

New 'Home Away From Home' Opens

The new Cancer Society's Lions Lodge in Hamilton is a 'home away from home' for Rotorua residents undergoing cancer treatment at the Waikato Regional Cancer Centre.

Judy Gould, CEO of the Waikato / Bay of Plenty Division of the Cancer Society of New Zealand said people from Rotorua are major users of the facility, with over 75 people from the area using the former Lodge last year and more than 360 over the past five years.

"The new Lodge, located on Tainui Street in Hamilton, provides free accommodation and fully subsidised meals to around 700 people from throughout the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions each year while they undergo treatment."

Mrs Gould said the Lodge is more than just an accommodation facility – it's a place where people, who are going through similar experiences, can support and learn from each other in a unique environment. Many guests comment on the sense of companionship at the Lodge and guests often form strong friendships with others during their stay with us."

The \$15.6 million, purpose-built lodge has 55-bedrooms and five family units, as well as IT facilities and activity, therapeutic massage and meeting rooms, a library and lounges. The new building can accommodate 200 more people



Left to right – Trustees Lyall Thurston, Jo-anne La Grouw, Grahame Hall (chairman), Paul East and Sandra Kai Fong with Clive Cleland, president of the Cancer Society of New Zealand, at the cheque presentation.

each year than the previous one and its facilities have allowed the Society to expand its support services and health promotion activities in the community."

Mrs Gould said the move had been anticipated for a number of years, so the Society was able to set aside money to pay for the new site and most of the building costs. "The Society has received wonderful support

from individuals, organisations, trusts and foundations, including \$300,000 from the Rotorua Trust. We recently reached the \$3 million fundraising point and are still running a fundraising campaign for the remaining \$2 million needed," she said.

"The 'R.E.C.T. Room,' sponsored by the Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust, is the venue for a wide range of meetings, support

groups, information sessions and seminars, as well as 'Look Good Feel Better' courses."

The previous Lodge was located in the grounds of the Waikato Hospital and had been operating since 1971 but demand grew to such a point that a new building was needed.

The new Lodge opened to guests on 1 February 2011, after 14 months of construction. The building was

officially opened by His Excellency, The Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand, GNZM, QSO, Governor General of New Zealand on 26 February.

Call the Cancer Information Helpline 0800 CANCER (226 237) for any questions you may have about cancer. You can donate to the new Cancer Society's Lions Lodge by visiting www.cancersociety.org.nz



The new Cancer Society's Lions Lodge in Hamilton.



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Two New Scholarships

Two new scholarships were awarded at the annual awards ceremony for recipients of this year's JWJ Lepper Memorial Apprenticeship and Waiariki Institute of Technology Whare Takiura scholarships.

Local apprentice, Mark Costello, and Waiariki Institute of Technology student, Denny Hona, each received one of the new Dick and Diana Hubbard Foundation / Rotorua Trust Outward Bound scholarships to attend Outward Bound.

Rotorua Trust education spokesperson, Lyall Thurston said the Trust had made a significant

investment in Hubbard Foods in 2009. "The two new scholarships recognise the very positive ongoing partnership between Rotorua Trust and Dick and Diana Hubbard, and provide an added incentive for applicants." A total of 73 local students received scholarships from the Trust this year; 22 students received JWJ Lepper Memorial Apprenticeship and Waiariki Institute of Technology Whare Takiura scholarships, and 51 students were awarded Tertiary Study Awards.

Rotorua Trust has invested \$17.6 million in the local education sector since 1994.



Apprentices awarded the 2011 JWJ Lepper Memorial Apprentice scholarships are joined by Trustees Sandra Kai Fong, Grahame Hall (chairman) and Jo-Anne La Grouw (seated middle front row), Trevor Maxwell (standing left) and Lyall Thurston (standing right).



Rotorua Trust chairman, Graham Hall (left) with the 2011 Dick and Diana Hubbard Foundation / Rotorua Trust Outward Bound scholarship recipients, Mark Costello and Denny Hona, and Dick and Diana Hubbard (right).

2011 Dick and Diana Hubbard / Rotorua Trust Outward Bound Scholarships:

Mark Costello Heavy Diesel Mechanic
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Denny Hona Bachelor of Applied Management
Waiariki Institute of Technology

2011 Waiariki Institute of Technology Whare Takiura Scholarships:

Lisa Ainsley Bachelor of Computing, Communications & Technology

Savannah Dorset Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood)

