# LAKE ROTOITI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC. NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019/2020



LRCA is in grave need of new blood from local residents to replace six of our existing nine committee members including our chair and treasurer all of whom now wish to retire after many years of service.

In the past we have been extremely well served by some very active chairs and committee members who have achieved a great deal on behalf of residents and ratepayers towards the many advancements and undertakings around Lake Rotoiti by virtue of their drive, ability and persistence.

All will agree that a strong committee is essential to ensure continuation of a major voice in promoting issues that concern lake rotoiti residents, and striving for the best outcomes from our local and national decision makers. We have had tentative indications of interest from some people and urge others to give this their serious consideration towards helping your association and its community in preparation for our upcoming AGM. Ideally, it would seem desirable to have a cross-section of generations, and representation from the various locations right around the lake.

If you are keen to help, please contact one of our current committee members or create a signed nomination form which must include a proposer and seconder who should be current members and send or email it to the addresses shown on the back page.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** OF THE LAKE ROTOITI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

To be held at 10 am on Thursday 2nd January 2020 at the Clubrooms of the Pikiao Lakeside Sports & Community Association Inc. (formerly known as the Pikiao Rugby League Club), Takinga Road, Mourea.

All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be served.

## FROM THE CHAIR

This newsletter is packed with important information. Please spend time to read it.

### Lake Rotoiti Lake Level – Proposed Trial

Details of a proposed one-off trial are included together with a graph. It is essential to note that the important consideration of water quality recognised in the current consent will apply throughout the trial period and this "input-output" caveat continues to be the critical underpinning management principle. At all times the output from the Okere Gates matches or exceeds the input to the Ohau Channel from Lake Rotorua.

### Lake Structures

We have worked hard and closely with BoPRC with regard to the renewal of lake structure consents. BoPRC has indicated a desire to include consent of erosion protection walls under their current revised consenting process. Please study the content provided in this Newsletter.

#### **New Committee Members**

You will have seen the front page of this Newsletter. After eleven years in the Chair I intend to pass the reins on. Our Treasurer and several other committee members intend to stand down this year as well. We need new blood. Please give this serious consideration.

### New Members

Whilst enjoying what we hope is going to be a wonderful summer break, please do our Association a favour. Please check with your friends and neighbours to see if they are members and if not please ask them to join. They can email to lakerotoiticommunityassn@gmail.com to indicate their

wish to join. Our membership fee is small but as a community voice we can achieve change.

#### **Okere Falls Transfer Station**

We continue to have people abuse our Transfer Station by dumping materials outside the station. If you see them do this please take car registration details and/or photos and pass them on to our committee members. On Thursday and Sunday mornings from 8.30 am – 12 noon the Transfer Station is open to take items other than recycle and Council rubbish bags. There is a small fee but this more than compensates for having to drive into Rotorua. Our Transfer Station is a privilege and we should all remember this.

### Defibrillator

The West Rotoiti Volunteer Fire Brigade have been issued a new defibrillator for their Fire Truck. The previous defibrillator which was funded by our Association has been returned to us and we are currently working on obtaining a public venue in Mourea where it can be installed.

### **KiwiBank Cheques**

We have been advised that from end February 2020 our bank will no longer accept cheques. We are aware that some members of our Association are still paying by cheque. If you are not paying via internet banking, could we ask you to bring subscription funds (or cheques) to the AGM on 2nd January. From then on members are going to have to find a different method of payment.

HILARY PRIOR | (CHAIRPERSON) lakerotoiticommunityassn@gmail.com

## TE ARAWA CATFISH KILLAS UPDATE 2019

The Te Arawa Catfish Killas is a community group created by Te Arawa Lakes Trust in response to the current catfish issue faces in the Te Arawa Rotorua Lakes. We have been going for a little over a year now and the response from the communities in Rotorua has been amazing. Working closely with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council we have been able to build a massive awareness campaign about the issue of not only catfish but all aquatic pests. We started out with just 10 volunteers on opening morning for the 2018/2019 Trout fishing season and in the time we have been running, volunteer numbers have grown to over 450 people.

Volunteers are made up of students from 16 local school, 2 early childhood education centres, 3 rangatahi youth groups, Toi Ohomai, Hapu/lwi members and Lake residents and visitors. They have been doing a variety of jobs from presenting at schools, Marae and clubs, delivering flyers and posters, talking to public at boat ramps about catfish and of course using the nets that were provided by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council to catch the pesky fish.

We didn't catch many catfish but the ones we did catch were very large. As the warmer weather has come on, catfish catches are slowly starting to increase which is normal for this time of year. We have set up nets at multiple locations around our lakes and they are checked daily by different groups of volunteers. The BOPRC catfish contractor has started for the year and we will continue to trap alongside him over the summer. At present, the contractor and volunteer catfish catch is about 66,000 from 2016.

Recently, we were nominated for the Pihinga Award for new initiatives at the Biosecurity Awards 2019. We attended an awesome evening in the Auckland Museum and managed to win not only the Pihinga Award but also took out the Supreme Award. This was a fantastic achievement for the group and hopefully we can grow onto this in the years to come.

Looking ahead, we hope to keep the trapping going over the Christmas period using holiday makers, holiday programs and volunteers from all over Rotorua. Next year, we will continue with the school netting program as the kids are super keen to get out and learn about the environment. **WILLIAM ANARU**, 021 268 3853, WILLIAM@TEARAWA.IWI.NZ

This year, we trapped catfish for the first time over the winter months.



## LAKE ROTOITI LAKE LEVEL – PROPOSED TRIAL

### A Joint Proposal by Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Ngāti Pikiao Environmental Society.

The 26th November meeting of the Rotorua Te Arawa Operational Liaison Group (RTALOLG) has unanimously agreed to support in principle a proposal for a three year trial of a modified operational management regime for Lake Rotoiti Levels; this will include a once only drawdown targeted for the first year. This meeting was chaired by long-time community advocate Warren Webber and was attended by LRCA Committee members Hilary Prior and Jim Stanton along with representatives from Ngāti Pikiao, Te Arawa Lakes Trust, the Rafting Community, Rotorua Lakes Council, the BoP Regional Council, the Rotorua Lakes community Board and other stakeholder groups.

