



**LAKE ROTOITI  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.**

# newsletter

**summer 2025/2026**

## Notice of AGM

Welcome again to members and others who have an interest in the affairs and wellbeing of our communities. This is an opportunity to find out what LRCA has been involved in throughout the year and to participate in discussions around current and future activities.

**10AM FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026**

**ROTOITI SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE  
SH30 GISBORNE POINT, ROTOITI EAST**

If unable to attend, you can email any questions or comments to [lrca@rotoiti.co.nz](mailto:lrca@rotoiti.co.nz) before 19 December 2025. We will be publishing the AGM minutes on our website and Facebook page as soon as practicable after the meeting.

**NAU MAI, HAERE MAI. ALL ARE WELCOME**

### **SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**

The AGM will be followed by a SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING commencing at 11.00am. This meeting has been organised by the representative committees of LRCA and Lakes Water Quality Society to discuss and update members and interested parties on matters pertaining to the Ōhau Channel Wall.

## LAKE ROTOITI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

# Report from the Chair 2025

**Kia ora tatou,**

**It's that time of year when our thoughts turn to Christmas, holidays and our AGM.**

This is my first letter to you. I volunteered to be a Committee member after the January AGM and became Chair of the Association soon after previous Chair, Marion Dixon, stood down in March due to pressure of work. Marion did a marvellous job on our behalf over the last 18 months providing strong involved leadership which has been keenly missed.

My wife Mary, and I, have been members of the Association for many years and appreciated the changes that the Association has been able to bring about. Mary's parents bought our lakeside property at the eastern end of the lake some 60 years ago. As is so common it has become the place where the family gathers and make happy memories for each generation.

The portfolio I carry is Environmental which covers the Ōhau Wall, our lakeweed problem, and catfish particularly. The Committee deals with a wide range of issues and this all takes many hours and is dependent on willing volunteers on the Committee along with others providing support in their specialty areas.

As well as farewelling Marion, Andrea Davies recently stepped down, again because of work pressures. Andrea was covering the important areas of Civil Defence and Emergency Response (CDEM) Planning as well as maintaining the Association Facebook page. Andrea was making good headway on CDEM Planning which is particularly important now with Council undergoing recent staff changes in this area. Andrea remains part of the Gisborne Point group and will continue to contribute both there and for the Association as time permits.

Tom Macky also took a period of leave from the Committee to attend to a busy life schedule. Tom, among other things, has been keeping tabs on the progress of the eastern sewerage scheme and focusing on the issue of changing speed limits, gathering your feedback and making presentations to Waka Kotahi on our behalf. He is also the master of our website and news updates and we are truly indebted to him for his valuable insights and contributions.

A positive addition to the Committee is Bob Smith, a long-time resident at the Ōtaramarae end of the lake. Bob has a strong business management background and experience in PR, which has already been very helpful, particularly as an ongoing community representative in the campaign towards fixing the Ōhau wall. More recently, we have welcomed Jo Warren from East Rotoiti. Jo has a particular interest in ecological matters amongst other attributes.

Other than those mentioned, remaining Committee members are Jim Stanton (Treasurer and Deputy Chair), Claire Miller (Secretary), Reina Engelen and Sarah Uhl, all of whom continue to provide valued contributions towards upholding and advancing community aspirations. **However, our reduced numbers diminish the ability to be an effective force for the Lake with the many current issues facing us, so we are looking for further volunteers who could give some time and expertise. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please read our message over the page.**

As you will be aware the major project this year has been highlighting the deterioration of the Ōhau Channel wall and the water quality in Rotoiti. Efforts so far have been to embarrass the Regional Council but not sufficiently for it to decide to fix the wall. However, the review of the wall has been brought forward which is a small positive. The changes in water quality seem also to be contributing to added weed growth particularly at the western end of the Lake. We would be interested to hear from you if you have noticed changes in the weed problem at your property.

You will soon hear more about the next steps to keep pressure on the Regional Council. This is intended to be a major topic for discussion in association with our upcoming **AGM on 2nd January 2026**. Remediation options are going to be expensive so think about how important the lake water quality is to you and whether you can contribute in any way towards the project.

Our thanks to members and others for your continued support throughout the year. We sincerely hope you enjoy the festive season and take advantage of everything that our wonderful lake area has to offer. See you at the AGM.

*Peter Browning*

## LRCA COMMITTEE 2025

Chairperson	Peter Browning (East Rotoiti)
Secretary	Claire Miller (Rotorua)
Treasurer	Jim Stanton (Ōkawa Bay)
Committee	Tom Macky (Ruatō Bay), Sarah Uhl (Ōkere Falls), Reina Engelen (Tapuaeharuru, East Rotoiti), Bob Smith (Ōtaramarae) Jo Warren (East Rotoiti)

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MESSAGE FROM

# Mayor Tania Tapsell



Enjoying Open Day on Lake Tarawera

## Tēnā koutou katoa,

As our new Council and elected members were sworn in last month, it was hard not to feel the absence of our friend and colleague, Phill Thomass. Phill served on the Lakes Community Board from 2013 and was a familiar face at these events. His dedication to protecting and enhancing our Rotorua lakes, especially his advocacy for the Rotoiti community, leaves a lasting legacy. I hope our current and future elected members continue to deliver for Rotorua in ways that would make Phill proud.

One of the last events I attended with Phill was the rollout of fibre internet in Rotoiti by Chorus. This was a major milestone and we were so pleased to see this type of investment in rural Rotorua. Improved connectivity brings new opportunities for growth, development, and better access for local households.

The Rotoiti/Rotomā sewerage scheme is progressing well and now nearing completion with around 90% of properties connected. Thank you to the Rotoiti community for your ongoing support and commitment to improving on-property sewerage systems to help protect community health, enhance lake water quality, and safeguard our waterways for future generations.

## Thank you to the Rotoiti community for your ongoing support and commitment to improving on-property sewerage systems

Council recognises your collaboration and patience on this project and we've worked hard to make the targeted rate for Rotoiti/Rotomā more affordable by spreading the scheme's significant costs across all district ratepayers.

Rotoiti is popular as a holiday destination and there are a number of properties used for short-term rental accommodation. As part of our Long-Term Plan, Council introduced the Business and Economic Development Targeted Rate (BEDTR) for these providers. This rate helps fund Rotorua's tourism marketing and promotion. Last year, it generated \$450k in revenue, and we expect \$738k this year, which is helpful funding to reinvest back into our local economy without relying on increasing general rates across the wider community. We've also established a working party with sector representatives to review the Policy and recommend improvements. This work is underway, and we look forward to receiving feedback to ensure the Policy is effective and fair.

