ōkātina Scenic Reserve are quite close together. They can easily be linked together to make up to 1-3 hours of walking. These tracks are accessed from Lake Ōkātina Road. Turn onto Lake Ōkātina Road from SH 30 (Whakatane/Rotorua highway) at Ruato, 22 km from Rotorua.

Ngahopua Track (Twin Lakes Track - photo below)

Time: 50 min loop Distance: 2 km

Anaha Track Time: 60 min one way Distance: 2.3 km

Kepa Track Time: 10 min one way Distance: 425 m

Te Auheke Track (Cascades Track) Time: 40 min loop Distance: 1.5 km

Tarawai Track Time: 50 min loop Distance: 1.3 km



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai



The little-known Lake Rotongata, left, can be viewed on a short walk in the Waione Block scenic reserve off the Lake Okataina road.

The track takes you to 100 metres above twin crater lakes for spectacular scenery and it's an easy walking track.

Photo: Leonie Johnsen

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Volunteer Days in Rotorua

Rangers from Rotorua invite you to join our monthly volunteer days and enhance local gems in Rotorua. As well as helping out DOC rangers and community groups, you'll also get to learn about the history of the project area, go on a walk, or even catch a glimpse of some of the amazing wildlife.

July 2021 - Track maintenance of Hinehopu/Hongis Track

When: Wednesday 14 July, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

What: Track Maintenance with the Recreation and Historic DOC rangers

Where: Hinehopu/Hongis Track

Task: Maintaining the track and foliage

Requirements: Medium fitness and able to carrying tools and equipment. Comfortable hiking boots

Purpose: Keeping tracks accessible and attractive to ensure public stay on the tracks.

Contact: Catherine Noble, cnoble@doc.govt.nz

July 2021 - The kōkako are calling – Rotoehu Ecological Trust

When: Saturday 24th July, leave Rotorua 8am returning about 2pm

What: Track clearing and rat tracking tunnel card removal with the Rotoehu Ecological Trust

Where: Rotoehu Forest – (30 minutes north east of Rotorua)

Task: as well as track clearing we will also need the assistance of some folks to bring in tracking cards, this

will require more fitness and good navigation skills

Requirements: Good level of fitness and navigation skills. Comfortable hiking boots

Purpose: We are a conservation group dedicated to protecting and managing the North Island Kōkako population in Rotoehu Forest. We're always on the lookout for new volunteers, so please let us know if you'd like to join us in the bush or help out in some other way.

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DOC no longer at the iSITE

Due to Covid19's impact on visitor numbers to Rotorua, the DOC visitor information desk at the Rotorua iSITE has been disestablished. Visitor enquiries can still come through the DOC website <https://www.doc.govt.nz/> or email Rotoruavisitor@doc.govt.nz

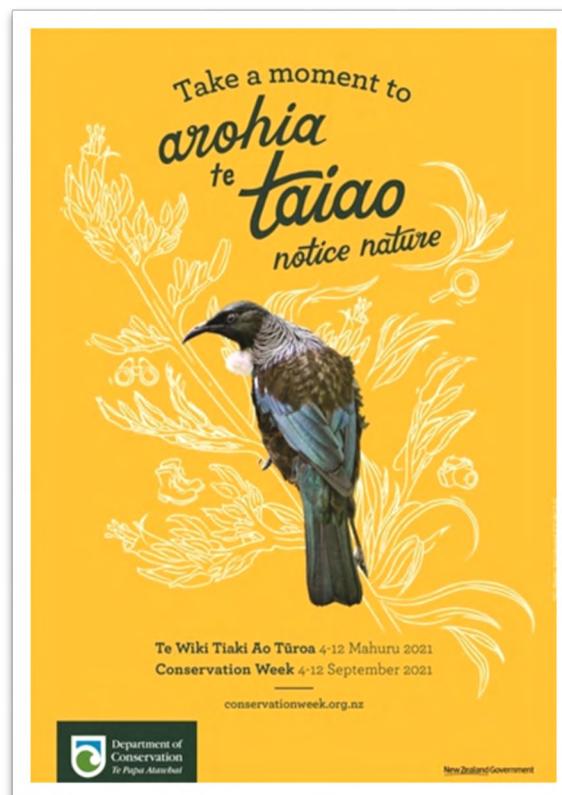
Lake Ōkāreka marginal strip

The Department has agreements with occupiers who are using the Lake Ōkāreka Marginal Strip for certain activities. Site monitoring was recently completed to gauge compliance with the terms and conditions of these management agreements. This monitoring is part of an ongoing project dealing with unauthorised activity in the Lake Ōkāreka marginal strip.

Conservation in the community

***Conservation Week will be held from 4-12 September this year
and the theme is "Take a moment for nature"***

Conservation Week is DOC's opportunity to hook new people into nature and conservation. It's also our chance to celebrate our amazing local communities who contribute to conservation.



Community Lead Events

If you would like to lead a conservation event between 4-12 September, this can be listed on the DOC website and form a programme of events for the whole region/district. Community groups, interested individuals and other organisations can register their interest in Conservation Week on the [DOC website](#).

We thought the sooner you become aware of Conservation Week coming up, the more likely you will be able to get involved. Get in touch with Catherine: cnoble@govt.co.nz for more information.

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Lakes Structures Consent Programme: Mike Allen

Just a short note to update ratepayers on the Lake Structures Consent Programme currently being undertaken by Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC).