The current consent provides for an annual drawdown ('the flush') to 279.000 between 1st May and 30th September. It is generally agreed that the flush provides little benefit in terms of silt clearance of the Ohau Channel and only a partial satisfaction of the Ngāti Pikiao Environmental Society wish to view the lake at historically low levels. Once achieved, it is intended to provide the opportunity for a cross-section of stakeholders to accompany BoPRC and Ngāti Pikiao representatives on a trip around the lake to view the impacts.

The meeting also acknowledged that boat owners generally prefer lake levels above 279.100.

### Key points recognised and proposed:

i. The recognition of water quality in Lake Rotoiti is the primary consideration in levels management. The current consent requires that output from the Okere Gates matches or exceeds

input to the Ohau Channel from Lake Rotorua – this 'input-output caveat' is, under the existing consent, the critical underpinning management principle.

- A modified once only drawdown to 278.850 held for one week between 6th February and 30th June 2020. This will result in a very low lake level close to the lowest ever experienced (278.826) in January 1915.
- iii. The trial will not stipulate target lake level, lowest lake level or an aspirational % distribution of levels across defined level ranges
   these add complexity and are inconsistent with practical management via the input-output caveat
- iv. Assertive management of levels which threaten to exceed 279.200 such that potential lakeside flooding is mitigated (ie. Okere Gate outputs will be higher than Ohau Inputs)
- v. Careful management of levels below 279.100 (ie. operations will endeavour for Okere Gate outputs to match Ohau inputs)
- vi. As per the existing consent, priority accorded to the inputoutput caveat could mean that in a very dry year lake levels could potentially decline to unprecedented levels. Whilst this has not yet occurred under the current consent, such occurrence must be acknowledged as a possibility.
- vii. Except for one completed drawdown to 278.850 the above trial regime (without a repeated annual 'flush') is likely to reflect 'natural' seasonal fluctuations and climate conditions.
- viii. The following graphic shows historical lake levels over time and the proposed trial range for 2020.

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Range	0.942	0.364	0.290	0.221	0.274	0.252	0.260	0.237	0.393	0.339	0.350
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# **LAKES COMMUNITY BOARD** REPORT – 2019

A lot has happened for the Community Board this year, projects finished, new ones started and some still being worked on, and in the middle of our normal work, an election.

At the election, 2 of our Board members, Jim Stanton and Fred Stevens decided not to stand again. I'd especially like to acknowledge and thank Jim for all his hard work, not just as Board Deputy these last three years, but for a lifetime of giving to our community here at Rotoiti.

As is now the norm (it has been for the last 3 elections) we had a contested election. I applaud all candidates for stepping forward in wanting to represent our Lakes communities, and congratulate those who were successful – Nick Chater from Rotoiti, Jennifer Rothwell from Hamurana and Sandra Goodwin from Lake Okareka. I have been re-elected as Chair, with Nick as Deputy. We've had a great start to the new term, and I'm looking forward to us working together over the next three years.

**East Rotoiti/Rotoma Sewerage Scheme** While the election and post-election induction process and workshops have been going on, the Lakes Board has continued to work on our projects around all our lakes. At Rotoiti the biggext project underway of course is the East Rotoiti / Rotoma Sewerage Scheme (in fact it has been one of the bigger projects being undertaken in the Rotorua District). Over the course of 2019 the treatment plant (located above Emerys Store on SH30) was commissioned, the reticulation for Rotoma completed and the installation of STEP systems at each property largely achieved, and the majority of properties are now sending their pre-treated sewerage to the treatment plant.

At the same time as the Rotoma part of the scheme was being completed, installation of the reticulation network started at Rotoiti, and it's been impressive just how quickly that work is going. At the time of writing we expect the pipework to be largely done before Christmas, with only some difficult sections left to do (NZTA requires all work to stop roadside over Christmas - January), and the neccessary pump stations to be installed. Currently we're expecting this work to be completed in April, after which work will start on installing the onsite pre-treatment units. We're expecting Councillors to approve the successful tenderer in the New Year. In the meantime staff are working on getting approvals from land owners and leasees to enter peoples' properties to install the units. Those who have properties at Komuhumuhu – Gisborne Pt have during the year received requests for approval not only to enter properties, but also for Heritage NZ to do site examinations if artifacts are found on a property. If you haven't signed off on these approvals yet it would be great if you do so as soon as practicable, as Hertiage NZ requires all properties to have signed before allowing work to start. If you have queries or concerns around what is entailed I'm happy to pop round and visit you for a chat, or you can call me on 0275 47 44 55.

Waipuna Delta Boat Ramp Parking Area One of our completed projects at Rotoiti this year was the upgrade to the Waipuna Delta boatramp parking area. This was a Community Board led and funded project. We leveled and resurfaced the trailer parking area, removed the bunds bordering the area, and put down timber edging to define the boundaries. Previously the parking area was potholed, and the edges always overgrown and unkempt looking as it was too difficult to get machinery in to mow. Removing the bunds and putting in the borders means that now the mowers can get in and keep the area looking much more as it should. Most people don't realise that this boatramp isn't Council land but is leased from the Pukahukiwi Kaokaoroa Iwi Trust and the improvements made have gone a long way to showing an appropriate level of respect to the land and its owners. Some people have commented to me that we've made the parking area smaller. In actual fact that's not the case, it is (very) slightly larger. It's the removal of the bunds behind the parking area that makes it look like we've decreased the size.

Second Boat Ramp at Komuhumuhu – Gisborne Point Another project that I'd love to see finished is the second boatramp at Komuhumuhu – Gisborne Pt. We thought that we'd done everything we needed to do, when at the last minute Heritage NZ stepped in. The reserve is a very significant site, and so we needed to have an assessment done on possible damage that could be done by the work we're planning to do alongside the boatramp (rather than the ramp itself). The assessment has been done but is awaiting sign-off. It is anticipated work will start early in the New Year and after the holiday period.

**Public Toilet Refurbishment** One last project to mention that hasn't reached Rotoiti yet is our Public Toilet Refurbishment project. It's been two years in development but we have just completed our first refurbishment which will also serve as an example we can show to all our communities. The renewed toilet block is at Matahi Spit at Lake Rotoma, if you are going that way call in and have a look. This refurbishment project is funded 50/50 by the Community Board and Council, and we're hoping to do two toilet blocks at Rotoiti in 2020.

