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Stuff for Baby Boomers



MARCH - MAY

**Kia ora**, and welcome to the first issue of H.I.P. Stuff for Baby Boomers, which aims to get local 'soon-to-be-seniors' involved in Hobbies, Interests and Passions. Targeting Rotorua district residents aged 50 and over, this exciting new Rotorua District Council initiative is to help baby boomers enjoy a proactive approach to aging.



One positive way to age actively is to get involved in new (or reconnect with former) hobbies, interests, clubs and organisations as retirement draws nearer. Strong connections such as these significantly enhance the quality of life as people age. Research studies have shown people who participate in activities with others, often enjoy the added benefit of improved health and well-being.

Providing residents with opportunities to be creative, to discover new things or to be active is a vital component of the Rotorua District 'Community Outcomes'. Community Outcomes are the goals people have for their community. For the Rotorua District these include; a learning community, a happening community, a safe and caring community, and a community with excellent facilities and services.

This new brochure is brimming with activities and courses to undertake; many of which are available at little or no cost. So whether it's using the internet to connect with family/whanau or grandchildren/mokopuna scattered around the country or globe, doing voluntary work, discovering and writing a family history, mastering Te Reo or learning to fly, use this publication to discover how to take a more active part in Rotorua's happening, learning and caring community.



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## Game on

### Bridge - beginner classes

A great way to keep the mind agile, bridge is well suited to those who enjoy puzzles. Half price club membership (\$30) is available at the end of the course.

**Wed for 10 weeks** from April 14 7-9pm Rotorua Bridge Club, Neil Hunt Park, Tarawera Road. Free. Ph Gill Nelson 346 2911.

### Scrabble sessions

**Every Tues** 9.30am Parksyde Community Centre for over 55s, Tarewa Place. \$2 per session. Ph Avis Bjarnesen 348 6473.

### U3A - Bridge group

Worldwide co-operative offering opportunities for 'third agers' to share fellowship and their interest in learning and playing bridge.

**Every Wed** 1.30pm. Phone convenor for venue and any additional costs. Subs: \$10. Ph 357 2204.



### Rotorua Senior Citizens' Club housie

Have fun with other local senior citizens' aged 55 and over.

**Every Wed** 1-3.30pm RSA Clubrooms (upstairs), Haupapa Street. Subs: \$10 plus \$2 per session. N.B. RSA membership is required and is an additional cost. Ph Violet Wood 348 0357.

### U3A - Mah-jong group

Worldwide co-operative offering opportunities for 'third agers' to share fellowship and interest in learning and playing mah-jong.

**Every Wed** 1pm. Phone convenor for venue and any additional costs. Subs: \$10. Ph 357 5670.

### Housie sessions

A fun afternoon that can start with a Parksyde lunch (at own cost) from noon. Play one to four cards at a time.

**Every Mon** 1-4pm Parksyde Community Centre for over 55s, Tarewa Place. \$3 per session, plus 10c per card. Ph Joan Stevenson 349 1593.

### Mah-jong

Fun, social group. Visitors welcome but do need to have basic level of skill in mah-jong.

**Every Tues** 1pm-4pm. Parksyde Community Centre for over 55s, Tarewa Place. \$3. Ph Pennie Clark 348 8410.

## Heritage/genealogy

### Museum docent programme

Training to become a museum docent (volunteer professional guide) takes a commitment of one and half hours per week for 13 weeks. No degree or special skills are required other than a commitment to the programme and a desire to learn.

**Wed for 13 weeks** starting March 17 3-4.30pm Rotorua Museum. Ph Ann Somerville 349 4350 ext 7823.

**Live steam days - Te Amorangi Museum**

Live days include operational steam machinery.

**2nd Sun** of month 10am-4pm Te Amorangi Museum, 43 Robinson Ave, Holden's Bay. \$5. Ph museum 345 9525 or Allan Estcourt 027 285 3205.

**Genealogy - Rotorua Branch of NZ Society of Genealogists**

The group meets to share knowledge (helpful websites, library research tools, shipping records etc) and listen to the occasional guest speaker in the pursuit of genealogical research.

**3rd Thurs** of month 7.30-9pm Arts Village, Hinemaru Street  
Subs: \$25 single, \$35 couple. Ph Ailsa Treloar 347 1607.

**Bush Railway and Old Sawmill Society**

Volunteers with woodworking or engineering skills are needed to assist with this ambitious \$4m heritage project. The restored 1920s bush sawmill and 2.5km bush railway, complete with steam loco, is expected to open to the public by the end of 2011.

**Weekends (and some weekdays)** SH5, Mamaku (on right past old poultry farm). Ph John Smale 348 1508.

**Rotorua Ngongotaha Rail Trust**

Miniature railway rides.

**Weekends and holidays** 10am-4pm Ngongotaha Railway Park, 6 Taui Street, Ngongotaha. \$4 adults, \$2 children. Ph Rail Park 357 5484 or Sharon Fleet 332 3343.

**Mind games****U3A - Science group**

Worldwide co-operative offering opportunities for 'third agers' to share fellowship and their interest in the sciences with others.

**1st and 3rd Mon** of month 10am. Phone convenor for venue and any additional costs. Subs: \$10. Ph 332 2183.

**U3A - Philosophy group**

Worldwide co-operative offering opportunities for 'third agers' to share fellowship and their interest in philosophy with others.

**2nd and 4th Thurs** of month 1.30pm. Phone convenor for venue and any additional costs. Subs: \$10. Ph 345 5099.

**U3A - Current events group**

Worldwide co-operative offering opportunities for 'third agers' to share fellowship and their interest in current events.

**1st and 3rd Thurs** of month 10am. Phone convenor for venue and any additional costs. Subs: \$10. Ph 348 6322.

**New skills****Learn to fly cast**

Learn how to fly fish and tie flies through mentoring by club members. Enquire about the club's 5-night A-Z fly fishing courses held twice a year.

**Every Fri** plus fortnightly fly tying sessions on Mon 5-7pm Rotorua Anglers' Association clubrooms, Pererika Street. Subs: \$30. Ph Sue Robertson 348 9090.

**Adult learn to swim - level 2**

Suitable for adults who can already submerge and kick in water but wish to learn basic freestyle and backstroke.

**Mon for nine weeks** starting April 19 or **Fri for 10 weeks** starting April 23 5pm (Mon) or 1pm (Fri) Aquatic Centre, Tarewa Road. \$90/\$100. Ph Karin Olding 349 4799.