I look forward to sharing more about the work our new Council will deliver for our community next year and wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Ngā mihi, *Tania*

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## STOP PRESS GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL

Government is proposing major local government restructuring that would abolish elected regional councillors and encourage territorial authority amalgamation. It is intended to replace elected regional councillors with Combined Territories Boards (CTBs) comprised of mayors from councils within each region. Whilst changes to the structure of local government have been mooted over many years, the devil of this plan will be in the detail. It is now out for Public consultation which closes 20 February 2025.

# SEEKING NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*LRCA has played an important role for many years advocating for the health of the Lake and its environs. It has been a strong campaigner for change, the promotion of the Ōhau Channel wall just one instance of this.*

## Join Our Committee – The Lake Needs Your Help!

With several key representatives standing down, we need enthusiastic new committee members to join our team.

Committee members have been local and from further afield. Currently a number of Committee members live in Auckland but own properties around the Lake. Location is not necessarily an issue.

If you are passionate about our beautiful lake community and want to make a positive impact now and for your children's future enjoyment of the Lake, this is a fantastic opportunity to get involved.

## Current Issues Facing the Lake and its Environs

The big issue is getting urgent action on the repair of the Ōhau Channel wall.

Other recurring issues include property rates, water and wastewater, lakeweed control, refuse treatment, the standard of reserves and amenities, and pest control (wallabies and catfish in particular).

## Why Join?

- Help shape the future of Lake Rotoiti
- Be a voice for your community
- Make new friends and connections
- Gain valuable experience in community leadership

## Who Can Apply?

We welcome Association members or intending members of all backgrounds and experience levels who are lake property owners. If you care about Lake Rotoiti and want to contribute, we'd love to hear from you!

## How to Get Involved

If you are interested, call Peter Browning (Chair) on 022 106 2922, contact a committee member, or email us at [lrca@rotoiti.co.nz](mailto:lrca@rotoiti.co.nz).

Let's work together to ensure Lake Rotoiti continues to be a wonderful place in which to live, work, and play. Thank you for considering this opportunity to support your community!

# FALLOUT FROM GOVERNMENT SPEED LIMIT REVERSALS

The coalition Government introduced a Land Transport Rule last year to reverse speed limit reductions introduced by the previous Labour Government. This had the effect of reverting a number of State Highway sections from 80kph back to 100kph. Included was the 850 metre section of SH33 from the Waipuna Delta to Whangamarino School between Mourea and Ōkere Falls.

The increase made no sense given the nature of the adjoining communities, the school and public boat ramp at each end, its short length and the adjacent 60kph sections. Accordingly, backed by member's response to our survey, LRCA submitted that in fact a speed limit of 60kph would be more appropriate.

It was also highlighted that the planned reversal for this section of highway appeared to contravene the new Land Transit Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024, which requires a section of highway with a speed limit of 100kph to be a minimum length of 2,000m.

We also alerted our local MP, Todd McClay whose office later advised that 'this matter is complex, as the process of reversing policy is separate from that for reviewing speed limits'.

As our submission has not been declined by NZTA his office has offered to assist LRCA in putting together a request for a 'Review of the speed limit in this area'. We will propose a motion at the AGM to this effect and will proceed based on the level of support from the meeting.



# TE MAURI O ŌKERE AWA CHARITABLE TRUST ANNUAL UPDATE

Te Mauri o Ōkere Awa Charitable Trust supports conservation initiatives around Ōkere Falls, Ōtaramarae, and neighbouring communities surrounding Lake Rotoiti. Our mission is to restore the mauri (life force) of the Ōkere awa and surrounding whenua through community-led conservation.

## Highlights from the past year:

- **Planted over 20,000 native trees** from Kaituna River to Taheke road, Te Akau Peninsula and around Houmaitawhiti Urupā at Ōtaramarae.
- **A range of locals utilised our trap library** with over 50 traps, plus weed sprayers and shovels to support community projects.
- **Extended traplines** around Kaituna awa, Te Akau Peninsula, and along the Lake Rotoiti shoreline from Ōkere Falls to Ōtaramarae.
- **Eradicated pests**, in the trap library, year to date from April 1st:
- 750 rats, possums, stoats, mice, ferrets, wallabies, rabbits, hedgehogs (our eradication of pests has increased)
- 2 ferrets, 2 hedgehogs, 8 mice, 130 possums, 7 rabbits, 595 rats, 5 stoats, 5 wallabies.
- Over 400 volunteer hours.
- **Partnered with tourism operators, schools, and youth services** to run planting and pest eradication programs.

## Want to get involved?

If you're keen to volunteer, have a conservation project idea, or just want to learn more, we'd love to hear from you.

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# ŌHAU CHANNEL WALL

## A VITAL COG IN MAINTAINING ROTOITI LAKE WATER QUALITY

**As reported throughout the year, serious concerns have emerged around official overtures regarding the integrity of the wall from both a physical perspective and its role in protecting Lake Rotoiti water quality.**

In summarising events over the year to date, it will be recalled that late last year, Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BoPRC), as the consent holder, proposed to work through repair options for the wall. Several scientific and engineering reports provided by University of Waikato (UoW) and consultants WSP Engineering (formerly OPUS) have guided the current Council position which has recommended the adoption of a **Dynamic Adaptive Pathway Plan (DAPP)** intended to provide a 'flexible framework for future decision-making as new information becomes available'. This programme has a \$1.9million budget to allow for further trials and inspections over the next 12-18 months so as to inform best options for the future of the wall and lake water quality. The decision by Councillors at their Meeting of 7 August 2025 included a rider that all relevant work should be 'conducted expeditiously'.

Council revelations in March of this year became the major topic of presentation and debate at the Lakes Water Quality Society (LWQS) AGM resulting in a resolution '*to pursue an expedient long-term engineered solution to the Ōhau Channel wall repairs in collaboration with the Rotoiti community in order to prevent the leakage of Lake Rotorua water into Lake Rotoiti*'.

A joint Working Committee comprising LRCA and LWQS members was established soon afterwards to decide on a strategy towards effecting immediate remediation of the wall. This resulted in the **Fix Ōhau Wall** campaign which has gained prominence through local media including a TV1 News item, a dedicated website, and via regular reporting back to community members. The campaign focused on illuminating the issue both publicly and in submissions to BoPRC, as well as soliciting supporting views from other community bodies and representatives, all in a concerted effort towards a firm commitment to maintain the wall in its original condition (despite suggestions that it may no longer be relevant) and expedite remedies for its ever-increasing deterioration.

Inevitably, this pre-emptive approach precipitated rifts between our group and BoPRC with Council claiming that some of the narrative in campaign reporting could be construed as misinformation. We have expressed confidence that our mandated content in media and website reporting has been factually based on commentary and data available from Council produced documents and reports, along with other agencies and individuals recognised as experts in the field.

