

THE PHANTOM

Summer 2022



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Chair Report: Libby Fletcher

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Phantom. I am sure everyone is looking forward to the holiday season and hopefully some settled weather.

It has been a busy year for the LTRA and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for their absolute commitment to everything we all have been involved in.

Tarawera Reticulated Sewerage Scheme

By now you should have received the letter from Stavros Michael regarding the sewerage scheme. The \$6.5M from the Ministry for the Environment's Fresh Water Fund has been secured, the Deed has been signed by the Ministry for the Environment and Rotorua Lakes Council and the contract for Stage One has been let. Work on Stage One will begin in the New Year.

If you have not received the Council letter, please contact us on ltra@xtra.co.nz and we will forward a copy to you.

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Cell Phone Tower

Some good news for the community. On Monday, 7 December, Rotorua Lakes Council granted Resource Consent to the Rural Connectivity Group for the construction of the Rural Broadband initiative 2 (RBI) cell site to provide coverage to Lake Tarawera and the Buried Village. This is a project that has overcome many hurdles, over many years, and the RCG has now scheduled the build of the facility to start in the second week of January 2023.

There is more information regarding the cell phone tower further on in the newsletter.

Spring Fair:

The Spring Fair was held on the Sunday of Labour Weekend, a beautiful day. It was extremely well attended; people were happy to see the fair back after the break last year due to COVID.

The Spring Fair committee raised \$1277.00 and this money has been given to the Community Garden, The Sailing Trust and Tarawera FM.

Todd McClay held a sausage sizzle at the fair and the proceeds of \$500.00 was generously donated to the Tarawera Fire Unit. It was also great to see our new Mayor, Tania Tapsell at the fair.

Thank you to the Spring Fair Committee for their hard work in putting on such a successful event.

AGM:

The AGM will be held on Sunday, 15 January 2023 at the Tarawera Community Hall at 10.00 am and we do hope that you will attend.

Anyone who wishes to nominate a person for the position of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, or committee member must fill out a nomination form, have it seconded and signed by the nominee. They must also be a financial member of the LTRA.

Please send the nomination form to the Secretary at ltra@xtra.co.nz Alternatively you may post it to 109 Spencer Rd. RD5, Rotorua 3076, not less than four days prior to the meeting. The Agenda for the meeting and Nomination Form are included in the Phantom.

New Year's Eve Fireworks Display:

Peter Johnston (PJ) has very kindly agreed to hold the fireworks display again. It has been moved to the new time of **9.00 pm on New Year's Eve** so all members of Tarawera families can enjoy this spectacular event. More information is included in the Phantom.

*(Continued from page 2)***Security:**

Please be aware that unfortunately opportunists are out there on the prowl. Late last week I discovered that someone had tried to break into our boat shed. They had taken to the door with a crowbar and tried to cut the padlocks, fortunately with no success. I was very grateful for the help I received from George Gilmour. Please ensure that all your property is secure, I would not like to think that anyone at Tarawera is subjected to thieves.

LTRA Subscriptions:

Thank you to everyone who has paid their annual subscription to the LTRA, if anyone has not received an invoice please let us know – ltra@xtra.co.nz and we will send you one. A very gentle reminder that they are due on **20 December 2022**.

We hope that we will see you at the AGM on Sunday, 15 January, 2023.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2023. For those of you travelling to Tarawera for the holidays, safe travels.

With best wishes,

Libby

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LTRA AGM 2023:PROXY VOTE

I (name) _____

Of (Tarawera address) _____

Being a financial member of the LTRA Inc. as at 31 December, 2022 hereby appoint:

Name: _____

To be my proxy at the AGM of the above association to be held on Sunday, 15 January 2023 at 10.00 am

LTRA COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM 2023

I (name of nominator)

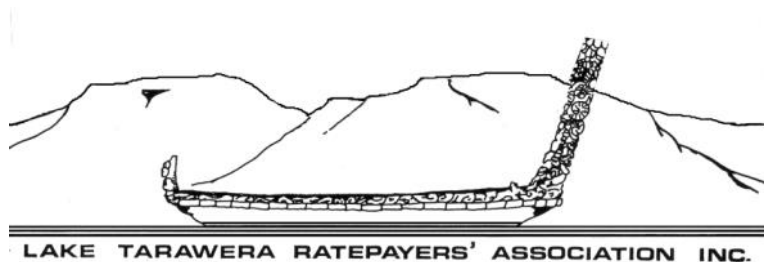
Of (Tarawera address of nominator) _____

