



# ROTORUA SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL

*Te Kaunihera Ratonga Tauwhiro o Rotorua*

## ROSSCO E-NEWS October 2008

Hello and welcome to this month's issue of the ROSSCO E-NEWS.

### News Headlines

Early Bird Registrations for e-Engage Your Community Conference close this **Friday 10th October**. See below for details

RoSSCo AGM set for 5th November - mark this in your diary now.

### Upcoming Training Events

Date 24th October

Event UNDERSTANDING YOUR ORGANISATIONS FINANCES COURSE

Venue Rotorua District Council committee room 2

Time 9am— 4.30pm

Cost \$20.00

This should be compulsory professional development for all treasurers, chairpersons and office managers.

Limited to 25 people. 5 places left.

Topics include

- \* Financial stewardship
- \* Reading financial statements
- \* Beyond figure phobias
- \* Checks and balances
- \* Planning, cashflow and reporting

For further information please phone Richard or Debs at the RoSSCo office Ph 349 4440

Register online at [www.rossco.org.nz](http://www.rossco.org.nz)

Date 28th November

Event e-ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

Venue Waiariki Institute of Technology

Time 8.30am— 4.30pm

Cost Earlybird Not-for-Profit \$75.00

Earlybird Government / business \$150.00

The Queen (of England) uses U-Tube, NASA uses Twitter, Helen Clark uses Facebook, Parent to Parent uses videoconferencing, Diabetes NZ Rotorua uses Ning, NZFVWO uses Surveymonkey.

What do you use, or more importantly what could you use if you knew what was available and how easy and effective it was to use? If communications is important to your organisation then this conference is for you.

### Congratulations to Sport BOP

Sport Bay of Plenty's Dads 'n' Lads mountain bike series won the New Zealand Recreation Association (NZRA)'s SPARC Push Play Award 2008.

Dads'n'Lads was designed to encourage non-active men to get physical – and it achieved that and more!

The 10 week course, introduced men (and their sons) to the sport of mountain biking in a non-public, non-threatening way, and at the same time, kept them challenged

The series was coordinated by Sport Bay of Plenty with support of the local Health Rotorua PHO.

### Geysers Community Foundation unique in Rotorua

The Geysers Community Foundation is a local initiative that provides a simple, effective and long lasting way in which individuals, families, companies and organisations can give gifts or leave legacies to support local causes which in turn benefit the Rotorua Community.

The Foundation is unique in that it is the only organisation in Rotorua established solely to seek legacies and gifts from throughout the community, invest those funds and distribute the returns from those funds back into the Rotorua community either to named beneficiaries or to beneficiaries chosen by the Foundation.

For the full pre-launch press release please refer to the attachment

### Recovery via Internet Trial

The Injury Prevention Research Unit (IPRU) at the University of Otago is currently undertaking a trial (Recovery via Internet from Depression) to test whether a set of web-based self-help programmes work for reducing depression in New Zealand.

The programmes are designed to help people manage their depression by providing relevant information and/or working through a number of exercises on the internet.

The recent New Zealand Mental Health Survey Report highlighted that up to one in five women and one in ten men have experienced depression in their lifetime and that about half of those people who feel depressed are not known to any health services. The RID trial is especially designed to address the needs of this latter group in our communities.

If you are interested in the trial, please go to the trial web site <http://www.otago.ac.nz/rid> for full information and the online application for enrollment

### Community Facilities Meeting

Sport Bay of Plenty and Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa would like to invite you to a forum to discuss your issues around the use and pricing of community facilities for our local community.

This will be an informal consultation where we hope to gather information and suggestions to be presented to council.

For all community and sports groups who use/would like to use community facilities.

Venue: Rotorua Trust, 1358 Eruera Street

Date: 22 October 2008

Time: 4pm – 5.30pm

Please RSVP to Jo, [jow@sportbop.co.nz](mailto:jow@sportbop.co.nz) 07 348 4125/027 4746 068 before the 14<sup>th</sup> October with your name and who you represent.

### Tech Soup Update

TechSoup New Zealand is proud to announce the addition of a new donor partner to its software donations programme. Bytes Of Learning have made available to the sector a innovative typing tutor called "UltraKey". For more information on UltraKey please visit [www.bytesoflearning.com/](http://www.bytesoflearning.com/)

“Work Smarter not Harder”

A Workshop for People who Employ People

Hosted by the Rotorua Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Labour

Well-known Rotorua businessman Rod Meharry was appointed to the Small Business Advisory Group in 2007. Theirs is a challenging role giving advice to the Minister of Small Business on matters pertaining to SMEs and how government policy impacts on them.

After years in business, Rod was pretty sure he knew it all. That was until he read the Department of Labour’s Workplace Productivity Snapshot...

When: Tuesday, 21 October 2008

Where: Cards Lounge

Distinction Rotorua Hotel

Cost: \$10.00 incl GST

No shows will be charged

Time: 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

For further details please refer to the attached flyer.