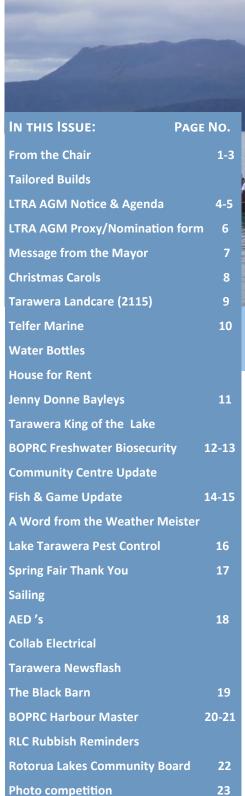
THE PHANTOM

Summer 2024



My Last Word

Totally Tarawera

LTRA Committee/Useful Numbers

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Chair Report: Libby Fletcher

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Phantom.

The holiday season is rapidly approaching, I am sure everyone will be looking forward to a good break.

Tarawera Reticulated Sewerage Scheme:

By now you should have received the Rotorua Lakes Council's update on the Lake Tarawera Reticulated Sewerage Scheme. It was pleasing to see elected members are exploring various options to provide cost certainty for property owners, and the reallocated \$2 million previously earmarked for the Aquatic Centre, is to help mitigate costs to all property owners. Also, that the Rotorua District Court has issued an injunction to allow the unobstructed continuation and the safe completion of the Tarawera Stage 1 sewerage scheme. Work on the pipeline passing Lake Rotokakahi is due to be completed in the new year. DDL the contractors for Stage 2 will begin installing grinder pumps in early December.

If you have not received this update it can viewed on the Council website www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/tarawerassupdates

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Spring Fair:

A big thank you to the Spring Fair committee for their hard work putting on the Spring Fair. After torrential rain the night before, the Spring Fair was held on Sunday 27 November, it was a beautiful day albeit a little chilly, again the fair was very well attended. The Spring Fair committee raised \$1,334.00 and the money will be donated to the Community Centre, the Community Garden and Pest Control. Again, Lakes Council's Infrastructure Team provided additional rubbish and recycling bins and portaloos, thank you for supporting the Spring Fair it is very much appreciated.

Stoney Point Track:

As everyone who walks this track will be aware of how boggy over the years this track has been, and even more so when the lake level rises. Peter Fahey and I met with Phill Thomass, Chair of the Lakes Community Board and Gary Coker from Parks and Reserves to discuss the track in early November. I am delighted to report that the track has been levelled and we now have a metal area which has made a huge difference. Prior to Christmas, subject to availability of the Council arborist the large willow tree that overhangs the track will be removed. There have also been some repairs further along the track.

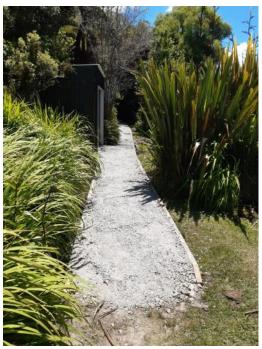


The AGM will be held on Sunday 12 January at the Tarawera Community Hall at 10.00 am.

As all Committee Members have indicated they will not present themselves for re-election to the Committee and will resign at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. Therefore, we are calling for nominations for the position of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, or committee.

Anyone who wishes to nominate a person for any position on the committee, must fill out a nomination form, have it seconded and signed by the nominee. Both parties must be financial members of the LTRA.

Please forward nomination forms to the Secretary at Itra@xtra.co.nz





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The agenda for the meeting, nomination form and proxy forms are included in this edition of the Phantom.

As this will be my last Chair report for the Phantom, I would like to take the opportunity to say how much the committee has appreciated the support from our members over the years. Now that the reticulated sewerage scheme is a certainty, the current committee who have an aggregate duration of 66 years have all agreed it is time to stand down to allow a new team to take over. For me it has been a great privilege to lead such a dedicated team, the hours that everyone has put in is quite extraordinary plus the travelling to attend meetings. Thank you.

For those of you travelling to Tarawera for the holidays, or wherever you may be travelling, safe travels. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and every good wish for 2025.