Being a financial member of the LTRA Inc. as at 31 December 2022 hereby nominate (name):

For the position of: Committee Member/Chair/Secretary/Treasurer, of the Lake Tarawera Ratepayers' Assn. Inc. (Please circle the position)

Nominator's signature: _____

Nominee's signature _____



LAKE TARAWERA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Lake Tarawera Ratepayers' Association, being held on:

Sunday, 15 January 2023, commencing at 10.00 am

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

Please RSVP to:

libby@ultimatenz.com

AGENDA

- Welcome and apologies
- Minutes of the 52nd AGM held on Sunday 09 January 2022
- Matters Arising
- Chairman's Report
- Financial Report
- Election 2022 Committee
- Update on Sewerage from Stavros Michael, Rotorua Lakes Council
- General Business
- Other Business: Any other matter raised at the AGM will be recorded and referred to the incoming committee to action
- Guest Speakers



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WANTED

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Lake Tarawera


Tarawera Fire Unit:
Open Day

Saturday 18 February, 2023

10.30 am at the Fire Unit,
Stoney Point

Bring the whole family for a fun day out
Everyone welcome

- ♦ Live Fire Demonstration
- ♦ Pumps
- ♦ Fire Extinguishers
- ♦ Learn About Fire Safety
- ♦ Does Your Family Have an Escape Plan?



Tarawera Sailing

Annual King of the Lake Race

Monday, 3rd January at 1:00 PM

Te Karamea Bay, Cliff Road Reserve

Bring your boat, a gold coin for the booby prize and race for the King of the Lake Old Gold Trophy.

This is a challenging race for experienced sailors.

The triangular course is to Twin Creeks –White Cliffs and back to Te Karamea Bay

Be ready to argue about handicaps at 1:00 pm

Any queries phone Pat Thorpe – 07 3628 341

Bayleys Lakes Consultant – Jenny Donne

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
plus a safe and happy summer.**

**Contact Jenny for a confidential market
appraisal anytime – I look forward to
hearing from you.**

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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
- * Yin Yoga Saturday 10.00 am with Madelyn Skilton from Empower Wellness. Casual classes are \$20. Email empowerwellnessnz@gmail.com to book or for more information.

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.

Annual Membership Fees 2022: \$30 per family

Payment to be made 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 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



Don't forget the Christmas Carols

Sunday, Dec 18

4.30—7.30 PM

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Lake Tarawera Pest Control

1. Wasps

Lets start off with wasps as they are about to become a nuisance. First, a little etymology lesson.

We have two predominant pesky wasps here:

The Asian Paper Wasp: These are the ones that build nests dangling under your eaves, the nest never gets much larger than a billiard ball and is always visible. They don't swarm and are not a pest until you really annoy them when they **will** sting you.

Their abdomen has thin yellow bands opposed to large patches of yellow and they appear skinny when compared with the German or common wasp.



German and common wasps: These are the wasps we are worried about; they are the ones that cause us trouble. They swarm, they sting you and they are constantly angry.



I have killed plenty of wasp nests and they are always in the ground or close to ground level; the wasps are angry and ready to defend their HQ. The good news is we can easily kill the nests with pyrethrum powder but the hardest part is finding the nest. Lots of people collar me and say they have wasps and I ask if they know where the nest is and they don't, they just know there are annoying wasps about.

If you know where the nest is I can easily deal to it and now with the help of the LTRA we have a BEE suit that allows me to get right up close to deliver the killer dust into the throat of the nest rather than the previous method of dump and run like hell and hope the powder was delivered correctly.

We also have a network of bait stations (like this) using a wasp-specific bait, Vespex. These are done around early March.



If you find a wasp nest text me on 029 575 0943 with the details and I will sort it out.