**Adult learn to swim - level 3**

Build on skills learnt at level 2 including swimming 25m freestyle with breathing and performing front-to-back rotation.

**Mon for 9 weeks** starting April 19 5.30pm Aquatic Centre, Tarewa Road. \$90. Ph Karin Olding 349 4799.

**NZ Day Skipper course**

Course covers basic boating knowledge plus charts, buoys and beacons. Min of 15. Available in rural areas by arrangement.

**Tues for five weeks** starting May 25, 7-10pm Watersports Centre, 1 Mataiawhera Street, Lakefront (old Yacht Club building). \$150 includes course, workbook, exam fee, and chart plotter. Ph Graham Douglas 348 3314.

**Learn to play the guitar or ukulele**

Seniors or small groups welcome to learn guitar or ukulele.

**By appointment.** Ph Claire Cavanagh 348 3256 or 021 074 6552.

**Have a go at archery**

Beginners welcome to have a go. Closed in shoes required.

**Every Sun** 9.30-11am Archery Club grounds, adjacent to Wastewater Treatment Plant, Te Ngae Road. \$5. Gear provided. Ph Gail Legg 345 9331.

**Learn to play African-style marimba, ukulele, keyboard, piano or recorder**

Instruction on several musical instruments and voice coaching.

**Available Mon-Fri** after 5.30pm plus Sat by appointment. Ph Adrienne Hall 350 1173.

**Calligraphy lessons**

Daytime lessons in the ancient art of calligraphy - beautiful writing.

**By arrangement** Ph Dorothy Wilson 348 4761.

**U3A - Conversational Spanish group**

Worldwide co-operative offering opportunities for 'third agers' to share fellowship and their interest in learning a language.

**1st and 3rd Fri** of month 2pm. Phone convenor for venue and any additional costs. Subs: \$10. Ph 027 248 7542.

**Learn to play piano, keyboard or organ**

Ideal for adults and seniors who want to learn piano, keyboard or organ for pleasure. All levels from complete beginner.

Ph Doreen Garratt 348 7626.

### Marine VHS Radio Operator's Certificate

A VHS marine radio operators' qualification is a legal requirement for all users of marine radios. Min of 10.

**Tues for two weeks** starting March 16, 7-10pm (first Tues), 7-8.30pm (2nd Tues) Watersports Centre, 1 Mataiawhera Street, Lakefront (old Yacht Club building). \$70 includes course, workbook, exam fee and warrant card. Ph Graham Douglas 348 3314.

### Kayaking skills clinic

Sea kayaking course covers basic skills including kayak set up, basic paddling techniques, wet exit and recovery. Follow on advanced courses available.

**On demand** (Min 2, max 5) 2-3 hours.

River Rats Raft and Kayak, 391 SH33, Mourea. \$75 p.p. includes kayak and all equipment. Ph Justin Hutton 345 6543.



## Te Reo

### Certificate in Te Arataki Manu Korero - Level 4

Come together with other kaumatua students in a relaxed atmosphere to discuss, debate, share and learn tikanga, kawa, karakia, waiata and other Māori history, culture and values.

**Starting March 36 weeks** Te Wananga o Aotearoa. No fees. Ph 343 6087.

### Certificate in Te Ara Reo Māori - Levels 2, 3 & 4

Te Ara Reo Māori is designed for adult learners. During Levels 2 and 3 students learn to speak basic conversational Māori confidently and gain an understanding of Māori customs and protocols. Level 4 develops skills to an intermediate level.

**Starting March 36 weeks** Te Wananga o Aotearoa. No fees. Ph 343 6087.

### Diploma in Te Ara Reo Māori - Level 5

Develop competence and confidence in speaking and writing Te Reo Māori at an advanced level and gain advanced knowledge of tikanga Māori in both traditional and modern context.

**Starting March 36 weeks** Te Wananga o Aotearoa. No fees. Ph 343 6087.

## The arts

### Traditional Māori flax weaving (raranga)

**Mon-Fri for 12 weeks** starting May 24 9am-3pm Te Rito - School of Weaving, NZ Māori Arts and Crafts Institute, Hemo Road. Free. Ph Edna Pahewa 343 1877.



### Diploma in Māori Visual Arts (raranga/weaving) - Level 4

Level 4 one year introductory course can be part of a 3-year diploma including level 5 and 6 that captures and enhances the Māori essence and protocols of Māori art.

**Starting March** Te Wananga o Aotearoa. No fees. Ph 343 6087.

### Diploma in Māori Visual Arts (rauangi/fine arts) - Level 4

Level 4 one year introductory course can be part of a 3-year diploma including level 5 and 6.

**Starting March** Te Wananga o Aotearoa. \$1,200. Ph 343 6087.

### Diploma in Māori Visual Arts (whakairo/carving) - Level 4

Level 4 one year introductory course can be part of a 3-year diploma including level 5 and 6.

**Starting March** Te Wananga o Aotearoa. \$1,200. Ph 343 6087.

## The netscape

### MCA - Computers and coffee

Individual consultations with the association's resident expert.

**Every Monday** 1.30-3pm Mokoia Community Association, 297 Vaughan Road, Owkata. Koha for coffee. Ph Graeme Ennor 345 5971.

### SeniorNet - Introduction to Computers

SeniorNet is a non-profit organisation for people over 55 keen to use computer technology to enhance their lives. New members get a 4-week introductory course on basic computer usage.

**New classes start regularly** Regency Park Estate, Brent Road Subs: \$30 single, \$50 couple. Ph Betty Milligan 348 8117.

### SeniorNet - Computer classes

Specifically for over 55s who want to learn computer skills. Courses include introduction to email, internet usage, basic Word, digital camera usage and manipulation of images.

**On demand** Regency Park Estate, Brent Road. Ph Betty Milligan 348 8117.

### Netsafe

Learn how to keep home and workplace safe online.

**Five hours part-time** Enrol anytime. Online via Waiariki Institute of Technology e-Campus or computer lab, Hinemoa Street next to Starbucks. Staff on hand to assist. Free. Ph Liesl van der Mescht 346 8091.

### Flexible computing

Introductory course covering computer basics including internet, email, spreadsheets, databases and word processing.

**One month part-time** Enrol anytime Online via Waiariki Institute of Technology e-Campus or computer lab, Hinemoa Street next to Starbucks. Staff on hand to assist. Free. Ph Liesl van der Mescht 346 8091.