To outline some of the more contentious issues arising from the dispute:-

- Based on UoW modelling, BoPRC contends that with Lake Rotorua at or close to its target Trophic Level Index (TLI) of 4.2 over recent years, the impact of wall removal on Lake Rotoiti would lead to only a small deterioration in water quality. This conflicts with the projection that Rotoiti's TLI would gradually worsen. Indeed, there is a compelling conviction within the community that the water quality target for Lake Rotorua is incompatible

with Rotoiti's target TLI of 3.5, and that retention and remediation of the Wall is considered imperative.

- Most recent TLI data shows Lake Rotorua trending upwards. Given expected climate challenges in coming years, uncertainties around sediment locking, the ongoing likelihood of significant internal nutrient cycling, and groundwater lag effects over the foreseeable future, longer term improvements to that lake's water quality seem highly unpredictable if not improbable. Furthermore, recent annual reports show that Total Nitrogen (TN) loads in Lake Rotorua remain high (around twice the volumes in Rotoiti) and have not significantly declined since 2000, thereby continuing to impact Lake Rotoiti water quality.

**Moreover, there is continued belief by many in the community that on existing evidence, it is likely to remain several decades or more before water quality in Lake Rotorua might reach a stage of improvement whereby the impact on Rotoiti would be minimised to such extent that would justify removal of the Ōhau Channel Wall.**

- Records show that Rotoiti's TLI reduced to  $\approx 3.4$  by 2014, 6 years after commissioning of the wall. Since the discovery of advanced corrosion from that time, the TLI has trended back upwards to its current level of 3.8, algal blooms have increased, and water clarity has declined. No clear alternative evidence has yet been provided for this decline, giving credence to our belief that the most likely cause is re-introduced nutrient inputs via holes in the wall.
- BoPRC's assertions that algal blooms in Okawa Bay and Te Weta Bay in particular are of unrelated origin to similar blooms in the Ōhau Channel have been noted. However, a logical explanation for greater occurrences, irrespective of species, is the increasing nutrient input from wall breaches. Recent satellite images show algae plumes entering the main body of Lake Rotoiti via those breaches. Further studies currently being undertaken by UoW are expected to shed more light on this particular issue.
- A peer review by two of our local resident qualified engineers of available engineering reports relating to the condition of the wall's structural elements raises questions over some of the findings and recommendations, particularly regarding the extent of degradation. Evidence suggests that failure rates of both king and sheet piles are likely more advanced than currently projected indicating the need for more immediate repair. BoPRC contractors have recently carried out further inspections with assessment results likely in February 2026.

It is generally understood that the wall was intended as a finite structure with its life-span dependent upon the level of improvement in Lake Rotorua’s water quality. Despite BoPRC asserting that current improvements attributed to enhanced catchment management practices and alum dosing, along with recent modelling of water quality, indicates removal of the wall today would likely result in only minor decline in the water quality of Lake Rotoiti, the reports from UoW can be interpreted as somewhat ambiguous and inconclusive, containing such statements as:

- ‘even with the most ambitious reduction in maximum TLI in Lake Rotorua (i.e. 3.8), additional water quality management in Lake Rotoiti would be required to achieve the target TLI of 3.5’
- ‘removal of the wall alongside a maximum annual TLI in Lake Rotorua of 4.2, without additional measures, will be insufficient to have Lake Rotoiti meet its TLI target of 3.5’
- ‘The TLI in Lake Rotoiti is still above its target. There is also no clear evidence that water quality in the lake is still improving with some evidence that the TN and TP concentrations are going through a period of increase. This suggests that the continued placement of the wall is still warranted’

LRCA and LWQS representatives continue to participate as part of Council’s re-formed Rotoiti Liaison Panel (RLP) which meets periodically to work through the technical aspects of repair options available, and discuss methodologies and timing for the DAPP implementation. Decisions from the BoPRC August meeting included a requirement to expedite investigation into further options towards improving water quality in Lake Rotoiti and Okawa Bay in particular. Work has commenced on both fronts with updated reports due in the near future.

It is acknowledged that projected costs of long-term remediation of the wall are challenging and that decisions require robust deliberation to ensure effective interventions are delivered. Nonetheless, community frustrations have



deepened over the length of time elapsed since the first discovery of corrosion in 2014 and the more recent stance adopted by BoPRC that Lake Rotoiti’s declining water quality has less relevance to the leaking wall. In our view, the deterioration is already impacting Lake Rotoiti, and deferring action risks reversing years of environmental progress.

Moreover, there is continued belief by many in the community that on existing evidence, it is likely to remain several decades or more before water quality in Lake Rotorua might reach a stage of improvement whereby the impact on Rotoiti would be minimised to such extent that would justify removal of the Ōhau Channel Wall.

We will continue to pursue our concerns and advocate for the most optimal solutions towards the protection and enhancement of water quality in our lake and seek to work in collaboration with all agencies to reach acceptable and timely outcomes to ensure that the mauri of Lake Rotoiti is maintained for our current and future generations.

This matter will be subject to a **SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING** organised by LRCA and LWQS following our upcoming AGM in January. We urge everyone who is passionate about the future of our lake to make every effort to attend.

For further information and updates, visit our websites [fixohauwall.nz](http://fixohauwall.nz) and [rotoiti.co.nz](http://rotoiti.co.nz)

# NEWS UPDATE

## FROM BOPRC

### - ŌHAU DIVERSION WALL MONITORING WORK BEGINS

Greenfield diving contractors commenced the critical 3-year Ōhau diversion wall monitoring work on Tuesday 4 November 2025. The work undertaken involved inspecting the wall underwater, measuring the steel thickness at multiple locations and assessing the condition of each wall component. This is critical to inform the structural analysis of the wall and Regional Council’s process to design and trial potential repair methods.

All official updates for the Ōhau diversion wall can be found on BoPRC website: [The Ōhau Diversion Wall](#)

#### TIMING OF DELIVERABLES

Task	Start	Finish	Notes
WSP Workshop (Next Steps)	Sept 25	Sept 25	Confirm next step deliverables
Score & Methodology (Inspections)	Oct 25	Oct 25	Define king pile/sheet pile requirements
Field Investigations & Measurements	Oct 25	Nov 25	Includes physical works
Structural Analysis & Report	Nov 25	Feb 26	Complete before Feb 2026
Short-Term Option Conceptual Design	Sep 25	Mar 26	Required by Mar 2026
Long-Term Option Concepts (3-4)	Dec 25	Mar 26	Develop options
Procurement of Long-Term Trial	Apr 26	Jun 26	Competitive procurement
Long-Term Trial Implementation	Jun 26	Dec 26	Completion by Dec 2026

# BOP REGIONAL

## BIOSECURITY REPORT

The invasive freshwater clam *Corbicula fluminea* was discovered in Lake Rotomanu, Taranaki, in mid-November - the first detection outside the Waikato River. This highlights the critical importance of Check, Clean, Dry, Certify protocols when moving between waterways.

