

## Take Time Out At Tyburn

The Tyburn Monastery in Ngakuru welcomes visitors who want some time out from the "busyness of the world."

Mother Angela said Tyburn is a religious community whose main work is prayer, "we celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours seven times a day in the Church," and secondly, hospitality. "We provide hospitality for people to come and stay for a time of reflection and prayer. Anyone is welcome here. Guests don't have to be Catholic, nor do they have to take part in the Church or prayers if they don't want to. We only ask that they respect the atmosphere of quiet."

Tyburn Monastery has eleven en suite rooms which can be booked for a small set fee. "Many of the rooms at the Monastery have beautiful views out over Lake Ohakuri, which surprises most people."

The nuns serve lunch and an evening meal. Guests are welcome to prepare their breakfasts in the two small kitchenettes, and have tea and coffee whenever they want.

Mother Angela said the Monastery is set in the most beautiful place.

"We have lovely gardens including a prayer garden, which is a rose garden. There are lots of wonderful



Left to right – Mother Angela, Mother Justin (rear) and Sister Seraphim welcome visitors at Tyburn Monastery.

walks including one up a very steep hill, which we call Calvary Hill, and which has a very large cross at the top of it. Students from John Paul College have put pottery plaques depicting the story of The Passion of Christ all the way up to the cross

at the top of the hill." "Rotorua Trust has given us a donation for solar panels for our new hot water system, which is wonderful because we are very busy with visitors. Some people come by themselves and others

come together in small groups. We also have groups and schools visit us for the day." Part of the Hamilton Catholic Diocese, Tyburn Monastery is a new foundation, which opened its doors in May 2009. It is the second

of its kind in New Zealand, with the first having been established in the Bombay Hills. **Tyburn Monastery is located at 74 Dods Road, Ngakuru. For bookings, telephone 333 2378. Everyone is welcome.**

## 'Images of Rotorua'

Recommended by local historian, the late Don Stafford, *Images of Rotorua* is a 'snapshot' of predetermined sites in and around Rotorua city and Ngongotaha.

Since 2000, members of the Rotorua Camera Club have been taking photos of the same area or

street each five years to record the changes.

Camera Club vice president and project team leader, Reg Quinn, said the project first came about because there was very little history of Rotorua in photographic form.

The project is a collaboration

between the Camera Club, whose members take the photos, Rotorua Museum of Art and History – Te Whare Taonga O Te Arawa, which records, catalogues and houses the photos and the Rotorua Trust, which funds the project.

"Five members are involved in

taking the photos this year. We have 101 images of predetermined sites recording recent changes to the 'city-scape' and environment. We also have an additional 40 images recording new developments such as recent buildings, roundabouts and that sort of thing. We have also taken photos of areas that are likely to change over the next five years, such as Victoria and Pererika Streets. The photos are recorded on film and selected images are put in albums, one of which is held at Rotorua District Library so that it is readily accessible to members of the public. I think they would be of a special interest to local and

social historians, school groups, photographers, town planners and architects, amongst others."

Mr Quinn said there will also be a special exhibition at Rotorua Museum from 18 February to 27 March 2011 where 34 selected images will be on display.

Rotorua Camera Club is a vibrant and active group with around 50 members. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the Dutch Club, Neil Hunt Park, off Tarawera Road.

For more information see [www.rotoruacamera.club.co.nz](http://www.rotoruacamera.club.co.nz) or call Tracey Robinson 349 2227 or Reg Quinn 347 9349.

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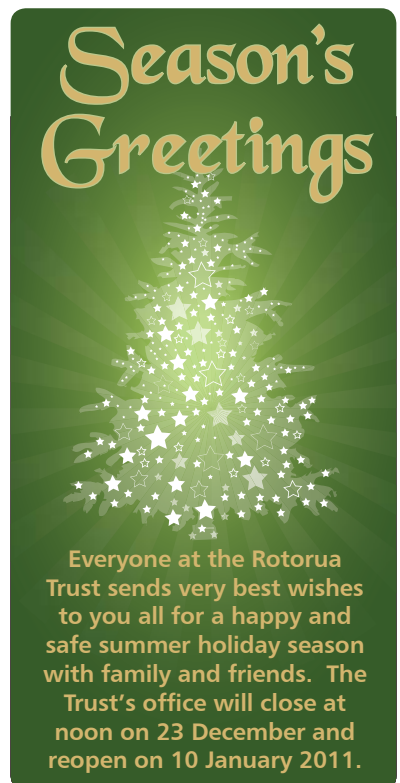
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Left to right – Trustee, Paul East, with Reg Quinn and Sarah Matthews of the Rotorua Camera Club view the *Images of Rotorua*.