**National Certificate In Computing - Level 2**

Develops basic computing skills including managing a PC, using the internet and useful software applications.

**Six months part-time** Online via Waiariki Institute of Technology e-Campus or computer lab, Hinemoa Street next to Starbucks. Staff on hand to assist. Free. Ph Liesl van der Mescht 346 8091.

**International Computer Drivers' Licence**

Internationally recognised qualification in basic computer skills.

**Six months part-time** Online via Waiariki Institute of Technology e-Campus or computer lab, Hinemoa Street next to Starbucks. Staff on hand to assist. Free. Ph Liesl van der Mescht 346 8091.

**Certificate in Computing Skills - Level 2**

Internationally recognised qualification in computing builds on core competences. Includes file management, integrating data, presentations, desktop publishing, graphics and multimedia presentation skills.

**Six months part-time** Online via Waiariki Institute of Technology e-Campus or computer lab, Hinemoa Street next to Starbucks. Staff on hand to assist. Free. Ph Liesl van der Mescht 346 8091.

**Certificate in Computing and Communications Technology - Level 3**

Provides solid background in the use of computers and communication skills.

**One semester full-time** or part-time equivalent Enrol anytime. Online via Waiariki Institute of Technology e-Campus or computer lab, Hinemoa Street next to Starbucks. Staff on hand to assist. Free. Ph Liesl van der Mescht 346 8091.

**Certificate in Computing - Level 2**

Introductory course providing basic skills in computer hardware and software, email and office applications. 18 weeks.

**Starting March** Te Wananga o Aotearoa. Free. Ph 343 6087.

**Certificate in Computing - Level 3**

Intermediate level computing course to develop computing skills while working towards a nationally recognised qualification. 18 weeks.

**Starting March** Te Wananga o Aotearoa. Free. Ph 343 6087.

**Certificate in Business Administration & Computing - Level 2**

Ideal to enhance office administration skills or for those in self-employment. 20 weeks.

**Starting March** Te Wananga o Aotearoa. Free. Ph 343 6087.

**Voluntary work****Okareka Landcare Group**

Sociable group of volunteers who undertake plantings, weed control, litter pick up and some track maintenance on Lake Okareka's reserves and walkways.

**4th Sat** of month 9am-noon.

Ph Sandra Goodwin 362 8865.

**Volunteer ESOL tutor**

Train to become a volunteer home tutor and provide help to adult immigrants with English. This module counts toward completing a Certificate in ESOL Home Tutoring.

**Tues and Sat** (for 25 hours). Starting March 16. 6.30-9pm (Tues), 9.30am-12.30pm (Sat). Arts Village, Hinemaru Street. Free but requires a commitment of 3-6 months tutoring on completion. Ph Judy Winiata 350 2395.

**Become a Hospice volunteer**

The Hospice Shop welcomes able-bodied men and women who are able to volunteer their time and make a positive difference in the community by helping in a variety of roles.

**Tues, Wed, Thurs** 9am-2pm, Sat 8am-noon Rotorua Hospice Shop, 86 Pururu St. Ph Lou Reading, shop manager 347 8377.

**Friendship Force - cultural exchange**

Invite the world into your home by becoming a Friendship Force host. Staying in a private home and sharing the routines of daily life means tourists become temporary residents, allowing both host and guest to gain a better understanding of other cultures.

**Last Sun** of month Subs: \$20. Ph Kathy Dixon 357 4760.

**Wingspan Birds of Prey Trust**

Opportunities for volunteers to assist with visitor meet 'n' greet, enquiries, retail and grounds maintenance.

**Daily** 1164 Paradise Valley Road, Ngongotaha. Subs: \$35 individual/\$60 family. Ph Debbie Stewart 357 4469.

**Forest and Bird - Rotorua branch**

Volunteer to assist with on-going programmes like Tikitapu pest control and tree planting in the Violet Bonnington Reserve, Paradise Valley. Field trips, outings and weekend programmes. Subs: \$57 adults/\$45 seniors. Ph Frances Blakely 362 8480.

**Te Amorangi Museum**

Volunteers maintain buildings, grounds and work on new projects on Thurs plus operate machinery for the public on Sun.

**Every Thurs and Sun** 10am-4pm Te Amorangi Museum, 43-45 Robinson Ave, Holden's Bay. Ph museum 345 9525 or Allan Estcourt 027 285 3205.

**Certificate in Adult Literacy Tutoring**

Offers skills to assist those keen to volunteer as a tutor to help adults improve their reading, writing and numeracy skill levels.

**Tues, Wed, Thurs** (for 80 hours). Starting April 20. 9am-3.30pm Arts Village, Hinemaru Street. Free but requires a commitment of 40 hours tutoring on completion. Ph Mary Longson 350 2286.

**Rotorua Ngongotaha Rail Trust**

Opportunities for rail enthusiasts to participate in projects from restoration of railway carriages to museum cataloguing.

**Daily 9am-4pm** Ngongotaha Railway Park, 6 Tauhi Street, Ngongotaha. Ph Rail Park 357 5484 or Sharon Fleet 332 3343.

## Artists at work

### Watercolour painting master class

Tutor John Newman, an accomplished Australian realist/watercolour artist.

**March 24-25** 9am-4pm Arts Village, Hinemaru Street. \$125. Ph 348 9008.

### MCA - Mokoia painting group

Painters of all levels of experience share ideas on techniques.

**Every Wed** 1.30-3.30pm Mokoia Community Association, 297 Vaughan Road, Owkata. Koha. Ph Graeme Ennor 345 5971.

### Drawing and Sketching Master Class

Tutor John Newman, an accomplished Australian watercolour artist.

**Mon and Tues, March 22/23** 9am-4pm. Arts Village, Hinemaru Street \$125. Ph 348 9008.

### Beginner painting techniques workshops

Explore different techniques for applying acrylic paint to canvas.

**Six week course** planned for Term 2. Check Arts Village website [www.rave.org.nz](http://www.rave.org.nz) or ph 348 9008.

### Animals in pencil - weekend art class

Pencil drawing with professional artist Maxine Thompson.

**April 10-11** 8am-5pm Arts Village, Hinemaru Street - Studio 2. \$125. Ph 348 9008.

### Animals in Pastel - Weekend Art Class

Pastel drawing with professional artist Maxine Thompson.

**Sat and Sun, May 15/16** 8am-5pm. Arts Village, Hinemaru Street - Studio 2. \$125. Ph 348 9008.



### U3A - Art History group

Worldwide co-operative offering opportunities for 'third agers' to share fellowship and their interest in art and art history.

