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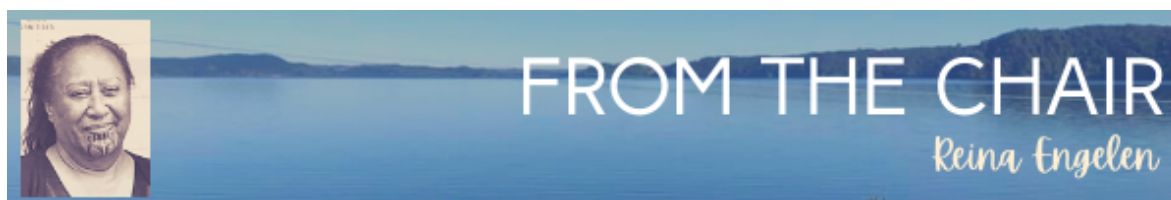
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## *Tēnā tātou katoa*



The winter months are upon us and things get quieter at the lake. The committee, however, will continue to advocate for all of us on some key issues - like speed reduction on the Eastern end of the lake, the East Rotoiti Sewerage scheme, matters with the Rotorua Lakes Council and much more. We may not email as frequently through the winter months but we continue to update our website [www.rotoiti.co.nz](http://www.rotoiti.co.nz) and our [Facebook page](#) all the time, so we encourage you to check those out.

Ngā mihi,

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## State Highway 30 Speed Limit Proposal

LRCA has submitted a proposal to Waka Kotahi/NZTA and the Rotorua Lakes Council that the SH30 speed limits should be lowered to 60kph from Moose Lodge to the Eastern end of Hongi's Track to mitigate the significant dangers faced by road users.

To read our full submission, register your support and hear what other people say, as well as get the details on a public consultation, [please visit our website by clicking HERE](#)

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## Dama Wallabies

Wallabies continue to be an invasive species of concern for Bay of Plenty Regional Council / Toi Moana (BoPRC). To identify new approaches to wallaby control, in March 2019, BoPRC went to market to look for innovative ideas. The Paehinahina-Mourea and Ōkahu blocks were chosen as the trial site as it is recognised as being an important location to minimise the risk of dispersal over the road bridge at Mourea and across the Ōhau Channel. [To read more click HERE](#)

*A short five minute video has been produced to highlight the cultural, ecological and economic impacts that wallabies have and to encourage people to lend their support to the programme. [WATCH IT HERE](#)*

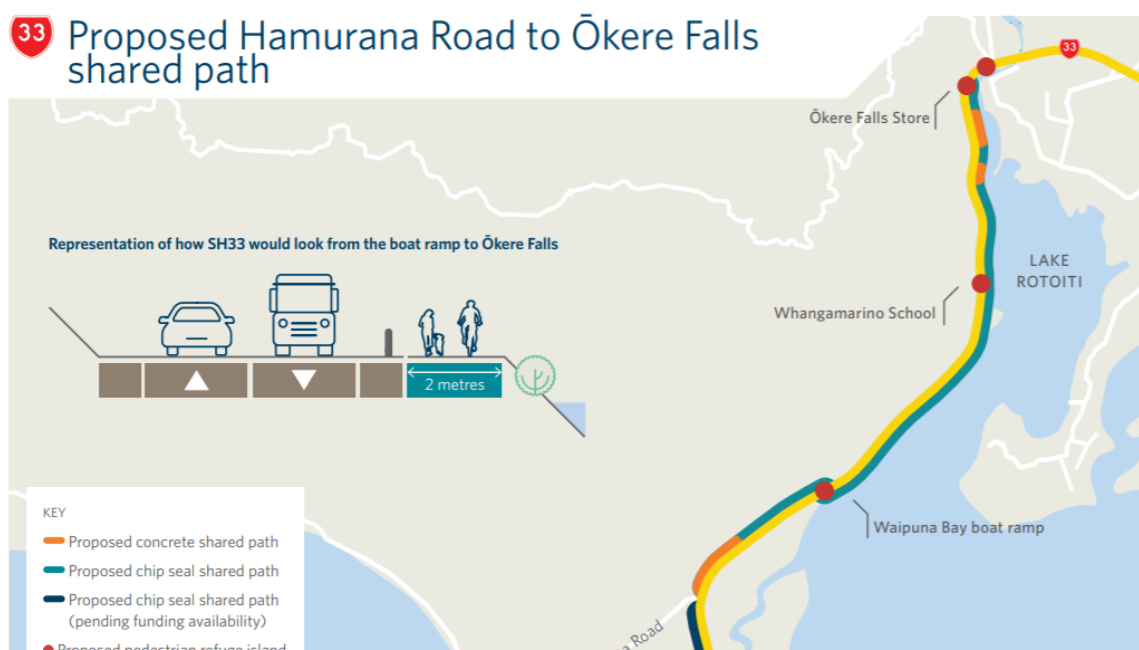
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## Rotorua Lakes Council Long Term Plan

RLC distributed its 2021-31 Long Term Plan Consultation Document in early April.