### **PHILL THOMASS**

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## LAKES WATER QUALITY SOCIETY UPDATE

On the 7th & 8th of November we held our "Float the Boat – Certify" Symposium. Excellent papers were presented over the two days by leaders in their field. The principal theme was putting the case for better biosecurity through self- certification. NIWA provided the history and spread of pests in our lakes. Doctor Lars Anderson from California provided a valuable contribution on how they are preventing the spread in the USA with the main focus on Lake Tahoe. There, using a token system they have prevented further pest incursions for over 10 years. A further example of biosecurity in New Zealand was given in the Fiordland area.

The case was well made and supported for our proposed certification requiring all boat trailers and equipment to be checked, cleaned, drained and dried before launching. To achieve this, legislative change to the Biosecurity Act will be required to enable infringement notices to be issued and instant fines attached. To this end we heard that the Act is currently in review so this is timely. In addition BOPRC's Regional Pest Plan needs to be inclusive of a Rule change, this is currently in process.

An educational programme has commenced and we anticipate seeing a lot more activity around boat launching this year.

The complexity around the Tarawera 8 Lakes System was revealed by Chris McBride. The best opportunity for funding Wallaby control is through the

Regional Development Fund, this was signalled by both Minister David Parker and Guy Salmon.

Lake Rotoehu algae blooms came under focus and alternative alum dosing was explored, let's hope this can be implemented to provide respite while the land use changes have the necessary time to kick in.

AGM date for 2020 is Auckland Anniversary Day January 27th at 10am at the Pikiao Lakeside Sports and Community Clubrooms, Takinga Street, Mourea.

All welcome, casual lunch provided. We look forward to seeing you on the day. We will provide the highlights of the symposium; Regional Council will provide updates for their programmes and it will be an opportunity for you to bring to our notice your concerns. We anticipate good representation from both Councils.

Support us and our restoration of the lakes by becoming a member of LWQS, it only costs \$20.

## DON ATKINSON | CHAIR

www.lakeswaterquality.co.nz

## PREDATOR FREE OKERE FALLS

The tranquil area of Okere holds significant ecological and cultural values which are worth protecting and restoring. It is home to many native flora and fauna, some of which are critically endangered. The introduction of pest predators has dwindled their numbers significantly over the past centuries. Predator Free Okere Falls is a project to rid the area of introduced predator pests to give our native birds a fighting chance!!

Our website with more information on the objects and the project plan: www.theokereproject.com

Donations may be made via our website or at www.givealittle.co.nz/org/ predator-free-okere-falls

If readers require more information they are welcome to email to predatorfreeokerefalls@gmail.com



## **SAFE ROADS**

The Safe Network Programme is a collaborative initiative that aims to save up to 160 deaths and serious injuries every year across New Zealand's highest risk state highways and local roads.

The State Highway 33 (SH33) Te Ngae Junction to Paengaroa safety improvement project sits within this programme and is more than half-way through construction.

As part of the community engagement for this project, communities such as Okere Falls and Mourea raised concerns about a number of issues, including pedestrian and cyclist safety and speed. While these issues were being investigated, planned updated line markings and other safety improvements in the area were paused.

A speed review from Okere Falls to the Rotorua Airport was initiated in August 2019, consultation closed in September and a final decision is expected in the near future. Around 110 submissions were received, with

positive support received for the proposals. Once a decision is reached work will start on implementation.

The NZ Transport Agency has provided funding to investigate the feasibility and options for a shared path between Mourea and Okere Falls, which could be connected with the Heartland cycle route between Paengaroa and Lake Rotorua. This project has just started.

With the speed review and shared path proposals progressing, the project team will be able to revisit the initial design for the Okere Falls area and adapt this to work best with the environment. This is expected to be progressed in 2020. Meanwhile, construction continues elsewhere along SH33, as outlined on the attached map. The safety improvements are expected to be completed by mid-2021.

Regards, JUSTIN RAE | COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER, SAFE ROADS, M +64 21 390 732

## Te Ngae Junction to Paengaroa - Project map Flexible safety barriers at high-risk locations to stop vehicles from running off the road or hitting Wide centreline from trees and deep ditches Paengaroa to Te Ngae to keep traffic apart and reduce head-on collisions. LAKE ROTORUA STAGE 1B PAFNGARO TAGE 2C MOUREA OKERE FALLS Southbound passing lane STAGE 3E Whakat STAGE 3A CONSTRUCTIO Stage 1 State Highwa Stage 2 Local Stage 3 Updated October 2019







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# BAY OF PLENTY UPDATES

### **Replacement Consent Project for Lake Structures**

For those who haven't already signed up to the Lake structure update quarterly newsletter you can do so at www.boprc.govt.nz/newsletters

Regional Council have now sent out 88% of the tailored consent application packs to those needing to replace their consent for their lake structure on Lake Rotoiti. At last check, 71% of those packs have been returned.

### **Replacement consent costs**

A deposit of \$775 (GST inclusive) is required with all resource consent applications. All communications beyond the first hour, and officers processing time, is charged at \$160/hour (GST inclusive). To avoid unnecessary charges we encourage applicants to thoroughly read the section of the website dedicated to lake structures (www.boprc.govt. nz/lakestructure ) prior to making contact. Total costs are unknown until consents are actually processed, but applications that do not raise specific issues are not expected to exceed \$1,500 per application.

### **Cultural mapping reports**

Cultural effects are considered as part of the Assessment of Environmental Effects component of any resource consent application. As part of this streamlined approach to replacing consents for lake structures on the Te Arawa Rotorua Lakes, the Te Arawa Lakes Trust (TALT) are preparing cultural mapping reports for each of the lakes.

TALT have been coordinating this cultural mapping project on behalf of dozens of hapū groups, lake by lake, who affiliate to these lakes to understand any potential cultural effects. The reports look at the cultural values, interests and associations with an area or a resource held by those hapū groups and the impacts of activities (in this case lake structures) on these.

