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Front cover:

Rotary Rotorua Sunrise's President Mike Bannister recognises Landcare Okareka's considerable and on going environmental and community development over the last ten years.

Mike and Sandra Goodwin were awarded joint Paul Harris Fellow awards. See page 35 for more information.

Left to right: Mike Bannister, Sandra Goodwin and Mike Goodwin.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE—MARCH 2015



Greetings from the LOCA committee and our best wishes for the New Year.

Our **AGM** in February was well attended and as you will see from the minutes included in this Newsletter there was interesting discussion on a number of issues.

There are changes to our **committee** with Lyall Beuth, Chris Russell and Ian Potter no longer being available for election.

Their contribution has been significant and

they will be sorely missed. However we are very pleased to have Debbie Surtees joining the committee and we look forward to her input to LOCA.

We would like to congratulate **Ray Cook** on his award in the New Year's honours list for his contribution to business and sport, a very deserving recognition. We would also like to congratulate **Mike and Sandra Goodwin** on receiving the Paul Harris Fellowship from Rotary Rotorua Sunrise for their establishment ten years ago of Landcare Okareka. The contribution the Landcare volunteers have made to improve and maintain Okareka as a special place to live and play has been remarkable.

The following comments were part of the Chairman's report to the AGM and are an update of the major issues in the past year:

Recognition of the Lakes with the renamed **Rotorua Lakes Council**.

The recent completion of the **Tarawera Recycling Facility**, open 7 days a week, which was a shared project between LOCA, LTRA and Lakes Community Board.

Rotorua Lakes Council giving LOCA the opportunity to manage the **Boyes Beach Motor Camp** with revenue going to LOCA for community projects.

LOCA volunteers have now been managing the **Millar Road DOC Camp** for over two years and revenue continues to be significant, helped no doubt over the past summer by the fine weather. In the first instance funds will go towards the cost of the walking track between Boyes Beach and the DOC camp.

Steady progress is being made by the volunteers forming **The Walking Track** and the completion target is the end of this year.

Work is well underway to upgrade the **outlet stream** from Okareka to Lake Tarawera and should be completed in April. Whilst there is no water going into the Waitangi Stream at present due to the very low lake level, it should be back to normal for the trout breeding season.

Once again it is disappointing to note **Cell phone** coverage has not been forthcoming as quickly as we had been led to believe but the Telco consortium are confident it will be available by June 2016. This is the deadline to obtain funding from central Government as part of the high speed national broadband

rollout.

Many of the residents of Okareka recognize the **Environmental Importance** of the Rotorua Lakes and we see ourselves as “Guardians of the Lakes” with the opportunity to maintain and improve the water quality and surrounds of the Lakes for future generations to enjoy. To this end LOCA and Landcare Okareka work closely with all the Councils and organizations involved in the Lakes and I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution made by the many Lake Okareka volunteers.

As a result of our involvement in Campground management and more recently with the recycling facility, it is very clear Rotorua needs to have a good look at the importance of the Lakes both to its image and the importance of attracting tourists and events etc. A good example is Boyes Beach where there is one old toilet block with two pans, no lighting and it services the Whaka Ama facility, campers (many from overseas) and the day picnickers who overflow the reserve when there are events on at the Blue Lake in summer. There are no recycling skips for glass and plastics and the blue bins are unsightly and unhygienic (no liners/lids and not washed). The opening of the walking track from Boyes Beach to the DOC camp will of course add more pressure.

As always we welcome comments on any issues of interest to our residents and property owners.

Geoff Palmer
Chairman

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TIKITAPU SCENIC RESERVE PEST CONTROL PROGRAMME

The annual meeting between DOC, BPRC and F&B has been held recently to review the results from 2014 and to plan the programme for 2015. It is intended to repeat the 2014 combination of Pindone Pellets and Feratox® capsules. Subject to DOC approval of the Work Plan, the **Tikitapu Working Bee Programme** will be:

Trimming Lines, checking stations etc.

May	Saturday 16 & Monday 18
June	Sunday 21 & Monday 22
July	Friday 10 & Sunday 12

Pre Bait Monitoring

Trakka cards & Wax tags out	Saturday 25 July
Trakka cards in	Sunday 26 July
Wax tags in	Saturday 1 August

Bagging baits

Wednesday 5 August
Wednesday 19 August

Bait laying

Baits out	Friday 7 and Saturday 8 August
Top up	Sunday 23 and Monday 24 August
Clear stations	Sunday 20 and Monday 21 September

Post Bait Monitoring

Trakka cards and Wax tags out	Saturday 26 September
Trakka cards in	Sunday 27 September
Wax tags in	Saturday 3 October

Following the expiry of the four months required for the poison warning signs to be in place after the removal of the bait from the reserve, and the decomposition of the two caged carcasses, the signs have now been removed from the reserve. Although there should be no toxin present now, please remember that dogs are still not allowed in the area as it is a Scenic Reserve.

Please let me know if you are interested in joining our volunteers. Each year one or two of our regulars have to leave us as the years creep up on them. Some new people would be very welcome. It is an interesting and satisfying project to be involved in and we have some interesting discussions after working bees while sharing a cuppa and muffins.

Frances Blakely blakelys@xtra.co.nz

Okareka Mistletoe Restoration Project Mistletoe Monitoring Report Published June 2014 Paul Cashmore

The Department of Conservation has just published a report compiled by Johlene Kelly of Alchemists Ltd analysing the results and producing conclusions from 15 years of mistletoe monitoring at the Blue Lake Holiday Park and 11 years of monitoring in Tikitapu Scenic Reserve. The latter is part of the 150ha which have been under active animal and plant pest management since the early 2000's as part of the Okareka Mistletoe Restoration Project being undertaken by Rotorua branch of Forest and Bird and Rotorua Botanical Society with support from the Department of Conservation and Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

There are two green mistletoe species present in Tikitapu Scenic Reserve, the largest population being *Tupeia antarctica* with a smaller population of *Ileostylus micranthus* present mainly around Blue Lake Holiday Park. As the Okareka Mistletoe Restoration Project was founded partly on the presence of a reasonably large population of mistletoes present in Tikitapu Scenic Reserve, it made sense to monitor changes in the health, distribution and abundance of these two species as a key indicator as to whether the project was meeting its objectives (set in 2002), one of which was to increase the distribution and numbers of two mistletoe species (*Ileostylus micranthus* and *Tupeia antarctica*) within the management area. The monitoring consists of transects and plots established within Blue Lake Holiday Park and in the known mistletoe area in the NE corner of Tikitapu Scenic Reserve bordering Okareka Loop Rd and Benn Rd. Monitoring involved scoring both tagged mistletoe plants and their host trees for a range of health indicators using what is known as the Foliar Browse Index (FBI) monitoring method (Payton *et al*, 1999) modified for mistletoe monitoring (Department of Conservation, 2001). This included setting up 7 recruitment plots in areas where no mistletoe were present to monitor changes in mistletoe distribution and abundance. FBI monitoring at Blue Lake Holiday Park commenced in 2001 and 2002 in Tikitapu Scenic Reserve before intensive pest management began and was re-measured in 2007 and 2012 at Blue Lake and in 2007 and 2013 at Tikitapu Scenic Reserve.

