



# TE WĀTAKA NGAHURU

## EVENTS GUIDE AUTUMN 2024

### CRANKWORX

HE REIHI HEKE MAUNGA  
**TANIWHA DOWNHILL**  
Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 March, 9am - 4.30pm  
Whakarewarewa Forest - Waipā  
Witness the thrill and excitement as top mountain bikers tackle the challenging terrain.  
👉 Free

NGĀ RĀ TERE PANUKU MĀ TE HAU KĀINGA  
**CRANKWORX LOCALS DAYS**  
Wednesday 20 & Thursday 21 March, 10am - 9pm  
Skyline Rotorua, Fairy Springs Road  
Join the action to cheer on riders and enjoy the thrill of this international event.  
👉 Free for locals

TERE PANUKU | **CRANKWORX**  
Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 March  
Skyline Rotorua, Fairy Springs Road  
This annual mountain biking festival features world-class competitions, thrilling demonstrations, large expo and fun events.

**CRANKWORX  
ROTORUA**  
MARCH 16-24 • 2024



### NGĀ KAUPAPA O IA TE WA REGULAR EVENTS

HOKOMANGA PŌ  
**ROTORUA NIGHT MARKET**  
Thursday evening, from 5pm  
Tūtānekai Street  
Vibrant entertainment, 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, 3pm  
Te Rūnanga Tea House



TE ARA KI ŌRUAWHATA  
**GOVERNMENT GARDENS GUIDED TOURS**  
Mon - Sat, 11am and Sun, 11.30am  
Outside Rotorua Museum



TOI MĀ RUNGA PAHIKARA  
**ART BY BIKE TOURS**  
Saturday 16 March & Saturday 20 April, 10am  
Te Manawa

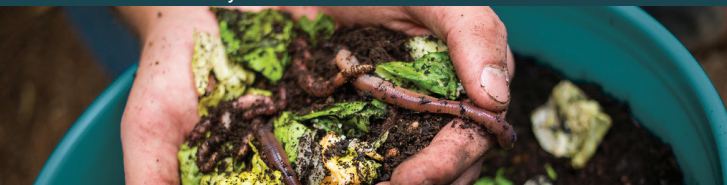


TE HUNGA WAIATA NGĀKAU PŌURI O TE WAIARIKI  
**BOP BLUES CLUB JAM**  
1st Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm - 10.30pm  
Rotorua Citizens Club



PŪORO TUAWHENUA  
**GEYSERLAND COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**  
1st Wednesday & 3rd Sunday of the month, 1pm  
Rotorua Bowling Club

HE WAIRĀKAU | **HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS**  
14 March, 18 March, 11 April, 15 April, 9 May & 13 May, various times  
Linton Park Community Centre



TE MARU A HINERAUKATAURI  
**MUSIC AT THE BAND ROTUNDA**  
Sunday afternoons (March), 1pm - 3pm  
Government Gardens  
Bring along a deck chair and picnic, then enjoy a great local entertainment.

### NGĀ 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.

POKAPŪ MANA WHAKAAIO  
**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICE CENTRE**  
Tuesdays, 1pm - 4pm  
Saturdays, 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 PĪKA RERE  
**UNDER 5'S**  
Tuesday & Thursdays (during term time), 10.30am - 11.30am

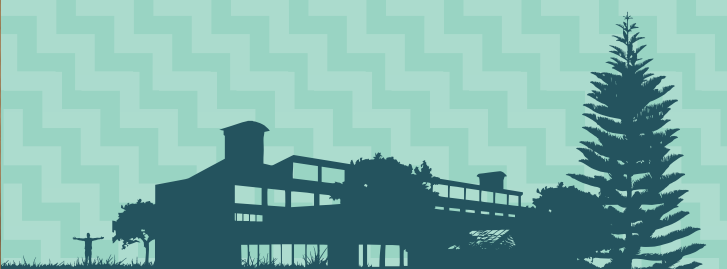
HE PĪPĪ PAOPAO  
**UNDER 2'S**  
Wednesdays (during term time), 9.30am - 10am & 10.45am - 11.15am

RATONGA RANGAHAU  
**FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**  
2nd Wednesday of the month, 10am - 12pm

WHAKAPAPA DROP-IN  
2nd Wednesday of the month, 1pm - 3pm

WAIATA MAI ROTORUA  
1st Wednesday of the month, 12.15pm - 1pm

NGĀ HOA TAUTOKO  
**FRIENDS OF THE ROTORUA LIBRARY BOOK SALE**  
1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, 9am - 1pm  
Kuirau Park



### MĀEHE MARCH

MANA WAHINE  
Saturday 2 March, 7.30pm | Sir Howard Morrison Centre  
Ōkāreka Dance Company's all-female performance drawing strength from Māori culture to illustrate a tapestry of dance and theatre.