**2nd and 4th Mon** of month 2pm. Phone convenor for venue and any additional costs. Subs: \$10. Ph 348 7680.

### Geyslerland Art Group

Explore oils and print-making to charcoal drawing and collage with this informal group of supportive artists. Beginners welcome.

**Every Thurs** 9.30am -12.30pm Arts Village, Hinemaru Street - Studio 2. Subs: \$20 plus \$2 per session. Ph Pam Lines 348 0803.

### Leisure Arts

Group who share an interest in artistic pursuits (painting and drawing to card-making and calligraphy) and are willing to mentor.

**Every Mon** except public holidays 1-4pm Arts Village, Hinemaru St. Subs: \$30 plus \$2 per session. Ph Eileen Edwards 347 2170.



## Camera and film buffs

### MCA - Movie and munch

**2nd Fri** of month 10am Mokoia Community Association Hall, 297 Vaughan Road. Ph Graeme Ennor 345 5971.

### Magma Short Film Festival

A full programme of short New Zealand and international films from comedy to documentaries, experimental to dramas.

**April 29 -May 3** Shambles Theatre, 8 Amohau Street (adjacent to Pak 'n' Save). Ph Kiri Jarden 350 0209 ext 8154.

### U3A - Photography group

Worldwide co-operative offering opportunities for 'third agers' to share fellowship and their interest in cameras and photography.

**2nd and 4th Tues** of month 2pm. Phone convenor for venue and any additional costs. Subs: \$10. Ph 346 3148.

### MCA - Friday Flicks

**4th Fri** of month 1.30-3.30pm Mokoia Community Association Hall, 297 Vaughan Road. Ph Graeme Ennor 345 5971.

### U3A - Film and theatre group

Opportunities for 'third agers' to share fellowship by organising regular group bookings and/or outing to plays, shows and films.

Phone convenor for venue and costs. Subs: \$10. Ph 347 9636.

### Rotorua Camera Club

Active and social club with field trips, workshops, outings, competitions and tuition. Club night is an opportunity to learn from independent judging of submitted work on set or open subject.

**1st Wed** of month 7pm-9pm Dutch Club Hall, Neil Hunt Park, Tarawera Road. Subs: \$55. Ph Tracey Robinson 349 2227.

### Digital tuition - Elements and PhotoShop

Join the Rotorua Camera Club (\$55) and learn to digitally manipulate images using Elements and PhotoShop. Ongoing beginner, intermediate and advanced courses taught by professionals.

**3rd Wed** of month 7.30-9pm Arts Village, Hinemaru Street. Free if club member. Ph Tracey Robinson 349 2227.

### Basement Cinema Film Club

Alternative, licensed cinema screening the latest independent, art house and festival films. Wheelchair friendly theatres and toilets.

**Daily** The Wall, 1140 Hinemoa Street. Subs: \$25 single, \$40 couple. Ph Simon Reilly 350 1400.

## Creative hands

### Scrapbooking - beginner class

Ideal for over 50s, classes are suitable for beginners to experienced crafters. Private group classes by arrangement.

**Wed and Thurs** 6-8pm (Wed), 10am-noon (Thurs) Crazy Krafters, 1124 Eruera Street. \$15. Ph Debbie Atkin 348 6565.

**Fun with flowers**

Relaxed and enjoyable opportunity to learn new skills with flowers. Designs are yours to take home.

**Wed for six weeks** starting April 7 or May 26 5.30-7.30pm Rotorua Florist classroom, Eruera Street \$187 plus weekly materials charge. Ph Pam Jenkins-Lane 349 4097.

**Mosaic classes**

Fun course mosaicing three items. Optional add on paver course. Ideal for small groups. Other mosaic and fine art classes by arrangement.

**Monday for four weeks** on demand 9am-noon Janet Keen Mosaics studio, Clayton Road. \$175 includes materials. Ph Janet Keen 346 3435.

**Learn to pot**

Practical 'hands on' pottery classes for those who have always wanted to try potting. See also Potters' Group, page 23.

**Six week course** planned for Term 2. Check Arts Village website [www.rave.org.nz](http://www.rave.org.nz) or ph 348 9008.

**MCA - Craft group**

For crafts people of all levels of experience to share techniques.

**Every Thurs** 1-3.30pm Mokoia Community Assn hall, 297 Vaughan Road, Owkata. Koha. Ph Graeme Ennor 345 5971.

**Geyserland Cake Decorators' Guild**

Monthly demonstrations or workshops on cake decorating.

**1st Tues** of the month 7-9pm Seventh Day Adventist Church Hall, Tilsley Street. Ph Raewyn Sadgrove 349 4651.

**Floral art club**

Beginner and experienced visitors welcome. Meetings include a workshop or demonstration by a guest or senior club member.

**1st Thurs** of month 1-3.30pm Arts Village, Hinemaru Street Subs: \$40. Ph Anne Koopal 366 6851.

**Bookbinding class**

Ideal for over 50s, classes are suitable for beginners to experienced crafters. Private group classes by arrangement.

**1st and 4th Fri, 3rd Wed** of month 10am-noon (Fri), 7-9pm (Wed) Crazy Krafters, 1124 Eruera St. Ph Debbie Atkin 348 6565.

**Make beaded jewellery**

Learn how to make a pair of beaded earrings and a beaded bracelet. 3-hour day or evening class by arrangement. Min. of 4.

\$55 p.p. Ph Jayne Baume 348 0233 or 021 201 8580.

**Make silver jewellery**

Tutor Jayne Baume teaches students to make a pendant and/or pair of earrings from Art Clay silver.

**Full day class by arrangement** Min. of 4. 10am-4pm. \$125 p.p. Ph Jayne Baume 348 0233 or 021 201 8580.

**Woodturning**, see page 23.

**Performances****Little Theatre production 'The Government Inspector'**

Comedy of errors set in Russia directed by Remo Malcolm. Members can just enjoy shows or become more involved in theatre life on and off stage. Subs: \$30 senior, \$40 single, \$55 double.

**March 19-27** 8pm Tues- Fri, 4pm matinee Sat and Sun. No Monday performance. Shambles Theatre, 8 Amohau Street \$25 adult, \$20 senior. Ph Lesley Hubbard 347 7367.

**Rotorua District Choir**

If you can sing and would like to join a choir, then attend one of the choir's weekly rehearsals.