Results and Conclusions

At Blue Lake Holiday Park

- Health of existing mistletoe plants (both *Tupeia* and *Ileostylus*) has improved while health of hosts has remained stable.
- There is an ongoing high mortality of host trees (mainly kohuhu and five finger), and hence mistletoe plants as a result. In 2011 only 8.6% of the sample of monitored mistletoes tagged in 1997 were still alive. In 2011 only 34% of the mistletoe sample tagged in 2001 were still alive. As possum browse scores have been low and have declined since 2007 the host tree death is generally believed to be largely due to the short lived host trees dying of old age rather than possum impacts.
- It is unclear whether there is wider mistletoe recruitment at this site or not as with limited forest area within the holiday park site there is only one recruitment plot.

At Tikitapu Scenic Reserve

- Health of mistletoe species (*Tupeia*) and its host trees showed a very slight decline over time for both hosts (five finger) and mistletoes but overall has been relatively stable.
- Possum browse on both mistletoe host trees and *Tupeia* mistletoe plants was negligible and results indicate that possum browse was relatively low prior to control beginning as well.
- As possum browse scores are very low small changes in *Tupeia* mistletoe and host health over time maybe due to age of monitored individuals.
- Total *Tupeia* mistletoe volume (length x width x height) showed a large increase from 2002 to 2007 and then a decrease from 2007 and 2013. Reasons for this are unclear but may be related to increasing poor condition as mistletoes age and smaller new mistletoes are being

recruited into sample size.

-There has been 20-30% host tree mortality between sampling events, and again like at Blue Lake this probably indicates the relatively short lived nature of the host trees.

-Seven recruitment plots established showed zero mistletoe plants in 2001, 22 in 2007 and 127 in 2013. The % of all FBI plots with 1 or more live mistletoe was 50% in 2002, 68% in 2007 and 77% in 2013. These results demonstrate that there has been a massive increase in both *Tupeia* mistletoe numbers and density within the management area from recruitment of new plants. While this has likely been assisted by possum control measures, other factors such as an increase in bird numbers from rat and possum control may have assisted in dispersal rates.

Summary

-Therefore it is likely that ongoing possum control is having a positive impact on mistletoes at both Blue Lake Holiday Park and Tikitapu Scenic Reserve. With the benefit of possum control, the *Tupeia* mistletoe population is now expanding throughout suitable habitat within the reserve into areas it was not previously present. Results for *Ileostylus* are less clear mainly because of the very small number of plants present in Tikitapu Scenic Reserve but suggest it is at least stable at Blue Lake Holiday Park.

-This monitoring indicates that the Okareka Mistletoe Restoration Project has met their objective to increase the distribution and numbers of *Tupeia antarctica* within the management area.

This report shows some good results which although not all as clear cut as we would like it does demonstrate that the project has met at least one of its key objectives in regard to mistletoes, which are the key iconic species partly around which the project was set up. Mistletoe monitoring will continue on a 5 yearly basis to determine future trends in mistletoe health, abundance and distribution within the reserve.

The Department of Conservation wishes to thank all the volunteers from Rotorua branch of Forest and Bird, Rotorua Botanical Society and other locals who have assisted with the animal pest control and mistletoe monitoring programme since 1997. Anyone who would like to see a full copy of the report can contact Paul Cashmore at the Department of Conservation, Rotorua District Office on pcashmore@doc.govt.nz or phone 07 3497 432.

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SUMMER 2015 REPORT FROM DOC CAMP

The DOC camp and day picnic beach has had a very busy summer, because we have had such a brilliant summer, this year. Lots of families from all over New Zealand - as well as Rotorua and Lake Okareka - came to stay at the camp especially during the January school holidays. This was great to see as that was what the camp was designed for. These kiwi families often stayed for several nights, along with many tourists who usually only stay one or maybe two nights.

And there were many day visitors at the beach, many of them coming to use the water ski access lane or go to the jumping off rock! There were also many people with kayaks and stand up paddle boards. Many of these people stayed until the evening on the warm, calm evenings we experienced this summer, and had barbeque dinners before returning to their homes.

All of these people visiting the camp and day picnic beach area has kept the LOCA camp volunteers very busy, keeping the toilets, the camp and beach areas clean and tidy, checking in campers and talking to all the visitors. For January 2015 this work amounted to over 180 hours of volunteer time. This reflects an outstanding commitment to help maintain this community asset.

The feedback from the campers has been great with many commenting to us about how beautiful the site is and about how clean and tidy the area is kept. People, both New Zealanders and overseas tourists are coming to stay here now on word-of-mouth recommendations from friends and family who have already visited. And there are many repeat visitors for all sorts of reasons. The LOCA volunteers can be very proud of their efforts - and the profits from the camp operations made by LOCA will be going back into conservation activities around Lake Okareka such as the esplanade strip trapping programme (see Mike Vincent's report on page 19) to help protect the dab chicks and other wetland birds and also into the new Lake Okareka walking track.

Feedback coming in from other communities is that many are extremely envious of the opportunity that Lake Okareka has taken up with working with Department of Conservation in managing this camp site and with Rotorua District Council with managing overnight parking at Boyes beach. It means that money is coming into the area from outside and is being used for the benefit of the community and the environment.

We would really welcome more local people becoming involved with helping to manage the DOC camp and also Boyes beach. There are no doubt about it times when it does get very busy, but it is also very rewarding, interesting and at times a lot of fun meeting and interacting with the visitors. Please contact Sandra Goodwin 362 8865 if you would like to help.



Left to right: Judith Beuth, Helen Russell, Steve Lyons, Cheryl Jones, Sandra Goodwin, Corrie Van Leeuwen, Lyall Beuth, Elli Walter, Geoff Palmer, Mike Goodwin, Chris Russell. Absent from photo Marcel Van Leeuwen, (taking photo) Megan Douglas and Maria Haines.