### Boat Ramp Compliance

Te Arawa Lakes Trust biosecurity staff are increasing compliance checks at boat ramps. Please remind friends and family to follow biosecurity rules to prevent the spread of unwanted freshwater pests.

### Check, Clean, Dry, Certify Rules

All lake users **MUST** follow these protocols and certify at boat ramps, regardless of whether they've come from the coast or use only one lake. 'Clam proof' your boat, trailer and gear by following the rules below.

**CHECK:** Remove visible matter including plant material and mud. Drain all river or lake water.

**CLEAN:** Washdown gear, vehicles, watercraft, and trailers with tap water onto grass or at home—not into stormwater drains. For absorbent surfaces and materials (including carpet on trailers, lifejackets), treat with:

- Hot water: Soak in 55°C tap water for at least 5 minutes, or
- Diluted bleach: Soak in 5% household bleach solution (500ml per 10 litres) for 1 hour, or
- Freezing: Freeze overnight until solid

### REMINDER:

**Wake or ballasted boats operated within the Waikato River controlled area since 28 November 2023 must remain within that area unless exempted.**

**DRY:** Allow **gear** to dry to touch, then leave for at least 48 hours. Dry pooled water inside watercraft with a towel, then leave for 2 days minimum. The hull will dry when towed.

**CERTIFY:** Complete a certification form at every boat ramp with a self-certification checkpoint using the online form, or paper form / QR code link to online form at boat ramps.

### Extra wash stations

Currently, one station operates at 338 Te Ngae Road, Rotorua. Additional wash stations are planned to assist those using Lake Ōkātāina or coming from the Waikato. A second Rotorua station and another at Whakatāne are planned for later this summer, benefiting those from Bay of Plenty and north of Lake Ōkātāina. MPI's Controlled Area Notices (CANs) will be updated once installations are complete.

### Ballast Tank Research

A hot water system is being trialled to safely clean ballasted boats without spreading pests. Testing covers various ballast tank types and will inform treatment options under the Waikato River Controlled Area Notice.

**Te Wakaunua Te Kurapa  
Biosecurity Officer (Freshwater)**



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# TE ARAWA LAKES

## AQUATIC WEED MANAGEMENT

Aquatic weed control operations on Te Arawa lakes are taking place intermittently from 24 November through to 19 December 2025. Detailed information can be obtained from the following link:

<https://tearawa.io/spray-plan-2-for-te-arawa-lakes-aquatic-weed-management-2025-te-waikai-otaota-te-mahere-nui/>

or by scanning the accompanying QR code.



An earlier programme over May/June of this year saw an application over 51.26ha in Rotoiti alone with significant areas covered in the Okere inlet, Te Weta Bay and Gisborne Point/Punawhakareia Bay. The latest programme will see some 64ha of Rotoiti being covered.

In June 2025, a Consultant Group presented a Lakeweed Business Case to the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group resulting in a recommendation for the preferred option - **aquatic weed elimination across all Te Arawa Lakes (do maximum)** - which would allow for a long-term investment in lakeweed management with a view towards eradication.

A final recommendation to RTALSG is due shortly following further consultation prior to submitting the case to the Crown in seeking the additional funding that would be required.

## THE GOLD CLAM INVASION

First discovered in New Zealand in 2023 on Lake Karāpiro, this species originating from south-east Asia has been designated an 'unwanted organism' under the Biosecurity Act.

### Why they are so successful:

- Ability to multiply. Each clam is hermaphroditic and self-fertilizing, producing 70,000-100,000 offspring annually
- Larvae are microscopic and drift with currents.
- Juveniles create sticky threads to attach to boats, equipment, and debris facilitating their rapid spread.
- Eradication has proved impossible overseas once established.

### The Impacts:

- Infrastructure threats: In North America and Europe, they have clogged irrigation and power plant systems.
- Ecosystem disruption: Dense populations may out-compete freshwater mussels (kākahi) for food and space.
- Water quality changes: Their filtering activity can make water clearer, but this isn't necessarily beneficial - overseas populations have caused altered nutrient cycling, reduced oxygen levels, and increased algal blooms.

Researchers continue working to understand the invasion and develop control strategies, including testing benthic barriers (mats that suffocate clams by cutting off oxygen). Eradication is not realistic. The goal is to understand, predict, and limit their spread while protecting native species.



## CATFISH REPORT

The Catfish Killas community collective has removed nearly 400 catfish from Te Weta Bay, approximately 180 fewer than last year's numbers at this time. We've received excellent support from schools and community groups, including Whangamarino School, Lynmore School, Rotorua Primary School, Sunset Primary School, Rotorua Lakes High School, Rotokawa School, Awhina School Activity Centre, Rotorua Girls' High School, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Koutu, and Te Rangihakahaka Centre for Science and Technology. Additional volunteers, Te Waiariki Pūrea Trust, and a Rotorua Homeschoolers group assisted with net checking and participated in our Te Tūkōhu Ngāwhā Mātauranga Māori Science and Design Fair in July, which attracted over 300 participants developing solutions for local environmental issues.

### Community Engagement

The Catfish Killas hosted a Land to Lake Pest Control Workshop with Predator Free Rotorua's Lucy Crone at Rotorua Library during Term 3 holidays. We attended Kaharoa Schools' Scientist for a Day and the Rotorua Business Chamber Food and Fibre Careers Event at Fish and Game, engaging Year 0-13 students in environmental science within the Te Arawa lakes context.

Recently, we hosted manuhiri (visitors) from Hawai'i attending the World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education in Auckland. They were excited to learn about our mission of community-led catfish removal and education about native freshwater ecosystems through at-place citizen science.

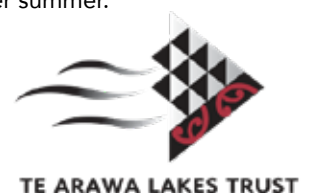
### Operational Updates

We continue observing seasonal patterns: September-January shows mixed sizes (mostly 20cm+, up to 45cm) with breeding pairs; late summer (February-April) reveals juveniles under 1cm; and winter brings relatively dormant activity. Recent netting has focused on the western end of Te Weta Bay, with plans to target eastern areas by boat in coming months. Historical catches have occurred at Te Ārero Bay and Te Ti Bay. Community nets being monitored at Punawhakareia Bay have yielded no live catfish reports to date.

Resource challenges this year included missing nets in Lake Rotorua and deteriorating nets in Lake Rotoiti. However, we've received five new nets for replacements at Te Weta Bay and deployment at new locations.

Encouragingly, no catfish spread has been confirmed beyond Rotoiti and Rotorua. Surveillance netting using our vessel will occur in Tarawera and Rotomā over summer.