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2. Possums:

Fooled again, I have just found possum signs at Kariri Point so will set up some traps there. If you have possums I can lend you a trap or come and shoot them.

3. Rabbits:

Rabbits are making the most of the pleasant breeding conditions, I have shot about 10 of them and will go out again in the next couple of weeks. Even in my garden we have rabbit browsing damage!!

4. Rats: Just like the rabbits, the rats are out in force and the bait use returns I am getting show they remain a problem. Soon we will be starting our trap line from Otumutu to Cliff Road, which should make a dent in the population at that end of the road. These will be kill traps sited along the formed access way.

Hopefully you enjoy a pest free Christmas and New Year!

The Ratmeister

Phone: 029 575 0943

Email: rats@eol.co.nz



New Year's Eve Fireworks: 9.00 PM

This year the fireworks display has been bought forward to 9.00 pm on New Year's Eve so all the family can enjoy the occasion.

- ◆ Please note that all boats must keep well away from the firing zone and be behind the 200-metre yellow buoy for safety reasons.
- ◆ Please make sure that your pets and children are safe if you are close to the vicinity of the fireworks display. Please observe the taped off areas and do not cross these.
- ◆ A very big thank you to Peter Johnston for again putting on the fireworks display, each year the number of compliance regulations that must be completed increases which is incredibly time consuming.

Tarawera Landcare (2115): Pete Fahey

Looks like we're in for a damp Christmas and holiday period however there are some very nice trout in the lake at the moment. I saw a beauty today of 3.8 kg but I digress.

Everywhere I look the growth is rampant. The old man's beard at Kariri Point has a new lease of life but the flip side of that is the incredible growth of the natives we have planted.

But recently, however, I've been thinking of other pests in the area; in particular cats. We go to a lot of trouble to protect the birdlife in our slice of paradise by actively trapping possums and rats as well as attempting to attack the mustelids (although these, with very little success). But the apex predator of all are the cats: domestic and feral. There are growing calls from various environmental groups for cats to be part of the Predator Free by 2050 plan; controlled initially by desexing and microchipping. I do think we need to have a discussion about where cats fit into the ecology of Tarawera.



Things we could do ...

- ◆ Let it be known that Tarawera is a 'cat controlled' zone
- ◆ Encourage owners to keep their cats indoors at night—dusk till dawn
- ◆ Encourage owners to desex and microchip their pets
- ◆ Initially trap cats at night and destroy the obvious feral ones
- ◆ Conduct a cat census in our area to establish the population
- ◆ Let entities like Book a Bach, Airbnb and their users know that if visitors bring their cats on holiday with them it could be a mistake

Anyway, its food for thought and I'd welcome feedback as to the best way to go about this if anyone knows of a better way.

DOGS



So we can't be accused of just picking on felines—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!

AED's 1&2

(Heart Defibrillator)

Lake Tarawera Fire Station

(Secure external cabinet by front door and in the crew's medical kit)

Stoney Point Reserve

151 Spencer Road

Lake Tarawera

Phone - 111

(Does not require phone reception)

for cabinet combination

from Ambulance

Communications 24/7

AED 3 The Community Hall

475 Spencer Road

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AED 4 At the Buried Village

AED 5 11 Rangioru Bay Rd

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Te Arawa Lakes Trust (TALT)

Uwhi—MāTauranga Māori Solution to the Colonising Pest Problem

Te Arawa Lakes Trust, Te Roopū Raranga Ki Rotorua, iwi and hapū and Toitū Te Whenua - Land Information New Zealand, gathered last month to hear the preliminary results of the Uwhi (harakeke mat) trial.

It has been almost one year since the placement of Uwhi on the lakebeds of Lake Tarawera, Lake Rotoiti and Lake Rotomā to trial the effectiveness of bottom lining with a Te Arawa lens to control aquatic pest weed in Te Arawa lakes.

Te Roopū Raranga Ki Rotorua spoke to the mātauranga that went into creating the three different variations of Uwhi and scientific divers from Te Arawa Lakes Trust gave an update on how the Uwhi were performing post installation.