HE WHAKATAETAE HĪKOI/OMA  
**ROTORUA OFF ROAD TRAIL RUN/WALK**  
Sunday 3 March, 7.30am - 2pm | Redwoods (Whakarewarewa Forest)  
Choose your distance (21.1km, 10km or 5km) through scenic forest trails in the Whakarewarewa Forest.

**HARIKO**  
Rotorua Children's Day

Sunday 3 March, 10am - 2pm  
Rotorua Village Green & Lakefront  
Rotorua is celebrating tamariki and the completion of the Rotorua Lakefront development in a special day for whānau of all ages.  
👉 Free



HE WHANA TAKE  
**KICK FOR A CAUSE ROTORUA**  
Sunday 3 March, 12.30pm - 4pm | Ngongotahā Football Club  
44 local identities will battle it out on the football pitch in this annual charitable football match.  
👉 Gold coin koha

PUORO TAUTITO  
**TAURANGA BIG BAND**  
Sunday 3 March, 5pm - 8pm | Rotorua Citizens Club  
This vibrant band seamlessly combines classic big band sounds with contemporary arrangements.



MATIKA! MARANGA! | **GET UP! STAND UP!**  
Tuesday 5 March - Saturday 13 April | The Arts Village  
Artists explore and challenge the narrative to re-determine the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.  
👉 Free



HE HOKINGA PAHIKARA | **RETURNING RIDERS**  
Tuesday 5 March, 5.30pm - 6.30pm  
Dust off your paihikara (bike) and get your confidence back with qualified instructors.  
👉 Free



HE WHAKAATURANGA MIKAERE HAKIHANA  
**THE MICHAEL JACKSON HISTORY SHOW**  
Tuesday 5 March, 8pm | Sir Howard Morrison Centre  
A musical tribute honouring the one and only King of Pop, Michael Jackson.

HE KŌRERO MŌ TE TANGATA MĀTAI TUPU  
**TALK: MARY SUTHERLAND**  
Wednesday 6 March, 5.30pm - 6.30pm  
Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri  
Celebrate women in science in this talk by Viv Edwards about trailblazing botanist Mary Sutherland.  
👉 Free



TE TŌNAMANA PĀ WHUTUPŌRO Ā-MOTU  
**BUNNINGS NATIONAL TOUCH CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Friday 8 - Sunday 10 March, 8am - 5pm  
Rotorua International Stadium  
Watch more than 80 open and masters teams compete for national titles.  
👉 Free

KI TE MĀRA, KI WAHO HOKI  
**INTO THE GARDEN AND OUTSIDE**  
Friday 8 March - Saturday 6 April | The Arts Village  
Artists, Judy Pricor and Pam Lyons-Montgomery, explore how the environment impacts their lives.  
👉 Free



TE RĀ WAHINE HURIAO | **UBUNTU WOMEN OF VALOUR**  
Saturday 9 March, 11am - 4pm | Equippers Church  
Celebrating International Women's Day with speakers, entertainment & food.  
👉 Free

HATUPATU | **KURUNGAITUKU: A FORBIDDEN LOVE**  
Thursday 14 - Sunday 17 March  
Energy Events Centre  
Experience this well-known story of survival and love between the Te Arawa warrior, Hatupatu, and the bird woman, Kurungaituku, in this thrilling aerial production by Taki Rua.





## IĀRI TOITŪ SUSTAINABLE BACKYARDS

1 - 31 March | Various Rotorua venues

Connect, learn and inspire with events ranging from growing your own food, beach/stream clean-ups, consumer choice talks, bush walks, kids' events, frock swaps and movie screenings.

👉 Some events are free, may require booking or have a cost.



## HE WHAKAMĀTAU WIHIKĪ WHISKY TASTING

Thursday 14 March, 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Good Eastern Taphouse

A guided tasting of four whiskies with Good George's Head Distiller, Brian Watson.



## TE AHUREI HĪKOI O ROTORUA ROTORUA WALKING FESTIVAL

Friday 15 - Sunday 17 March | Netherlands Society Clubrooms

Great walks, spot prizes and entertainment are planned for this fun festival.