Libby and the LTRA Committee

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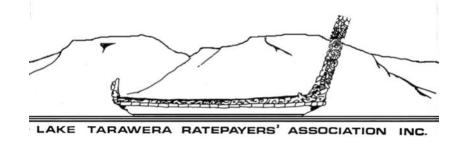


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NOTICE OF LAKE TARAWERA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, 12 JANUARY 2025 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM

At the Lake Tarawera Community Hall, corner Spencer, and Alexander Roads.

AGENDA

- Welcome and apologies
- Minutes of the 54th AGM held on Sunday 14 January 2024
- Matters Arising
- Chairman's Report
- Financial Report
- Election 2025 Committee

All Committee Members have indicated they will not present themselves for re-election to the Committee and will resign at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. The current Committee Members have an aggregate duration on the Committee of 66 years.

- Update on Sewerage
- Guest Speakers

Reregistration of the Association's new Constitution

Background:

The Association is required, before 1 December 2025 to register as an incorporated society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 or face removal from the Incorporated Societies Register and the dissolution of the Association.

Item:

An ordinary resolution to approve the reregistration of the Association in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and to authorise the committee of the Association to do all things necessary to so register the Association.

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Adoption of new constitution in support of reregistration application

Background:

All incorporated societies that apply for reregistration under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 must include in their application a constitution which is compliant with the incorporated Societies Act 2022.

The Association has had a new constitution prepared (available for review on the Association's website at https://laketarawera.org.nz/about-us/) based on the existing rules which is compliant with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

In order for the Constitution to be included within the application for reregistration:

It must be approved at a general meeting by a majority vote of those members of the Association entitled to vote and voting; and

A named committee member must certify that they consider the Constitution is compliant with the incorporated Societies Act 2022. The named Committee Member can be agreed at the AGM (noting that Martin Wiseman is prepared to give the certificate).

Item

An ordinary resolution to approve the Constitution to be included in the application for reregistration, and to authorise a committee Member of the Association to confirm that they consider the Constitution to comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

- General Business
- Other Business: Any other matter raised at the AGM will be recorded and referred to the incoming committee to action.

Lake Tarawera Ratepayers' Association Inc. Email: ltra@xtra.co.nz Website: www.laketarawera.org.nz

DOGS

If you're a dog walker or dog owner PLEASE pick up after your dog.

Carry a bag and deposit the deposits in a bin or at home.

No one wants to walk through your doggy's do!



| LTRA AGM 2025:PROXY VOTE | |
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| Of (Tarawera address) | |
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| Being a financial member of the LTRA Inc. as at 7 January, 20 | 25 hereby appoint: |
| Name: | |
| Name. | |
| To be my proxy at the AGM of the above association to be he 2025 at 10.00 am | eld on Sunday, 12 January |
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Message from Rotorua Mayor Tania Tapsell

Greetings Tarawera residents,

I hope you're all looking forward to the summer season. We've had another busy year at Council and we're pleased with the positive progress we've made for Rotorua. Especially improving community safety, reducing emergency housing motels by 74%, and finally getting major community projects like the restoration of our Museum underway.

One of the highlights this year was bringing back our Rotorua Youth Council. We were really proud of what our 2024 Youth Councillors achieved working across their four main

projects this year. This included contributing to the Long-term Plan, addressing environmental and climate change issues, participating in inner city revitalisation efforts and developing a Youth Engagement Strategy.

We're now looking for our 2025 young leaders! Applications for the 2025 Youth Council are open until 6 January. We're looking for locals between 15 and 20 years old who are interested in leadership, personal development, and serving the community. If this sounds like someone you know, encourage them to apply! It's a fantastic opportunity and ensures a youth voice is heard at Council. More information is available on the RLC website.

I know the Tarawera Sewerage Scheme works are still top of mind. This remains a very important project to help protect our people and environment. Delays to the project due to protest action on Tarawera Road have been frustrating for all and Council is taking steps to ensure this work can get underway again safely as soon as possible.

