



# ROTORUA SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL

*Te Kaunihera Ratonga Tauwhiro o Rotorua*

## ROSSCO E-NEWS August 2008

**Hello and welcome** to this month's issue of the ROSSCO E-NEWS. In this issue we have a couple of new training and personal / professional development opportunities, a game to play when attending those same-old same-old meetings, some community information, and an amusing commentary that I'm sure you can all relate to.

### **WANTED - 300 people to register for the TOP PERFORMER seminar on 29th August.**

This not-likely-to-be-repeated seminar, by world renowned speaker, trainer and mentor Mervin Pillay, with Sabitha Sewgolam and Carlotta Adams, will help **you** - build a healthy self-image, become a better leader, better yourself at work, better your relationships and flourish in your Spiritual, Emotional, Mental, Physical and Financial Health.

And if that's not enough, it's FREE (but you must register for catering purposes)

Date: 29th August

Time: 1pm to 5pm

Venue: Buck Ninn Theatre, Performing Arts Centre, Te Wananga O Aotearoa campus, 324 Malfroy Road, Rotorua.

Cost: I told you, it's FREE.

### **Block this in your diary NOW - 28th November 2008 - the whole day e-Engage Your Community Rotorua 2008 - "Expanding your communications toolkit"**

A day packed with speakers and practical hands-on workshops to help you and your organisation get up to speed with the latest and emerging communication tools. Early-bird registrations for Not-For-Profit organisations are \$75.00 per person, and for non NFP's it's \$150 per person (Standard registrations are \$100 and \$200 respectively). Maximum of 120 people due to venue limitations.

No excuses - you need to be there.

Registration details in the next issue of the ROSSCO NEWS.

### **Now for something a little bit different**

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Step 2 Have a read and print the cards

Step 3 Give it a go - and if anyone actually does, please let me know how you got on.

**Is managing your organisations ICT a nightmare** (or do you practice the head-in-the-sand management philosophy)

If it is, then check out the following link for free downloadable publications such as

- A Guide to Managing ICT in the Voluntary and Community Sector
- How to Cost and Fund ICT
- From Nightmare to Nirvana — an ICT Survival Guide for Trustees
- Consultation and Campaigning in the Age of Participatory Media
- How Online Communities can make the Net Work for the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Charitable Giving and Fundraising in a Digital World
- ICT Tools to Support Collaborative Working

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## **NGO Social Work Study Awards 2009 Application Round**

### **Pre-Application Workshops**

Monday 25th August 2008

10:00 - 1.30pm

L Block L14

WAIARIKI CAMPUS, MOKOIA DRIVE, ROTORUA

Afternoon Tea Provided

## **TrustPower Spirit of Rotorua Awards**

Do you know a voluntary group that deserves some real recognition?

If so, nominate them for the TrustPower Spirit Of Rotorua Awards. They could win cash prizes, increased profile and the honour of representing the region at the TrustPower National Community Awards.

Nominations are open now and close on 10 October.

Nomination forms are available at the City Focus, Rotorua Library and Rotorua District Council

Contact the Mayoral Secretary, Anita Galland Ph: 350-0209 ext 8104 or email [anita.galland@rdc.govt.nz](mailto:anita.galland@rdc.govt.nz) for more information

## **WEARABLE CREATIONS 'N COLOUR TICKETS ON SALE**

Now in its fifth year, the Awards evening will be held at the Rotorua Energy Events Centre on Friday, 29 August at 7.15 pm. Tickets for this year's Rotorua Wearable Creations 'n Colour Awards have gone on sale 24 July 2008 through Ticketmaster, located in the Rotorua Convention Centre.

## **Push Playing by Walking during 'Walktober' in Rotorua**

October is just about upon us Rotorua. Walktober is a collaborative project between Sport Bay of Plenty and Rotorua District Council promoting and devoting a whole month of walking activities and events for the whole family and friends. There will be a wide range of walks, But if you would like to promote your own walking group or a walking event, please contact Lisa Mansell on 07 348 4125 or download the registration form from our website - <http://www.sportbop.co.nz/newsdetail.aspx?id=421>

## **Conservation Week in Rotorua**

Conservation week is back again for 2008. Earlier this year Sport Bay of Plenty completes its first 10 week MALE only training series called Dads n Lads. Once again this training series will be launched again bigger, better and with a NEW name change "Dads, Lads n Granddads". The training series will be launched during Conservation week on September 7th 'Fathers Days', very fitting! Bookings are essential for more information contact [lisam@sportbop.co.nz](mailto:lisam@sportbop.co.nz) or for more information on other events and activities during Conservation week contact [nturoa@doc.govt.nz](mailto:nturoa@doc.govt.nz).