**Every Tues** 7.30-9.30pm Methodist Church, 187 Old Taupo Road. Subs: \$70. Ph Martyn Heath 345 4490 or 027 555 1945.

**St Luke's lunchtime concert**

Evelyn Falconer, Sue Mumby, Tania Pinfold and Marlene Badger perform popular songs and ballads in a close-harmony style. Part of a series of regular fortnightly concerts showcasing local talent.

**Fri, March 19** 12.15-12.45pm St Luke's Church, cnr Pukuatua and Amohia Streets Donation. Ph Hanno Fairburn 348 2993.

**Dave Boy Ferry**

Swiss-based Englishman David Ferrington plays slide guitar and harmonica accompanied by strong blues vocals.

**Sat, March 20** 7.30pm. BOP Blues Club gig, Belgium Bar, 1151 Arawa Street \$10 non members, \$5 members. Ph John Douglas 022 677 5978.

**Music at the Rotunda - Rotorua Pipe Band and Fortunz**

Free outdoor performance.

**Sun, March 21** 1-2.30pm Band Rotunda, Government Gardens. Ph Kiri Jarden 350 0209 ext 8154.

**Music at the Rotunda - The Rotorua Symphonic Band and Brass Band**

Free outdoor performance.

**Sun, March 28** 1-2.30pm Band Rotunda, Government Gardens. Ph Kiri Jarden 350 0209 ext 8154.

**Laurie Dameron**

U.S. singer, songwriter and jazz guitarist has played the guitar for more than 40 years.

**Thurs, April 1** 7.30pm BOP Blues Club gig, Belgium Bar, 1151 Arawa Street. \$10 non members, \$5 members. Ph John Douglas 022 677 5978.

**Happy Jazz with Tauranga's Rob Smith and BBC**

The Rotorua Jazz Club's monthly club night provides great classic jazz (mainly 1920s-1960s), professional sound and security.

**Sun, April 4** 5-8pm Arawa Lounge, Racecourse. \$15 non-members, \$8 members. Subs: \$25 single, \$40 double. Ph Elspeth Burrell 348 7730.



**Mike Cooper**

Vocalist and electronic music enthusiast, Mike plays guitar and lap steel guitar.

**Sat, April 10** 7.30pm BOP Blues Club gig, Belgium Bar, 1151 Arawa Street \$10 non members, \$5 members. Ph John Douglas 022 677 5978.

**BAD GIRLS: The Musical - Rotorua Musical Theatre**

Australasian premiere directed by Richard Marshall.

**April 16-May 1** 8-10.30pm Casa Blanca Theatre, 122 Riri Street, Rotorua. \$24-\$29. Ph 347 6330.

**Rotorua Music Federation concert - Richard Mapp and Emma Sayers piano duo**

Programme includes a Bach Prelude plus work by Schubert, Mozart, Ravel, Satie and Ken Young.

**Mon, April 19** 7.30pm Concert Chamber, Rotorua Convention Centre. Non-members \$30. \$100 subs include four concerts. Ph Don Tombleson 345 7406.

**Twin City Stompers - Dixieland jazz band from Napier**

The Rotorua Jazz Club's monthly club night provides great classic jazz (mainly 1920s-1960s), professional sound and security.

**Sun, May 2** 5-8pm Arawa Lounge, racecourse. \$15 non-members, \$8 members. Subs: \$25 single, \$40 double. Ph Elspeth Burrell 348 7730.

**Opus Orchestra 'Voice of an Angel' concert featuring soprano Katherine Wiles**

The semi-professional Waikato-Bay of Plenty symphonic orchestra is conducted by Peter Walls. Programme includes arias by Mozart and Rossini plus Mozart's Symphony No. 29, Dvorak's Czech Suite and Copeland's Old American Suite.

**Sun, May 9** 3pm Convention Centre. \$35 adults, \$30 Friends of Opus. Ph Jenny Joyce 332 3718.

**Rotorua District Choir conducted by Elizabeth Pilaar**

First of a series of three concerts marking the choir's Golden Jubilee year. The programme includes Schubert's Mass in G, Alleluia by Randall Thompson, Magnificat by Pergolesi plus small works by Bruckner and Orlando di Lassus.

**May 15/16** 7.30pm (Sat) and 2pm (Sun) St Luke's Church, corner Pukuatua and Amohia Streets. \$5-\$10. Ph Martyn Heath 345 4490 or 027 555 1945.

**St Luke's lunchtime concert**

Accomplished pianist Jim McGregor will perform a varied programme of classical and lighter pieces. Part of a series of regular fortnightly concerts showcasing local talent.

**Fri, May 21** 12.15-12.45pm St Luke's Church, corner Pukuatua and Amohia Streets. Donation. Ph Hanno Fairburn 348 2993.

**Pins and needles****Embroidery group**

Beginners to advanced stitchers welcome. Work on own projects with help on hand among the group's skilled members. Regular workshops and tutorials of interest to all levels.

**Every Wed** 9.30am-3.30pm and 7-9pm Parksyde Community Centre for over 55s, Tarewa Place. Subs: \$55 plus \$2 per session. Ph Linda Keach 349 3106.

**Dressmaking class - skirt**

Over four evenings you'll learn to read measurements, place pattern on fabric and insert a zip invisibly using the correct foot.

**March 18 and 25, April 15 and 22** 7-9pm Bernina Sewing and Embroidery, 1296 Amohia Street. Ph Bev Adriaansz 346 1507.

**Create 'fibretastic' fabrics**

Trap beads, threads and fabric in layers of sheer fabric using a sewing machine; the result can be used to make two little bags.

**Sat, March 20** 10am-3pm Cottage Flair, Main Road, Ngongotaha. \$50. Ph 357 5955.

**Quilting group**

BYO project along and get help from experienced tutors, other quilting enthusiasts and the club's extensive reference library.

**1st and 3rd Tues** of month 7-9.30pm Bridge Club clubrooms, Neil Hunt Park, Tarawera Road. Subs: \$35 plus \$1 per session. Ph Janet Monk 345 7615.

**Beginners knit and crochet**

Learn the basics of knitting and crochet with small, simple projects over four afternoons.

**March 25, April 8, May 27 and June 3** 1.30-3pm Bernina Sewing and Embroidery, 1296 Amohia Street. \$10 per week plus materials. Ph Bev Adriaansz 346 1507.

**Make a simple grab bag**

Make a simple grab bag. Class and pattern complimentary but materials must be purchased from Cottage Flair.