We'll likely deal with the costs of these delays through the 2025/2026 Annual Plan process. Council has already reallocated \$2.05 million of funding from Stage 3 of the Rotorua Aquatic Centre to the Tarawera Sewerage Scheme and we're considering options for how this public money could best be used to reduce costs and provide certainty to ratepayers. This funding, and these project costs are significant, which is why they'll be part of the Annual Plan process. This will provide an opportunity for all residents to learn more about the project and share feedback on our final proposals through consultation in 2025. Consultation will likely take place in April, with the final Annual Plan due to be adopted in June.

To ensure we can all enjoy our places and spaces safely this summer, we encourage you to report any issues you see to council (rubbish, vandalism, water leaks etc) and be safe in the water when swimming and boating.

On behalf of our Council, we wish you a safe and happy festive season and look forward to working hard for you again in 2025.

Kindest regards, *Tania*

Rotorua Lakes Council Help Line: 07 348 4199 (24/7)

or email: info@rotorualc.nz



Tarawera Landcare (2115) Pete Fahey

When I first stuck my hand up to volunteer to get TLC2115 (Tarawera Landcare 2115) off the ground I didn't imagine how well it would evolve.

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Now, ten years later, and ten years into a hundred-year vision, things have certainly gone well.

To gain the support of Regional Council, we initially needed to show them a Biodiversity plan in order to dot the necessary 'I's. The immediate thought was, what the hell is a biodiversity plan? With a donation from a member of the community and advice from Wildlands, we were able to come up with a plan and thus become accredited with Regional Council. From then, after a slow start, we formed a solid relationship with Regional Council to the extent that they generously provided us with plenty of advice, equipment, courses and money to get our projects going. Particular thanks go to Shane Hona, who realised we were a serious group with plenty of enthusiasm and would go the distance. Shane was a great support to us along the way.



We've raised sufficient funds, without the need to sizzle a single sausage, to buy equipment to help the cause and have enjoyed a healthy bank balance to dip into when required. In retrospect some of the fundraising was quite creative and a lot of fun. Some of our benefactors have included The Sir John Logan Campbell Residuary Fund, DOC, RLC's Neighbourhood Matching Fund as well has a few very generous locals.

A solid core of locals has provided the energy to get things done. Friendships have been formed and numerous spectacular morning teas enjoyed.

We've had some issues along the way, and have encountered pushback from unexpected sources but in the main the community can be pretty happy with the way TLC2115 has gone in the first ten years. There are ninety years to go...

I trust we have established a solid base for the next LTRA Committee to build on.

Having said that, don't forget that there is a working bee at Kariri Point on the second Saturday of every month at 9.00 am. See you there..



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Tarawera Sailing~ Race



BOPRC Freshwater Biosecurity Update: Te Wakaunua Te Kurapa



With the busy summer season here and the likelihood of boat ramps getting busy, we're asking people to prioritise completing the self-certification process before they launch so that they can get out on the water quickly while not running the risk of forgetting to certify. The continued threat of the invasive freshwater clam (*Corbicula*) arriving from the Waikato River means everyone needs to be vigilant in following the correct check, clean, dry guidance and ensuing that they self-certify when using a public boat ramp. It's the best line of defence we have in ensuring that the clams don't spread to the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes.

Just as a reminder rule seven of the Bay of Plenty Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) 2020 – 2030, requires all Rotorua Te Arawa boat ramp users to self-certify that their craft, vessel, and trailer are free from freshwater pests. It's quick and easy for people to self-certify using the QR code on the sign by the boat ramp and it's also important to self-certify every time the boat ramp is used, regardless of when they were last out on the water or where they are coming from.

For people coming from the Waikato, the rules put in place by Biosecurity New Zealand last summer remain (as at 28 November) remain and for the latest details please check on the Biosecurity New Zealand website, including the additional rules for people wanting to head to Lake Ōkataina. The current hours of access to the Lake Ōkataina boat ramp can be found on the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme website.

