

“Growing the potential of information and communication technology for Rotorua communities”

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ROTORUA ICT PANUI

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Monthly meeting

The ICT Trust meets once a month from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. The next meeting will be held at the [The Business Hub](#), 1209 Hinemaru St (opposite the Government Gardens) on Thursday 30th August 2007.

Rotorua E-Rider – One Year Contract

Have you got computer skills? Looking for an opportunity to broaden your résumé? The Rotorua Community ICT Trust is seeking a self-motivated ‘people person’ with a technology background and good time management skills. This is a one-year contract based at Waiariki Institute of Technology and working directly in the community. The successful applicant will provide strategic advice and written recommendations to social service organisations within the Rotorua District over a one-year period, to help build their computer skills and confidence over the longer term.

An attractive remuneration package and work vehicle is provided. Applications, including CV and contact details for two referees, should be sent to: Chair, Rotorua District ICT Strategy, e-mail rotict@gmail.com, c/- Rotorua Schools ICT Centre, PO Box 784, Rotorua. The deadline for applications is Friday 31 August 2007.

Funding of \$50,000 was recently approved to support this position through the Digital Strategy's Community Partnership Fund. Local project partners are the Rotorua Community ICT Trust, Rotorua Social Services Council (RoSSCo), Waiariki Institute of Technology and Rotorua District Council. Additional project funding has been provided by Lottery Communities and the Rotorua Trust.

In addition to the Rotorua e-Rider Project, 63 ICT community projects throughout New Zealand will receive more than \$10 million in total funding from the 2007 round of the Community Partnership Fund. Other projects to receive funding in the Bay of Plenty Region are Bay of Plenty Polytechnic (relocatable computer lab and bus to provide free ICT training for adults) and Poutiri Charitable Trust (learning centres and a roving trainer).

More information:

<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=30186>

http://www.digitalstrategy.govt.nz/templates/Page_18.aspx

Rotorua e-Day 29 September

An electronic waste collection will be held at the Rotorua Racecourse on Saturday 29 September, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Cars are invited to drop off computers, monitors, cellphones and other equipment free of charge. It is anticipated that more than 90 percent of the equipment will be diverted from landfill. Similar initiatives will be held in more than a dozen other centres throughout New Zealand on the same week for cost savings and to help raise awareness. The initiative is being co-ordinated nationally by the Computer Access New Zealand (CANZ) Trust, based on a successful event in Wellington last year. To enquire about the Rotorua e-Day event, or to help out on the day, contact the Rotorua Community ICT Trust at rotict@gmail.com. Rotorua schools with surplus equipment are invited to contact the Rotorua Education Centre on Sunset Road. Further information will be released over the coming month.

More information:

<http://www.canz.org.nz/e-day.htm>

Waiariki launches IT Literacy Campaign

Waiariki Institute of Technology has launched a three-year campaign to raise technology foundation skills throughout the Waiariki rohe. Other training institutions throughout the region are invited to join in. A stretch target has been set to achieve 100% computer literacy of all people aged 17 years and older. This would make Waiariki rohe the most computer literate region in New Zealand. An IT Literacy Charter was signed in July by Rotorua Mayor Kevin Winters, Work and Income Regional Director Ski Wisnesky and Waiariki's Chief Executive Dr Pim Borren. Mayor Winters and MP Steve Chadwick were cheekily invited to sign on for the free International Computer Drivers Licence (ICDL). Progress on the three-year target can be viewed at the central city training suite, Waiariki in Focus.

More information:

http://www.waiariki.ac.nz/news_details.asp?News_ID=27