LAKE OKAREKA PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Farewell to Rangipai Sandle and her Mum and Dad Teiria and William. Also to Coco Stevens who has graduated to school. In March we farewell Paige Mills, Greer Bennett and Claire Randell. Special thanks to William and Teiria, Nicola and Stefan, Justine and Aaron, Andrea and Steve for all their support.

Learning this month

This term the extended children have shared their own aspirations about what they would like to learn. We have these ideas displayed on the door entering the hall. We are learning about birds and the children are researching their bird of interest. These are being displayed at the moment.

We have had a great response from families contributing clothing items for the scarecrow which we will create for our community garden.

Bike Week this week was an extension of the interest in biking. The children have not only enjoyed the ride they have created their own plates too.

We will be having a 'mushy day for Paige's farewell on **Tuesday 3rd March**, this means on this day the children can bring along one soft toy of their choice.

Our Pets

We have asked the children to bring in a photo of their pet, or another family member's pet to show their friends. The children will share their photo at mat time and then it will be put on the wall by their names and other learning stories. We are planning a visit to Lynmore School this term on Tuesday 17th March. This is part of the learning about school and we hope to see some friends from Preschool too.

Working Bee

We have several jobs to clean up our Preschool grounds from trimming camellia trees to water blasting the boat. We really would love to hear from you if you can spare an hour or two on March 21st 10am – 3pm. Leslie has the compiled list'. Please ask to see this if you are keen. There will be a BBQ sausage and refreshment after 3pm.

Allergy Show

The Waikato Gluten Free Food and Allergy Show is on 21st & 22nd March at the Claudelands Conference & Exhibition Centre from 10am- 5pm. Please see the flyer displayed on the whiteboard.

Playgroup for Mums and children to visit

If you would like to visit our new playgroup sessions held on Wednesdays between 9.45 – 11.30 with your pre-schooler, please phone Debbie to enquire about spaces. This is an opportunity to find out more when making decisions about a quality learning environment for your child's early years. Ph 362 8606

Thank you

Thank you to Tammy and John for taking such great care of our fruit trees over the holiday season. **Special thanks to Dave Herries** for setting up the new computer system on the new computers. We are very fortunate to have his support. A big thanks to all those parents who have supported the **Boyes Beach roster**; a great effort. Most appreciated everyone.

Enrolments

For enrolment enquiries please phone Debbie on 362 8606.

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Making pizzas with tomatoes from the garden



Team work with the trolley

Dr Ron Caughey Memorial Yacht Race 2015

Another successful community yacht regatta was enjoyed on Lake Okareka; it was the 39th consecutive New Year race. Conditions were warm and balmy in a very slow breeze. There were several old time competitors who returned after a number of years away. This included three of the prize-winners, Simon and Tim Bell, Frank Vogels and Bill Humphrey and more. Simon and Tim were keen competitors as small kids and returned, now years later, to take first place sailing their Maricat 14. Warmest congratulations for a great sail. They were stoked after never quite making first place as youngsters.

Congratulations to all entrants for sailing a great race – no capsizes noted – and some keen competition.

Special congratulations go to the first 4 place getters:

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| 1 st Place | Simon and Tim Bell sailing a Maricat 14 |
| 2 nd Place | Frank Vogels sailing a Paper Tiger (1st place in 1989 & 1991) |
| 3 rd Place | Don Shanks in a Laser |
| 4 th Place | Alan McNeil in a Laser |

Special prize for perseverance was awarded to Bill Humphrey.

Thanks to Bob van Boven for his skilled organization for yet another year of the race. He also took on the unenviable task of refining the handicapping for the Mark Foy beach start.

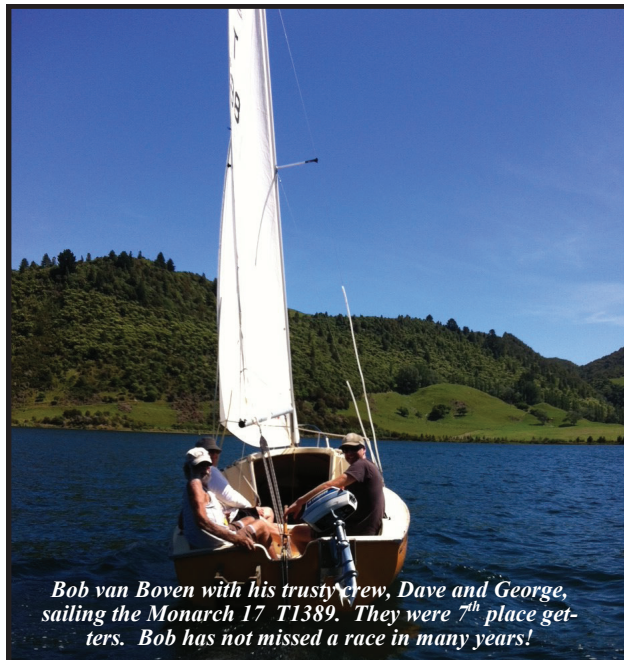
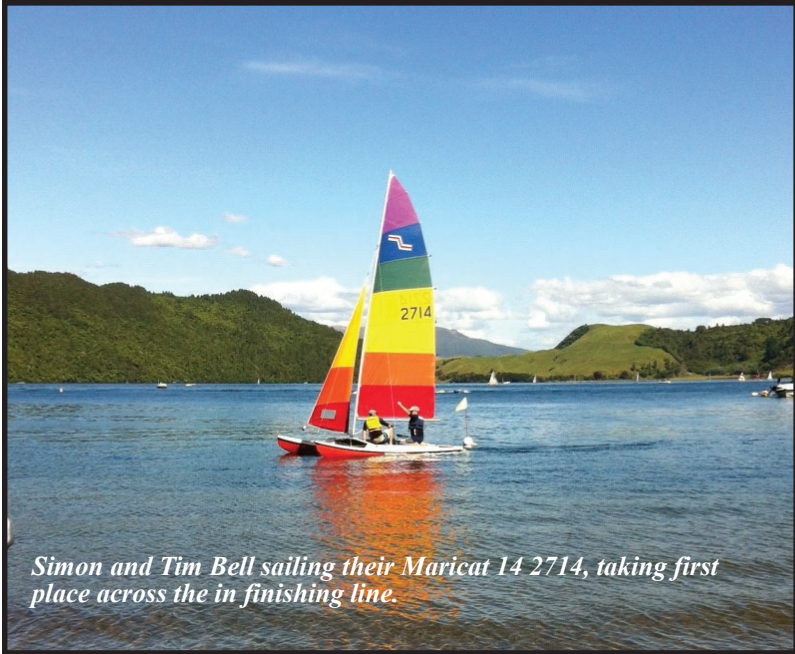
Special thanks go to Denis Goodwin and his support team for laying the race course and for retrieving the buoys and more - tasks that Denis has so willingly undertaken over a number of years.