**Tues, March 23** 10am-3pm Cottage Flair, Main Road, Ngongotaha. Free. Ph 357 5955.

**Make a wall hanging**

Flowering flax and kowhai in bloom make this wall hanging a NZ work of art. Photo transfer method and free motion used to apply the colourful tui feathers.

**April 17-18** 10am-3.30pm Cottage Flair, Main Road, Ngongotaha. \$90. Ph 357 5955.

**Beginner Machine Quilting Workshop**

Done a little quilting and can sew nice straight lines? Come along and get to grips with free motion quilting. Suitable for beginners to intermediate.

**Fri, April 30** 10am-3pm Cottage Flair, Main Road, Ngongotaha. \$50. Ph 357 5955.

**Creative Fibre Club**

Interested in knitting, felting, spinning, weaving or crochet? Learn from a talented group of creative fibre enthusiasts.

**Every Thurs** 10am-12.30pm Arts Village, Hinemaru Street  
Visitors by gold coin donation. Subs: \$55. Ph Delight Gartlein 357 2575.

**Social networking****The Red Hot Lavas**

Part of the worldwide Red Hat Society, a club for women over 50 who want to (occasionally) don red hats and purple clothes and indulge in fun social outings with like-minded souls.

**1st Tues (night) and 3rd Tues (day)** of the month. Subs: \$10 plus cost of individual functions. Ph Patricia Buffery 348 0890.

**Rotorua Wine and Food Society**

Club focus is on trying wines not readily available to the public with the appropriate food matches at a variety of monthly functions. Prospective members are welcome to attend two meetings prior to joining.

Subs: \$46 single, \$92 double plus cost of individual functions. Ph Pat Lawrence 348 8949.

**Parkside Travel Club**

Visitors welcome to this social group who share individual travel experiences and ideas via guest speakers each month.

**1st Mon** of month except public holidays when moves to 2nd Monday 9.30am-noon Parkside Community Centre for over 55s, Tarewa Place. \$2 per session. Ph Valda Claasen 348 8410.

**Kaumatua group**

A Maori Women's Welfare League initiative, kaumatua group sessions can be anything from quizzes to learning about computers, starting a ukulele group or going on an outing.

**Every Tues** 9am-noon Whakarewarewa School. \$2 per session. Ph Ani Rolfe 346 1210.

**Enliven - Positive Aging Services**

Enliven is a home-based, restorative community support agency for seniors. It uses goal-setting to overcome social isolation primarily caused by health issues.

Free. Ph Priscilla Reid 349 3162.

**MCA - Cuppa and Co**

Share a cuppa and a chat, listen to a speaker or go on a trip.

**3rd Fri** of month 10-11.30am Mokoia Community Association hall, 297 Vaughan Road. Free. Ph Graham Ennor 345 5971.

**U3A - Travel group**

Worldwide co-operative offering opportunities for 'third agers' to share fellowship and individual travel experiences with others.

**4th Thurs** of month 1.30pm. Phone convenor for venue and any additional costs. Subs: \$10. Ph 349 2720.

**Korowai Aroha - shared craft sessions**

Socialise and enjoy sharing knowledge while working own craft projects from korowai (cloak making) to making harakeke flowers. Organised under the auspices of Korowai Aroha Health Centre.

**Every Thurs** 9.30am-3.30pm Taharangi Marae, Tarewa Road Free. Bring own project and lunch. Ph Millie Heke 348 8454.

**Writers and bookworms****U3A - Book reviews group**

Worldwide co-operative offering opportunities for 'third agers' to share fellowship and their love of reading and books with others.

**1st Mon** of month 2pm. Phone convenor for venue and any additional costs. Subs: \$10. Ph 345 5106

**Rotorua Writers' Group**

Creative writing group that provides support through an active writing experience.

**1st Sat** of month 1.30-4.30pm Arts Village, Hinemaru Street. Sub: \$40. Ph Bernie McWilliams 362 4663.

**U3A - Writing for families group**

Worldwide co-operative offering opportunities for 'third agers' to share fellowship and their interest in writing with others.

**1st and 3rd Fri** of month 9.30am. Phone convenor for venue and any additional costs. Subs: \$10. Ph 332 2633

**Creative writing course - Fiction**

Learn how to maximise the fictional stories you want to tell.

**May 3-June 25.** Online via Waiariki Institute of Technology. \$596. Ph Jaarna Hoskins 346 8684.

**Creative writing course - For children**

Learn how to write great stories for your grandchildren (and other children).

**May 3-June 25.** Online via Waiariki Institute of Technology. \$596. Ph Jaarna Hoskins 346 8684.

**Creative writing course - Travel**

Learn the fundamentals of writing up your travels from planning through to story submission.

**May 3-June 25.** Online via Waiariki Institute of Technology. \$596. Ph Jaarna Hoskins 346 8684

**Rotorua Mad Poets Society**

Warm welcome awaits those who want to write, read and/or listen to poetry. The society has published six original collections of poetry.

**Every Wed** 6.30-8pm 2nd floor, Rotorua Public Library, Haupapa Street. Subs: \$5 plus donation per session. Ph Jackie Evans 349 0060.



## Bowl along

### Mates in Bowls - Can you handle the Jandal?

Social summer league sessions are a chance to try lawn bowls. Get a team of three together or come along as an individual.

**Every Thurs until April 15**, 5.45-7.30pm Rotorua East Bowling Club, Warwick Drive. \$7.50 p.p. per night includes hire of bowls and green fee. Ph Mary Solomon 345 3180 or 027 227 3365.

### Learn to play petanque

Club (Sun) and social (Tues) play. Beginners are 'buddied up' with experienced players to learn basic skills.

**Every Tues and Sun 12.30-3pm** Petanque Terrain, Government Gardens. Subs: \$50. Visitors welcome for three visits at no cost prior to joining. Ph Mike Swainson 348 9927.

### Indoor bowls

Visitors and learner bowlers 55 and over welcome.

**Every Fri 1-4pm** Parksyde Community Centre, Tarewa Place. Transport can be arranged. \$3. Ph Len Muir 343 9941.

### Rotorua Senior Citizens' Association indoor bowls

Four games Mon and three games Thurs and Sat.

**Every Mon, Thurs, Sat 10.30am-2.30pm** (Mon) and 10am-12.30pm (Thurs and Sat) RSA Clubrooms, Haupapa Street. Subs: \$10 plus \$2 per session. N.B. RSA membership is required and is an additional cost. Ph Violet Wood 348 0357.

