

ROTORUA NUI TE WĀTAKA RAUMATI

SUMMER EVENTS GUIDE 23-24

TĪHEMA | DECEMBER

HE WHAKAATURANGA TOI NŌ TE WAIARIKI BAY OF PLENTY ARTISTS EXHIBITION

Until Sunday 10 December
Lockwood Showhome Village, 43 Fairy Springs Road
Highlighting the remarkable talent of Bay of Plenty artists, this exhibition showcases a wide range of artworks all for sale.
📍 Free to view

RĀKAU KIRIHIMETE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Friday 1 December – Friday 5 January
Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri

Give the gift of giving this festive season and donate gifts for families under the care of Waiariki Women's Refuge this Christmas.
📍 Free

HE RĪKETA WAKA KI TIKITAPU TIKITAPU 1 CANOE SPRINT REGATTA

Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 December | Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake)
The first of the national sprint regattas kicks off including clubs from around the country.
📍 Free to watch

HE WHAKAKITENGA AHUWHENUA, PĀMU KARAREHE | ROTORUA A&P SHOW

Saturday 2 December, 8.30am - 5pm | Agrodome, Western Road
A great family day out! Join in the fun and watch the competitions throughout the day.

HE WHAKAATURANGA TOI 200 THE 200 SHOW

Saturday 2 December – Friday 26 January
The Arts Village, 1240 Hinemaru Street
Showcasing both emerging and established local artists with all works for sale!
📍 Free

HE WHAKAATURANGA PORO RĀKAU, KARAEHE, PAPANGA | WGC ART EXHIBITION

Saturday 2 – Friday 22 December
The Arts Village, 1240 Hinemaru Street
Wood, Glass, Cloth explores these three physical elements, their potential and impact on our daily lives.
📍 Free

TE AHUREI RAUMATI | SUMMER FESTIVAL

Saturday 2 December, 9am - 3pm | The Arts Village, Hinemaru Street
A fun market of art, crafts, food, music and creative activities for the whole whānau.
📍 Free

PĀ WHUTUPŌRO MĀORI WHAKATAETAE Ā-MOTU | MĀORI TOUCH NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 December, 9am – 5pm
Rotorua International Stadium & Westbrook Fields
The annual tournament which will pit tākiwa, marae, iwi, hapu and waka teams from around NZ against one another.
📍 Free to watch

HE AWHEAWHE TŪHONO KARAEHE WHAKAKAI | FUSED GLASS CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

Saturday 2 & Saturday 16 December, 9.30am - 12.30pm
Amokura Glass, Fairy Springs Road
Two workshops to learn how to make a unique glass ornaments this holiday season.

HE KONOHE TE TIRA WAIATA HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Saturday 2 December, 3pm - 5pm
St Mary of the Cross, 44 Seddon Street
Rotorua District Choir and the Taupō Choral Society join together for this Christmas presentation.

TOKOTORU PUORO TAUTITO ANDREW LONDON TRIO

Sunday 3 December, 5pm - 8pm
Rotorua Citizens Club
Andrew London, Kirsten London and Wayne Mason perform jazz and blues to country swing and '60s lounge.

KIRIHIMETE | HOKOMANGA PŌ | CHRISTMAS AT THE ROTORUA NIGHT MARKET

Thursday 7 December, 5pm - 9pm
A special festive market with Christmas music, photos with Santa and fun kids activities.
📍 Free

PĀ WHUTUPŌRO WHAKATAETAE Ā-MOTU KURA TUARUA | BUNNINGS NZSS NATIONAL TOUCH CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday 8 – Sunday 10 December | Rotorua International Stadium
Over 80 teams from high schools all over New Zealand, each fiercely competing for the coveted championship title.
📍 Free to watch

TE WHAKATŪTŪ KIRIHIMETE ROTORUA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday 9 December, 10am - 11am
Government Gardens
Celebrate the festive season with this iconic local parade and Santa!
📍 Free to watch

HE TAUPUNI RAUMATI MAHI TOI | OPEN STUDIO'S SUMMER RESIDENCY SHOWCASE

Saturday 9 December, 10.30am – 12.30pm
The Arts Village, 1240 Hinemaru Street
Kōrero with Rotorua creatives and meet the artists in the Summer Residency.
📍 Free

HE REIHI MOTOKĀ TUKITUKI RŌPŪ OHAOHA | VALVOLINE SUPERSTOCK CHARITY INVITATIONAL

Friday 15 December | TWS Paradise Valley Speedway
Created by ex-Tiger Woods caddy, Steve Williams, to raise money for his two favourite charities, Starship Hospital and Ronald McDonald House. This will be the Speedway event of the year without doubt and one not to be missed.