Special thanks also go to Areti Metuamate who has been the race time-keeper over at least five years.

Very particular thanks also go to Shaun Bowyer of Telfer Marine Ltd, 236 Te Ngae Road (cnr Hamiora Place) Rotorua telephone 07 345-9854 for once more supporting the race and for donating a top quality adult life jacket as first prize. Telfer Marine's sponsorship of the yacht race has become a long-standing tradition and is greatly appreciated. Shaun and his family have lived for a number of years at Okareka.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year for the 40th yacht race and to growing the base of young sailors – P's – Opti's – Starlings and more. This will ensure the longevity of this longstanding community regatta at Lake Okareka.

Christine Caughey/Areti Metuamate



Dr Ron Caughey Memorial Yacht Race—2015 Results

Entry	Class	Start Time	Finish Time	Place
Simon & Tim Bell	Maricat14 2714	2.40	4.38.50	1st
Frank Vogels	Paper Tiger 675	2.40	4.54.01	2 nd
Don Shanks	Laser	2.40	4.54.50	3rd
Alan McNeil	Laser 82734	2.40	5.09.58	4th
Jack and Lucy Weston	Laser 158902	2.44	5.16.58	5 th
Harry Lusk	Laser 115949	2.44	5.17.09	6 th
Bob & George van Boven & Dave	Monarch17 1398	2.10	5.23.06	7th
Harm Zuidmeer	Sunburst	2.00	5.24.14	8 th
Boyd Kenna	Laser 31392	2.44	5.25.45	9th
Stuart Waite	Hobie 14	2.40	5.26.26	10th
Tim & Jacob Winstone	Laser36754	2.44	5.28.58	11th
Bill Humphrey	Micron	2.20	5.42.11	12 th
Dave Kennedy	Laser 31337	2.44	DNF	
John Battersby	Laser 50965	2.44	DNF	

≡ Mark Foy start

≡ Wind conditions were light to almost flat calm

Christine Caughey/Areti Metuamata



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We have small core of trappers but are always looking for more help with this worthwhile task. To be able to help you need the following attributes:

- ≡ A wish to help the lakes water fowl and other birds
- ≡ Not to be squeamish about very dead rats etc
- ≡ Be practicable
- ≡ Be able to provide catch data for recording
- ≡ Have a couple of hours spare once a fortnight (or three weekly if we get more helpers).

DOC would like us to participate in an autumn count of the Dabchick population here at Okareka and Tikitapu. The count will take place in April; sometime after Easter and there will be three counting days. The counts are done from boats early in the morning.

If you would like to help with counting or trapping please let me know by phoning 3628 376.

Mike Vincent



Mike Vincent and Mike Goodwin



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This programme is being run at your Club. The current session finishes in the last week of March. The next session will commence on about 21 April. If you want an ability boost to play, then the Hotshots programme is where you can do it. **Register your interest for the April session.**

Autumn coaching for children:

The Coaching for children now finishes on 27 March. The weather has not been kind and at least one Sunday catch-up session is planned. This could be in the form of a competition. The cost for the seven weeks has been set at \$40 per child and payment is due now.

Club House Alterations

The Club House is to be extended. You can see the proposed extension on the LOCA site <http://www.lakeokareka.org/tennis-club.html>. Any comments or suggestions are welcome.

Adult Coaching:

Adult coaching and “Tennis for Exercise” runs on a Tuesday evening. Contact Henry 021 627 013 or lakestennis@outlook.com to make a booking. Get a regular group together and stay fit though the winter.

Contacts for the Tennis club: John 362 8282; Hongli 362 8106; Gert 362 8835 or johnbattersby@xtra.co.nz Subs: \$100 family membership 03 – 1552 – 0130369 – 00. **It is essential you e-mail confirmation of any deposits.**



The Lake Okareka Volunteer Rural Fire Force

We have been long overdue for a nice hot, settled summer. The lack of high winds has certainly helped with the fire season this year.

As at the end of 2014, the Lake Okareka Rural Fire Force attended some 52 call-outs for the year and, unfortunately, my members have had to deal with a bit of abuse over the frequency of the siren going off: one being a long-term resident, who should know better, and the other, a fairly new person to the area. This attitude is very disappointing towards community volunteers. Unfortunately, I was not present when certain persons walked into the station during two call-out responses where my members were verbally abused. If this happens again, I will not hesitate in having such persons trespassed as the Fire Force members should not have to endure intimidating behaviour. I don't believe messages via social media are an appropriate way of communicating any issues either. I would extend an invitation to any individuals with concerns to meet with myself at 7.30pm on any Wednesday evening at the fire station. Who knows, we are always looking for new members and, the closer the proximity of members to the station, the faster our response time and the quicker the siren gets turned off, especially in the wee hours of the morning!

Please note, we are still in a restricted fire season which means no open flame fires of any sort are allowed (rubbish fires, barbeques, braziers, etc.) without a fire permit. If you obtain a permit for a fire, please adhere to all conditions specified in the permit.

As we are starting to approach the cooler months of the year, it would be appropriate to ensure all chimneys are swept and, with the end of Daylight Saving, please also check your smoke detectors and replace their batteries.

I gave a report at the Lake Okareka Community Association AGM last month, in which I outlined the Lake Okareka Rural Fire Force's plans for redevelopment of the fire station building. The existing building has served the community well over the last 30 odd years. However, now having two appliances, fourteen members, no toilets and lack of a decent meeting room hinders our ability to operate effectively and safely. Following consultation, it is envisaged that Civil Defence and other local Okareka volunteer organisations would be able to utilise the proposed facilities. We have secured funds of \$250,000 to date and are in the process of applying for further funding. Donations from local business operators and/or assistance with this project would be greatly appreciated. Remember, this is for the benefit of your local community. Perhaps, if we get enough funding, we may even be able to purchase a second siren!



Carrying on with our community service, we recently provided fire coverage for the Lakeside Concert in February (thanks to the man upstairs for providing the rain, we were able to enjoy the fireworks too!). The Fire Force will also be involved in another YES based project (Youth in Emergency Services) in conjunction with other community and emergency services, which is due to commence this month.

