

“Growing the potential of information and communication technology for Rotorua communities”

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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 30th October 2008 and Thursday 27th November.

Rotorua e-waste collection a resounding success

Rotorua's eDay recycling event in early October diverted more than 26 tonnes of computers, printers, monitors and other equipment from landfill. Throughout New Zealand, the combined total was close to 1000 tonnes. This was three times more than collected during the inaugural national eDay in 2007, but is still a 'drop in the bucket' compared to the total amount of e-waste being stored in New Zealand homes, businesses and schools or sent to landfills.

E-waste contains toxic materials such as lead and mercury. Globally, e-waste is the fastest growing type of waste. Equipment collected through the eDay is recycled by specialist companies in Auckland and South Korea. More than 95% of materials can be recovered and re-used, including precious materials such as copper, lead, zinc, gold and silver. Given the success of the 2007 and 2008 events, there is a strong likelihood that eDay will be repeated again.

More information: www.eday.org.nz

Community Partnership Fund 2008/09

The Community Partnership Fund is seeking Expressions of Interest for the 2008/09 funding round. Deadline for registrations is 10 November 2008. Short-listed applicants will be invited to submit a Comprehensive Application in early 2009. The Fund aims to support initiatives that build ICT capability, confidence and content (eg, websites) to help realise community aspirations. Funding priorities and applicant information are listed on the Digital Strategy website www.digitalstrategy.govt.nz. Rotorua groups planning to apply are welcome to contact the Rotorua Community ICT Trust, e-mail rotict@gmail.com or phone Paul Killerby 0-27-293 2575.

Rotorua 'E-Engage Your Community' Conference – 28th November

A not-to-be-missed event for community groups, social services, iwi, government and small businesses. The conference will be held at Waiariki Institute of Technology, Friday 28th November. For details and to register, go to www.rossco.org.nz or contact the Rotorua Social Services Council, e-mail rossco@callplus.net.nz, phone 349 4440.

Government employees urged to use more video-conferencing

The Government is stepping up efforts to encourage bureaucrats to make more use of technologies such as video-conferencing, in an effort to meet a 2010 deadline to cut back on work travel and hence create a more "carbon neutral" public service. State Services Commission deputy commissioner Laurence Millar says it appears that video-conferencing is not yet being widely used for inter-agency communications.

More information: www.stuff.co.nz/4668214a28.html.