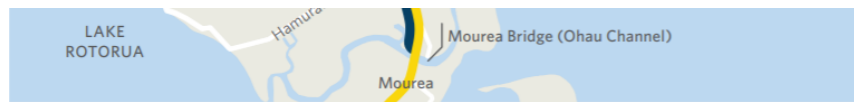
The Document along with our comment, feedback and decisions [can be viewed by clicking HERE](#)

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Please note: This map is not to scale and indicative only. The purpose is to show the location of the proposed shared path and pedestrian islands.



## Ōkere Falls to Mourea Shared Path

The Waka Kotahi / NZTA Plans for the shared pathway have now been finalised and were presented at the Lakes Community Board meeting in April. This followed community feedback which was generally positive from most submitters. Construction is due to commence shortly.

Information about they aren't extending to Mourea or Maniatutu Road or building an underpass at this point in time [can be found by clicking HERE](#)



## Lake Structures

Bay of Plenty Regional Council / Toi Moana continues to process Rotorua and Tarawera consent applications. Council recently published an April Newsletter to update structure owners.

If you are not signed up to the Council's newsletter you can access that along with update by [clicking HERE](#)

## Harbourmaster Report

Bay of Plenty Regional Council's new Harbourmaster, Jon Jon Peters along with Roly Bagshaw, Senior maritime officer (Lakes) recently presented to the Lakes Community Board with a detailed report containing statistics and overview of lake navigational activities over the immediate past summer period.

[This can be viewed HERE](#)

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## Myrtle Rust

During routine monitoring visits, researchers from SCION have confirmed the presence of Myrtle rust on the plant species *Lophomyrtus bullata*/ramarama in the Lake Okataina and Lake Rotoiti Scenic Reserves. Although this is the first time the fungus has been detected in these areas, the invasive microbe has been spreading rapidly across New Zealand since it was first identified in 2017.

[Read more about this pest by clicking HERE](#)

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## East Rotoiti Sewerage Scheme

Rotorua Lakes Council has requested additional funding from MFE (Ministry for Environment) to close the funding shortfall due to higher scheme costs compared to 2014 estimates. If this additional funding is approved, a Community meeting will be held to explain funding and tender outcomes.

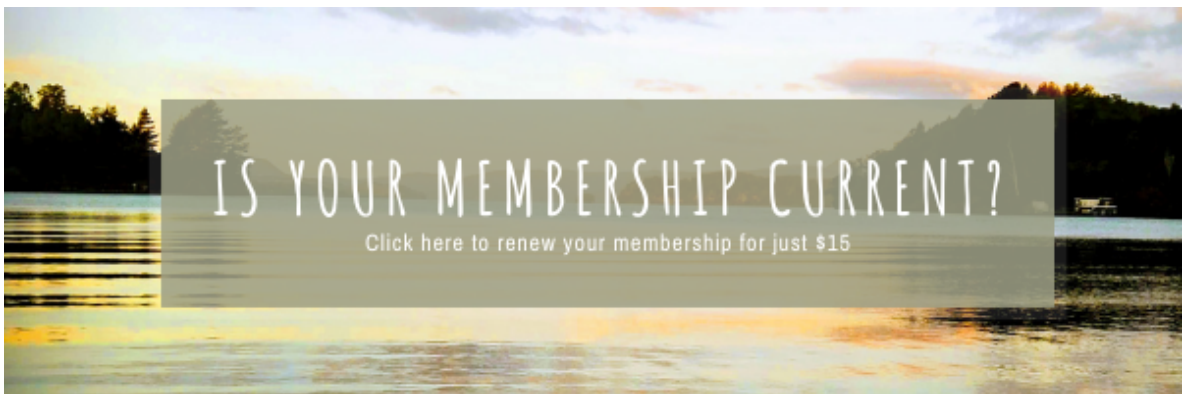
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## Tamatea St Playground Upgrade

The upgrade of the Tamatea Street Playground at Hinehopu has been hampered by some unfortunate incidents relating to theft of timber, old play equipment that was intended for repurposing, and security fencing panels. RLC are installing a camera which will hopefully deter this activity. Completion is now forecast for end of June.

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