Annexe Kahika Bachelor of Applied Social Science

Julie Millar Bachelor of Applied Management

Conrad Ransfield Diploma in Forest Management

Paula Sorenson Bachelor of Nursing

Teresa Walker Bachelor of Applied Social Science

Nikki Waterkamp Bachelor of Nursing

Raymond Wharepapa Bachelor of Applied Social Science

Tanya Williams Bachelor of Nursing

2011 JWJ Lepper Memorial Apprentice Scholarships:

Toni Austin Hairdressing
STRANZ HAIR DESIGN

Rhys Calcutt Mechanical Engineering
ROTORUA MITSUBISHI

Daniel Dufty Carpentry
POPE HOMES

Daniel Gibbs Heavy Diesel Engineering
AGRITURF

Simon Imlig Fitting & Machining
HAYES INTERNATIONAL

Steven Palmer Automotive Heavy Engineering
CLAAS HARVEST CENTRE BOP

Michael Rutten Mechanical Engineering
RED STAG TIMBER

Jason Ryan Auto Parts & Accessory Merchandising
AGRITURF

Samuel Sargison Fitter Welder
PATCHELL INDUSTRIES

Matthew Styles Electrical Engineering
IC ELECTRICAL



(Seated left to right) Waiariki Institute of Technology Kaumatua Ken Kennedy and Head of Nursing, Helen Manoharan, Rotorua Trust Trustees Trevor Maxwell, Sandra Kai Fong, Grahame Hall (chairman), Jo-Anne La Grouw, Lyall Thurston and John Snook, Waiariki Institute of Technology Deputy CEO, with recipients of the 2011 Waiariki Institute of Technology Whare Takiura Awards (standing rear).



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(Seated centre) Trustees Paul East, Sandra Kai Fong, Grahame Hall (chairman), Jo-Anne La Grouw, Lyall Thurston, Trevor Maxwell and Rotorua Trust CEO, Stuart Burns, with the 51 local students who received 2011 Tertiary Study Awards.

2011 Tertiary Study Awards

Ben Appleton	Rotorua Lakes High	Thomas Fisher	John Paul College
Axel Balaho	Rotorua Boys' High	Matthew Fitzgerald	Reporoa College
Johaana Bates	Rotorua Girls High	Reed Fleming	Western Heights High
Sean Bates	John Paul College	Justine Gainsford	Western Heights High
James Beattie	John Paul College	Tairua Gillies	John Paul College
Neil Blake	Western Heights High	Shanae Grahame	Reporoa College
Katie-Jayne Boardman	John Paul College	Hannah Hadlow	Western Heights High
Hugh Bootten	John Paul College	Hamish Halliday	Rotorua Lakes High
Peter Bowman	Western Heights High	Tuwharetoa Hapi	Rotorua Boys' High
Emily Burnett	John Paul College	Benjamin Hingston	Rotorua Lakes High
Michael Campbell	John Paul College	Ryan Howe	John Paul College
Rachael Campbell	Western Heights High	Yoon Ho Im	John Paul College
Natasha Cochrane	Rotorua Girls High	Miriurangi Kapa	Western Heights High
Hannah Dooley	Rotorua Lakes High	Henry Kershaw	Rotorua Boys' High
Okeroa Douglas	Te Kura O Te Koutu	Yeonji Kim	Rotorua Girls' High
Caitlin Fielder	Western Heights High		

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Breaking Down Barriers to Learning

The Irlen physiological vision screening programme is helping break down barriers to learning for many Year Four students (eight-year olds) in local primary schools.

President of the Rotorua Principals' Association, Colin Watkins, said the pilot programme, which started in Rotorua last year, had identified 189 children from eight primary schools who were experiencing learning difficulties because they found it difficult to see text properly.

"Irlen's is a physiological eye disorder which makes reading in particular very difficult because of the constant movement of text on a page. It's almost like the text is swimming."

Mr Watkins said the district's primary schools had been divided into three clusters of eight schools for the pilot programme.

"Last year children in the city / rural cluster were tested; this year students attending central city schools are being tested and in 2012 we will focus on the eight remaining primary schools located in the eastern suburbs."

"Rotorua Trust has generously provided \$40,000 over three years to fund the programme and

is making a contribution towards the cost of glasses for those students who are not eligible for free glasses, and who cannot afford them."

Mr Watkins said students are selected for low level indicative testing by their respective schools.

"They may be children who have an excellent oral vocabulary and are intellectually able but are not performing to the same level as their apparent intellectual capability, or children who seem to be reasonably capable but have distinctly growing behavioural problems."

"Each school has a professionally trained teacher or staff member who can carry out the first level of testing which typically involves informing and liaising with parents, and completing a questionnaire."

"The second level involves referring students to a qualified optician or Irlen vision testing specialist."

"In the vast majority of cases students are prescribed glasses with a slight pink or blue tint. This leads to two massive changes: the child is able to learn because he or she is able to read the text properly and any previously



Jacob Stubbing has his vision tested by Mary Cubie as Trustee Lyall Thurston (left) and president of the Rotorua Principals' Association, Colin Watkins look on.

identified behavioural problems decrease. We are very excited because the early evidence shows that this is already helping those young students who were identified last year."

The Irlen vision testing programme is a longitudinal one so the findings from the Rotorua pilot programme will be submitted to the worldwide research on the Irlen physiological eye disorder.