MAHI TOI KIRIHIMETE MĀ NGĀ TAMARIKI KIDS CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Saturday 16 December, 10am – 1pm
The Arts Village, 1240 Hinemaru Street
Create your own christmas bauble!
📍 Free

KIRIHIMETE HĀKOAKOA | CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 December, 10am – 2pm
Jean Batten Square, Haupapa Street
Get in the Christmas spirit with fun activities and crafts, treasure hunt and a photo with Santa!
📍 Free

PUORO MATAORA NEIL DIAMOND: THE SWEET CAROLINE TOUR

Saturday 16 December, 8pm - 10.30pm
Sir Howard Morrison Centre
Enjoy all those well-loved classics in this tribute to Neil Diamond.

KARAOKE KIRIHIMETE | CHRISTMAS KAREOKE

Friday 22 December, 10am – 1pm
The Arts Village, 1240 Hinemaru Street
An open-mic style karaoke session - bring your Christmas vibes and a sprinkle of cheer!
📍 Free

HĀNUERE | JANUARY

HE WHAKAATURANGA TOI | I'M NOT A ROBOT OR 10,000 BOTS CAN'T BE WRONG

Wednesday 3 – Wednesday 31 January | The Arts Village
Razor Taser Laser's first solo exhibition explores the artist's ongoing narrative between man and machine.
📍 Free

HE HŌTAKA HARAREI SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 8 - Tuesday 30 January
Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri
Lots of fun events for kids including bubbles, board games and robots!
📍 Free

TAIOHI TE AKA MAURI TE AKA MAURI TEENS

Monday 8 - Wednesday 24 January | Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri
Fun and social activities focussed at teens 12-18 years.
📍 Free

KĒMU MĀ NGĀ PAKEKE GAMES FOR GROWN-UPS

Tuesdays in January, 9am - 5pm | Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri
Meet people with similar interests, join in a board game or help with a jigsaw puzzle.
📍 Free

HE PUORO MATAORA COTERIE - THE LUSH LEOPARD TOUR

Wednesday 17 January, 7pm | Sir Howard Morrison Centre
Perth-based, NZ-born band of brothers, Coterie, are set to take the stage by storm this summer with their highly anticipated 'Lush Leopard Regional tour'.

TE AHUREI AMERIKANA RĀTINI LATIN AMERICAN FIESTA

Thursday 18 January, 5pm - 9pm | Rotorua Night Market
Celebrate the passionate and vibrant culture of Latin American with food, music, activities and dance at the Rotorua Night Market.
📍 Free

HE TAUPUNI RAUMATI MAHI TOI | OPEN STUDIO'S SUMMER RESIDENCY EXHIBITION

Friday 19 January – Tuesday 20 February
The Arts Village, Hinemaru Street
A special exhibition of work created by artists in the Summer Residency.
📍 Free

TE WHAKATAETAE MOTOKĀ TUKITUKI PŌHIRI Ā-AO | TWS WORLD INVITATION SUPERSTOCK CHAMPIONSHIP (WORLD 240S)

Friday 19 & Saturday 20 January
TWS Paradise Valley Speedway, Paradise Valley Road
Superstock fans will love this action packed evening - great for all the family!

PUORO TUAWHENUA | TE PĀKA COUNTRY IN THE PARK

Sunday 21 January, 11am - 3.30pm
Band Rotunda, Government Gardens
Bring a picnic and settle down for a great day of country music.
📍 Free

TE WHAKATAETAE POITŪKOHU MĀORI Ā-MOTU | POITŪKOHU MĀORI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Monday 22 – Saturday 27 January | Energy Events Centre
Over 25 iwi from across the motu come together to represent their people and love for basketball.
📍 Free to watch

HE HOKINGA PAIHIKARA
RETURNING RIDERS

Tuesday 23 January, Wednesday 7 February
and Tuesday 5 March, 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Dust off your paihikara (bike) and get your confidence back!
Qualified instructors will rebuild your bike skills.
👉 Free



TE AHUREI HĀKINAKINA-HUHUA KI TIKITAPU
BLUE LAKE MULTISPORT FESTIVAL

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 January | Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake)
6 events in 2 days - Which event will you do?
👉 Free to watch

PĒPUERE | FEBRUARY

HE WHAKAATURANGA TOI
SARJ HADA ART EXHIBITION

Saturday 3 – Thursday 29 February | The Arts Village
Nepalese-born Sarj Hada showcases his journey, highlighting his artistic development.
👉 Free



TOKORIMA PUORO TAUTITO | DE SOTOS

Sunday 4 February, 5pm - 8pm
Rotorua Citizens Club, Rangiuru Street
The DeSotos are a leading New Zealand Americana roots jazz act.