The process has involved categorisation by BOPRC of relevant lake structures according to the level of adverse cultural effects from the structures based on the Cultural Mapping Report produced by iwi and hapū. Structures (and approximate relevant percentage of total structures) are classified into:



- Less than Minor (ie structures deemed to have less than minor adverse cultural effects) — approximately 40% of structures at the lake are considered to have less than minor effects
- Minor and more than minor adverse cultural effects
- Significant adverse cultural effects

Together 'minor' and 'more than minor' structures account for approximately 45% of lake structures. There are approximately 16 structures represented in the assessment as having significant adverse cultural effects.

You can access the Cultural Mapping Report on the following link:

<https://atlas.boprc.govt.nz/api/v1/edms/document/A3790425/content>

BOPRC has adopted the following in principle approaches to these categories:

- ◆ **Structures assessed as having Less than minor effects** are currently being issued Consents on a non-notified basis. BOPRC is sending out draft conditions for review – you should receive draft conditions in the next few months, if you haven't already. You will also receive a final invoice for these applications once consented.
- ◆ **Structures assessed as having Minor or more than minor effects:** BOPRC notified these applications to the relevant iwi/hapū groups and received a combined submission from Te Arawa Lakes Trust and Tūhourangi Tribal Authority. BOPRC is discussing mitigating options with these two iwi. Whilst timing is not clear it is expected this process could run until the last quarter of 2021. There may be a different outcome/set of conditions for these structures, compared to structures with 'less than minor' effects.

These applications may yet go to a hearing. Resource consent hearings provide an opportunity for the

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applicants and submitters to present their case to a neutral independent hearing commissioner before a decision is made.

BOPRC proposes to co-ordinate that process to hear the applications in one or two groups (to avoid a series of individual hearings with associated delay and cost).

- ◆ **Structures assessed as having significant adverse cultural effects:** These are some of the boatsheds in Boatshed Bay. BOPRC has scheduled a hearing for the last week of September and will contact these applicants in the near future with details.

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So what does this all mean?

It is difficult to predict outcomes at this stage. BOPRC and iwi/hapū are correctly taking the time and following a process that will hopefully result in an outcome that all feel comfortable supporting.

In the event that lake structure applicants do not feel comfortable with the outcomes it is likely they will co-ordinate amongst themselves and liaise with BOPRC regards their options. One option being pursued by our neighbours at Lake Rotoiti (who are behind us in terms of BOPRC process timing), is that in the event iwi support is not forthcoming, they have an opportunity to liaise with iwi directly – this is not yet agreed but it may be a course Tarawera parties wish to pursue.

The Lake Tarawera Ratepayers' Association has assisted in coordinating the process so far. While it is supportive and vitally interested in outcomes and possible impacts on future amenity at the lake, it believes action must be driven by the affected structure owners.

It is recommending that lake structure applicants co-ordinate their response among themselves, starting with:

- ◆ Establishment of a register of contact details for structures in the categories noted
- ◆ Co-ordination of next steps as required

If you have any queries or comments, please direct your correspondence to Mike Allen.

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Photo: Bev Schubert

Tarawera Road/SH30 Intersection: Waka Kotahi Media Release

Safer, easier to use - SH30/Tarawera Rd intersection nears completion

(12 July 2021)

One of Rotorua's busiest intersections will be safer and easier to use from next week, with the new traffic lights at the State Highway 30/Tarawera Road intersection due to be turned on in the second week of the school holidays.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Regional Manager Infrastructure Delivery, Jo Wilton, says people can expect the intersection to look very different.

"This is a critical milestone for the project, and the upgrade will make the intersection safer, easier to use and more efficient at peak travel times," says Ms Wilton.

"The aim is to have the new intersection in place early in the week and during the school holidays when traffic flows are more consistent throughout the day."

Overnight there will be a staged process with the temporary roundabout removed, temporary line marking installed, before the traffic lights are turned on. Work has been scheduled to take place overnight to reduce impact on traffic.

"It's important people take extra care when travelling through the intersection as they adjust to the new layout," says Ms Wilton.

The temporary roundabout is currently scheduled to be removed overnight on Monday 19 July, with the lights expected to be operational from 6.00 am on Tuesday 20 July. This may be delayed in the event of unsuitable weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

"There are a few things that need to align for the lights to become operational. The weather needs to allow for the new line marking to be applied at the same time the lights will be switched on. If it is too wet or too cold, the switch will be postponed to the next possible day."

While the traffic lights will be operational, the community is being advised to expect the intersection to be an active worksite for the next few weeks as final works are completed.

"Contractors will continue working at the intersection for about three weeks as they construct the concrete islands separating traffic travelling in opposite directions," says Ms Wilton.

There will be occasional lane closures, additional signage, and a 30km/h temporary speed limit in place.

Waka Kotahi asks motorists to be patient as we complete these final steps.

Some delays are anticipated as people adjust to the new layout. The intersection will be monitored carefully and adjustments made to the traffic light phasing, as required.

While the intersection will be functional from the second week of the school holidays, the final layer of surfacing will be applied in September when temperatures are warmer to ensure a strong bond between the two layers of surfacing.

The signalling of Tarawera intersection is part of the \$17 million Eastern Corridor Stage One project,

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improving SH30/Te Ngae Road from Sala Street to Iles Road. The project started in February 2020, with completion expected in late 2021.



For more information visit nzta.govt.nz/eastern-corridor-stage1

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