Season's Greetings

Everyone at the Rotorua Trust sends very best wishes to you all for a happy and safe summer holiday season with family and friends. The Trust's office will close at noon on 23 December and reopen on 10 January 2011.

# Family Development Unit Completed

The whole facility at Te Puna Whaiora ki Rotorua (formerly known as The Princess of Wales Health Camp) has now been totally refurbished and a new family development unit completed.

Te Puna Whaiora regional manager, Toni Hocquard, said the main objective is to provide an alternate mirror experience for children who go there.

"With the recent completion of the family development unit we are now able to provide families with a different experience of how a family can work well together. While they are here, children focus on being children and worry less about other things that might be happening in their lives. Now we can provide the same sort of positive experiences for their families as well."

Mrs Hocquard, who is a registered social worker, said children are referred to Te Puna Whaiora through various channels including schools, social workers, and public health nurses and via other professionals.

"We serve the central North Island, which is a huge catchment area."

Te Puna Whaiora ki Rotorua has capacity for 28 children at a time. Children aged between five and 12 years stay an average of five weeks during school term time. Other programmes are offered during the school holidays.

"Our facilities are very much like a family home, they look and feel like a home environment. We also have additional resources to provide the children with as many opportunities for growth as we can. There is a school on site, a swimming pool, gym and large grassed areas where children can run around and let off steam if they wish."

"Staff are on site 24 hours seven

days a week and are integral to the environment created here."

"The refurbishment of our main residential facility was funded by our own charitable trust and it has been wonderful to receive a substantial financial contribution from the Rotorua Trust for the refurbishment of our family development unit".

"We have contracts for services with the Ministry of Social Development but other than that we have to find our own funding and we cannot do it alone. Being able to provide a facility such as the family development unit allows us to really meet the needs of the families who come here."

"Families face many challenges. It is very difficult to focus on all the areas in your life when there is so much going on. Families can come here for a week and have a breather."

"We build on the strengths families already have, offering very practical support such as getting into routines, budgeting, preparing meals and dealing with challenging behaviours."

"We are very flexible in the way we can use the spaces we have in the family development unit. We can cater for eight individual parents or, as there are adjoining rooms, four families with young children at a time. Alternatively, the child might stay in the main facility while mum and dad are in the family development unit."

"No two children or families are the same so the more responsive we are the better for everyone."

"We are very grateful for the support given to us by the Rotorua Trust. Their support is magic, just wonderful!"

Te Puna Whaiora - The New Zealand Foundation for Child and



Te Puna Whaiora regional manager, Toni Hocquard (right) with the Tamati family from Taumarunui.

Family Health and Development, achieves outcomes for vulnerable children and families who are experiencing serious inequalities and are at risk of adverse health,

education and welfare outcomes. Children's Health Camps have operated in New Zealand for more than 82 years and Te Puna Whaiora ki Rotorua is one of

seven sites spread throughout the country.

**For further information call Toni Hocquard on 345 9097 or go to [www.healthcamps.org.nz](http://www.healthcamps.org.nz)**

## Defibrillator Proves Worth



St John's Reporoa's new monitor / defibrillator proved its worth in just four weeks. The monitor / defibrillator has been used nine times during this period. This certainly proves that St John's is a much needed volunteer service in Reporoa.

Most people think of a defibrillator as the piece of medical equipment that just shocks people back to life when a person's heart beat is irregular but a monitor / defibrillator also monitors blood pressure, heart rate and rhythm, and is also used to measure the oxygen level in the patient's blood supply.

St John's Reporoa chairman, Colin Millar, said the cost of the monitor / defibrillator was

St John's Reporoa team leader, Wendy Broomfield and chairman, Colin Millar, with the new monitor / defibrillator.

\$35,800. Funding was provided with assistance from the Rotorua Trust, Reporoa Lions Club, The Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust and the local community including businesses, schools and individuals raising the balance."

"We cannot thank everyone enough, it was great to see so many local people supporting a very worthwhile and much needed volunteer service"

The St John's Reporoa station is located on Broadlands Road in Reporoa Village. It has been operating in the rural community for more than 50 years.

**If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call St John's Reporoa team leader, Wendy Broomfield on 333 8355.**

# Community Group Inspires and Educates

There's a lot more going on at the Hannah's Bay Reserve these days. Traditionally a popular place for families, whanau and friends to get together for picnics, play and other recreational activities, people can now take part in a whole host of very productive activities including help restore a wetland, join in community gardens and an orchard (or food forest), and community plantings and landscaping.