Through this process TALT have been able to identify areas of historical significance including urupa, pā, papakāinga (villages), battle sites, ceremonial areas, mara kai (cultivation sites i.e. kūmara pits, tau koura), traditional waka mooring and launching areas, bathing pools and puna (springs). Naturally, they want these areas recognised and/or protected.

The final cultural mapping report for Lake Rotoiti is expected very soon and staff will be available to discuss what the completed report means.

#### **Resource consent and landowner permission**

We've had some feedback from some lake structure owners that they thought a resource consent from the Regional Council was also land owner permission. A resource consent is issued under the Resource Management Act and regional plans and it only manages cultural and environmental effects. Approval from the land owner is a separate process and needs to be sought from the appropriate land owner. However BOPRC are co-ordinating this process with the relevant landowners.

#### **Retaining and erosion protection walls**

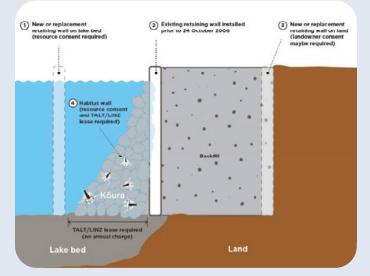
See the video at https://bayofplentyregionalcouncil.cmail20.com/t/d-l-xtjmtt-ydtddjiua-r/

Throughout this process we've been encouraging those with existing unconsented retaining and erosion protection walls to also apply for consent for these structures. This would enable landowners to piggyback off the work happening in the background to understand the effect of these structures on the environment and save money in the long run.

### Soft versus hard structures

Some lake edges in the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes area are eroding, or existing retaining and erosion protection walls failing. We've had a number of queries about what this means for parties with an interest in these structures who wish to upgrade the structure.

The diagram below shows a retaining wall that was installed prior to the Te Arawa Lakes settlement on 24 October 2006 and three potential replacement options, and whether a resource consent or TALT/LINZ lease is required.



Option number four shows a habitat wall, a more natural option proven to better withstand the weather. This option is favoured by landowners (TALT and LINZ), DoC and Regional Council as it provides a habitat for native fish species such as Koura.

As landowners TALT and LINZ have agreed that a lease would still be required for occupying the land (lake bed and water stratum) they administer but there wouldn't be an annual charge.

## Fixing up your structure for summer

If you are looking for a qualified person to assist you in maintaining your structure please go to https://www.boprc.govt.nz/environment/ resource-consents/consent-forms-and-maps/lake-structure-consents/

Remember, no maintenance can be carried out between September to December without first getting approval from the appropriate authority (Regional Council and Department of Conservation). This is so indigenous fish species such as Koura are protected during breeding (egg and juvenile bearing) and the dab chick breeding season.

To get approval from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council to carry out maintenance outside of the exclusion period, consent holders must notify the Bay of Plenty Regional Council via the email address notify@ boprc.govt.nz and give no less than five working days' notice. Notification should include details of who is to be responsible for site management and compliance with consent conditions.

If you have any questions you would like answered or if anything is unclear please let us know by replying to this email or give Navik a call on 0800 884 881 extn 8469.

For more information on lake structures and the replacement consent process please visit www.boprc.govt.nz/lakestructure

#### Don't forget about the Dabchick

Photo credit: Stefan Marks.

Rarer that the North Island brown kiwi, the New Zealand dabchick is endemic to this country meaning it is found nowhere else in the world. Because dabchicks spend their whole lives in or on the water, they are very vulnerable to human



activity and even the loss of small numbers can have a large impact on the population. Please keep an eye out for these and please remember that no maintenance should be carried out on your structure between September and December each year.

#### Catfish

The contractor started fyke netting in October and will set the same number of nets as last summer. A research project using sonic tagging on a number of catfish is continuing. This project aims to help us better understand the behaviour of catfish

The focus remains on education and a number of signs have been produced that will start appearing on the side of the road in the leadup to Christmas which further reinforce the importance of not spreading weed or water between waterways.

William Anaru, of Te Arawa Lakes Trust has an article in this Newsletter on the Catfish Killas programme that he is running. It is well worth reading and volunteering to assist him in this great programme.

Under resource consent 66116, Bay of Plenty Regional Council removed the aquatic pest cordon at the entrance of Te Weta Bay, Lake Rotoiti which had been used as an exclusion tool for Brown Bullhead Catfish. Surveillance by our dive team indicated that this cordon was damaged

beyond repair in some sections well beneath the surface and was unlikely to be serving the purpose of containing catfish within Te Weta Bay. The buoys marked "research" will remain in place in the area until the end of 2019 when the acoustic tracking trial of catfish is completed.

### eDNA Testing

eDNA testing has been carried out by Regional Council to test for all invasive pest fish and plant species known in New Zealand. No new pest incursions have been discovered in Lake Rotoiti following the eDNA testing which also showed other fish and terrestrial animals which had a DNA presence in the sample. More information on the findings will be shared by the Regional Council shortly.

### Summer Check, Clean, Dry campaign underway

Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff, in conjunction with Fish and Game and the Te Arawa Lakes Trust, will be pushing the "check, clean, dry" message over summer, with spot checks for compliance at popular boat ramps – including Lake Rotoiti. The focus will be on education rather than issuing fines, with the checks forming part of a summer campaign aimed at preventing the spread of catfish and aquatic weeds. Adverts targeted specifically at lake users are planned for Facebook, as well as the Met Service website and app.

### **Reminder of Skipper Responsibility**

No matter how big or small the boat, the skipper is always responsible for the safety of those on board. As a skipper you need to know the rules and be aware of the risks.

#### Skippers must:

- Have enough correctly fitting lifejackets for everyone on board.
- Have the right safety equipment on board and make sure everyone knows where it's stowed and how it works.
- Check the marine weather forecast BEFORE going out and get regular updates while on the water.
- Know the rules. Even though no licence is required to operate a recreational boat in New Zealand, ignorance of the rules is no excuse.
- Keep a good lookout at all times, especially at speed.
- Avoid alcohol while boating.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back.
- Report any oil or fuel spill to the 24 hour Pollution Hotline on 0800 884 883.

If you are not confident on how to safely skipper a boat we highly recommend you attend training.