**Keeley Grantham**  
Environmental Officer  
- Biosecurity & Biodiversity



# ROTOITI ROTOMA SEWERAGE SCHEME

## RRSS

**The dust has abated after the intense submissions and deliberations last year resulted in additional subsidies being approved to reduce the capital cost per property. Notwithstanding, the lump sum of ≈\$22,500 (or yearly repayment of \$1,790 over 25 years) plus the annual operating charge of \$930 remains extremely challenging for many homeowners and whānau in the community.**

LRCA has continued to seek updates from RLC in respect of the outstanding installations. Council's latest response (see accompanying table) acknowledges that there has been little change to the situation over the year to date with various issues surrounding these properties remaining unresolved.

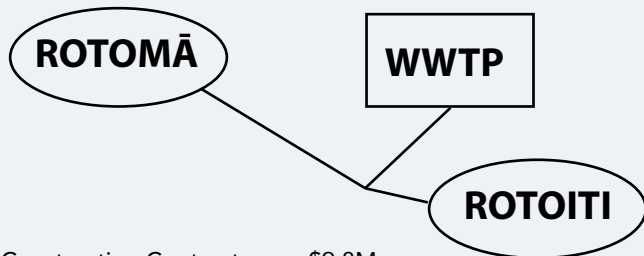
The long-awaited independent review of management and cost overruns commissioned by Ministry for Environment and conducted by consultancy group **Cuesko** was publicly released in July 2025 (available on LRCA website).

The report noted that the project ran over a period of 17 years and concluded that a combination of poor initial estimates, poor project cost management, cultural planning failures, and extended timelines without funding adjustments led to cost increases of >50% over the original budget.

In January 2019 RLC had a total budget of \$35.3m versus final budget of \$56.2m. The East Rotoiti allocation was just \$10.9m of this budget! (See chart below).

In a joint response, Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group members (Rotorua Lakes Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, and Te Arawa Lakes Trust) noted that while the cost overrun was substantial, the review confirmed proper approval processes were followed and no misconduct occurred. However, they state that the experience has been used to implement comprehensive reforms aimed to prevent similar cost overruns in future collaborative infrastructure projects while ensuring proper cultural consultation from the beginning.

Construction Contract =	\$6.50M
Supply Contact =	\$0.6M
Access and utilities =	\$2.4M
	<u>\$9.5M</u>



Construction Contract =	\$9.8M
STEP Supply Contact =	\$2.1M
	<u>\$11.9M</u>

### Summary

Planning/Legal/Consents	\$3.0M
Rotomā reticulation and systems	\$11.90M
Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$9.5M
Remaining budget for Rotoiti reticulation	\$10.90M
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$35.30M</b>

A request on behalf of property owners had been lodged with the Ombudsman to investigate the processes undertaken by Council which led to the extensive budget blow out. Disappointingly, the office declined to proceed citing insufficient evidence and limited options available to review Council activities and decisions.

All of which provides little comfort to scheme property owners who are left having to foot the bill, and with no expectation of further relief in sight.

### Current Status of Scheme Completion as at 30 September 2025 (as advised by RLC):

No new installations have occurred since the January 2025 update. Numbers remain as **East Rotoiti 347; Rotomā 213**. Total projected cost estimate of **\$56.2million** is unchanged.

Following are the number of existing private properties without units installed and reasons why these installations haven't taken place.

#### Legal Handover

**Rotoiti = 15 / Rotomā = 3**

Owners have refused connection.

Legal enforcement is underway via RLC and BoPRC.

#### OSET = 4

Owners wish to retain existing OSET systems.

Referred to Haumingi 9B3B Trustees for review.

#### Māori Land Court = 30

Complex ownership issues delaying installation.

Resolution depends on judicial processes.

#### Pending Install = 16

Awaiting sufficient participation to proceed cost-effectively.

#### RLC to finalise = 9

Issues include tracing owners, property sales, and ongoing dialogue.

#### Marae = 6

Marae's Design work is currently underway with Iwi to identify the system configuration required to accommodate Marae 'super events.'

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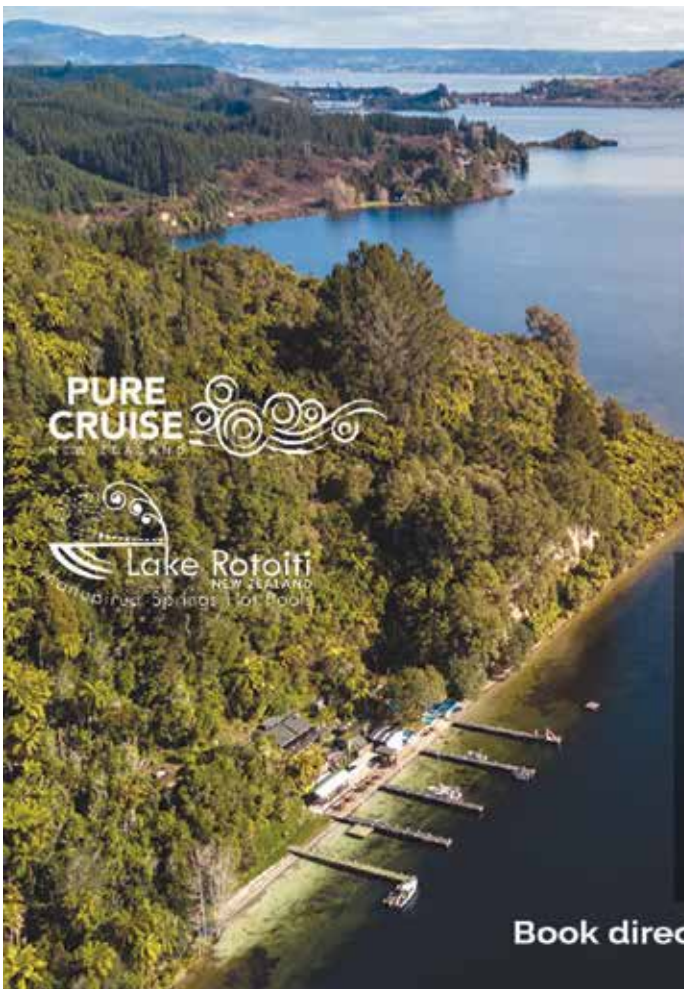
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# FISH & GAME REPORT

## Summer Fishing Primed to Fire on the Rotorua lakes.

The opening of the trout fishing season saw Tarawera come up trumps again, whilst the westerly wind was the biggest factor at Lake Rotoiti affecting anglers' ability to ply their trade. Despite the weather, Fish & Game staff and volunteers still managed to interview several hundred hardy anglers on the day and over following weeks. The largest fish weighed and measured by Fish & Game on Rotoiti was a hatchery released 3.29kg rainbow measuring 660mm.