We have decided to enter this year's Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand which will take place in May. Given our outstanding result last year, where we were the quickest donned team (5 minutes ahead of the second-placed team), we feel we must defend our title. Fundraising for this event is now underway to assist with the research, education

and support services that Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand carry out. Donations for this worthy cause can be made for the Lake Okareka Rural Fire Force team online at the following website: <http://firefightersclimb.org.nz/>.



For anyone wanting to contact the Fire Force, please phone me on 362 8874 or go to our website: www.okarekaruralfire.com.

Phil Muldoon
Chief Fire Officer



LAKE OKAREKA FISHING CLUB 2006

LAKE OKAREKA 2015 SUMMER TROUT FISHING TOURNAMENT REPORT

Thanks to everyone who entered and supported our summer tournament.

There were 37 entrants with a total of 25 fish weighed but there were 55 fish caught. The competition was again great fun, with the weather proving very cooperative.

We would like to send out a **BIG** thank you to Sean from Telfer Marine for the support and sponsorship of many amazing prizes. Also **BIG** thanks to Dave Umbers of VIP Realty for organising the live entertainment.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Leah Van Boven	Junior Female Biggest Fish (1.60kg)
Sonia Cooper	Adult Female Biggest Fish (1.51kg)
Bob Patterson	Adult Male Biggest Fish (2.21kg)
No fish weighed in for the Junior Male category.	

A special thank you to the 3 weigh masters—they did a splendid job!





Draft Minutes of Lake Okareka Community Assn Inc Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2015 from 7.30pm, in the Lake Okareka Community Hall

Apologies: Todd McClay MP, RDC Cr Karen Hunt, RDC Cr. Rob Kent, BOPRC Cr Arapeta Tahana, BOPRC Cr Lyall Thurston, Pererika Makiham BOPRC Harbourmaster, Ross Powell BOPRC Maritime team, Christine Caghey, Mike Vincent, Chris and Helen Russell, Lyall and Judith Beuth, Annette Stock, Cheryl Lyons, Carol Christian-Price. Moved that the Apologies be accepted G Palmer/F. Blakely-carried.

LOCA Chairperson **Geoff Palmer** welcomed everyone and made introductions of Bay of Plenty Regional Council Chairman **Doug Leeder**, Rotorua District Council Mayor **Steve Chadwick**, BOPRC Cr **Neil Oppatt**, RDC Deputy Mayor and Cr **Dave Donaldson**, and Cr **Merepeka Raukawa-Tait**.

As the presentation about Aquatic plants and weeds was having some technical issues, the Chairman proceeded with the Agenda.

Minutes of the Previous LOCA AGM held on 22 January 2014 which were published in the March 2014 Newsletter were moved as a true and correct record G Palmer/K Hodgson – carried. There were No Matters Arising from those Minutes.

Chairman's Report (attached): This was presented to the AGM by Chairman Geoff Palmer. He referred to several items in his report:

- ≡ renaming of Rotorua Lakes Council giving recognition to the Lakes;
- ≡ RDC giving LOCA the opportunity to manage Boyes Beach overnight camping, which in turn has helped fund resurfacing of parking areas at the Community Hall, Boyes Beach and Acacia Road lakefront area;
- ≡ ongoing LOCA volunteer management of DOC campground;
- ≡ lack of progress with cell phone coverage;
- ≡ Landcare Okareka and Rural Fire Force, two important local groups
- ≡ concern that Lake Okareka TLI still remains under target levels
- ≡ importance to district of local lakes and reserves - issues with rubbish, recycling, toilets
- ≡ thank you to leaving LOCA committee members Ian Potter, Chris Russell and Lyall Beuth and their wives for all of their support and help

It was moved that the Chairman's Report be accepted N Oppatt/R Stace-carried.

Discussion of Chairman's Report:

1. TLI's - Mayor Chadwick stated that if the sewerage had not gone into Lake Okareka settlement would we actually have the current TLI - or would it be even lower?

2. State of Toilets at Lakeside reserves: Mayor Chadwick responded stating that councils around NZ are struggling to fund infrastructure, especially where the ratepayer base cannot sustain the visitor influx. A new way of funding infrastructure is required and she referred to some upcoming meeting about this.

3. Cell Phone Tower for Lake Okareka and Lake Tarawera - maybe also Tikitapu?: Mayor Chadwick expressed her concern at possible mooted cost for accessing power to the proposed site.

4. Rubbish bins overflowing at reserves during busy summer - Rosemary Roper: asked why this had happened, why there wasn't more encouragement for recycling at public reserves? **Geoff Palmer** responded stating that RDC contractors had been caught unawares with this very busy summer, especially with the Tarawera Recycling facility-it had been extremely successful. **Neil Kennedy** wanted to know why people couldn't take their rubbish home with them. **Sandra Goodwin** pointed out that overnight campers do not always have homes to go back to-many are from overseas or a long way from their homes, and they need to be able to dispose of what amounts to household rubbish. **Neil Kennedy** said he was referring more to the local day picnicking people not taking their rubbish home with them.

Financial Report:

This was presented by LOCA Treasurer Bryan Walford. Currently the LOCA accounts are in a very healthy state largely because of the LOCA volunteer involvement with managing the Dept of Conservation campsite off Millar Road. The money coming from this camp site

after expenses such as toilet pump outs, cleaning and maintenance costs, is earmarked for use in conservation activities around Lake Okareka, such as the new walking track. Some of this money has been used to purchase cat traps to trap stray/wild cats and are expertly managed by Carol Christian-Price. The Lake Okareka area was also given some trapping boxes and DOC 200 and DOC 250 traps by Dept of Conservation. These trapping boxes and traps have been added to by LOCA with money coming from the camp. See later report by Rod Stace.

The **Lake Okareka Newsletter** continues to be an important part of the LOCA activities, trying to keep everyone informed about what is happening here.

The LOCA Financial Report for the 12 months ended 30th September 2014 was moved N Kelso/J Smith - carried.

Election of Committee:

The current LOCA Committee comprising Chairman Geoff Palmer, Treasurer Bryan Walford, Secretary Sandra Goodwin, Harm Zuidmeer, Katy Hodgson, Cheryl Lyons, Carol Christian-Price, Matt Harvey, Mike Vincent, Marcel van Leeuwen all offered to stand again for the LOCA Committee. It was moved by Jack Smith/Frances Blakely that all of these names be nominated for the LOCA Committee-carried. There were no further nominations but the LOCA Committee has the option of co-opting further members if it so required.

Subscriptions for 2016 Financial Year: because of the way that the LOCA AGM falls within the current Financial Year, the AGM sets the subs for the coming financial year - 2016. It was moved that this remains at \$5 with a (possible) donation of \$15 per family for 2016 financial year-moved M Van Leeuwen/H Zuidmeer-carried.