If you would like to find out more about the Irlen vision screening programme call Colin Watkins at Westbrook School on 07 347 6512 or email office@westbrook.school.nz

City's Northern Gateway Complete



Fairy Springs Road before



and after

Photos courtesy Rotorua District Council

2011 Tertiary Study Awards *continued*

Krisuane Knap
Hyowon Lee
Michael Lovegrove
Anne Manzano
Fiona Mason
Thomas McLean
Shawn McManus
Connor Mear
Nicole O'Donnell
Robert Pak
Daniel Park
Jordan Parker
Rebecca Parker
Te Amorangi
Rikirangi-Thomas
Zoe Rodgers

Rotorua Girls' High
Rotorua Girls' High
John Paul College
John Paul College
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Western Heights High
John Paul College
Rotorua Boys' High
Western Heights High
Western Heights High
Western Heights High
Te Kura O Te Koutu
Rotorua Girls High

Brogan Rose-Whiston
Hannah Tibble-Gotz
Stevie Ward
Melissa Wood

Trustees also recognised the outstanding success of the following local students who would have received a Tertiary Study Award had they not been awarded other awards and scholarships exceeding \$10,000:

Elizabeth Bickerton
Timothy Easthope
Dana Gray
George Haimona
Hinerangi Rhind
Aaron Weston

Rotorua Lakes High
Rotorua Lakes High
Rotorua Boys' High
John Paul College

John Paul College
Rotorua Boys' High
Western Heights High
Western Heights High
Western Heights High
John Paul College

The northern gateway to Rotorua city is looking good now that the enhancement of Fairy Springs Road is complete.

Project manager, Kevin Thompson of the Rotorua District Council, said the undergrounding of power and telephone poles, and cabling, helped make the new four-lane extension of Fairy Springs Road a safer and cleaner entry to the city. "Thanks to the generosity of the Rotorua Trust, which donated \$350,000 for the undergrounding component of the project, we were able to gain traction and get the project underway a lot more quickly."

Mr Thompson said the project had been on the books for 10 years.

"The Trust's early support led to a co-funding partnership involving the Trust, the New Zealand Transport Authority and Rotorua District Council."

"This was the key to moving the project along," he said. "Management and the whole project team really appreciate the Trust's support." Total cost of the project was \$5.3 million.

If you have any queries about the project email fairysprings@rdc.govt.nz or call Kevin Thompson on 07 348 6199.

Half Marathon Set to Boost Local Economy

The Rotorua Trust Half Marathon is set to boost the local economy when it takes place in April.

Rotorua Marathon event director, Murray Fleming, said numbers are tracking very, very well for

the event which is to be held on 30 April 2011.

"The half marathon is an exciting new event for 2011; the Rotorua Trust's support of the event will have a very positive economic impact on

the city. With an additional 2,000 people coming to town, it is going to be huge."

"The half marathon is also a great event for the local community to become involved in as the health

and well-being benefits for those taking part are enormous."

Mr Fleming said this was the first time the half marathon was taking place in the 47-year history of the Rotorua Marathon. "Competitors will be taken by bus from the Rotorua Convention Centre to Marama Point in time for the start of the event at 10 am."

"From there, competitors run and walk their way back into Rotorua following the same course as the marathon, finishing at the Prince's Gate entranceway to Government Gardens."

"There is still time to enter this event. The entry fee is \$65. All entrants receive an official ASICS® souvenir event tee-shirt, a race bag full of sponsors' goodies and a shuttle ticket to the start of the race, plus there are also literally hundreds and hundreds of spot prizes to be won."

Rotorua Trust donated \$15,000 to the half marathon.

Enter online by 9 pm, Wednesday, 27 April 2011, at www.rotoruarunners.co.nz
On-the-day entries will also be available on Friday, 29 and Saturday, 30 April. Call Murray Fleming at Event Promotions on 07 348 3301 for further details.



Left to right – Trust chairman Grahame Hall with Rotorua Marathon event director Murray Fleming.

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Sandra Kai Fong



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Sandra Settles In

Well-known and respected local solicitor, Sandra Kai Fong, is settling into her new role as a Trustee.

Born and raised in Rotorua, she attended Malfroy Primary, Sunset Intermediate and Rotorua Girls' High Schools. This was followed by study at Otago University, where she achieved a double degree in law and economics.

Ms Kai Fong said she is really enjoying her new role with the Rotorua Trust.

"It's good to be concentrating on the people in the Rotorua District," she said.

"One of my first tasks was to serve on the scholarships selection panel, which I really enjoyed. It was good seeing all our young people coming through and doing so well. They really are inspirational and have already achieved a lot

even though they are still only 16 or 17 years of age."

Sandra and her husband, Tim Rigter, who is the general manager of Red Stag Timber, have two teenage children of their own, Katie aged 16 and 14-year old, Marc.

Prior to being elected in November 2010, Sandra practised law at local firm, McKechnie Quirke and Lewis, for 26 years. Specialising in civil litigation, she retired from practice in October last year. A member of the Bay of Connections Governance Group, which is responsible for the Bay of Plenty regional economic development strategy, she represented Rotorua on the BayTrust from 2002 – 2010 and was an inaugural member of Rotorua's Bright Economy Board.

The next Trustee election will take place in November 2013.



Sandra Kai Fong.

Management Team



(Left to right) Andrea Thompson (seated), Alison Perrin, Peter Halligan, Stuart Burns, Michael Wyeth, Edith Tissink (seated), Lee-Anne Thompson.



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