### Prime-timers tenpin bowling

Prime-timers is an active group of over 50s who play social and tournament level tenpin. Learners welcome at either session.

**Tues and Thurs 10.30-noon** (Thurs), 1.30-3pm (Tues) Tenpin Rotovegas, 24 Ward Avenue. Subs: \$25 plus \$12 x 1 weekly session or \$20 for x 2 weekly sessions. Ph Chris Clare 345 6754.



## Healthy options

### Moving On

Gentle full body exercise for stroke sufferers.

**Every Mon and Fri 9.30-11.30am** Kahukura Rugby Clubrooms, Pukuatua Street. \$2. Ph Maggie Cooke 348 3836.

### Green Prescription Easy Aqua

Low impact aqua aerobics for beginners.

**Every Tues and Thurs** except during school holidays 12.15pm-1pm Aquatic Centre (indoor pool), Tarewa Road. \$4 with Green Prescription from GP. Ph Melissa Gordon 348 4125 ext 605.

### Green Prescription walking group

30-40 minute walk at easy pace for those with low level of fitness.

**Every Monday 10am** Redwood Visitor Centre, Longmile Rd. Free with Green Prescription from GP. Ph Melissa Gordon 348 4125 ext 605.

### B.U.S. Balance Upright and Safe

45-minute class run by Sport Bay of Plenty focuses on improving strength and balance as a means of preventing falls in the over 55s.

**Every Tuesday 1pm and 2pm** Parksyde Community Centre, Tarewa Place. \$2. Ph Jessica Meade 348 4125.

### Heart Walk

30-45 minute walk providing fun, social support and exercise to those with heart conditions.

**Weekly Tues and fortnightly Sun 10-10.45am** From Sea Scout Hall, Rotorua Lakefront (Tues) and various venues (Sun). Subs: \$2. Ph Violet Wood 348 0357.

### Heart of Gold

Certified by the Heart Foundation, this class is designed to improve the cardiovascular system.

**Tues and Thurs 11am-noon** Gold's Gym, Old Taupo Road. \$3. Ph Raewyn Gardiner 348 8998.

## Let's dance

### RSA dance sessions

Enthusiastic members enjoy old time, ballroom, sequence and new vogue dance plus some rock 'n' roll.

**Every Wed** plus 1st and 3rd Sun of month 7-9pm RSA Clubrooms, Haupapa Street. Ph Greg Ellwood 357 2636.

### Scottish Country Dancing

Soft shoes required but no partner necessary. Learners welcome.

**Every Mon 7.30-9.30pm** St Andrew's Church, adjacent to Devon St, Otonga Rd roundabout. \$5. Ph Ann Brimmer 347 9046.

### Square and round dance classes

Fun and great for fitness. Visitors welcome at two beginner sessions prior to joining. Flat shoes are required, partners aren't.

**Beginner lessons start Wed, April 7 7.30-9.30pm** St Mary's Church Hall, Seddon Street. Subs: \$20 plus \$4 per session. Ph Ann Sullivan 348 1991.

### Rock 'n' Roll lessons

Weekly club dances suitable for beginners, advanced beginners and intermediates. Enquire about 5-night beginner course starting soon. Individuals can be partnered up with members.

**Every Tues 7.30pm** St Mary's Church Hall, Seddon Street. Subs: \$20, \$25 beginner course. Ph Anna Leslie 347 0002.

### Marae line dancing - beginner

**Every Mon** except during school holidays 10am-noon. Whakarewarewa School, off Sala Street. \$3. Ph Anne Hogg 348 4246.

### Marae line dancing - beginner and intermediate

**Every Tues 6-8.30pm** RSA Clubrooms, Haupapa Street. \$2 to dance plus \$2 for raffle. Ph Anne Hogg 348 4246.



**Line dancing – beginner level, Parksyde**

Beginner class which can be combined with the follow on 'easy' session. Fee covers both sessions.

**Every Thurs** 10-11am Parksyde Community Centre for over 55s, Tarewa Place. \$4. Ph Jeanette Salt 348 4845.

**Line dancing – intermediate level, Parksyde**

**Every Thurs** 1-2.30pm Parksyde Community Centre for over 55s, Tarewa Place. \$4. Ph Jeanette Salt 348 4845.

**Line dancing – easy level, Parksyde**

The easy class can be combined with the earlier beginner session. Fee covers both sessions.

**Every Thurs** 11am-noon Parksyde Community Centre for over 55s, Tarewa Place. \$4. Ph Jeanette Salt 348 4845.

**Line dancing – intermediate level, Owkata**

**Every Mon** 9.30-11am St David's Church Hall, corner Whareuni and Reeve Roads, Owkata. \$4. Ph Jeanette Salt 348 4845.

**Line dancing – easy level, Ngongotaha**

**Every Mon** 1-2.30pm Ngongotaha Community Hall, School Road. \$4. Ph Jeanette Salt 348 4845.

**Marae line dancing – general class**

**Every Wed** 9.30-11.30am RSA Clubrooms, Haupapa Street. \$2. Ph Anne Hogg 348 4246.

**Move your body****Pilates – beginners**

Low impact exercise to improve core stability. Ideal for beginners 50 and over.

**Mon or Fri** 5-week series planned for April. 9-10am QE Health, Whakaue Street. \$55. Ph Gail Powell 348 0189 ext 734.

**Pilates – advanced**

Low impact exercise to maintain core stability. Ideal for those who have completed a beginners class.

**Thursday** 5-week series planned for April. 9-10am QE Health, Whakaue Street. \$55. Ph Gail Powell 348 0189 ext 734.

**Tai chi for seniors**

Tai Chi is a series of gentle flowing movements to harmonise mind, body and breathing. The Dr Paul Lams style is particularly suitable for over 60s, arthritis sufferers and those with health issues.

**Every Wednesday** 10am (beginners), 11am (advanced) Parksyde Community Centre, Tarewa Place. First beginner session free, \$5 thereafter. Ph Jordan Freeman 332 5878.

**Body movers**

Low impact exercise class for women over 55.

**Every Tuesday** 9-10am Parksyde Community Centre, Tarewa Place. \$2 per session. Ph 348 9892.

**Yoga**

Stacey's morning class is ideal for beginners and seniors.

**Every Friday** 10-11.30am Wohlmann House, Arts Village, Hinemaru Street. \$10 casual, \$45 (x 5 sessions). Ph Stacey Rogers 346 8535.