HE KONOHE TE TAHA PUORO
LAKESIDE RE-IMAGINE

Saturday 3 February, 7pm – 11.30pm | Rotorua Village Green
Pre-show at 5.30 pm. Main show starts at 7 pm. Featuring top NZ artists and rising talent from Rotorua. This family event is alcohol-free.
👉 Free

HE KONOHE KĀKANO MAHA
ROTORUA MULTICULTURAL
LAKESIDE CONCERT

Sunday 4 February, 11am - 3pm | Rotorua Village Green
A family-friendly daytime concert featuring performances by artists from multicultural communities of Rotorua, Hamilton and Auckland.
👉 Free

WAITANGI - MŌ TE AROHA O TE IWI
WAITANGI - FOR THE LOVE OF THE PEOPLE

Tuesday 6 February, 10am - 3pm
Wai Ariki Spa, 1047 Whakaue Street, Rotorua
A day promoting wellness. Stalls, guided tours, entertainment, and interactive activities for all to enjoy.
👉 Free to enter market

HE WĀHINE WĪRA
WĀHINE ON WHEELS

Friday 9 February, 5.30pm - 7pm
A fun, relaxed bike ride around Sulphur Bay, out to Tarawera Road and back through the Long Mile Link.
👉 Free



NGĀ MOTOKĀ TUKITUKI ITI KI
ROTOHOKAHOKA | STEALTH
ENGINEERING MINISTOCK IN PARADISE

Friday 9 & Saturday 10 February | TWS Paradise Valley Speedway
Watch 150 Youth Ministock competitors (aged 12-16 years).
This is as competitive as it gets!



HE RĪKETA WAKA KI TIKITAPU
TIKITAPU 2 CANOE SPRINT REGATTA

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 February | Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake)
The second of the national sprint regattas includes flat water sprint racing for 200m, 500m and 1000m distances.
👉 Free to watch

TE IPU O TE AO REIHI BMX
UCI BMX RACING WORLD
CUP

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 February
Rotorua BMX Club, Waipa
Join us for an action-packed weekend of high-speed jumps and intense competition as NZ's best BMX Riders take on the world right here in Rotorua.

MAHI TOI KI ŌRUAWHATA | ART IN THE PARK

Sunday 11 February, 10am - 3pm | Government Gardens
An artist & artisan market alongside local music and delicious food stalls.
👉 Free

NGĀ KAUPAPA O IA TE WA
REGULAR EVENTS

HOKOMANGA PŌ
ROTORUA NIGHT MARKET

Thursday evening, from 5pm
Tūtānekai Street, between
Hinemoa & Haupapa Streets
Vibrant entertainment alongside international cuisine and boutique stalls.



TE MĀKETE PĀKA KUIRAU
KUIRAU PARK MARKET

Saturday morning, 7am - 1pm
Kuirau Park



WĀ UKURERE | UKEBOX

3rd Sunday of the month (excl Jan), 3pm
Te Rūnanga Tea House



TE ARA KI ŌRUAWHATA
GOVERNMENT GARDENS
GUIDED TOURS

11am Mon - Sat, 11.30am Sun | Outside Rotorua Museum



TOI MĀ RUNGA PAIHIKARA
ART BY BIKE TOURS

3rd Saturday of the month, 10am | Te Manawa



NGĀ HOA TAUTOKO
FRIENDS OF THE ROTORUA
LIBRARY BOOK SALE

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, 9am - 1pm
Kuirau Park, adjacent to the playground



TE HUNGA WAIATA
NGĀKAU PŌURI O TE WAIARIKI
BOP BLUES CLUB JAM

1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm – 10.30pm
Rotorua Citizens Club, 1146 Rangiuru Street



PUORO TUAWHENUA
GEYSERLAND COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

1st Wednesday & 3rd Sunday of the month, 1pm
Rotorua Bowling Club, Government Gardens

NGA KAUPAPA O TE AKA
MAURI | LIBRARY EVENTS

Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri,
1127 Haupapa Street
Some events require booking and
may have a cost associated.



