

ROTORUA ICT PANUI

March/April 2006

Monthly meeting

The ICT Trust meets on the last Thursday of each month from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at the [Rotorua Schools ICT Centre](#), third floor of the Public Library building (1137 Haupapa Street).

The next meeting is Thursday 30th March 2006.

Lifelong Learning in Rotorua

Over the past six months a Rotorua Learning Community Forum has been created to better link the efforts of Rotorua District Council (RDC), the Tertiary Education Commission, Te Wananga o Aotearoa, Waiariki Institute of Technology and other education groups. The Learning Community Forum is regarded by RDC as Rotorua's 'peak body' for consultation on moving the District towards being a learning community. The Forum stemmed from an Adult Learners' Week event in September 2005 on 'Making Rotorua a Learning Community', attended by guest speakers MP Steve Chadwick, Deputy Mayor Trevor Maxwell and others. The Forum is made up of agencies representatives who meet on a regular basis to discuss lifelong learning issues. Ideas generated by the new body are anticipated to be reflected in the future long term plans of RDC and other agencies.

More information:

www.nrc.org.nz/page4/files/ALW%20report%202005.doc

Rotorua ICT Strategy Update

The Rotorua Community ICT Trust has been invited to make a Stage II Comprehensive Application to the Digital Strategy Community Partnership Fund. There was significant interest in the first round of the Fund with over 280 Expressions of Interest, well exceeding the total funding allocation of \$17 million nationally. Only 101 applicants have been invited to submit a Comprehensive Application.

The Rotorua ICT Trust, on behalf of the District ICT Strategy Steering Group, is currently preparing applications to a range of funding sources to implement the Strategy. This includes an application for approximately \$250,000 from the Community Partnerships Fund over a three year period.

The vision of the Rotorua District ICT Strategy 2006-2009 is “strong, safe and empowered Rotorua communities through sustainable use of information and communication technology (ICT).” The framework for the Strategy is based around more effective use of ICT (not necessarily more or better computers) to promote Rotorua's Community Outcomes and priorities. The Strategy includes a range of action plans to promote ICT capability and confidence in local community groups and organisations, as well as the employment of a Rotorua District ICT Coordinator for a three year period. Initial projects to be undertaken will likely include a Rotorua community-focused website and better promotion of health information through www.webhealth.co.nz.

Funding secured to date is \$24,000 over three years from Rotorua District Council. This funding has been earmarked for specific projects including an E-Waste Action Plan, business and tourism sector consultation, and support for additional projects that arise during 2007/08 and 2008/09. This amount is still to be confirmed following a public consultation period in April and May.

More information:

[Rotorua ICT Strategy - final](#)

[Rotorua ICT Strategy - Background document](#)

<http://www.rdc.govt.nz/News+and+Events/Latest+News/Rotorua+Surfs+Technology+Wave+-+Information+and+communication+technology+strategy.htm>

http://www.digitalstrategy.govt.nz/templates/Page____212.aspx

Tip of the month

This month's tip comes from Jacki Sherwood of Tokoroa – drawing on slides during a PowerPoint slideshow: “While performing a Microsoft PowerPoint slideshow, it is possible to draw directly on the slides. You can highlight parts of the slideshow, draw boxes around particular graphics, write text, and much more. When viewing a slideshow, click the right-mouse button. From here, you can choose several Pointer Options: Ballpoint Pen, Felt Tip Pen and Highlighter. You also have the option of Arrow, which replaces the selected drawing pen with a normal mouse arrow.”