Biosecurity officers from Te Arawa Lakes Trust are working again this summer in collaboration with us to check for rule seven compliance and we're asking everyone to do their bit to ensure that the self-certification success rate is significantly higher than the 40% achieved across all the lakes last summer. We're also working closely with event organisers to ensure that anyone competing or taking part in events – particularly those from outside the region – follow the right guidance for their sport. Biosecurity NZ have developed some great sport-specific guides which are available on their website.

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Got guests coming from the Waikato?

There are specific rules that apply to users of the Waikato River in the 'controlled area' which covers from the Whakamaru Dam to the river mouth at Port Waikato, including Lake Karapiro.

- No wake boats from the controlled area can be used on Bay of Plenty waterways or other waterways in New Zealand.
- All river users that have been in the controlled Waikato area must follow Check-Clean-Dry requirements for any craft, gear (such as fishing and other equipment used to gather kai) and equipment (including water skis, wakeboards, and inflatable pool toys).
- Any boat that has been in the controlled area in the last 30 days must be cleaned at the designated wash station.

DESIGNATED STATION: The Wash Place, 38 Te Ngae Road, Rotorua



Community Centre Update: Claire Stewart

Regular events

- Tai Chi Weekly: Thursdays at 2.00pm
 Contact Alison Walker for more info 07 362 8151 or 021 100 5425
- * Friday Night Drinks: Every Friday from 5.30pm. All welcome. BYO drinks and nibbles

Working Bees on the hall buildings and grounds

Held the first Sunday of every month at 10.00 am.



Lake Kids

Regular catch ups planned. Join the Facebook group to find out more: www.facebook.com/groups/ lakekids/.

Membership Fees

Thanks to all those who have paid fees. Fees go towards costs such as insurances, building warrant of fitness, electricity and general maintenance and are paid annually. The hall also generates a small additional income from renting the hall to members and non members. Members enjoy the benefit of having this facility in the community and invitation to attend the community events which are run here as well as a discounted rate for their own rental of the hall.

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

Fish and Game Update December 2024: Matt Osborne

It's hard to believe we are already two months into the season and Christmas is just around the corner! We've had an unbelievable start to the trout fishing calendar and terrific fish are continuing to jump on the lures. Just the other day a 9.56 pounder was landed (and released). The trophy fish (10-pound plus) will soon be appearing, though a trophy fish means different things to each and every one of us. It could be the size of the fish, quality of the flesh, the day itself or the company we have on the day.

Fish & Game have completed all our liberations for the year. The spring (September/October) releases of fish at 180 mm fork length will form the bulk of next opening day's catch.

We have just spent two days on the water completing our acoustic monitoring following the winter period to check how productive Lake Tarawera is right now. This is achieved through towing a 'super-fish-finder' along parallel transects of the lake recording everything with a swim-bladder (air pocket) between the surface and the lake bed (zooplankton, smelt, bullies, trout, goldfish). Springtime traditionally provides fairly lean pickings in terms of the food resource as the winter period is a harsh time in the lake. Then, as summer progresses, greater daylight hours warm the lake and promote algae to grow. This drives the food chain, builds productivity and increases the growth for all species in the lake (including trout).

What we have observed this spring is a high level of productivity already present at this early stage right across the main lake basin. This will continue the boom in trout growth throughout the remainder of the season. So, the forecast for this season is looking very rosy indeed. In fact, it could be the best trout fishing season on Tarawera for decades.

Keep your eyes open for tagged fish. We are really keen to get data back as it helps our monitoring of the fishery and liberation programme.

If you should happen to catch a trout with a tag (that will be positioned just behind the dorsal on the left hand side) please let us know either through our tag return boxes at Stoney Point and Boat Shed Bay ramps, contact our office or use this QR code. All returns go in the draw for a number of free season licences for the following season. The draw is conducted in June each year. We need the date caught, length (mm), weight (optional) tag details, your name and contact details!



Boat Fishing Tuition for Beginners

On Saturday 4th January 2024 (10 am-12:30 pm) We are once again holding our ever popular "Boat Fishing How-To" for beginners at the Fish & Game Office/Hatchery, 1130 Paradise Valley Rd, Ngongotaha. We cover a range of methods and aim to help upskill anglers to catch more fish.