KŌPŪPŪTAI | TE REO MĀORI
BEGINNER TE REO MĀORI

Mondays, 12.30pm – 1.30pm (Beginners)

POKAPŪ MANA WHAKAAIO
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICE CENTRE

2023: Tues, 1pm – 5pm & Sat, 10am – 12pm (finish 23 Dec)
2024: (start 9 Jan) Tues, 1pm – 4pm & Sat, 10am – 12pm

HUNGA LEGO | LEGO CLUB

Mondays (during term time), 3.30pm – 4.45pm

HE AKA PIKIRANGI
UNDER 5'S IN TE REO MĀORI

Mondays (during term time), 10.30am - 11.30am

HE PĪ KA RERE | UNDER 5'S

Tuesday & Thursdays (during term time), 10.30am – 11.30am

HE PĪPĪ PAOPAO | UNDER 2'S

Wednesdays (during term time),
9.30am - 10am & 10.45am – 11.15am

RATONGA RANGAHAU
FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

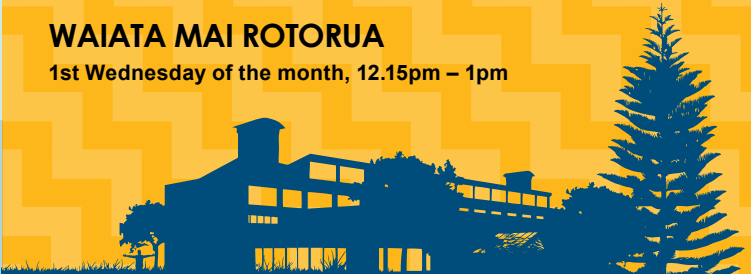
2nd Wednesday of the month, 10am - 12pm

WHAKAPAPA DROP-IN

1st Thursday of the month, 3pm – 4pm

WAIATA MAI ROTORUA

1st Wednesday of the month, 12.15pm – 1pm



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TE PŌ KIRIATA PAIHIKARA NUI
THE BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT 2024

Monday 12 February, 7pm - 9.30pm
Equippers Church, 324 Malfroy Road
The best cycling short films from around the world - action, drama, humour and plenty of inspiration.



HE RĀ EKE PAIHIKARA
GO BY BIKE DAY – TE NGAE ROAD

Wednesday 14 February, 6.30am - 8.30am
Te Ngae Road Underpass
Show your love for bike riding and pop into this pit-stop for some goodies!
👉 Free



HE WHAKAATURANGA KĀINGA,
MĀRA O ROTORUA | ROTORUA
HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

Friday 16 – Sunday 18 February | Energy Events Centre
Packed with all the ideas that you need to transform your home and garden into the place you've always dreamed of.



TE OMA TAUMANO ROA KI TARAWERA
TARAWERA ULTRAMARATHON BY UTMB

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 February | Rotorua Village Green
An iconic trail running event that takes in the most stunning scenery imaginable.

HE RĀ EKE PAIHIKARA
GO BY BIKE DAY – RANOLF ST

Wednesday 21 February, 6.30am - 8.30am | 130A Ranolf Street
Ditch the car and 'Go by Bike!' Pop into our pit-stop for some goodies!
👉 Free



HE AWHEAWHE KARAEHE
GLASS BLOWING WEEKEND WORKSHOP

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 February | Amokura Glass
This two day introductory workshop teaches you the fundamental skills of glassblowing.

RĀ A WHĀNAU | WHĀNAU DAY

Saturday 24 February, 10am – 3pm
Sir Howard Morrison Centre
Join us for a family-friendly day of live performing arts, entertainment and workshops. A jam-packed day with something for everyone including the inaugural 'SHMC Got Talent' quest!
👉 Free



TE HUI WHAKAMAHARATANGA
MEMORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

Saturday 24 February, 6pm - 11pm
TWS Paradise Valley Speedway
A big nights racing at TWS Paradise Valley Speedway where Memorial championship titles are on the line.



MAEHE | MARCH PREVIEW
HARIKOA | LAKEFRONT CELEBRATION &
CHILDRENS DAY

Rotorua Village Green & Lakefront
Sunday 3 March, 10am – 2pm
A fantastic day out for the whānau with free activities and performances to celebrate the completion of the Lakefront with our tamariki.
👉 Free



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All event information was correct at time of creation. Please ensure you visit the website for any updates.