## HE EKE PAHIKARA | NGONGOTAHĀ TRAIL RIDE

Saturday 16 March, 9.30am - 12pm | Meet Ngongotahā Medical Centre

Ride the Ngongotahā Cycle Trail in to Eat Street for an ice-cream before returning.

👉 Free

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LAKES COUNCIL

## HE PUORO MATAORA | WAYNE TAYLOR BAND

Saturday 16 March, 2pm - 3.30pm | Rotorua Village Green

A community concert showcasing songs by The Beatles, Elton John, Billy Joel, Lionel Ritchie and Andre Crouch, alongside some originals.

👉 Free

## HE AHUREI KANO | HOLI FESTIVAL

Sunday 17 March, 11.30am - 3pm | Rotorua Village Green

The Festival of Colours is one of the most vibrant and joyous festivals in the Indian calendar.

👉 Free

## HE KONOHETE ŌKENA | CHRISTOPHER HAINSWORTH

Sunday 17 March, 2.30pm - 4pm | St Lukes Anglican Church

A special concert by Christopher Hainsworth, organist "titulaire" of Cathedral of Beziers, France.

## TE WHAKATAETAE MOTOKA TUKITUKI HAMILTON ASPHALTS NORTH ISLAND SUPERSTOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday 22 & Saturday 23 March | TWS Paradise Valley Speedway

Watch the best Superstock teams from across NZ battle it out for the title.

## HE AWHEAWHE WHAKAARI FOUNDATIONS WORKSHOP

Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 March | Sir Howard Morrison Centre

A physical theatre and devising workshop for rangtahi aged 14 - 25 brought to you by Massive Theatre Company.

👉 Free



## HE AHUREI PASIFIKA | PASIFIKA ROTORUA

Saturday 23 March, 10am - 3pm | Rotorua Village Green

A day of music, dance and cultural performances by talented Pacific artists.

👉 Free

## TE MARIKO O TE PUORO WHAKAARI PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Wednesday 27 March - Saturday 6 April | Sir Howard Morrison Centre

Rotorua Musical Theatre is excited to present Andrew Lloyd Webber's longest running musical to Rotorua audiences for the first time ever!

## TE WHAKAATURANGA ARANGA MĪHARO HICKEY CONTRACTORS EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 March | TWS Paradise Valley Speedway

The Annual Easter Speedway Meet is always filled with speedway action!

## HE MĀKETE HĀEREERE

## THE UNLOST VILLAGE TRAVELLING MARKETEERS

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 March, 9am - 5pm

Rotorua Village Green

A unique house truck market offering healing products, handcrafted clothing, accessories and crafts.

## ĀPERIRA APRIL

## TE KAUAU ANZAC KI TE ATA ANZAC DAWN SERVICE

Thursday 25 April, 5.45am | Ōhinemutu

Te Arawa Māori Returned Services League conduct parade and dawn service to honour fallen soldiers.

👉 Free

## TE KAUAU ANZAC KI TŪMATANUI ANZAC CIVIC MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday 25 April, 9am | Sir Howard Morrison Centre

Gather at the Te Arawa War Memorial to join the parade leading to the Civic Service.

👉 Free

## HE REIHI AHI TUPUA INATI VOLCANIC EPIC MTB STAGE RACE

Wednesday 3 - Sunday 7 April

A unique mountain bike stage race, held across 200km's of spectacular North Island geothermal region.



## TE HŪKERIKERI

## THE TEMPESTUOUS: A SHREW'D NEW COMEDY

Friday 5 April, 7pm - 8.30pm | Sir Howard Morrison Centre

Award winning comedian, Penny Ashton, presents her latest literary solo musical with this Shakespearean frolic.



## TE AHUREI XTERRA O ROTORUA XTERRA ROTORUA FESTIVAL

Saturday 6 April, 8am - 8pm | Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake)

Get out and be active in New Zealand's great outdoors with this event for all levels.



## PUORO TAUTITO | RUSS SPIEGEL

Sunday 7 April, 5pm - 8pm | Rotorua Citizens Club

See dynamic US jazz guitarist, Russ Spiegel, alongside Mark Lockett (drums) and Wil Goodinson (bass).



## HE TAIOPENGA | ROTORUA MEGA FUN CARNIVAL

Saturday 13 - Sunday 21 April | Rotorua Village Green

Enjoy all the fun of the fair with rides, carnival games and fairground food galore.