Summer Angling Update

Lake temperatures have been a little cooler leading into December given the cool nights we are still experiencing. Tarawera is currently sitting at 18.3°C at the surface but should start to warm rapidly if we get nice hot days through December. Presently trout are to be found throughout the water column from surface to 30 m targetable by all methods. The condition of the younger fish (<2.5yrs) is excellent and will provide both a thrill on the line and fine flesh for smoking. Keep an eye out for smelting trout on the surface and sign at depth on your fish finders. Don't be afraid to change things up if you are having

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difficulty catching and ask others how they're doing and what they are using.

Remember to Check, Clean, Dry to protect our lakes.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from all at the Fish & Game team. Remember to carry your fishing licences with you and we hope to see you on the water and catch up with how you've done and provide some fishing tips.

Right: Roger Bowden with a fine seven-pound Rainbow trout



A Word from the Weather Meister

Our last two months' weather highlights

From my weather station in Spencer Rd. (It is set at 2.5 m above the ground so the minimum temperature will be variable compared with what you feel)

| | Monthly rainfall | Max Temp | Min Temp |
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| October | 223.6 mm | 22.7 C | 4.1 C |
| November | 70.8 mm | 28.6 C | 3.4 C |

In terms of rain events there were three events all in October and nothing of any consequence in November.



7 Oct 40.8 mm

27 Oct 38 mm



Lake Tarawera Pest Control

Rats:

Rats—Rats—Rats remain the main focus of our pest control efforts. Firstly I am pleased to say that my data so far indicates that our 'Pulse Baiting' strategy is working.

To recap, the idea is to bait when rodents are receptive to eating bait and that is as it gets colder and as it gets warmer.

I have more data to collect but so far the strategy looks to be working, it isn't perfect but it allows us to get more use out of the available bait supply. This is not to prevent people from baiting during other periods of the year, our focus is on using our meagre resources more effectively.

I want to know if people see rats—even dead ones I am interested to know where they are.

Possums:

Possums continue to be a background menace but they are nowhere near plague proportions and if they become an issue we can easily deal to them.

Wasps:

I am suspecting with the mild winter we will have an increased number of wasp nests, this is the historical pattern. Good thing is if you can locate the nest I can neutralise it. If you see an increased number of wasps, spend a bit of time, especially on dusk and see if you can find where they are nesting. The common wasp that plagues us at certain times will nest in the ground or a tree trunk or cavity.

Mice:

What a pain mice have been this winter and I cannot offer any easy solution to them. Mice will eat our normal bait and die from eating it but they gain by breeding very quickly and outpace the 'death by bait scenario'.

The Ratmeister

Phone: 029 575 0943

Email: rats@eol.co.nz



Over the holiday season if it all gets too much and you just need to escape, tell everyone you're off for a SCAN!

... Senior Citizen's Afternoon Nap



Spring Fair Volunteers Thank You!

The organising committee thanks all the volunteers at the Spring Fair.

2024

Thank you for the gift of your time; whether small or great it makes the fair the wonderful community event that it is. Volunteers helped with traffic control, parking, putting out equipment for the fair, putting up banners, looking after stall-holders, directing them to sites, being MC, and many other tasks. Without the volunteers the fair would not happen.

Huge thanks, also, to the people who donate equipment to the fair.

The organising committee also thanks all the people who spent their money to support this great local event.

Email laketarawerafair@gmail.com if you wish to help in 2025.

Lake Tarawera Sailing

A very big thank you to everyone who supported Tarawera Sailing at the Spring Fair. We are very grateful for the outstanding support recognising this community treasure. Our current fund raising is assisting our ongoing fleet upgrade.

The new season began with Registration Day and a Working Bee on 24 November and a welcome by Pat Thorpe. We had a very good turn-out of sailors from last season and new families, with many children involved. Once we had completed the work including cleaning all the sailboat hulls, we finished up with Pat's lemonade and Patrice's scones.