Auditor: It was moved that Ken Stokes remains as the Auditor, unless circumstances change - M Van Leeuwen/M Harvey-carried.

Reports:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Harbourmaster's Report from Pererika Makiha (attached): this was tabled by local volunteer Lake Warden **Mike Goodwin**. Several infringements have been issued around the Rotorua Lakes area particularly for people water-skiing or biscuiting with no observer, exceeding 5 knots in a speed restricted area and water-skiing after hours of darkness.

Lake Okareka Rural Fire Force Report: Fire Chief Phillip Muldoon reported 52 call outs for 2014 year, normally this would be between 25 and 30 callouts. The LORFF had been very successful with gaining funding for first a water tanker and then a new fire appliance. Now they are seeking funding of \$250,000 for a new fire station. The existing building is 33 years old, has no toilets so keeping female fire force members is quite difficult, there is no room in the existing station for both appliances and other equipment. At least one of the fire appliances have to be removed from the existing building to allow the personnel to get changed. The new building will be placed on the concrete footprint that is there now and allow the appliances to be driven straight into the new station. The intention is to incorporate Civil Defence with Fire with the new building. Toilets and a meeting room along with adequate storage for other equipment and room to get changed will all be what the new building will offer. Currently LORFF has 13 members. Mayor Chadwick congratulated members of LORFF Blair Gilbert and Phillip Muldoon for the Youth and Emergency Services (YES) programme which is the best model in the country and is now being rolled out in other places.

Lake Okareka Walking Track Report: Brian Law, a member of the Lake Okareka Walking Track Committee presented a verbal report about progress with the walking track section from Boyes Beach to the Dept of Conservation camp 226 Millar Road. Brian reported that work on the ground commenced in October 2014 with a number of mid week and monthly working bees on the hard standing (earth) parts of the track having being held. The costings from Boyes Beach to the DOC camp have recently been revised to over \$150,000. The reason for the expense is the length of bridges and boardwalks required using visual grade timber (no knots) and stainless steel fittings, plus these will be built by paid contractors. Brian said that we hope to have support for track building from the long distance run-

ners. Questions were asked by **Rosemary Roper** and **Harm Zuidmeer** about **dogs being able to use the new walking track**. Brian Law went over the statements from DOC personnel within the Walking Track AEE about the track being in Scenic Reserve and that no dogs are allowed in the area. **James Blakely** asked if the Lake Okareka Walking Track Committee have had written approval and support for the walking track from the Playne family. Sandra Goodwin said that recently Mrs Fenella Playne has twice stated publicly that her family support the proposed walking track, plus Sandra also has this in an email from Mrs Playne.

Concern was expressed that **Ultramarathon people** left the gate open onto the Boyes Beach reserve after they had packed up and left, following the recent event.

Dab Chick Protection Trapping Group Report from Rod Stace. Rod presented figures about the work that this group have been doing since Sept 2013 with over 250 rats now caught, and around 10 mustelids. The trapping boxes and traps provided by DOC have been added to by LOCA using money coming from the camp. These boxes and traps are being managed by 4 volunteers from the community - Mike Vincent, Dave Scott, Mike Goodwin and Rod Stace - they are placed within the lakeside margins on public land to try to control rats and mustelids which threatened wetland birds such as dab chicks.

Landcare Okareka Annual Report presented by Sandra Goodwin. She thanked stalwart supporters Helen and Chris Russell for all of their help over the years. Sandra also expressed concern in relation to possible loss of funding from BOPRC for Landcare Okareka's work. Brian Law and Frankie Blakely moved and seconded this report.

Following these reports, **John Clayton from NIWA** assisted by **Gregg Corbett** and **Stephanie Bathgate from BOPRC** presented a report about Hornwort and other aquatic plants and also some information about pest fish, in relation to Lake Okareka and other Rotorua lakes. This was an extremely interesting report.

Cr Neil Oppatt asked John Clayton about possible costs for carrying out a pest weed eradication programme - John Clayton responded by saying approx \$2500 per ha. Lake Wanaka has 2 attacks per year. A lot depended on methods used-spraying, suction, hand weeding and whether weeds were easy to get at or difficult in the places they were.

Geoff Palmer invited guests to make further comments.

Mayor Chadwick said she had an open door policy and welcomed comments from the community.

BOPRC Chairman Doug Leeder said he really appreciated the work carried out by volunteer groups in the environment across the region. He urged everyone to get their head around what would be in the new BOPRC 10 year plan and to make submissions.

Neil Kennedy asked what LOCA's response would be to the Te Arawa involvement with RDC. **Geoff Palmer** responded by saying that he urged individual people to become informed, that there will be public meetings, to make your own minds up and make submissions.

AGM for LOCA for 2015 closed at 9 pm with all present invited to stay for supper.

Lake Okareka Community Association (Inc)**Statement of Financial Position****As at the 30th September 2014**

<u>Current Assets</u>	2014	2013
Westpactrust Cheque Account	\$4,010.71	\$1,615.09
Kiwibank Business online Call Account	\$11,053.26	\$10,710.95
Kiwibank DOC account	\$13,048.12	\$1,554.17
Kiwibank Term Deposit	\$40,790.11	\$20,000.00
Accounts Receivable	\$1,731.00	\$1,731.00
Interest receivable	\$732.45	\$-
GST Refund due	\$-	\$1,219.20
Total Assets	\$71,365.65	\$36,830.41
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Creditors	\$1,665.45	\$949.30
GST Payable	\$1,181.49	
Total Liabilities	\$1,665.45	\$949.30
Net Assets	\$69,700.20	\$35,881.11
Represented by Members Funds		
Accumulated Funds bought forward	\$35,881.11	\$13,627.56
Excess/(Deficit) Income over Expenditure	\$33,819.09	\$22,253.55
	\$69,700.20	\$35,881.11


The accompanying notes are to be read in conjunction with this statement

Auditors Report

I report that I have examined the records of the Lake Okareka Community Association Inc. for the twelve months ended 30th September 2014. In common with similar organisations, control over income prior to its being recorded is limited. There were no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limitation.

The Committee meetings and minutes are relied upon to authorise all expenditure.