Rotoiti's autumn released 2-year-olds came in at 573mm and 2.24kg, slightly longer but leaner on average compared to the same release group last year. The 2-year-old spring released fish averaged 510mm and 1.57kg, smaller and lighter than the previous year. However, they will quickly gain weight and put on condition when the thermocline fully kicks in and the smelt they prey on are concentrated into a 'feeding layer'. Lake Tarawera was once again the pick of the lakes as growth conditions have held at a very high standard over the past year

At Ōkataina, the harvest rate was highest across the surveyed lakes at 2.04 fish per angler with both autumn and spring released 2-year-olds showing increase in size and weight compared to the 2023 opening period. Anglers attending the Ōhau Channel experienced a very good opening with high numbers of solid rainbows and several 10-pound plus brown trout landed. A recently reported algal bloom in the eastern end of Lake Rotorua flushed through the Channel in early November.



## Fish & Game's 'Hot tips' for early summer through Christmas/ New Years Period

Early season and throughout November, Lake Rotoiti traditionally fishes best along the Western end (Power Lines through West Bank and down to Picnic Point) where smelt tend to be found at this time of year. Before long, the smelt will migrate down the lake. From late November into the New Year, many anglers will gravitate to Picnic Point, the Island and around to Gisborne Point. Following New Year celebrations try heading across to Vercoes and along the Northern shore towards Hinehopu.

Spring fishing can be a bit challenging as fish can be all through the water column. When the summer heat does arrive, the deeper thermocline concentrates fish into temperature layers (15-17' degree water) making fishing a bit more predictable. But always keep an eye out for surface activity. A spinning rod in the boat can be a great way to target these smelting fish. Remember, keep trying different things! Have a crack with one method for a while, perhaps just 30 minutes, and if it doesn't produce results make a change – a new lure, location, or another method.

Carry your fishing licences with you, as Fish & Game will be out and about regularly this summer, surveying anglers and their catch. We are happy to let you in on what we know – don't be afraid to ask. And make sure you follow the Check, Clean, Dry protocols to keep the pest species out of your lakes! Lastly, all the best and let's hope for a calm summer to enjoy with our families on the lakes this year. We all deserve it!

**Tight lines and Happy Christmas,**

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## RATES AND CHARGES

RLC's Annual Plan 2025/26 included an average general rates increase of 7.95% (many Rotoiti lakes residents experienced a rise of 12% or more). BoPRC's Plan saw overall regional rates significantly reduced for the year, achieved through deferring expenditure, in particular Ōhau Channel remediation and repairs. Reductions included the Rotorua Lakes Targeted Rate (RLTR) decreasing by a further 30%. The RLTR is set to decrease to zero over the next 2-3 years with any slack being taken up in general rates (across the whole region).

Many Rotoiti lakeside residents of course continue to be impacted by the huge land value increases resulting from the 2023 property revaluations. LRCA finally received the comprehensive district revaluation data in March this year. In our long-standing quest towards overall fairness and equity, we have considered it pertinent to highlight comparisons between urban and lakes residential General rates calculations (based on property capital valuation) as added justification. The latest round of revaluations has revealed that General rates for all of Lake Rotoiti are 103% higher on average than urban (due to large lakeside land value increases), with Gisborne Point a whopping 166% higher overall. LRCA will continue its pursuit of a more equitable rating policy.

## ELECTIONS

RLC elections resulted in one change to the General Ward (Ben Sandford in; Conan O'Brien out), and two changes to the Māori Ward, with Merepeka Raukawa-Tait returning and Trevor Maxwell becoming the longest-serving Councillor in New Zealand. The Lakes Community Board saw only 2 candidates nominated out of 4 available seats (our long-standing local member Phill Thomass sadly passed away just prior to election). The two vacant seats are now subject to a by-election with nominations closing on 22 December.

BoPRC elections saw significant changes in personnel with 2 new Rotorua Councillors (Raj Kumar and Anna Grayling) and Ōkurei Māori Councillor (Iwi Te Whau) alongside 5 other new faces. With Doug Leeder not seeking re-election, Council have a new Chair in Mauao representative Matemoana McDonald.

## ROTORUA DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 8

This proposed update to the District Plan aims to better manage risks associated with natural hazards, i.e. flooding, wildfire, active faults, land stability from ground condition hazards (liquefaction and soft soils), slope stability, and geothermal hazards. The proposed changes affect how land is developed or built on throughout much of the district and most properties could be impacted in some way.

Existing development is protected by what are known as existing use rights under the Resource Management Act 1991. This means that buildings and activities lawfully established before Plan Change 8 takes effect can usually continue, even if they no longer comply with the new rules. However, the rules may apply to any modifications or redevelopment of a property in the future. Submissions have closed with Hearings and a decision due in 2026.

## WASTE MINIMISATION

RLC commenced rationalisation of public rubbish bins in both the urban and rural areas earlier this year to minimise the amount of misuse, encourage visitors at Reserves etc to take waste home, and reduce collection/clean-up workload. The policy is considered to have had some success but will continue to be reviewed.

## ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL – WATER SERVICES DELIVERY PLAN

Government has approved RLC's Water Services Delivery Plan required to consider and decide how water services would be managed and delivered as part of the Local Water Done Well legislation.

Council had decided to retain water services in-house and undertake a detailed assessment of a potential multi-council grouping with Kawerau, Ōpōtiki, and Whakatāne district councils to be decided in 2027-28. A Working Group will assess the benefits of any amalgamation and will include community engagement. The primary issue is to essentially manage the transition process while balancing current service delivery with the potential benefits of regional collaboration.

The model requires financial ring-fencing of 3-waters activities which would enable a higher borrowing limit for water services and free existing balance sheet capacity for other council services. In any event, average annual water charges (water, wastewater and stormwater combined) per residential household are projected to increase as depicted in the table below.

2023/24	2028/29	2033/34	2038/39	2043/44	2048/49	2053/54
\$1,917	\$3,090	\$3,274	\$3,348	\$3,402	\$3,461	\$3,525

## LAKE ROTORUA CATCHMENT LAND ACQUISITION STRATEGY

Te Arawa Lakes Programme's integrated framework was initiated in 2010 to achieve a sustainable nitrogen limit of 435 tonnes per year (from an existing 755 tonnes) in Lake Rotorua by 2032. Alongside of this, Regional Plan Change 10 introduced rules to limit the amount of nitrogen entering Lake Rotorua from land use, in order to improve water quality. Funding is shared between Ministry for Environment ('Deed' funding for the Rotorua Lakes) and Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

Within this framework, a \$40m Incentives Fund was established in 2014 designated to assist in the removal of 100 tonnes of nitrogen by encouraging farming properties in the catchment to retire land voluntarily for the purpose of reducing their nutrient discharge into groundwater entering the lake. To date, progress towards all targets has proved challenging.