And finally- hope this gives you a laugh

## **The Pope and the Limo Driver**

After getting all of Pope Benedict's luggage loaded into the limo, (and he doesn't travel light), the driver notices that the Pope is still standing on the curb.

"Excuse me, Your Holiness," says the driver, "Would you please take your seat so we can leave?"

"Well, to tell you the truth," says the Pope, "they never let me drive at the Vatican when I was a cardinal, and now as a new Pope, I feel I'd really like to drive today."

"I'm sorry, Your Holiness, but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! And what if something should happen?" protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning.

"Who's going to tell? Besides, there might be something extra in it for you," says the Pope with a smile.

Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 105 mph. (Remember, he's a German Pope and drove Mercedes Benz before).

"Please slow down, Your Holiness!" pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens. "Oh, dear God, I'm gonna lose my license -- and my job!" moans the driver.

The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio.

"I need to talk to the Chief," he says to the dispatcher. The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going a hundred and five.

"So bust him," says the Chief.

"I don't think we want to do that, he's really important," said the cop.

The Chief exclaimed, "All the more reason!"

"No, I mean really important," said the cop with a bit of persistence.

The Chief then asked, "Who ya got there, the Mayor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

Chief: "The Governor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

Chief: "The President?"

Cop: "Bigger."

"Well," said the Chief, "Who the heck is it?"

Cop: "I think it's God!"

The Chief is even more puzzled and curious, "What makes you think it's God?"

Cop: "He's got the Pope as a chauffeur."

(Thanks to Cookybaby for sharing this one).

## **YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2008 when...**

Patron: Waiter!

Waiter: Hi, my name is Bill, and I'll be your Support Waiter. What seems to be the problem?

Patron: There's a fly in my soup!

Waiter: Try again, maybe the fly won't be there this time.

Patron: No, it's still there.

Waiter: Maybe it's the way you're using the soup; try eating it with a fork instead.

Patron: Even when I use the fork, the fly is still there.

Waiter: Maybe the soup is incompatible with the bowl; what kind of bowl are you using?

Patron: A SOUP bowl!

Waiter: Hmm, that should work. Maybe it's a configuration problem; how was the bowl set up?

Patron: You brought it to me on a saucer; what has that to do with the fly in my soup?!

Waiter: Can you remember everything you did before you noticed the fly in your soup?

Patron: I sat down and ordered the Soup of the Day!

Waiter: Have you considered upgrading to the latest Soup of the Day?

Patron: You have more than one Soup of the Day each day?

Waiter: Yes, the Soup of the Day is changed every hour.

Patron: Well, what is the Soup of the Day now?

Waiter: The current Soup of the Day is tomato.

Patron: Fine. Bring me the tomato soup, and the check. I'm running late now.

[Waiter leaves and returns with another bowl of soup and the check]

Waiter: Here you are, Sir. The soup and your check.

Patron: This is potato soup.

Waiter: Yes, the tomato soup wasn't ready yet.

Patron: Well, I'm so hungry now, I'll eat anything.

[The waiter leaves.]

Patron: Waiter! There's a gnat in my soup!

The check:

Soup of the Day . . . . . \$5.00

Upgrade to newer Soup of the Day. . \$2.50

Access to support . . . . . \$10.00

(Thanks to Oldy but Goody for sharing this one)

And just for those of you who have trouble getting out of bed in the morning -

**A MOUSE TRAP PLACED ON TOP OF YOUR ALARM CLOCK WILL PREVENT YOU FROM ROLLING OVER AND GOING BACK TO SLEEP AFTER YOU HIT THE SNOOZE BUTTON.**

Have an absolutely great day.