Monitoring so far indicates the Uwhi, made from locally sourced harakeke under the guidance of expert weavers, lasts much longer on the lakebed than the imported hessian weed mats used extensively in the South Island lakes. This results in the longer-term control of aquatic pest plants such as *Lagarosiphon major* that is rife at sites like Rangiuru Bay (Stoney Point), Lake Tarawera.

The dive team also observed the natural affinity taonga species such as Kōura, Toitoi and Kākahi had for the Uwhi compared to the imported hessian mats and spoke to the relevance of whakapapa species and the importance of Te Arawa to be actively involved in freshwater management.

Not only do the Uwhi perform well as an aquatic pest management tool, but they are also a sustainable, low-cost alternative that have provided employment opportunities for many Te Arawa whānau that lost employment during the Covid-19 pandemic.



Whilst the divers are still monitoring the sites into 2023, its fair to say the project has been a success to date and the future for Uwhi as a potential management tool is yet to be completely harnessed.

For the mana moana and hungatiaki of Lake Tarawera, Tūhourangi (pictured here) and Ngāti Rangitihi, it is hoped that this will provide another tool in the kete

to combat aquatic pests and protect taonga species for today and into the future.

Tarawera Impact Collective: Progressing a Collective Impact Framework for the Tarawera Lakes System

Te Arawa Lakes Trust with support from the Ministry of the Environment's Te Mana o Te Wai fund is excited to announce we have almost finished recruiting for the Tarawera Lakes Collective Impact Project and look forward to introducing you to the team in the new year.

In 2023, the team will be responsible for implementing a project that aims to ensure connected action for the health and wellbeing of Lake Tarawera and its seven contributing lakes.

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This team will connect, provide support and pursue opportunities to empower Tarawera iwi, Māori Land Trusts, landowners and community care groups to implement projects to ensure that the long-term care of the eight lakes reflects Te Arawa values and incorporates cultural monitoring, practices and mātauranga.

Why pursue a Collective Impact Framework for Lake Tarawera?

Central and local government agencies, hapū and iwi, as well as community groups have each been working on projects to improve the health of the land and/or water within the Tarawera Lakes Catchment System. These groups have overlapping aspirations, issues and interests, which include water quality, pest plants and animals, tourism/recreation pressures and opportunities, land use impacts, job creation, ecological health and biodiversity protection.

There is an overwhelming desire for more effective and coordinated action however, this is difficult without additional support, focus and resourcing. Collective impact is a form of collaboration which brings together groups, each with their own set of skills and experiences, to solve large complex problems. In this case, the large complex problem is improving the health and wellbeing of the water and land surrounding Lake Tarawera (and all connected and contributing lakes).

This approach recognises that, within the Tarawera Lakes System, no single organisation can create large-scale and long term environmental and social change alone. Therefore, more can be achieved through collective impact, where groups, each with their own set of skills and experiences, are working together for a common purpose.

Ultimately the project will also hope to achieve the vision of the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group “The lakes of the Rotorua district and their catchments are preserved and protected for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations, while recognising and providing for the traditional relationship of Te Arawa with their ancestral lakes.”

Catfish Netting

Catfish Netting has continued with more kura joining the kaupapa. Schools from Matapihi are most recent additions to the Catfish Killa team. We have even had a visit from a Christchurch Kura recently where they checked nets in Rotorua. Volunteers catfish kills are at 10,603 for the year starting 1 January 2022. With the spawning season well underway, this is only going to increase. Thirty-five schools from around Te Arawa remain involved in the programme and more are signing up to get involved next year.

The Catfish netting contract is in full swing with netting being carried out around Rotoiti In October and November so far. Kaimahi from TALT set 40 nets three times a week at hot spots around Lakes Rotorua and Rotoiti to catch as many catfish as possible. So far, 2,300 catfish have been removed, many of them over 20 cm and in the early stages of spawning.

We will be carrying out surveillance netting in both Lake Ōkātina and Lake Tarawera in February 2023.

For further information please contact:

Soweeta Fort-D'Ath - Lakes Programme Coordinator

Te Arawa Lakes Trust soweeta@tearawa.iwi.nz

Ground Water Monitoring: Terry Beckett

The University of Waikato has been contracted by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council to measure and report on the benefits of sewerage reticulation in reducing contaminants to Lake Tarawera. This project will commence in January 2023 with the installation of shallow groundwater bores at a number of sites around the lake.