Denise La Grouw, chair of the Hannah's Bay Restoration Trust, said the group was started by a few friends whose initial focus was on sustainable land use.

"We started with a wetlands restoration project and are now running organic gardening workshops, helping local schools and other community groups to set up gardens, and hosting family days at Hannah's Bay during Conservation Week, amongst many other activities."

The Restoration Trust runs programmes for all sectors of the community with a strong focus on youth programmes, run during school holidays and for groups during term time.

"Another key group that has emerged is youth at risk. We

have been seeking ways to inspire, engage and educate these incredible young people and give them opportunities to learn about, and reconnect with the natural world. We want all our young people to see what an incredible world we live in," she said.

"We work from a community-led or asset based community development approach, which basically means the community's ideas are nurtured and supported. We support projects that connect environment, social and even livelihood and economic outcomes. We believe that the work we are doing is contributing to our vision which is: 'to help foster the emergence of a community who stewards natural resources, healthy communities and responsible, caring citizens for the sake of future generations; mokopunatanga."

The Restoration Trust has recently completed running a workshop series at the Rotorua Youth Centre, which has started its own gardens. "The workshops also help people share simple skills."

"We have received support from many organisations including WWF (World Wildlife Fund),



Left to right - Trust chairman, Grahame Hall and trustees, Trevor Maxwell and Lyall Thurston, get some gardening tips from Denise La Grouw at Hannah's Bay community gardens.

NZ Lottery Grants Board and BayTrust for a number of different activities, and local business, NZONE, provides funding for the purchase of our fruit trees."

"Funding from the Rotorua Trust is being used on our new web

site, which is currently under construction and interpretation panels at Hannah's Bay."

Ms La Grouw said the new web site will have lots of practical ideas and gardening hints, as well as organic recipes, and groups will

also be able to share experiences and photos."

If you are interested in workshops call Denise La Grouw on 345 5592 or visit [www.communityrestorationtrust.com](http://www.communityrestorationtrust.com) for more information.

## Variety Keeps Support Group Strong



Arthritis Lakes Pool Group runs seven exercise classes each week.

Support group volunteer, Katie Williams said, we run classes at different times and at different venues to suit as many people as possible.

"We have four classes at Cantabria Home and Hospital physio pool, two at QE Health and one in the children's pool at Polynesian Spa each week."

The Group also organises a variety of social activities including a

monthly luncheon at Parksyde (Older Persons Community Centre) and an afternoon tea once a month at the Cantabria physio pool after a class.

"It's equally important to have social activities as well as the exercise classes. We try to raise as much money as we can with barbeques, book stalls, etc to keep prices down but this is becoming increasingly difficult due to the lack of mobility and age of our members and volunteers."

"We've been going for a number

of years and everyone mucks in!"

Mrs Williams said exercise classes cost \$3 each for people who are members of Arthritis New Zealand (their annual subscription is \$20) or \$5 per class for non members.

"It costs us \$600 a month to run the exercise classes so receiving support from the Rotorua Trust has been a weight off our minds."

For more information about the Arthritis Lakes Pool Group and their activities call chairman, Warren Knox, on 348 9387.

Arthritis Lakes Pool Group members exercise in the Cantabria pool as (far rear left to right) chairman and instructor, Warren Knox, Katie Williams and trustee, Jo-Anne La Grouw look on.

## New Tents for Scouts

Waikite Valley Scout Group has six new tents in time for their national Jamboree on 29 December.

Scout Group secretary, Susan Atkinson, said Waikite Valley was the only troop in the Volcanic Zone not to have to combine with another so that they can attend this year's Jamboree at Mystery Creek near Hamilton.

"This is an amazing achievement especially as we re-established only about a year ago."

Boys and girls from the rural settlements of Reporoa, Ngakuru and Atiamuri, as well as Waikite Valley, make up the troop which has more than 35 members.

Waikite Valley Scouts range in age from eight to 15 years.

"The strength of the Group is our amazing leaders. They are the key to our success; the right mix of fun, fair and firm," she said.

"Scouting involves camping and due to new health and safety regulations we had to get new tents, which we are very grateful for. It's fantastic to see the children enjoying the outdoors and participating in something that doesn't involve screens!"

Waikite Valley Scout Group meets weekly at the Scout Den located at Waikite Valley Reserve in Corbett Road. Scouts meet on Monday and Cubs on Wednesday.

For more information call Susan Atkinson on 333 2989.



Waikite Valley Scout Group with one of their new tents.