More recently, under a newly adopted Lake Rotorua Catchment Land Acquisition Strategy, which enables the Council to acquire or invest in land to support nitrogen reduction targets, BoPRC has purchased a 266 hectare farm within the Waiteti Stream sub-catchment, and will convert it from dairy farming to improve water quality in the lake. Decisions about its future use have yet to be made.

The total purchase price was \$7.6 million, plus GST and is expected to reduce nitrogen loss by about five tonnes per year. Funding for the property came from several sources including \$2 million from the Incentives Fund, \$1.35 million from the Council's existing capital works budget for the Rotorua Catchment, and \$4.2 million to be financed through new debt, with interest funded by general rates.

Council states that the aim is for such acquisition initiatives to be cost neutral/low cost. However, the primary goal remains improving water quality in Lake Rotorua with any future land use needing to deliver environmental benefits, be financially sustainable and align with community values.

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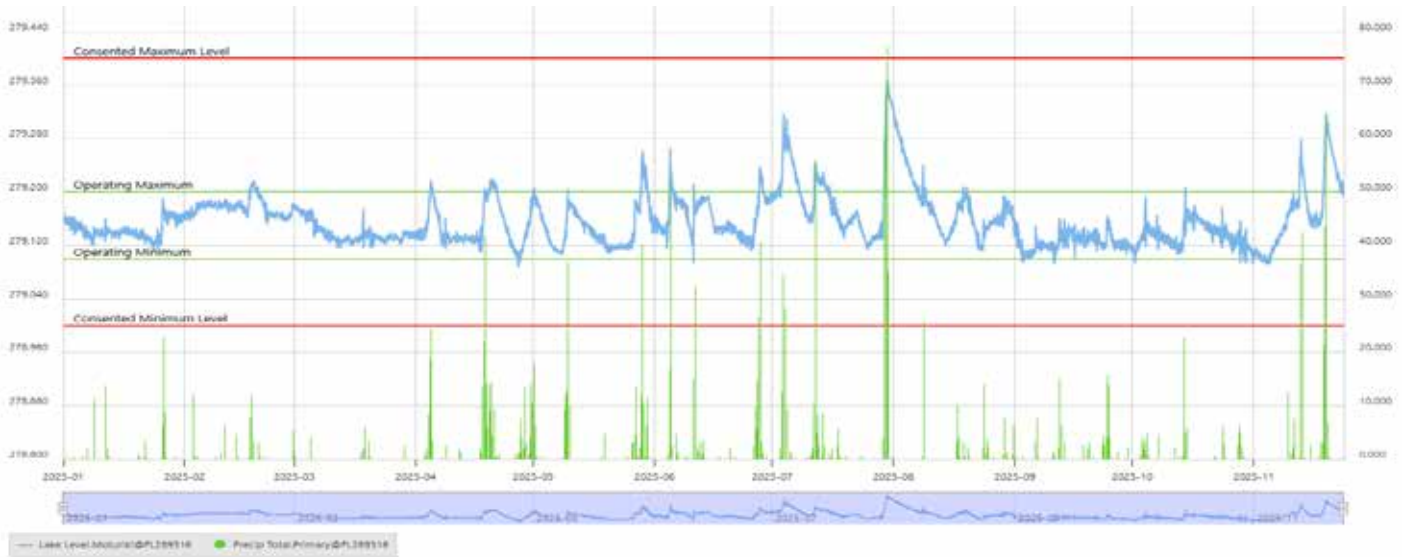


# ROTOITI LAKE LEVELS 2025

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Rotoiti lake levels and rainfall 1 January to 24 November 2025.

Total rainfall for period = 1847mm



Rotoiti lake levels have invariably been well managed by Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BoPRC) within the operational envelope throughout 2025. Levels breaching the consented minimum or maximum have been primarily due to more extreme weather events. The Consent requires prioritisation of outflows exceeding inflows to preclude reflux around the Ōhau Wall into the body of Rotoiti which often dictates gate settings at the lake outlet. Rainfall measured at the Okawa Bay gauge to date has been 1,847mm compared to 1,022mm at the same time last year.

As part of the consent conditions to facilitate commercial rafting on the Ōkere/Kaituna River, long periods of stabilised

river flows have provided optimal opportunities for these operations. LRCA supports this activity whilst continuing to monitor agreed protocols towards prioritising water quality, mitigating potential flooding and maintaining on-lake recreational access.

The low lake level trial which provides for lowering Lake Rotoiti close to its historic minimum level of RL 278.850m has not yet been implemented due to prevailing lake levels and climate patterns since the consent approval in September 2022. Attempts to run the trial are considered usually following the Easter period each year.

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# PROPOSED HYDRO POWER STATION

## KAITUNA RIVER

In addition to its 35mW geothermal power project approved under the Fast-Track Approvals Act last year, a further proposal by Taheke 8C Land Trust was lodged under the same legislation to consider a Hydro scheme on the Ōkere/Kaituna river around 3km below the Ōkere control gates.

The plan is to divert water away from the river over a weir and into a canal, then a regulating pond and through pipes to the powerhouse and turbines. No dams would be built. Water would then exit the tailrace back into the Kaituna in the same amount as entered at the top. However, it has been noted that impoundment of water behind the structure and a reduction in flow immediately below would have some impact on the natural character values associated with the site.

The proposal was subject to a limited presentation at The Lakes Community Board meeting in March 2025 where a resolution to oppose the application was passed. There has also been opposition from environmental and recreational groups as well as other local and down-river iwi. It is understood that the bid for fast-tracking has so far been unsuccessful. From LRCA perspective, we will keep a close watching brief on progress and become involved if appropriate



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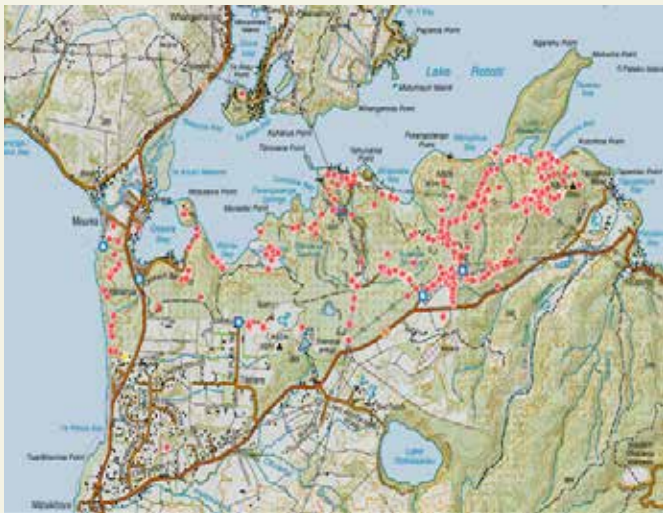


# BOP REGIONAL COUNCIL - WALLABY CONTROL UPDATE

The Tipu Mātoro National Wallaby Eradication Programme has the long-term goal of eradicating wallabies from Aotearoa New Zealand. The programme's progressive containment strategy is based on eliminating populations outside of existing containment areas and working inwards over time.