Monitoring of the groundwater in the bores will be undertaken monthly both before septic tanks are decommissioned and after reticulation is completed when the Lake Tarawera wastewater is piped to the Rotorua Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Tarawera Sailing

First a big thank you to everyone who supported Tarawera Sailing at the Spring Fair. Our current fund raising will go towards a much needed second safety boat. We are very grateful to the community.

The new season began with Registration Day on 20 November. It was good to see our sailors from last season and several new families signing up. **We meet on Sundays at 2.00 pm at Cliff Road Reserve.**

Over the winter we had a working bee to clean the boat hulls. We have also refurbished our two Spirals. These provide a step up from the Microns as our sailors become more experienced. The Spirals are also a great introductory boat for adult sailors. Our learn to sail fleet for young sailors now numbers nine boats.

We also have eight Lasers available for adult sailors and there are two Laser rigs with a smaller sail area suited to smaller sailors and first timers.

We have had several Sundays of moderate conditions allowing the 'learn to sail' programme to get away to a good, although soggy start. We are very grateful for the crew of helpers on shore and on the water in our safety boat. They play an essential role during Sunday sailing, providing safety supervision, coaching, managing boats leaving and returning to shore, and also rigging and packing up. Many thanks to everyone involved.

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

Our last session before we break for Christmas is 18 December and we resume on Sunday, 8 January 2022. For any enquiries, please contact Carol Gilchrist on 07 3628 489.

BOPRC Harbour Master Update Dec 2022

The wild weather over the past three months has kept us busy replacing many of the navigation aids around the lakes in preparation for the expected busy summer ahead.

Lake Tarawera is currently undergoing navigation aid and sign audits, with this work now well underway. In some places around the lake, we are needing to cut back foliage around signs and navigation aid markers, so they are visible.



Abandoned Vessels



Abandoned vessels are somewhat of a recurring subject in the Bay of Plenty with the Regional Council unfortunately needing to deal with numerous boats every year. Priority is given to those that represent a pollution risk or those that could pose a navigation hazard. Under the Maritime Transport Act, the Regional Council has the powers to remove vessels deemed to be abandoned. Recently our Maritime team pink-stickered a vessel in Boatshed Bay to start the process for removal. Attempts so far to reach the owner have been unsuccessful. Our preference is of course to work with vessel owners to get a positive outcome for the both boat and environment. Please if you can assist with any details on this vessel

(left) please contact us on **0800 5knots**.

Lake Debris

While it's been great to see all the lake levels recover with the abundance of rain, most lakes are still very high, and we have numerous call outs for logs, debris and even personal effects that have floated away from front yards! Please be vigilant when boating around the lakes as some of this debris has the potential to cause significant damage and/or injury if struck at speed. Our team will remove any of these hazards so please let us know! (0800 5knots).



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Wear Your Personal Floatation Device (PFD)

Tragically this year we have lost two kayakers in separate incidents on the Lakes highlighting the need to carry (and wear) your lifejacket. Conditions can quickly change to be deadly, and it is easy to be caught out. Our patrol teams this season will be checking every vessel, jet-ski, kayaker and paddleboarder to ensure this rule is being followed. The rules are there to ensure everyone gets home safely!



Let Us Know!

The best way to report poor boatie behaviour or any navigational safety matters, is to please call our **0800 5KNOTS** call line. This is a 24/7 service and is worth calling, as often we can redirect our patrols to an incident if we are close by.

Bylaw Review

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council oversees maritime safety in the region under the Navigation Safety Bylaws required by the Maritime Transport Act (1994). The rules were established to help minimise the risk of fatalities, injuries, nuisance, accidents, collisions, and damage in Bay of Plenty navigable waters.

We are reviewing the Maritime Navigation Safety Bylaws for the Bay of Plenty region with the goal of having updated bylaws by mid to late 2023. The current bylaws have been in place since 2017 and we review them every five years. We are seeking feedback this summer to help guide changes to our bylaws. To see the timeline and to have your say have a look here: [Navigational Safety Bylaw |](#)

[Participate BOPRC](#)

THANK YOU– Lake Tarawera Spring Fair Volunteers!