## MAYOR STEVE CHADWICK

It has been a busy start to the new Council term for the district's elected members and like you, we are looking forward to a bit of rest and time with whanau and friends over the summer months.

A new and very diverse group of people have been elected to represent the district, bringing fresh thinking, ideas and skills to decision-making and we look forward to working with communities like yours to achieve positive outcomes for all.

I'm encouraged by the energy and enthusiasm of our elected members and an intensive induction programme is clarifying the way forward as we determine priorities for the next three years.

The induction has provided a comprehensive and current view of projects and work programmes already underway, facilities, services and infrastructure across the district – including in our lakes communities – and gave further insight into key pressures and challenges faced by council and by our district.

The district's 2030 vision established in consultation with the community in 2013 still holds, but we will continue to check, challenge and review and, as we must always hold a long-term view, we will look to extend that

vision out to 2050 this term.

I've been particularly impressed to see the lakes and rural community boards, led by Phill Thomass and Shirley Trumper respectively, hit the ground running. I'm sure your community will continue to engage and work positively with the lakes board and with Council to highlight and address concerns, to collaborate and to share ideas and feedback.



We look forward speaking with you at your upcoming ratepayer meeting and to your ongoing input in the longer term.

I wish you all a wonderful and safe summer.

Mā te mahi tahi, kia tutuki ai ngā moemoeā. Working together, we can achieve our aspirations.

STEVE CHADWICK | MAYOR

## **OKERE FALLS TRANSFER STATION**

What's wrong with these pictures?

The Transfer Station is not a rubbish dump where you can cast off any old junk. If the item isn't suitable for one of the recycling receptacles and won't fit in the Council issue rubbish bags then you need to find another way to dispose of it. Check this site to see what can be taken to the Transfer Station:

https://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/ourservices/rubbish\_and\_recycling/services/ transferstations/Pages/default.aspx

Non standard items can be disposed of at the Transfer Station on Thursday and Sunday between 8.30 am and 12 noon upon payment of a fee.



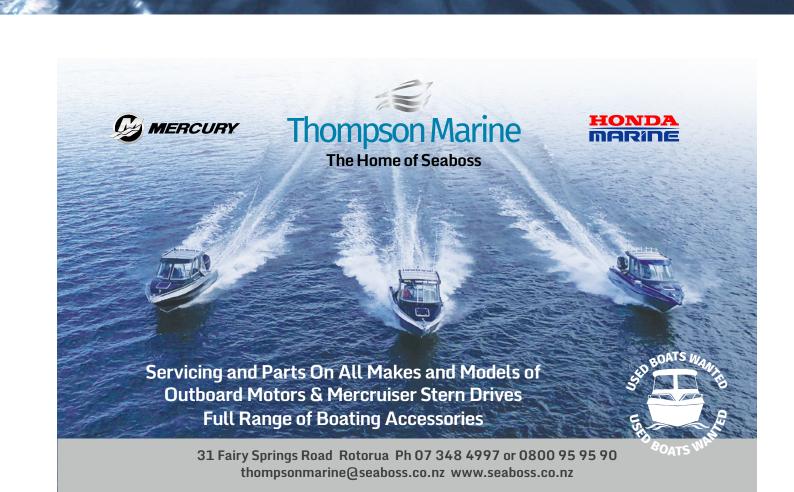
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# **PROPOSED ZIPLINE ACTIVITY** WITHIN THE OKERE SCENIC RESERVE

Okere Falls local, Sammy Sutton of Rotorua Rafting, has applied for consent under the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Conservation Act 1987, to set up a 1km- long zipline within the Okere Scenic reserve. The application is a joint venture between Rotorua Rafting and Maori Landowners from Ngati Hinekiri and Ngati Hinerangi and would be called Okere Adventures. The ziplines are to be located over the Okere Falls Scenic Reserve and the adjacent Maori Rural Land to the east.

The application is for six ziplines that will be reached from 12 platforms and tours for a maximum of 10 people, running from 8am -5pm, up to seven days a week. Tours are proposed to operate every 30 minutes and the guided tours will take about three hours. The tour will go through the forest at ground and canopy level and will follow a walking trail and the zipline.

The applicants have carried out extensive planning and mapping through consultants (Cheal Consultants Limited) and believe minimal disturbance to the existing indigenous vegetation will occur. New riparian plantings are proposed to form part of the tour activity, with indigenous vegetation planting in grassed area to be undertaken. The activity will also contribute to pest control through a partnership with Department of Conservation.

Landscape effects will be minimised by using small, low platforms that avoid the need for new buildings. Each end of the zip line will be support by a post approximately 500mm above ground level and the zipline will consist of 12mm diameter galvanised wire rope, with three anchors and a smaller safety wire rope. Parking issues are to be minimised through the use of existing Rotorua Rafting sites and the option to use a paddock to the north of the Rotorua Rafting site (for approximately 20 cars).

A positive outcome of the venture is to supply training and jobs to local people with the aim that Maori landowners will benefit financially. The tours will allow the rich cultural history and value of the area to be passed on to visitors and licence fees will be paid to the Department of Conservation (DOC). Through these fees it is proposed that there will be riparian planting established.

Forty-five submissions were made as part of the consenting process and of those 25 against, 19 for and one neutral. The main concerns centred around increased traffic, noise and environmental impacts. At this stage no decision has been reached and as a community association we are very interested in seeing the result of the consenting process.

## **TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

In 2018, following a period of exceptional growth across the New Zealand tourism sector, Government implemented the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) to support local communities facing pressure from tourism growth and in need of assistance, e.g. areas with high visitor numbers but small ratepayer bases. The fund aims to protect and enhance New Zealand's reputation both domestically and internationally in supporting quality experiences for visitors to regions around the country.

As far back as 2009, Lakes Community Board commissioned a review 'Pressure on the Rotorua Lakes' carried out by APR Consultants, which identified areas lacking in appropriate amenities and infrastructure to support a fast growing visitor population to our lake environs. For a long time, there has been only marginal expenditure provided for enhancements and upgrades towards existing or new public facilities around our lake, e.g. lake access including boatramps and jetties, toilets, parking, etc. This has been largely exacerbated by land unavailability but also assessments of low priority by our local bodies. The TIF provides some opportunity to access central funding for identifiable and eligible projects. Currently, RLC are seeking additional funding for access and parking facilities at Otaramarae and have allocated funding via the Long Term Plan for a second boatramp at Komuhumuhu (Gisborne Point).