## HE HŌTAKA HARAREI SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 15 - Friday 26 April | Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri

Lots of fun events for kids including Lego, board games and robots!

👉 Free

## TAIOHI TE AKA MAURI | TE AKA MAURI TEENS

Tuesday 16 - Wednesday 24 April | Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri

Fun and social activities focussed at teens 12-18 years.

👉 Free

## NGĀ NGERU | CATS: YOUNG ACTORS EDITION

Thursday 18 - Sunday 21 April | Sir Howard Morrison Centre

This adaptation of Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit musical 'Cats' is specially tailored for young actors.



## HE KETE KOTAHI HE WHENU MAHA ONE BASKET - MANY STRANDS

Saturday 20 April - Saturday 18 May | The Arts Village

This biennial art exhibition promotes racial harmony and the unity of humankind.

👉 Free



## TE TAUMĀHEKEHEKE RĪKI TEINA NZMRL TEINA TOURNAMENT

Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 April | Puketawhero Park

Watch the passionate teina (junior) Māori rugby league players.

👉 Free



## MARAKĀHIA | MADAGASCAR

Wednesday 24 April | Sir Howard Morrison Centre

Spectacular live show filled with infectious music, dazzling choreography, and uproarious comedy!



## TE TOI O NGĀ TOI | TOP ART

Wednesday 24 April - Wednesday 8 May

Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri

Exhibition of NZ's top art students NCEA Visual Arts portfolios from 2023.

👉 Free



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

## MEI MAY

## KO HARATUA TE MARAMA PUORO O AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND MUSIC MONTH

1 - 31 May | Various Rotorua venues

Celebrate New Zealand music in a wide range of events hosted around Rotorua.



## ROTORUA OMA TAUMANO ROTORUA MARATHON

Friday 3 & Saturday 4 May

Celebrating its 60th year, the marathon is joined by extra events for all levels.



## HE PUORO MATAORA 1999 THE ULTIMATE PRINCE EXPERIENCE

Saturday 4 May, 8pm - 10.30pm | Sir Howard Morrison Centre

A sensory spectacular with an 8-piece band and bespoke costuming, showcasing iconic songs of Prince.



## KONOHETE PUORO TAUTITO LOCAL JAZZ TALENT

Sunday 5 May, 5pm - 9pm | Rotorua Citizens Club

Showcasing local best and emerging talent performing for NZ Music Month.

## TOKOTORU AOTEAROA NZ TRIO - TRIPTYCH 1: UNQUIET DREAM

Thursday 16 May, 7pm | Sir Howard Morrison Centre

A journey through the contrasting musical landscapes of four distinctive composers.



## E MANAWA REKA ANA I NGĀ TUPU FASCINATION OF PLANTS PUBLIC TALK

Friday 17 May, 5.30pm - 6.30pm | Rotorua Library, Te Aka Mauri

Plant Biotechnology specialist, Dr Sanjeev Raikar, delivers this talk to celebrate Fascination of Plants Day.

👉 Free



## HE PUNANGA HAUORA TAUMĀRIRE MINDFUL MOMENTS RETREAT

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 May | Polynesian Spa

A two-day retreat is designed to help you bring your mind, body and spirit into harmony.



## HE REIHI EKE PAHIKARA MAUNGA THE HIGHLANDER MTB CHALLENGE

Sunday 19 May, 7am - 2pm | Redwoods (Whakarewarewa Forest)

Embracing old school cool, the Highlander packs as much fun into one event as possible.

## PUORO MATAORA TURKEY THE BIRD

Saturday 25 May, 8pm - 10pm | Level 13 Theme Rooms & Bar

This enchanting New Zealand folk trio perform their latest single 'Lady Who'.



## HE WHAKAMĀNAWA I NGĀ BEACH BOYS BEACH BOYS EXPERIENCE

Sunday 26 May, 7.30pm | Sir Howard Morrison Centre

Pick up some 'Good Vibrations' at this unforgettable celebration dedicated to the music of The Beach Boys!



## HE KŌRERO PUKU KATA GUY MONTGOMERY

Friday 31 May, 7pm | Sir Howard Morrison Centre

This comedic heavyweight brings his show 'Over 50,000,000 Guy Fans Can't Be Wrong', to Rotorua for one night only!



## HE KANIKANI TAKIRUA ŌKAWA BALLROOM BLITZ

Friday 31 May, 7.30pm

Sir Howard Morrison Centre

Traditional ballroom dance merged with cutting-edge choreography, creating an elegant and passionate dance spectacle.

