

“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 at the [Rotorua Education Centre](#), 114 Sunset Road (old Sunset Junior High campus). The next meeting is Thursday 28th June 2007.

Enrolments open for semester 2

The School of Computing, Technology and Communications at Waiariki Institute of Technology has a wide range of exciting ICT courses available during semester 2, which starts on 16 July. Courses include the National Certificate in Computing Level 2, Bachelor of Computing Systems, Diploma in Multimedia and Diploma in Webmastery. Secondary students leaving school during 2007 are eligible for Waiariki's free fees scheme for their first year of study.

More information:

<http://www.waiariki.ac.nz>

Name change for Recycled Technology

The Recycled Technology store on Tutanekai Street is now called Talk Tech Now. Second-hand systems are available for people not needing the latest technology. The company also deals with new computers as an offspring of Millennium Technology Ltd. The store's director Malcolm Hore is an Ubuntu fan who promotes free software.

More information:

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

Schools benefit from Education Centre

The Rotorua Education Centre is going from strength to strength. Staff members have settled into the Centre's new Sunset Road location, on the former Sunset Junior High campus. The Centre is an initiative of the Rotorua Principal's Association and Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust to develop technology initiatives in local schools. It provides a range of courses and resources for teachers including a computer suite, technical support, loan equipment, the Rotorua Schools Wide Area Network, multimedia services and video conferencing.

More information:

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

Webguide goes live

The New Zealand [Webguide](http://www.webguide.net.nz) is now online, providing tips for community groups to make better use of the Internet. A hardcopy can be downloaded from the website. Booklet versions are also available from some Citizens Advice Bureau offices, local Te Puni Kokiri offices and some public libraries. Rotorua groups interested in a hardcopy can contact the Rotorua ICT Trust, e-mail rotict@gmail.com or phone Paul on 027 293 2575.

More information:

<http://www.webguide.net.nz>

Protecting young people on-line

A new resource was recently launched by the Internet Safety Group to help teach children about on-line safety. Hector's World™ is an animation program featuring a dolphin whose adventures help him learn about keeping safe on the Internet. According to Liz Butterfield of Hector's World™ Ltd, "children may face a variety of risks in the online environment, including exposure to problematic content (pornography, scams and hate material), illegal/objectionable material, cyberbullying, and the like. Developmentally, very young children may not be capable of identifying and managing online risk effectively."

More information:

<http://www.netsafe.org.nz>