

“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 25th September and Thursday 30th October 2008.

Rotorua e-waste collection – 4th October

Rotorua's eDay recycling event is coming up soon on Saturday 4th October, 9am to 3pm at the former Challenge Service Station on Te Ngae Road. Households and small businesses can dispose of their old computers, monitors, printers and mobile phones in an environmentally sustainable way. More information: www.eday.org.nz

Community Partnership Fund 2008/09 – opens 6th October

Following the Government's announcement in May of \$6 million for a further round of the Digital Strategy Community Partnership Fund, the application process is geared up to open on Monday 6th October. Previous funding rounds have helped support a wide range of initiatives including the Rotorua E-Rider IT Advisory Service, Bay of Plenty Polytechnic's SmartPeople project (mobile computer lab and free ICT training) and other projects around the country. Further information and application forms will be available through www.digitalstrategy.govt.nz. Rotorua groups planning to apply are welcome to contact the Rotorua Community ICT Trust for support in completing the process, 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 event will be held at Waiariki Institute of Technology, Friday 28th November. Earlybird rate for not-for-profits is \$75 before Friday 10th October. 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.

Mapping Rotorua's digital landscape

One of the purposes of this monthly panui is to help profile local website content, particularly new or award winning sites aimed at connecting Rotorua communities. Two very different sites feature in this issue – firstly www.brighteconomy.com, the website of the Rotorua BrightEconomy Strategy and Advisory Board. The site provides information about the district's economic strategy and current activities, and opportunities for the community to have input. Currently featured is a registration link for the 2008 Rotorua Economic Forum at the Convention Centre on Thursday 25th September. Registration is free but numbers are limited.

The second website of interest is www.parksyde.org.nz, containing information about the Parksyde Older Persons Community Centre. The Trust behind the centre is currently reviewing the facility within the broad context of the needs of older people in Rotorua.