Over the winter, in addition to regular maintenance, we have spruced up our nine boat Laser fleet and increased the number of Laser Radial rigs available. The radials provide a very good introductory boat for adult sailors and are very popular with both lighter adults and experienced sailors in challenging conditions. A small group of sailors continued to sail them during the winter. Our learn-to-sail fleet for young sailors now numbers eleven boats.

Our introductory club day was held on Sunday 1 December. The turn-out was phenomenal. In an ideal light northerly, 10 young first-time sailors aged between seven and sixteen each had a taste of solo sailing out into the bay and back in a Firebug. We also commenced shore instruction with knots, boat rigging and safety led by Pat Thorpe and Carol Gilchrist. It was a very busy day which bodes well for the 24/25 season.

We are always on the look out for experienced sailors who can assist with coaching beginner and intermediate sailors, and crew our safety boats. There is also opportunity for helpers to get out on the water in our Lasers.

We meet every Sunday at 2pm at Cliff Road Reserve. Experienced sailors also meet one evening a week, usually on a Thursday commencing about 5pm.

For any enquiries, please contact Carol Gilchrist on 027 442 3333.

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AED 3 The Community Hall 475 Spencer Road

Accessed through main door with key from lock box or call George Gilmour for key

027 282 9034

AED 4 At the Buried Village

AED 5 11 Rangiuru Bay Rd

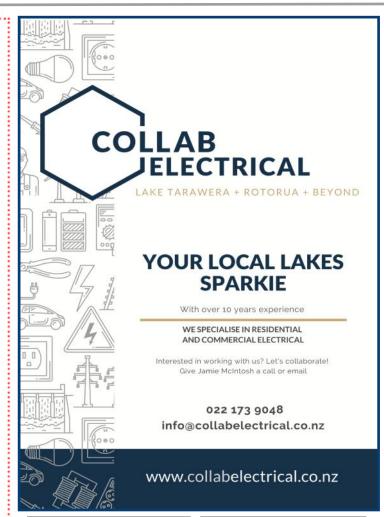
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Harbour Master Update: Roly Bagshaw

If you're planning to head out on the water this summer this is what we need you to know:

Always

- 1. Check the marine weather forecast and the tides
- 2. Take two forms of waterproof communication to call for help,
- 3. Wear a properly fitting lifejacket

1/ Check the Weather forecast and Tides Before you go out

And keep a lookout on the weather whilst you're out and about.

The weather can turn quickly, a calm day can become dangerous within minutes with strong winds and waves, **Especially for Paddleboarders and Kayakers**. So remember to check the weather forecast and take two waterproof ways to call for help, like a hand held VHF and a mobile phone in a waterproof bag.

And Always wear a lifejacket.

2/ Always take two forms of waterproof communications

If you can't be heard you cant be helped. So take two forms of waterproof communication with you when you go out on the water.

This could be a VHF, Mobile phone, a whistle or a torch that you can use to signal for help.

And remember to tell someone where you are going and what time to expect you back so they can raise the alarm if you don't return.

Always wear a lifejacket - Lifejackets save lives if they are worn.

From a fatality review out of all the factors that prevent boating fatalities wearing a lifejacket is ranked the highest.

The wearing of a lifejacket can be the difference between surviving long enough to be located or not surviving.

A lifejacket is the most reliable safety measure for someone who cannot swim or lacks confidence in the water

Speed - Know the 5 Knot Rule

When you're in charge of a vessel you need to make sure that you are driving at a speed that allows you enough time and enough distance to take necessary actions to avoid a collision.

And remember, your wake can cause serious damage to property and other vessels around you so take into account the effects your wake might have and adjust your speed.

The 5 knot rules

You Must Not Exceed 5 Knots if you are

- Within 200m of the shore or a structure
- Within 200m of a boat displaying a Dive flag
- Within 50m of another vessel or a person swimming

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It takes THREE to Ski

If you're towing someone behind your boat or jet ski You must have an **observer that is aged 10 or over onboard** with you and preferably they are facing backwards! They are there to communicate with you about the actions of the person being towed.