**Geriatric Gyration for the over 55s**

Share fun and laughter - and celebrate being 50 plus while exercising to improve co-ordination, fitness, flexibility and strength.

**Every Monday** 1.30pm MIGS - Mid Island Gym Sports, Te Ngae Road. \$4. Ph Robyn Donaldson 345 7617.

**Yoga for balance**

Being flexible isn't a prerequisite to trying yoga; let Joy teach you how. Beginner and advanced welcome.

**Every Friday** 9.30am-1pm Arawa Bowling Club, Lytton Street \$8 casual, \$35 (x 5 sessions). Ph Joy Wilkins 345 5659.

**These feet were made for walking****Nordic Walking**

Expend more energy than regular walking. Introductory sessions for individuals or groups. Min. of 4.

**By arrangement** QE Health, Whakaue Street. Ph Gail Powell 348 0189 ext 734.

**2-day International Walk**

10km, 21km half marathon and 42km full marathon on Sat plus 5km, 10km, 20km and 30km options on Sun. Sat walks are in bush and forest while Sun are largely city-based and include CBD, parks and gardens, thermal reserves, bird sanctuary and points of historic/cultural interest.

**March 19-21** HQ, Neil Hunt Park. \$10-\$20 per walk. Ph Deryck Shaw 349 8333.

**Rotorua Walking Festival**

The Rotorua Walking Festival is a week of fun, fellowship and non-competitive leisure walking. More than 30 walks in addition to the International Walks (March 20/21). Includes gentle strolls, dog walks, Nordic walking, history walk, nocturnal walk, and even options for wheelchairs and guide dogs.

**March 13-21** HQ, Neil Hunt Park. Majority free or by donation. Ph Deryck Shaw 349 8333.

**LCAC walkers and joggers**

Over 50s welcome to join club walks and runs covering many different distances both on and off-road.

**Tues, Thurs, Sun** 5.15pm (Tues, Thurs), 7.30am (Sun) Neil Hunt Park, Tarawera Road. Subs: \$32. Ph Ted Sheppard 348 1205.

**Thursday Strollers**

Social group who walk at a leisurely pace for approx. 60 mins and enjoy each others company. Someone always willing to return to base with a walker if required. Ring for programme.

**Every Thurs** 9.45am-noon. Meet old YWCA, Te Ngae Road. Donation to cover morning tea and transport costs. Ph Myrtle Raxworthy 346 3772.

**Walking with Joy**

Easy to medium walks (two and half to three hours) on various tracks and trails. Regular monthly bus trip in the wider Bay of Plenty. Back at base approx. 2.30 -3pm. Ring for programme.

**Every Tues** 9.30am. Meet at Countdown carpark adjacent to Mobil Service Station, Fenton Street. Subs: \$15 plus cost of transport on the day. Ph Joy Gordon 357 5744.

**Walking with Joy - Ngongotaha**

Easy to medium walks of one to one and half hours.

**Every Fri** 10am. Meet at St Barnabas Church. Donation. Ph Joy Gordon 357 5744.

**Cross country walking**

Moderate to high fitness required for three to five solid hours of walking on bush and forest trails. Plus monthly bus trips to places like Whirinaki, Minginui and Pureora.

**Every Tues and Thurs.** Meet 8.45am, leave 9am sharp. Old YWCA, Te Ngae Road. Subs: \$20. Ph Ingrid Bonnington 348 9407.

**Wings and wheels****Introduction to MTB for 50+**

Haven't ridden a bike in years? Gain confidence on unique, easy-to-ride 'internal hub' MTB bikes. Four hours of personalised tuition in small groups (2-4) of 50s+ participants. Great for fitness, balance and active socialising. Own off-road bike welcome at second session. Women only and advanced lessons by arrangement.

**Mon (two consecutive)** on demand 10am-noon. Meet Waipa carpark, Whakarewarewa Forest. \$120. Bike and helmet provided. Ph Lennore Osborne 027 280 2817.

**Mountainbike Skills Clinic**

A skills clinic takes the 'scariness' out of learning an exciting and sociable sport ideal for the over 50s. Bike handling courses for all abilities teach simple techniques for riding safely and correctly off-road.

**Dates available monthly** 10am till 4 pm Whakarewarewa Forest. \$125. Ph Gabrielle Molloy 021 86 5454.

**MCA - Eastside Senior Cyclists**

Length of ride is decided on the experience and enthusiasm of the participants on the day

**Every Mon** 9.30am From Mokoia Community Association, 297 Vaughan Road. Free. Ph Graeme Ennor 345 5971.

**Learn to fly**

Training plane is a microlight category aircraft (all metal, fully enclosed) therefore a less stringent medical examination is required. Makes it particularly suitable for older learner or former pilots.

**By appointment.** Weather dependent. Rotorua Aero Club, TNT hangar, Rotorua Airport. Hands on 30-minute trial flight with instructor \$75. Ph Chief Instructor Neville Worsley 345 5776.

**Experience free flight**

Become a qualified glider pilot in 8-14 hours. Trial flights and private tuition by arrangement.

**Every Sun,** weather permitting from 10.30am. Rotorua Gliding Club hangar, Rotorua Airport. \$100 25-30 minute trial flight. Ph Chief Flying Instructor Don Grigg 348 3221 or 0274 947 948.

**Geysersland 4WD**

Family-orientated club catering for all types of vehicles, drivers and capabilities.

**1st Wed** of month 7.30pm. Meet at Grand Hotel, 1130 Pukuatua Street entrance. Ph George Estcourt 021 338 312.

**Rotorua Potters' Group**

Wheel work plus hand-building. Great facilities including six wheels and two kilns.

**Every Tues and Wed** 5.30-8pm (Tues), 10am-1pm (Wed) Arts Village, Hinemaru St. Subs: \$75. Ph Jocelyn Burrell 348 8280.

**Geysersland Guild of Woodworkers**

Demonstrations, discussions and show 'n' tell on club nights. Informal Sat (9am-noon) meetings are a good option for beginners looking for mentors or to work on their own or a club project. Club equipment available for use.

**2nd and 4th Thurs** of month 7.30-9.30pm Guild Clubrooms, former Scout Hall, Pererika Street. Subs: \$25 plus \$3 per session. Ph Leith Gray 343 7317.

**NZ Motor Caravan Association - Rotorua branch**

Discover the country and make life-long friends with other motor-homers. Regular rallies and special events. One-off joining fee \$125 plus subs: \$70. Ph Garry McNicholl 347 8926.



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