

“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 meetings will be held at [The Business Hub](#), 1209 Hinemaru St (opposite the Government Gardens) on Thursday 28th February 2008 and Thursday 27th March 2008.

Rotorua young persons' website

Rotorua young people now have access to information and events through www.rotaz.co.nz. The new website features an events calendar, member profiles, competitions and more. It was initiated by Rotorua District Council's Youth Projects Officer, Rob Blaikie, and has so far involved the Rotorua Youth Projects Trust, Da Bomb Shelter (Rotorua Community Youth Centre), the Rotorua Community ICT Trust, Lakes Webhealth and other stakeholder groups. The website will continue to be developed over time through consultation with young people. The official launch on Friday 22nd February will include a speech from Mayor Kevin Winters and performance by local dance crew Testify. A Play Station II will be given away to one lucky young person, and The Edge radio station will have other giveaways .

More information:

<http://www.rotaz.co.nz/>

Big changes at Rotorua Education Centre

Major changes are afoot at the Rotorua Education Centre on Sunset Road. The Education Centre was established by the Rotorua Principals' Association (RPA) to support the ICT needs of local schools and teachers and co-ordinate area-wide professional development and education projects. Previous staff positions at the Education Centre have recently been disestablished and two new positions – an Executive Officer and ICT Support Officer – are being recruited. The Executive Officer will provide support and administration for the RPA as well as administration of the Education Centre. The ICT Support Officer will provide information and technical assistance for the existing Rotorua Schools Wide Area Network (WAN) and other IT infrastructure. Applications for both positions close Wednesday 20 February 2008.

More information:

<http://www.rotorua.school.nz/>

<http://www.jobs.search4.co.nz/job/view/2bky2y/search/o/executive/>

<http://jobs.search4.co.nz/job/view/2bky5j/search/o/education-training/>

Engage your community using ICT

The Waikato 2020 Communications Trust is planning a one-day conference on Tuesday 22 April 2008 titled "[Engage Your Community: Using Blogs, YouTube and other Cool Tools to achieve your group's goals](#)". The conference, to be held at the University of Waikato in Hamilton, will include a series of practical workshops led by experts and community group leaders who are currently using these tools. The event will cater for people with very little technical knowledge who wish to better use technology at very little or no cost.

More information:

<http://webguide.net.nz/engage-your-community/>

Waikato 2020 Trust seeking Director

The Waikato 2020 Communications Trust is currently advertising a six-month contract for a Director, with possibility for renewal. The Waikato 2020 Trust is dedicated to sponsoring and supporting ICT initiatives with potential to benefit communities in the Waikato Region. The Trust is seeking someone with networking, fund-raising and project management skills to help move it to its next level. Applications close 22 February 2008. For further details refer to www.waikato2020.wainet.org.

More information:

<http://www.waikato2020.wainet.org/>

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Tip of the Month – Google Apps

Google Apps is an on-line collaboration tool designed for businesses and schools. It incorporates Google Docs – to create and share documents, spreadsheets and presentations; Google Calendar – to arrange meetings, set schedules and share event information; and Google Talk – for instant messaging and free PC-to-PC voice calls.

More information:

<http://www.google.com/apps/>