

“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 Business Hub](#), 1209 Hinemaru St (opposite the Government Gardens) on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

## Rotorua e-waste action plan proposed

Following a successful local e-waste collection in September 2007, the Rotorua Community ICT Trust has prepared an Evaluation Report. The Trust's main recommendation is that future events should be co-ordinated by a specialist recycling company contracted to either Rotorua District Council or Environment BOP. The Trust estimates that the ten tonnes of surplus computers, monitors and printers that were collected from Rotorua's households and schools only 'scratched the surface' of an emerging e-waste problem. Future e-waste events in Rotorua would likely attract more than twenty tonnes per year, particularly if the event was expanded to include corporate e-waste and additional items such as television sets. The report includes practical advice for future events including the choice of collection site and local promotion. To receive a free copy of the Rotorua eDay Evaluation Report, e-mail [paulkillerby@gmail.com](mailto:paulkillerby@gmail.com). The report will be posted on the Trust's revamped website in early 2008.

More information:

[www.eday.org.nz](http://www.eday.org.nz)

## ICT workshop for Rotorua social services

Rotorua social service organisations are invited to register for an office technology workshop on the morning of 12 December 2007. The workshop will be led by Rosalie Crawford of Lakes Webhealth and Steve Chester, Rotorua's E-Rider. Topics include managing folders, back-ups, anti-virus, firewalls and spam. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions about computers and the Internet in general. The cost is \$20 per person, morning tea provided. Register through the Rotorua Social Services Council, e-mail [rossco@callplus.net.nz](mailto:rossco@callplus.net.nz) or phone 349 4440. Alternatively e-mail [steve.chester@wairiki.ac.nz](mailto:steve.chester@wairiki.ac.nz), phone 0-27-713 3200, or e-mail [rosalie@webhealth.co.nz](mailto:rosalie@webhealth.co.nz), phone 0-21-750 842.

## Te Puia scoops international ICT Award

Te Puia visitor attraction in Rotorua has received an international award for its interactive galleries and exhibits. The 2007 World Summit Awards was recently held in Venice, Italy, to recognise high-quality e-content. The awards are associated with the UN World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and are the world's premier contest for excellence in e-content and creativity. Te Puia took out a prestigious e-Culture award for incorporating digital technology into cultural tourism. Te Puia's Whare Tapere gallery is based on years of research and consultation with Te Arawa kaumatua and make use of 3D game technology to introduce visitors to cultural stories. The 'Think Maori' gallery is an immersive space that combines animated films and interactive experiences to show how Maori culture is seen through the forms of the Whakarewarewa landscape.

More information:

[http://www.wsa-awards.org.nz/award/2007\\_winners.html](http://www.wsa-awards.org.nz/award/2007_winners.html)

[http://www.i-kimono.com/japanese/Winners\\_Press\\_Release\\_071013.pdf](http://www.i-kimono.com/japanese/Winners_Press_Release_071013.pdf)

[http://www.lumendigital.co.nz/gallery\\_whare\\_tapere.html](http://www.lumendigital.co.nz/gallery_whare_tapere.html)

[http://www.lumendigital.co.nz/gallery\\_think\\_maori.html](http://www.lumendigital.co.nz/gallery_think_maori.html)

## Focus on community leads to funding boost for Waiariki

Government funding was recently approved that will enable Waiariki Institute of Technology to better address employment skill gaps. Under the Tertiary Education Commission's new funding method, investment in education providers is geared towards quality of courses and relevance to communities. In 2006/07, Waiariki received nearly \$20 million in funding and taught 2,360 full-time students. For the next two years this will increase to nearly \$22.5 million and then to \$24.5 million by 2010, enabling Waiariki to cater to more than 3,000 students.

More information:

<http://www.dailypost.co.nz/localnews/storydisplay.cfm?storyid=3754269&thesection=localnews&thesubsection=&thesecondsubsection=>

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

## Other News....

Telecom Broadband Plans: [http://www.nzherald.co.nz/section/3/story.cfm?c\\_id=3&objectid=10472245](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/section/3/story.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=10472245)

Launch of new Hector's WorldT online safety tool:

<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=31116>