Anyone being towed **must be wearing a lifejacket** and you can only tow between Sunrise and Sunset, so not after dark. **We have many designated waterski lanes in our region so checkout our Boating in the Bay book or our website.** Our "Boating in the Bay" booklet is a great way of getting yourself, friends and family educated with the Navigation Safety Bylaws. These rules are in place to keep our communities safer on the water. Boating in the Bay booklets are available online from our Regional Council website, get a hard copy from our office in Rotorua, or if you see our patrol teams, they will be happy to give you one.

Rotorua Lakes Council: Rubbish Reminders

- Stock up on red rubbish bags. You can get these from Smart Environmental at the Recycling Centre on Te Ngae Road.
- The Tarawera Transfer Station will be closed Christmas day, otherwise open as usual, 1.00 pm –
 4.30 pm Thursdays and Sundays.

If Council facilities are closed, try the WM New Zealand <u>Hamiora Place Transfer Station</u>, open Monday to Saturday 7.00 am to 4.30 pm, Sundays and public holidays 9.30 am to 4pm. **Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and 2 January.**

- When you go to the lake, take a bag for your rubbish and take it home with you to dispose of.
- Most Christmas gift wrap is not recyclable due to additives in the paper so needs to go in the general rubbish.

Check plastic packaging carefully for the identification code – **only cleaned plastic bottles, containers** and trays numbered **1**, **2** or **5** can go in the recycling.

Report illegal dumping to Rotorua Lakes Council via info@rotorualc.nz or by calling 07 348 4199

- Report it as soon as possible so contractors can remove it before people add to it.
- Don't approach offenders if you witness illegal dumping. Take notes and photos or videos of the person and their vehicle if possible.

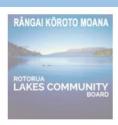
Supply photos with a location tag if you can so the site can be easily found. Do this by turning on location services on your smart device before taking the photo. This information is used in court only, with your permission.

For other useful summer info, check out the Love Your Place page on Council's website.

Rotorua Lakes Community Board: Phill Thomass

Kia ora koutou, Hi everyone.

It's been another busy year for your Lakes Community Board, as I'm sure it has been for you all as well!



RĀNGAI KŌROTO MOANA ROTORUA LAKES COMMUNITY BOARD fb:@lakescommunityboard

A new initiative for the Board this year has been every second month instead of holding a formal Community Board meeting we have been going out to our communities to hold Drop-In sessions on a weekend, to hear from people their issues big and small. We held our Drop-In session at Tarawera at Stoney Point in late September and I'd like to thank everyone who came along or who got in touch on Facebook and by email to let us know their thoughts.

The issue most mentioned was the state of the lake-edge walkway from Stoney Point heading towards the access path down from Waitangi Road (which was also mentioned). Often issues raised at these sessions can take months or years to be resolved, so I'm pleased to be able to report that very shortly we had organised a site visit between ourselves, LTRA and Council, and with the help of Libby Fletcher and Pete Fahey we were able to prioritise the order of work needing to be done. Already the worst sections have been addressed and repaired, and we are hoping to see some more work done before Christmas, and then we will return to look at further work in the new year. It has been heartening to see such a quick response from Council to our request on this issue.

I've been asked by a number of people about the blue fibre cable that is being installed along Spencer Rd (I noticed it being laid along the roadside, and lifted up by workers for me to drive under when turning off the road!), with them wondering what it's for after getting some vaguely confusing explanations from the workers laying the cable out. It is actually to link the pump stations together to enable data from them to be monitored (and the pump stations controlled) at the Treatment Plant.

I'd like to take the opportunity to acknowledge, and thank, Libby Fletcher and all the LTRA committee who I understand are all stepping down at the AGM in January. It has been a real pleasure working with Libby over the last three terms while I've been Chair of the Community Board. Sewerage may have been the headline issue over the last few years but there have been a myriad of projects and issues that Libby and the LTRA committee have worked on, and having been on the Rotoiti Community Association committee myself I know just how heavy the workload can be. My experience is that people don't volunteer to stand for community association committees for themselves, they do it out of a desire to help and benefit their community, and Tarawera has been lucky to have such a dedicated team working on your behalf, Libby especially has been a tireless advocate for you. I congratulate her and the whole committee on all the work they have done and their many achievements for your community, and I wish them all the best for the future and the time to enjoy beautiful Tarawera.