In my opinion, subject to the above, the Statement of Financial Performance and the Statement of Financial Position fairly present the financial results of activities for the year and the financial position as at 30th September 2014


 Ken Stokes

Lake Okareka Community Association (Inc)Statement of Financial PerformanceFor the 12 Months ended 30th September 2014

<u>Income</u>	2014 12 months	2013 12 months
Advertising Income	\$2,681.61	\$4,165.78
Donations	\$2,755.00	\$2,990.25
Interest Received	\$1,871.08	\$383.33
Subscriptions	\$769.95	\$804.75
Postcard & T Shirt Sales	\$130.43	\$82.61
DOC Campsite Income	\$62,555.64	\$40,747.53
Total Income	\$70,763.71	\$49,174.25
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Advertising	\$-	\$120.36
Bank Charges	\$1.50	\$6.50
Carol Service	\$390.95	\$982.87
Donations	\$1,023.92	\$60.00
DOC Campsite Expenses	\$29,788.70	\$19,775.01
Notice Board/Hall Equipment	\$-	\$1,373.56
Meeting Expenses	\$207.82	\$162.47
Newsletter Printing	\$3,498.00	\$2,511.04
Phone Books	\$-	\$444.00
Postage	\$462.00	\$378.26
Dog Bag Station and Maintenance	\$752.41	\$-
Stationery	\$491.88	\$596.35
Sundry Expenses	\$44.44	\$451.37
Walkway costs	\$-	\$20.00
Website Costs	\$283.00	\$38.91
Total Expenditure	\$36,944.62	\$26,920.70
Excess/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	\$33,819.09	\$22,253.55

The accompanying notes are to be read in conjunction with this statement

Lake Okareka Community Association (Inc)Notes to AccountsFor the twelve Months ended on 30th September 2014Income

Subscriptions : These were received from 177 members out of approximately 265 eligible residential properties.

Contingent Liabilities

There are no known contingent Liabilities as at Balance date.

Creditors

Newsletter Printing	\$1,132.75
Stationery	\$84.90
Miscellaneous	\$447.80
	<u>\$1,665.45</u>

Debtors

Advertising	\$1,731.00
	<u>\$1,731.00</u>

RAT BAIT AND BAIT STATIONS—AUTUMN 2015

Thank you to everyone who has been rat baiting over the last few months. There is still rat bait available and it is a very good idea to keep the bait stations stocked up to help protect bird life in the area over the next couple of months.

Ditrac rat bait provided by Bay of Plenty Regional Council is, once again available to individual property owners, to support enhancing the biodiversity at Lake Okareka. We are especially interested in getting even more lake side properties involved with rat bait stations. We believe that the results Lake Tarawera are getting with the increase in numbers of dab chicks could be due in part to their successful rat bait programme. They have many lakeside properties there involved. If you are interested, but maybe feel that you do not come to your property often enough to keep the bait station full, please contact us. We may be able to work out a partnering system with someone who lives here permanently, and is prepared to keep your bait station filled.

Ditrac is a poison, and care must be taken when using it.

How to Use Ditrac Bait:

It is recommended that bait be fed in a type of bait station, fitted with a locating rod, that does not allow the rats to carry baits away to be stored. The baits have holes in them and they thread onto the rod. Rats and mice eat the bait in the bait station. The bait station protects the bait from the weather. It means also that bait cannot be eaten by non-target species such as birds, dogs, cats and children.

Bait stations are available by contacting Mike and Sandra Goodwin 362 8865 or email sgoodwin@actrix.co.nz. We have a new type of lockable bait station, like a small suitcase. They also have locating pins for the bait. Cost of these is \$20.

Do you have a bait station already? That's great if you do. When you collect your bait you will need to confirm your name and address and the address of the bait station. We need to update our data base about bait stations and where they are located throughout Okareka – and many thanks to everyone who has done this so far.

How do I get bait now? Bait is available in labelled, zip lock bags, containing 12 rat baits. This is enough bait to fill one bait station 2 times during a month. Bait stations should usually not be filled more than twice during a month, otherwise you are wasting bait and feeding potentially dead rats and mice.

If you require the bait or a lockable bait station for \$20, please contact Mike & Sandra Goodwin phone 362 8865, 2 Pryce Road or Rod Stace phone 362 8523, 30 Summit Road.

Please phone first to arrange a suitable time to collect bait or a bait station.



Landcare Okareka report for the LOCA AGM stated that the 2014 year had been business as usual – with maintenance of previous years' plantings – mainly weed control, along with some infill planting at various sites – the area of Tikitapu Scenic Reserve opposite Benn Road, the plantings above the sewerage pump station.

The entrance to the DOC camp on Millar Road was newly planted out last winter. We also planted with the support of local DOC staff, and with the assistance of members of Rotorua branch of Forest & Bird and Rotorua Botanical Society more trees around the margins of the Tikitapu Scenic Reserve and in the area of the Mistletoe Track, opposite the Fire Station. There has been possum control, along the walkway – and the loan out to Okareka residents of Timm's possum traps. Property owners with rat bait stations have also been using rat bait, available from Landcare Okareka members, supplied by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

An area LO has concentrated on in the past 2 years, has been Taumaihi, part of Lake Okareka Scenic Reserve, at the end of Acacia Road. Weed removal was undertaken almost 2 years ago. Vigilant checking for emergent weeds was carried out over 12 months or so, before new plantings were done around the edges of the reserve in winter 2014.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two of Landcare Okareka's enthusiastic and reliable supporters – Chris and Helen Russell. Helen, at times assisted by Chris, has reliably and efficiently looked after the Lake Okareka Walkway toilets for several years. Chris has been a committee member of Landcare Okareka Steering Committee for over 10 years. He came to working bees from Matamata, before they bought their property on Millar Road. He would bring his 4 wheel motor bike and trailer all the way from Matamata, which was used to move truck loads of mulch to plantings near the beginning of the walkway. Chris is the person who has kept the area at the start of the walkway mowed on a regular basis. He has regularly attended working bees and carried out other work around reserves independently as well. He literally hates litter of any description and is well known for his and Helen's "wombling" duties keeping roadsides in the area clean and tidy. Thank you both for your sterling efforts which are much appreciated – you will be missed.

The report did express concern about the possible loss of funding (plants, chemicals, rat bait) from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. Landcare Okareka has been a recognised landcare group with BOPRC for many years, and we are also part way through completing a Biodiversity Management Plan with BOPRC. I am very pleased to report that assurances were given at the meeting from BOPRC staff and Chairman that the funding will remain in place for some time yet, and that the Biodiversity Management Plan will be completed.

The technical support that Landcare Okareka receives from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff - particularly Land Management Officer Stephanie Bathgate and Dale Williams - was also acknowledged in the report and this is most appreciated.