To date, the following substantial grants have been made from TIF towards local projects:-

- \$499,234 of funding for the construction of upgraded toilets, car parks and walkways at Okere Falls Scenic Reserve (initiated by our iwi-governed Rotoiti Scenic Reserves Board)
- \$453,250 of funding for an upgrade of toilets, ramp and jetties at Boyes Beach Reserve and Acacia Road lakefront Reserve at Lake Okareka.
- \$293,056 for redevelopment of toilet, pedestrian facilities and parking improvements at Tarawera Landing Reserve.

The TIF is open to Councils, although some Community organisations with Council backing can apply. All applications are subject to an independent financial and eligibility assessment before being considered by a Funding Panel. More information around eligibility and when and how to apply can be found at:

https://www.mbie.govt.nz/immigration-and-tourism/tourism/tourism-funding/tourism-infrastructure-fund/

## ROTORUA DISTRICT RATING REVIEW

As reported in our last newsletter, Rotorua Lakes Council has undertaken to pursue a proposal to review current rating policy. Although no specific timeframe has been signalled at this stage, the key issues relating to fairness and equity that emerged from the community Focus Group discussions are now being further assessed to form the basis of future recommendations to Council. These key issues are:-

- Affordability/Equity alignment of principles related to balancing fixed and variable rates. An agreed option includes implementing a reduction in the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) to maintain or reduce the level and impact of fixed charges over time. This would provide some relief to lower value properties (and by inference lower socio-economic groups).
- Short term accommodation increased enforcement of current rules via evidence-based compliance. Engaging with stakeholders with a view to reviewing the existing 100 days occupation as a threshold for determining rating status as residential or commercial.
- Māori Freehold land land mainly held in multiple ownership and subject to Te Ture Whenua Act which is generally restricted in terms of economic development. Review of strategy, rating category and remission policies to ensure fairness and equity maintained.
- Education Determining and developing options for improving the availability and delivery of information to support a more general understanding about how properties are valued, rated, and what council services are funded from where.

Regretfully, none of this is likely to address our longheld concerns regarding the overall fairness and equity of non-differentiated general rating of our rural lakes communities, particularly most of those around Lake Rotoiti and beyond who are significantly remote from city services and amenities. Notwithstanding, LRCA and Lakes Community Board representatives will continue to seek opportunities to debate these concerns going forward. The separate issue of reviewing the District subsidy towards capital sewerage costs for new small community schemes including Rotomā/East Rotoiti is still being debated and we maintain optimism towards a positive outcome.



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## **COMMODORE'S REPORT** LAKE ROTOITI CLASSIC & WOODEN BOATS ASSOC ACTIVITIES FOR 2018/19

The summer weather was almost as good as it ever gets and the Association was able to enjoy all planned events. The first event of the year was the midwinter dinner which we held at the Pikiao Lakeside Sports and Community Club again. Our Secretary Rachel Jamieson organised a caterer. A good number of Members attended and a very enjoyable social occasion was had by all.

The Fishing Competition was embraced by a small number of keen anglers. The weather played its part well and although the fishing was not easy, some nice fish were weighed in. Thanks to Maureen and Tracey for holding the weigh in and BBQ on the Sunday evening at their Okawa Bay lakeside home. Not even a Grant Cossey special pink Toby could catch the Commodore a fish this year!

A "Have a Go Day" event was trialled on the afternoon of January 2nd at Richard and Christine Amery's home on Okawa Bay. Aimed at providing an afternoon of water toy entertainment for children (and some big children!) the small number attending made the most of all the assembled toys and gave them all a good workout. Thanks to Christine and Richard for their hospitality.

**Dinghy Day** on January 13th at Wairau Bay organised by Warwick and Rachel Jamieson attracted the usual hardy Members who love to muck around in dinghies of many varied types. Most of us proved that Seagulls do start eventually and the honours on the day went to Leon Talic in his special one-off design racing dinghy with seriously modified Seagull propulsion.

The main event of the Association's calendar is the **Boat Parade** which was held over the weekend of February 9th and 10th. It attracted around 70 entries from locals and others from around the North Island. The BBQ and Captain's briefing held on Friday evening prior to the Parade at the Pikiao Lakeside Sports and Community Club in Mourea is a great way to start the weekend and was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Committee Members, wives and partners for catering this event. The food was the best ever.

The Boat Parade day started with perfect weather. My personal thanks to all the Committee Members who assisted in making the day work so well. It was up there with the best parade we have had, mainly as a result of the Association's organisation beforehand (Rachel's List of To Do's for us all is awesome) but also as a result of the strong support of the event by Members and others. This makes it all so worthwhile for the organisers, so thanks to everybody.



The following day the

Association again held the **"Float down the Ohau Channel"** event starting at the Lake Rotorua end of the Channel and ending at the delta on Lake Rotoiti. The weather was perfect and we had a good turnout of dinghies, kayaks and all sorts of other floating craft suitable for carrying people of all sizes and ages down the channel. An "after event" afternoon tea was held at Richard and Christine Amery's beach in Okawa Bay. It was a perfect ending to a perfect day and thanks again to Richard and Christine for their hospitality.

The fourth **Long Lazy Lunch** event was held on Saturday February 23rd on the lakeside lawn at Moose Lodge again. It was another super lunch organised by Glenys and Dave Wilson, Maureen Clarkson and Tracey MacKay, Helen Wallace and Christine Amery with assistance from other Committee Members and wives

**The Poker Rally** on the 16th March led by the Commodore was enjoyed by Committee Members only this year which was a little disappointing. We started in beautiful weather on the western side of the pylons and ended at Wairau Bay for a picnic evening meal. Fun was had by all but we do have to work out how to get a few more people participating.

**The Light Parade** held on the Saturday evening of Easter weekend was blessed with perfect weather and a small but staunch turnout of boats to serenade the locals with lights and fireworks. Another fun night time adventure in wooden boats! Thanks to Aaron Martin for leading the Parade.

We look forward to another year of fun and good boating and some tight lines.