Ngā mihi maioha.

Phill Thomass, Chair, Rotorua Lakes Community Board email: rlcb@thomass.net ph: 0275 47 4455.

LOVE OUR LAKES PHOTO COMPETITION

Share your favourite snaps and BE IN TO WIN!

The Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme is dedicated to protecting and restoring our lakes as a taonga for future generations. This summer, join our Love Our Lakes photo competition for a chance to win a paddleboard!

How to enter:

- Take a photo of one of our stunning Rotorua Te Arawa lakes
- Upload your image at www.rotorualakes.co.nz/love-our-lakes
- Tell us in 100 words or less, what you love about our lakes
- Enter between Monday 2 December 2024 and Friday 28 February 2025

The top entries will be featured on our Facebook page after the competition closes for public voting. The winner will be the photo which has the most likes.

For more information, please visit rotorualakes.co.nz/love-our-lakes

My Last Word: Fiona McAllister

The following comments are my personal opinions and I do not speak for anyone else.

This will be my last Phantom as along with the rest of the LTRA committee I will not be standing again in 2025. A sincere thank you to everyone who has contributed stories, anecdotes, public service information and advertising. Without you there would be no Phantom. Thank you too to all those who given me positive feedback while I have been editor. I have enjoyed the roles of being a committee member, Phantom and LTRA website editor and gained valuable experience.

It's important to remember that the LTRA committee are all volunteers who put in a considerable amount of time to try and make Tarawera a better place and look after your interests. We all bring different skills to the table and I believe everyone has contributed and learned from each other. We have worked hard and been an effective team.

Despite what some believe, reticulation at Tarawera is inevitable and will deliver better outcomes in the long-term. Mandatory connection to reticulation and more importantly the increased cost has clearly caused much consternation amongst the community and while we have genuinely done our best for more than a decade to ensure the best result (on this and numerous other matters), our efforts in some quarters have not been recognised or appreciated.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but the vitriol directed at individual committee members and the LTRA as a whole, has been personal, offensive, and at times, frankly ignorant of the facts. All of us want the cost of reticulation to be as low as possible - as it should be - given it's vital infrastructure and the number of people and entities who are not local residents who will ultimately also benefit.

It is easy to criticise our efforts from the sidelines and yet no one has ever offered to stand for committee. All members for at least the past eight years have been shoulder-tapped in the absence of anyone in the community putting themselves forward. As Libby has already mentioned, we have collectively spent 66 years as your Lake Tarawera Ratepayers' Association committee. It is clearly time for new blood and for those with different ideas of how things should be done to walk the talk.

I wish you all the best for a relaxing Christmas and a Happy New Year however you choose to spend it and whether you're enjoying time at the lake or elsewhere.

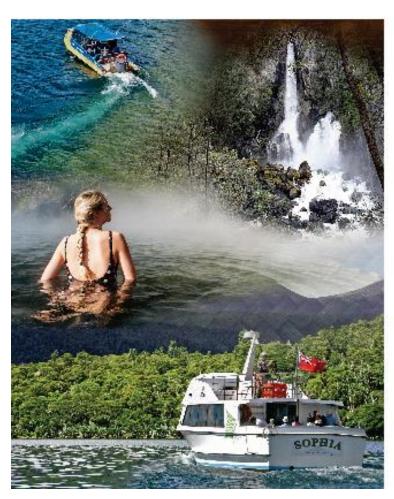


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We currently have five AED Defibrillators on Spencer Road:

1&2/ At Fire Unit – 151 Spencer Road 3/ The Community Centre 4/ The Buried Village

5/ On the front deck of 11 Rangiuru Bay Road (last house on right of Rangiuru Bay Reserve)