This year work on reserves will continue as per usual, controlling weeds and undertaking further planting as required. Another large area in the Tikitapu Scenic Reserve, opposite Benn Road is likely to be planted this winter. We will also be looking at the plantings along the existing Lake Okareka Walkway to see what further work might be required there.

If you are keen to help, we would appreciate any time that you have to spare. Working Bees will continue to happen on the 4th Saturday of the month (unless otherwise notified). Watch out for the sign boards to go up - and please feel free to come and help.

Sandra Goodwin, Secretary, Landcare Okareka, phone 362 8865
or email sgoodwin@actrix.co.nz



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Rotary Rotorua Sunrise

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Press Release - Tuesday 16th December 2014

President Mike Bannister (on behalf of the members of Rotary Rotorua Sunrise) formally recognised the considerable and ongoing environmental and community development work that Landcare Okareka has achieved over the last 10 years, by awarding joint Paul Harris Fellow awards to Mike and Sandra Goodwin, at the Sunrise Xmas breakfast today.

President Mike provided a brief outline of the creation of Landcare Okareka 10 years ago, with details of the subsequent significant community landscape and walking tracks enhancement around Lake Okareka, largely achieved with voluntary labour drawn from the wider community of Okareka and Rotorua residents, all working together on monthly working bees. He commented the wider Okareka community, and visitors from elsewhere in New Zealand and overseas, are frequent users of the Okareka walking tracks.

He also highlighted Landcare's commitment by being able to start the extension of the Okareka track linking Boyes Beach to the DoC Campground off Millar Road a few months ago, after the 5 years needed to gain the necessary constructional and access consents.

President Mike commented that the Rotary Foundation in USA, created this award system to recognise and thank individuals for demonstrating a commitment to helping others. He said that Rotary Rotorua Sunrise trust by recognising Landcare in this way, it will assist Mike and Sandra in persevering to complete the overall walkway around Lake Okareka.



Sandra and Mike
with
their Awards



LAKE TARAWERA PLAYCENTRE

Lake Tarawera Playcentre has had an enjoyable summer term. Last year ended with a visit from Santa, and the children enjoyed the shared lunch and gift exchange. The children have also enjoyed the local community garden, watching the vegetables grow from seeds etc.

We are still enjoying the sun at our beautiful centre, and we are looking forward to our walks around the community as the leaves change for Autumn.

We welcome any families who would like to visit or join. Our current sessions are Monday and Thursday, 9:30 to 12pm. For further information call Vanessa on 3628705 Lake Okareka, or Robyn on 3628839 Lake Tarawera.



Lucy-Belle and Cara with Vanessa and Sarah, playing with gloop.





XTERRA Rotorua Festival – Blue Lake - Saturday 11th April 2015

Dear Okareka/ Tarawera resident

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING LAKE AND ROAD USAGE

The XTERRA Rotorua Festival will be held Saturday 11th April from 6.30am to 4.30pm and has been approved by Rotorua District Council.

The competitors will arrive at the reserve 6:30am to prepare for their start. Event start times are below.

5.5km Walk/Run	8:00am start
11km Walk/Run	8:00am start
21km Walk/Run	8:00am start
29km MTB Ride	9:00am start
XTERRA Individuals	11:00am start
XTERRA Teams	11:45am start

Approximately 2000 competitors will be involved in the event with competitors ranging from 12 years of age to 70+.

The XTERRA Rotorua Festival aims to minimise disruption to the lakes community and lake users during the festival. However to ensure competitor and supporters safety there will be a time on Saturday when lake and vehicle access around the Blue Lake is affected.

To ensure the day runs smoothly for all of us please be aware of the following times when the Blue Lake and surrounding roads will be affected:

BLUE LAKE CLOSURE

The Blue Lake and Blue Lake boat ramp will be closed at the following times:

Saturday 11th April
6.30am to 4.30pm

ROAD USAGE AND CLOSURE

The walk/run and mountain bike course for XTERRA will take place on parts of Tarawera Rd.

Closure Locations:

South end of Tarawera Road at the intersection of Okareka Loop Road will be open to all XTERRA Rotorua Festival participants and householders who reside before the Blue Lake Reserve only.

Tarawera Road will be closed off to all vehicular traffic except emergency vehicles from the Blue Lake Reserve Entrance to the Top 10 Holiday Park.

All Top 10 Holiday Park guests will be given access from the Northern end of Okareka Loop Road.

North end of Tarawera Road at the intersection of Okareka Loop Road, will be closed off to all vehicular traffic except emergency vehicles and guests of the Top 10 Holiday Park.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the weekend.

Kind Regards

Frank Clarke - RACE DIRECTOR

XTERRA Rotorua Festival - frank@firsttier.co.nz



ROTORUA

175 Okareka Loop Road
RD5, Rotorua



BRIAN MOORE
Ph: 362 8576
Mobile: 021 741 446

2015 LAKE OKAREKA COMMUNITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Please make the following changes to the directory:

Add: Adam McHugh & Callum Gilmour 19 Acacia Rd 3628 701

Remove: J Gentles 19 Acacia Rd
Rebecca and Paul Jeune 14 Calder Rd

Change: Harbour Master (inside front cover) 07 921 3375 (24 hr on duty)

For any corrections, additions or deletions please contact Carol on 3628 702.

EVENT LAKE, RESERVE AND ROAD CLOSURES


MARCH 15 TO JUNE 15

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location	Reserve	Road Closure / Usage
23/03/15	27/03/15	National Secondary School Waka Ama Regatta	Blue Lake	Blue Lake Reserve	This event will be using the Rotorua Ski Club. There will be event and traffic turning signs on Tarawera Rd. Blue Lake Reserve is used for parking each day
11/04/15	11/04/15	XTERRA Rotorua Festival	Blue Lake	Blue Lake Reserve	There is a full road closure of Tarawera Rd between each end of Okareka Loop Rd, 6am - 5:30pm. Runners / Walkers on Tarawera Rd, 8am, between Blue Lake and Green / Blue Lake Lookout. This section of road is closed for 5 minutes.
31/5/15	31/5/15	3D Rotorua	Blue Lake	Blue Lake Reserve	Lake is used for Kayak leg of multisport event Reserve is used for set up.

Rotorua District Council manages all reserve booking for events that happen in Rotorua. They also meet regularly with the BOP Regional Council to discuss and coordinate events happening close to and on all of the lakes in the region. Both organisations appreciate the impact events can have on the location they are held, both positive and negative. If you have feedback that you would like to offer or you wish to discuss events happening in your area, please contact the Events Manager on 073518654 or by emailing major.events@rdc.govt.nz

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