The organising committee thanks all the volunteers at the 2022 Spring Fair. 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, erecting 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.

Please, if you can give any time during the 2023 event (Labour Day Sunday,) email laketarawerafair@gmail.com NOW and we will put you on a helpers list.

Local organisations who will benefit from the funds raised by the Spring Fair organising committee are Lake Tarawera FM, Lake Tarawera Sailing Club and Lake Tarawera Otūmūtū Community Garden.

BOPRC: Pest Management Plan (RPMP)



Check, clean, dry, certify

This summer is the third year that **Rule 7** of the Bay of Plenty Regional Pest Management plan (RPMP) has been in effect. **Rule 7** requires that people using the Rotorua Te Arawa lakes, ensure that their vessel (boat, jet ski or kayak) and trailer are free from freshwater pest weeds and fish before they hit the water.

At the majority of boat ramps around the rohe (region), including Lake Tarawera, anyone using the boat ramp must also fill in one of the self-certification forms that can be found in box near the boat ramp.

Biosecurity Officers from Te Arawa Lakes Trust (TALT) will continue to be regularly checking that everyone is aware of, and following the rules. This year there will be an additional focus on ensuring that people leave the completed self-certification forms on the dashboard of vehicles carrying the trailer. Please be a waterway hero this summer and encourage friend's and whānau to check, clean, dry and certify when using the region's lakes.

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Rural Connectivity—New Cell Site

On Monday 07 December Rotorua Lakes Council granted resource consent to the Rural Connectivity Group for the construction of the Rural Broadband initiative 2 (RBI) cell site to provide coverage to Lake Tarawera and the Buried Village. This is a project that has overcome many hurdles, over many years, and the RCG has now scheduled the build of the facility to start in the second week of January 2023. The RCG are working with Unison on the power supply to the facility and have been notified that there is a long delay for power connections to the Unison network. RCG will continue to work with Unison to see if the power connection for the cell site can be prioritized.

The RCG thank the Lake Tarawera and Buried Village community for their unwavering support for gaining connectivity for the community. Discussion about improved connectivity started during the RBI1 programme of work when the cell site at Lake Okareka was built. It is a very pleasing for all involved that the project will now come to fruition.

Please note that the Lake Tarawera facility is a 4G only cell site including making voice calls using the 4G network. Residents need to check with their provider that their mobile phone is 4G voice calling capable. There are different models of phone on each network that are capable of 4G voice calling or 4GVoLTE.

New Year's Day Yacht Race 2023: Rangiuru Bay

Open to All Yachts—Handicapped Race

2.00 PM Start (Weather Dependent)



Prize Giving on the Beach Following the Race

For further info contact: Chris Leuschke

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• Todd McClay Member of Parliament for Rotorua

And just like that it's Christmas again ...

Christmas is a time for celebration, reflection on the year we have had, and a chance to make plans for the year to come. It's also a time to enjoy the company of friends and family. This year happily, our Christmas tables will have a few more place settings than the past two years, and the freedom to be out and about across the region.

I thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Lake Tarawera Spring Fair this year with a National Party stand and community BBQ. It was a great day out, a perfect spring day looking out over the stunning lake, and great to catch up and speak to many of you. Thanks to your support we were able to raise more than \$500 for the Volunteer Fire Brigade which is to be used for local household fire extinguishers.

It was also extremely pleasing that we were able to stop the Government from withdrawing funding announced six years ago for Tarawera sewerage reticulation. Well done to your lake Tarawera Ratepayers' Association; I very much enjoy working closely with them.

I would like to thank the Lake Tarawera Volunteer Fire Brigade for their hard work this year and for keeping us safe over the holiday period.

To the community groups who have organised working bees and worked hard keeping the lake areas clean and free from rubbish and pests, thank you - your efforts are greatly valued.

As we head towards the Christmas period I want to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year full of new opportunities. I look forward to seeing you in 2023.

Hon Todd McClay - Member of Parliament for Rotorua

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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 Rangioru Bay Road (last house on right of Rangioru Bay Reserve)