DAVE WILSON | COMMODORE, PH 027 450 5671 RACHEL JAMIESON | SECRETARY, PH 027 281 2101

## LAKE ROTOITI CHARITABLE TRUST

We have had only one request for money this year and that was from the Pikiao Lakeside and Community Association, Inc. as they needed money for a hot water system for the kitchen and for the shower block in the changing rooms.

We agreed to pay \$11,044.00 for their alterations, which have been completed

We have money available for any project in the Rotoiti area so if you have any ideas just ask for an application form

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## FISH & GAME REPORT

The 2019-20 angling season started very well on Lake Rotoiti with absolutely prime conditioned rainbows landed. If anything, the fish looked better than they have for several years if that's possible. From early December through the holiday period, expect to see plenty of smelting activity through the shallows and near shore.

Once the thermocline forms mid to late December, the fish will concentrate around the 18m to 23m mark and deeper forms of angling such as jigging and soft plastics will be the go-to techniques.

The lake has been stocked with 28,500 rainbows over the past year, so our future stocks are growing for next years angling.

We would like to remind everybody that when moving between waterways it is imperative to Check, Clean, Dry your equipment, vessels and trailers as we don't want catfish and other pests spread through our waterways. In regards to your boat, ensure before launching it is clean (no organisms on boat or trailer) and after your trip when back on ramp, drop the motor to drain it of water (remember to raise before driving off), drain the bilge, any water ballast areas and check trailer and boat for any weed. Let your boat and trailer dry before using on another lake and if going between several lakes in a day ensure that Rotoiti or Rotorua is your final call for the day so that the most infested lake is visited last.

Best wishes to all for the holiday festivities, have fun and look after each other out there.

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## UPDATE on rotomā / east rotoiti sewerage scheme

2019 has seen the Rotomā reticulation (network of pipes) being completed around August. This involved 22km of pipe work being laid from Matahi Spit to the Wastewater Treatment Plant located on Haumingi 9B2B land behind Emery's Store. During that month, Rotorua Lakes Council conducted an official commissioning of the plant which included a pōhiri at Taurua Marae and tour of the new facilities by those attending. The plant is designed to limit the amount of nutrients entering the lake and will treat wastewater to a very high standard before it is discharged to land.

The majority of Rotomā properties have now been connected to the network via their on-site STEP (Septic Tank Effluent Pumping) systems and are operating to the new scheme. The Rotoiti component of the reticulation project is currently underway and will extend to Tapuaekura Marae at the end of Curtis Road. The completion of this phase will see a total of 47.5km of pipe work having been laid. Work on identifying the preferred pre-treatment system for Rotoiti is progressing and intended to be finalised during 2020. The overall scheme has the capacity to expand the service area and will include the Lake Rotoehu community if an acceptable funding model can be secured.

As already known, there is currently a substantial capital budget of \$35.3 million for the existing scheme which has been largely facilitated by Government, Regional and District subsidies. Around two-thirds of this has been expended to date. A total of 770 properties have been identified for connection to the scheme and there is a currently proposed targeted capital contribution from each individual property of \$14,100 (GST inclusive) or \$1,080 per annum over 25 years. This targeted rate will be applied following overall completion of the scheme (2020/21). In addition, once property owners are connected, they will be charged an annual maintenance fee (currently \$540 GST inclusive) to cover operational costs which have been equalised across all reticulated properties in the District.

It has been accepted that these costs will be extremely challenging for many of our affected residents. Your Association in conjunction with the Lakes Community Board is continuing to seek possible options in reducing the amount of capital repayment. It should also be noted that low income earners could qualify for a partial rebate of overall rates. Inquiries may be made to Rotorua Lakes Council.

## LGNZ 'REINVIGORATING LOCAL DEMOCRACY' PROJECT

At the NZ Community Boards Conference held earlier this year, Local Government NZ CEO and keynote speaker, Malcolm Alexander, spoke to its 'LocalismNZ Project' and outlined current actions by the executive and themes towards advancing this proposition as a 2020 election issue. In advocating the right of local communities to control their outcomes and activities he illustrated the current position in New Zealand whereby central government dominates decision-making and the control of public expenditure which contrasts markedly to most other OECD economies.

In the developed world New Zealand is unusual for the very large role central government plays in the provision of public services and the very small role played by local government. By international standards the distribution of governmental functions is 'unbalanced'. LGNZ is looking to get greater balance by empowering communities, strengthening local and regional governance, and positioning central government to focus on those matters which can only be addressed nationally.

The present situation demonstrates the apparent mistrust between central and local jurisdictions and the relative funding imbalances that exist between taxes and rates. Low voter turnout is seen as a KPI for lack of perceived democracy. Increasing and future problems with diminishing rating databases (ageing population; reducing workforce) and road blocks that will inevitably arise from future infrastructural demands and funding inadequacies faced by many Councils, tend to endorse current proposals towards even greater centralisation (creation of amalgamated 3-waters companies; training and education governance; increased powers for urban development and environmental protection authorities etc).

LGNZ is seeking New Zealanders' views on a question that goes to the heart of our democracy, how do we give citizens and their communities a greater say in how their community develops. It is a conversation about localism. As our more grassroots form of government, Community Boards (along with local advocacy groups such as LRCA) are considered to be key to the localism agenda in recommending what should be devolved and what a less centralised country might look like. To facilitate this conversation LGNZ has recently published a discussion paper "Reinvigorating Local democracy: the case for localising power and decision to councils and communities" which sets out the rationale for decentralising and seeks the views of readers. We encourage our members and supporters to become involved in the debate. The discussion paper can be downloaded from the localism webpage at https://localism.nz/



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# KAITUNA ACTION PLAN 2019-2029

The purpose of the plan is to 'give life' to the Kaituna River Document, in particular the visions and eight continuing objectives. The key thing for this plan is now about action and the work that will happen to achieve the vision. In particular, it is about targeted action in key areas.

The vision is for the Kaituna River to be in a healthy state and protected for current and future generations.

#### The actions are grouped into three focus areas:

- Priority actions to improve water and water quality.
- · Priority actions to enhance habitats and ecosystems.
- · Priority actions to improve connectivity and support kaitiakitanga.