As of July 2025, there has been an estimated 97% decrease in wallaby numbers across targeted elimination sites locally, including several sites to the west of Lake Rotoiti. Control on the Waerenga elimination site, which includes 5 land blocks directly north of Lake Rotorua, started with a bait station operation and has been followed up with night-shooting. Data from an intense network of trail cameras has been used to guide the contract hunters into the "hot spots" where remaining wallabies are located.

Wallaby-proof gates and fences north of Ōkere Falls reduce the risk of wallabies re-populating this area from the north, however there are concerns that wallabies may be re-invading from the south. Wallabies shot on the grounds of the Pikiaro League Club by the Te Arawa Kahui are alarmingly close to bridge across the Ōhau Channel (red dots denote wallabies shot over the past 2 years).



Dog surveillance will be carried out between the elimination site and the Mourea bridge to check if wallabies have migrated into this area from the south. The Te Arawa Kahui have undertaken successful night shooting control work in the Paehinahina-Mourea and Okahu blocks.

Reported sightings around Lake Rotoiti provide highly valuable information, particularly given the proximity to the western border of the containment area (see map). Last year (2024/25) our wallaby team received 633 public sighting reports in the Bay of Plenty. People are asked to report any wallaby sightings, regardless of where they are, at [reportwallabies.nz](http://reportwallabies.nz)

## ŌTARAMARAE ROAD AND RESERVE

### CARPARK UPDATE

Rotorua Lakes Council's long awaited work to upgrade the Ōtaramarae Reserve and carpark area was finally commenced in August and completed over the next month or so. Within the restricted scope of the area, road speed humps were installed, a bus stop and tie-down area created, formal parking in the main area for 10 boat parks and 10 informal vehicle parks within the carpark and along the roadside. An upgraded three-unit toilet block completed the upgrade. Whilst the limited access is unlikely to provide much relief during the high summer season, it is definitely a refreshing new look.



# HARBOURMASTER

## REPORT

**With the lakes warming up and spring delivering some stunning days, it's been fantastic to see so many of you already enjoying time out on the water.**

While it's great to be getting into gear, it's also a timely moment to reflect on water safety. Tragically, 52 New Zealanders have lost their lives to drowning so far this year. Although this is six less than this time last year, it is still 52 lives too many. Alarming, drownings continue to rise in the Bay of Plenty. On average, 17 people die each year in incidents involving recreational craft. Research shows that the highest risk is within 400 metres of shore – an area where many assume they're safe.

As part of Safer Boating Week last month, Maritime NZ introduced Buoy-Boy, the new safety ambassador for recreational craft. Buoy-Boy shares key safety messages in a friendly and relatable way—starting with the most important: Wear your lifejacket.

*This summer's campaign asks:*

**“If you end up in the water, how prepared are you?”**

We will be reinforcing five core safety behaviours:

- Always wear a correctly fitting lifejacket
- Carry at least two forms of waterproof communication
- Keep to a safe speed
- Check and understand the marine weather forecast before and during your trip
- Know the rules – it's your responsibility

Our patrol season officially began in October, with inductions and training now complete for our skippers and crew. Most of the team are returning members, bringing a wealth of experience to the role – an excellent asset for the season ahead.

Early-season patrols will focus on lifejacket compliance, safe speeds and towing safety (including the requirement for an observer – three to ski)

We're also keeping a close eye on paddle craft. Each summer we see more kayaks, dinghies, SUPs and waka on the water but unfortunately, many paddlers lack experience and often aren't wearing lifejackets. A reminder: there is a potential \$200 infringement for not carrying or wearing a lifejacket.

**Lifejackets (PFDs) - A Change is coming.**

We have been talking about this for a while now but as we know legislative



updates take time, and the Navigation Safety Bylaw is no exception. Currently, the rule requires every recreational craft to carry enough personal flotation devices (PFDs) of the correct size for everyone on board, including anyone being towed.

From early next year, this will change. The updated bylaw will require Lifejackets or PFDs to be worn at all times on vessels 6 metres and while underway. This includes dinghies, kayaks, and paddleboards.

This summer is the perfect chance to get ahead of the change - start wearing your lifejacket now! Our patrols will be out on the water helping boaties and paddlers understand what's coming. Remember, the fine for not complying with lifejacket rule is \$200. Let's all do our part to keep the lakes safe and enjoyable for everyone.

**Roly Bagshaw**  
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Sunday & Public Holidays 9.30am – 4.30pm  
**CLOSED:** Christmas Day. Landfill Fees Apply.

## MARINE VHF RADIO ROTORUA FREQUENCIES

Coastguard NZ offers a 24hr-7 day radio service on Channel 02

Visitors are encouraged to make trip reports (TR's) on this channel when using the Rotorua Lakes.

Emergency (May Day) calls are also made on CH 02 and by calling 111.

For boat to boat chat three frequencies are available:

- If boats are within sight: CH06 and 08
- If boats are not within sight or on different lakes use CH 64
- Channel 64 recommended for all chat
- All lake users are encouraged to join Rotorua Lakes Coastguard to support these services and the rescue boats
- Please contact Rotorua Lakes Coastguard at PO Box 892 to join. Your support is needed to provide the radio service. Or find us on [www.coastguardrotorua.co.nz](http://www.coastguardrotorua.co.nz), [www.coastguard.nz/regions/eastern-region/units/rotorua-lakes/](http://www.coastguard.nz/regions/eastern-region/units/rotorua-lakes/) [www.facebook.com/Coastguard-Rotorua-Lakes](https://www.facebook.com/Coastguard-Rotorua-Lakes)

## MEDICAL SERVICES

### ACCIDENT & URGENT MEDICAL CENTRE

Cnr Arawa & Tutanekai Streets, Rotorua  
Phone 07 348 1000  
Monday – Saturday 8am– 10pm.  
Sunday 8am–11.30pm

### ROTORUA HOSPITAL

Accident & Emergency Department  
Off Arawa Street  
Phone 07 3481199  
(Call 111 for Ambulance Service)  
Patient enquiries 07-3497977 (Mon-Fri)

### LAKESCARE (URGENT) PHARMACY

Cnr. Arawa & Tutanekai Streets, Rotorua  
Phone 07 348 4385  
Open 7 days 8.30am–9.30pm

### ŌWHATA MEDICAL CENTRE PHARMACY

556 Te Ngae Road, Owghata  
Phone 07-345 5467  
Monday- Friday 8.30am-5.30pm  
Closed Public Holidays

### AEDS SAVE LIVES

Sudden Cardiac Arrest can happen any time—are you prepared?

### IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY CALL 111 AMBULANCE

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.

**Information and locations of more defibrillators around the lake can be found on page 19.**



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