

“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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008 and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

## myrotorua.com – Rotorua's Bright Future website

The Rotorua Community ICT Trust is pleased to announce that [www.myrotorua.com](http://www.myrotorua.com) is “live” and ready for further development. The new website is based around Rotorua's Community Outcomes and includes links and information to promote more sustainable development in Rotorua communities. Topics include “How's Rotorua Doing”, “Who's Doing What”, “Have Your Say” and “Make a Difference”. The intention is to continue developing the website in a partnering way with community organisations.

A central part of the site is information about Rotorua District Council's Bright Future project, which seeks to identify and monitor progress toward Rotorua's community outcomes. Public consultation is scheduled for the coming months to review and update Rotorua's community outcome statements. It is anticipated that myrotorua.com website will be promoted through agencies, schools and networks to promote a discussion about what “community well-being” means to Rotorua residents, and enable people to have their say through an on-line survey and other means.

The launch of myrotorua.com follows hard on the heels of another local initiative, the Rotorua young person's website [www.rotaz.co.nz](http://www.rotaz.co.nz). Both websites were developed through partnerships with [Rotorua District Council](#) and funding from the [Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust](#), as contributions to the [Rotorua District ICT Strategy 2006-2009](#).

More information:

<http://www.myrotorua.com/>

## Free tools for working smarter

The Rotorua Community ICT Trust is planning a series of free seminars on ICT tools for collaborative working. Depending on the level of demand, the seminars could be tailored to suit different audiences such as local government and social services. Topics that could potentially be covered include skype (free videoconferencing), Google Apps (on-line sharing of documents, spreadsheets, presentations and schedules), Google Sites, Zoho and other freely available tools. If you feel you might like to attend one of these seminars, please e-mail [rotict@gmail.com](mailto:rotict@gmail.com) or contact Paul on 0-27-293 2575 and tell us your particular areas of interest?

More information:

[http://www.ictclub.org.uk/publications/ICT\\_Tools\\_Collaborative\\_Working/](http://www.ictclub.org.uk/publications/ICT_Tools_Collaborative_Working/)

[http://www.ictclub.org.uk/articles/The\\_Great\\_Web\\_Office\\_Experiment.html](http://www.ictclub.org.uk/articles/The_Great_Web_Office_Experiment.html)

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