Key Objectives within the plan are lwi relations with the River, Water quality and quantity, Land use, Ecosystem health and Te Maru o Kaituna collaboration with the lwi and the community.

### Prioritising actions for the plan:

- · Aligns with the purpose of Te Maru o Kaituna.
- Aligns with the Visions of the Kaituna River Document
- · Achieves multiple Kaituna River Document objectives and/or desired outcomes.
- · Contributes towards improved water quality.
- Enable collaborative and collective impact.

Through 2019 (August), feedback was sought on the plan through online resources, email options and drop in sessions. The information is being used to support the decision making around priority actions.

- Develop and implement sub-catchment action plans. Action 1.
- Set and implement freshwater quality and quantity limits. Action 2.

- Develop and implement a programme of improvements to Action 3. lowland drains and drainage canals.
- Action 4. Continue working with landowners and respective industry sectors to improve land use and land management practices
- Action 5. Reduce the impact of urban and industrial discharges on the Kaituna River and associated ecosystems.
- Action 6. Develop a programme to bring life back to the Maketu Estuary.
- Action 7. Increase the total extent of new wetlands within the Kaituna River Catchment, from 100ha set by the Strategy, to 200ha by 2029.
- Action 8. Create a network of healthy and diverse ecosystems.
- Action 9. Restore and enhance tuna/eel friendly habitat within the Kaituna Catchment.
- Action 10. Establish a programme to improve access and passage for indigenous fish.
- Action 11. Establish a Kaituna Catchment blue-green network.
- Action 12. Facilitate enhanced access to and along the Kaituna River and its tributaries.
- Action 14. Celebrate cultural heritage and revitalise cultural practices associated with the river.
- Action 15. Connect our communities and visitors to our river and to our projects.
- Action 16. Establish a River Restoration and Enhancement Fund.

Some actions within this plan are existing projects and therefore have funding secured. Other funding opportunities are to be pursued. So for now it is about moving forward with the plan and seeing these actions take shape.

## LAKE ROTOITI SCENIC RESERVES BOARD

The Lake Rotoiti Scenic Reserves Board is one of the earliest Crown-Māori co-governance arrangements established in New Zealand to manage our natural and historic heritage. In 1919, Ngāti Pikiao gifted certain lands within the Lake Rotoiti rohe to the Crown for scenic purposes subject to providing a special Board of Control consisting of not less than six persons, five of whom shall be members of Ngāti Pikiao.

Following on, the Board was constituted under Section 18 (1) and 19 of the Māori Purposes Act 1931 and administers the following Reserves by an appointment to control and manage under section 30 (1) of the Reserves Act 1977:-

•	Lake Rotoiti Scenic Reserve	(450.0762ha)
•	Waione Scenic Reserve	(65.5730ha)

- Waione Scenic Reserve
- Hinehopu Scenic Reserve (50.9114 ha)
- Okere Falls Scenic Reserve (19.2372 ha)

Te Akau Recreation Reserve (2.1662 ha)

Kaituna Reserve

(53.9500 ha)

In 2018, following an application to MBIE's Tourism Infrastructure Fund, the Board were successful in gaining a grant of \$499,234 to upgrade the tracks, carpark and toilet block within the Okere Falls Scenic Reserve. Commencing work in late 2018, the construction of the new Ridge Track and upgrades to the carpark area have been completed. The new toilet block is also virtually complete and will be opened by Christmas 2019 with associated landscaping, signage and picnic tables expected to be finished by end of January 2020. The completed work greatly enhances an already fantastic and popular experience for locals and visitors alike adding to the much appreciated generosity of the area's Mana Whenua, Ngāti Pikiao iwi.

## LAKE ROTOITI FISHING REPORT

New Fish and Game Rule changes will have little impact for anglers fishing Lake Rotoiti. The main objective is to increase Spin Fishing opportunity in the district and is recognised as being quick and easy for children and new-comers to learn. The two main rules for the 2018/19 season to observe:

The Ohau Channel down- stream of the Ramada Resort will be open to fly and spin methods. The upper 200m of the Ohau Channel (at the out flow of Lake Rotorua) will remain fly fishing only as it has limited room, high flow and angler pressure at times.

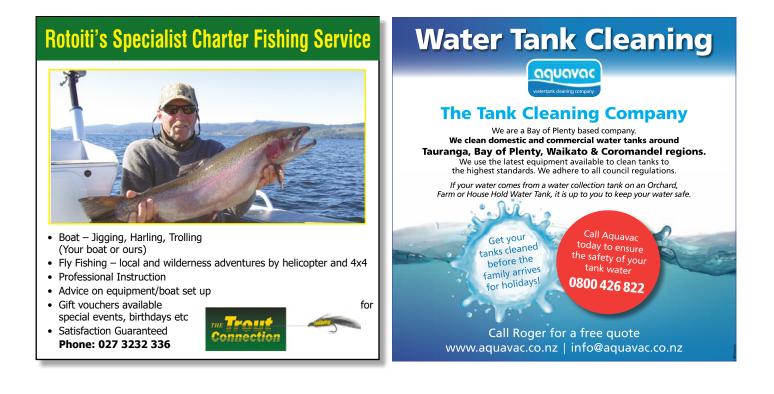
Ruato Bay and the Pipe (Hinehopu) remain fly fishing only 1 April till 30 September.

For most of the season anglers have had short bursts of action. Those

that adopt changing technique often, have had the best results. Most structures have produced fish at times but exploring deeper water adjacent to the main structures has been successful at times. Remember the summer Thermocline develops early December when the surface temperature reaches 18 degrees. This, in turn, creates a 2 degree differential at around 20 meters; zooplankton, the primary food source for smelt, suspend there in numbers. Trout target these shoals so try fishing this depth with deep techniques.

Fish size and condition factor continue to impress both local and international anglers. Rotoiti producing results for in excess of the other Trophy lakes.

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## **DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE FIRE STATION IN OKERE ROAD**

## **IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY CALL 111**

**AMBULANCE** but also advise the operator of the defibrillator on the fire truck. They page West Rotoiti Volunteer Fire Unit who could be with you a lot faster than an ambulance coming from Rotorua.



**BETWEEN WATERWAYS** 

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