# Trust Farewells Inaugural Trustee

We say farewell to Judy Keaney, who has retired from the Rotorua Trust having served as a Trustee for the past 16 years. An inaugural Trustee, she was first elected in 1994.

Prior to being elected, Mrs Keaney was Mayoress of Rotorua for almost 14 years. "I was so involved in the community for all of the mayoral years and when my late husband, John, retired as Mayor, I wanted to continue working in the community to build on all of the good work that had been done during that time."

Committed to the community, Mrs Keaney said it seemed like a natural transition to stand as a Trustee so she could continue giving something back to the local community. "I am a people person and have always enjoyed getting involved. I believe the formation of the Rotorua Trust is one of the best things that ever happened to Rotorua."

Mrs Keaney said she has thoroughly enjoyed her time on the Trust. "I have loved the Trust work and being able to keep in touch with the community and the education sector after having been so involved in the past."

"The Trust has a good team approach and I have had wonderful support from Trustees, particularly in the area of education projects and initiatives. There is no one great achievement that stands out for me over the past 16 years because the Trust has been responsible for so many good things."

"The area of education has consumed my passion. I am very proud of the Trust's scholarship programme, including the Tertiary Study Awards, Waiariki Institute of Technology – Whare Takiura scholarships and JWW Lepper Memorial scholarships for apprentices. I have always been very pleased with the Trust's contribution to our local schools, especially in the area of breaking down barriers to learning, which

has been very rewarding. One example was the funding of the pilot programme for the Oticon 'Soundfield' active learning system and then establishing that learning technology in our local primary schools, which has led to our younger children having increased oral language and literacy skills."

"Now vision screening testing in schools has begun. Students in Year Four (eight-year olds) are going to be tested over the next three years. It is hoped that this will lead to an improvement in the reading levels and behaviour of these young students. The Trust is funding the tests and making a contribution towards the cost of glasses for those students who are not eligible for free glasses and who cannot afford them."

Mrs Keaney said other highlights for her include the Energy Events Centre, which has helped grow the local economy and was a much needed facility. "Everyone in the community can enjoy whatever is on there."

"The formation of the investment side of the Trust, Perpetual Capital Management, which makes better capitalisation of our major asset, was a very positive step for the Trust. We now have professional directors who have the skills to manage our \$100 million plus asset and Trustees can concentrate on working for the community."

"The millennium projects were very wide ranging and continue to provide enormous benefit to the local community. We would not have these facilities without the support of the Trust."

"Another rewarding aspect has been to see the improvement in the aesthetics of the city with the undergrounding project. This is especially evident on Fairy Springs Road currently and when completed will make a much nicer entrance into the city from the north. The Trust has always supported art and culture in the community and I have been a



Judy Keaney enjoys time in her garden.

great supporter of Lakeside. If people get no other direct benefit from the Trust, they can enjoy this annual free concert."

Mrs Keaney said she has retired for a number of reasons.

"I had not missed a meeting in 16 years. I gave the Trust my total commitment during that period and this was my choice. But it was time for a change for me and for the Trust. I want to spend more time with my grandchildren and be free to travel rather than having to work around meetings and other Trust commitments. Organisations need change and new people to come on board. It

was time to give someone else a chance to serve the community."

"I am delighted Sandra (Kai Fong) has been elected. She has Trust experience having been on the BayTrust. Sandra is a long-time Rotorua citizen who knows our community well. I am also pleased that my successor is another woman. However, I am very disappointed with the low number of people who actually voted.

Mrs Keaney said she now has the freedom to do other things. "What those 'other things' are, I'm not quite sure yet but I am a firm believer that as one door closes another one opens."

## Meet your Trustees



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## Trust Welcomes Sandra Kai Fong

Well known Rotorua solicitor, Sandra Kai Fong, was elected to the Trust in November 2010. A Rotorua resident for 48 years, she served eight years as a Rotorua representative on the BayTrust and was a member of Rotorua's Bright Economy Board. She is married to Tim Rigter and they have two children. Ms Kai Fong is currently overseas and will feature in a full profile in the Trust's newsletter in March 2011.

## DON'T MISS

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| December and January   | Artists @ RAVE at RAVE                    |
| 17 December            | Carols by Candlelight at Kuirau Park      |
| 31 December            | Mardi Gras at the Soundshell              |
| 22 January             | Lakeside Rotorua at the Village Green     |
| 29 January             | Opera in the Pa at Te Puia                |
| 30 January             | Rotorua Bluesfeast at RAVE                |
| 20 February – 10 March | Rotorua Arts Festival                     |
| 18 March – 2 April     | CATS the Musical at the Convention Centre |

## 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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