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Welcome to the 2017 Spring edition of the *Guysers Gazette* – the quarterly e-magazine produced by Guysers Gaystay B&B in Rotorua, New Zealand.

In this issue we announce Guysers Gaystay's new addition of a steam room. We show you the construction process to build it and show you the finished result.

Recent guests Cliff and Doug from Florida have some fun with our big balls (Rotorua's OGO).

We take a 4W drive off-road adventure with Off Road NZ and show you some great photos of their 4W Drive Bush Safari experience.

We take a walk around Rotorua City to check out the Tulips and other colourful Spring gardens.

We try out Hobbiton's new Evening Banquet Tour which is a guided tour around *Hobbiton Movie Set* at dusk followed by a feast dinner fit for a Hobbit.

Labour Weekend this year *Guysers Gaystay* hosted a nude men's gathering event where a few avid naturists (and/or social nudists) from New Zealand could spend most of the weekend nude with other like-minded guys with an organised program of activities, an excursion out skinny dipping at a thermal river, and a nude BBQ dinner at *Guysers*. Such fun!

We hope you enjoy reading this issue.

Peter & Mike Guysers Gaystay, Rotorua, New Zealand

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What's been happening at Guysers Gaystay?



September 2017 marked *Guysers Gaystay's* 5th year in business hosting men from all around the world to our beautiful city of Rotorua.

2017 has been a rather busy year at *Guysers Gaystay*. We've not only had the best occupancy rates since we opened 5 years ago, but we've also been busy with more projects and improvements around the B&B on top of finding time to sit down and produce the *Guysers Gazette*.

Just in time for summer, we've now installed stylish ceiling fans into each of the guest rooms. During the height of summer, nights can be warm, so these super-quiet wooden blade fans provide a gentle breeze without the risk of catching a cold as can happen with air conditioners. A remote control operates the fan and central light which means you won't have to get out of bed.

Our most exciting and ambitious project this year has been building the addition of a steam sauna (steam room). I guess you could say it is now Rotorua's only steam sauna for men (for staying guests of *Guysers Gaystay* only – not for general public use).



We will not be charging any extra for the use of the steam room, it's all included in the standard room rate and is just another great reason to choose *Guysers Gaystay* for your stay when visiting Rotorua.

See pages 8-11 for the full article about the construction of our new steam room.

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A holiday to recharge the **batteries**

In July this year, we took off for a muchneeded holiday in Thailand and Cambodia to escape the New Zealand winter.

We had a great time at Phuket Gay Homestay and was there for their special pool party (that every gay local seems to know about in Phuket!).



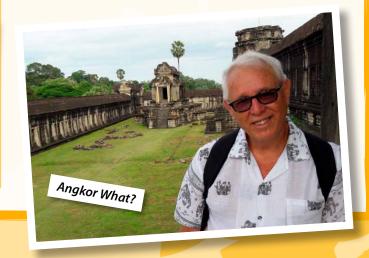
Over on Koh Samui we hired a gay tour driver (Rainbow Scuba & Tours) who drove us all over the island including spending time on a couple of secluded naturist beaches which were really nice to find in Thailand.

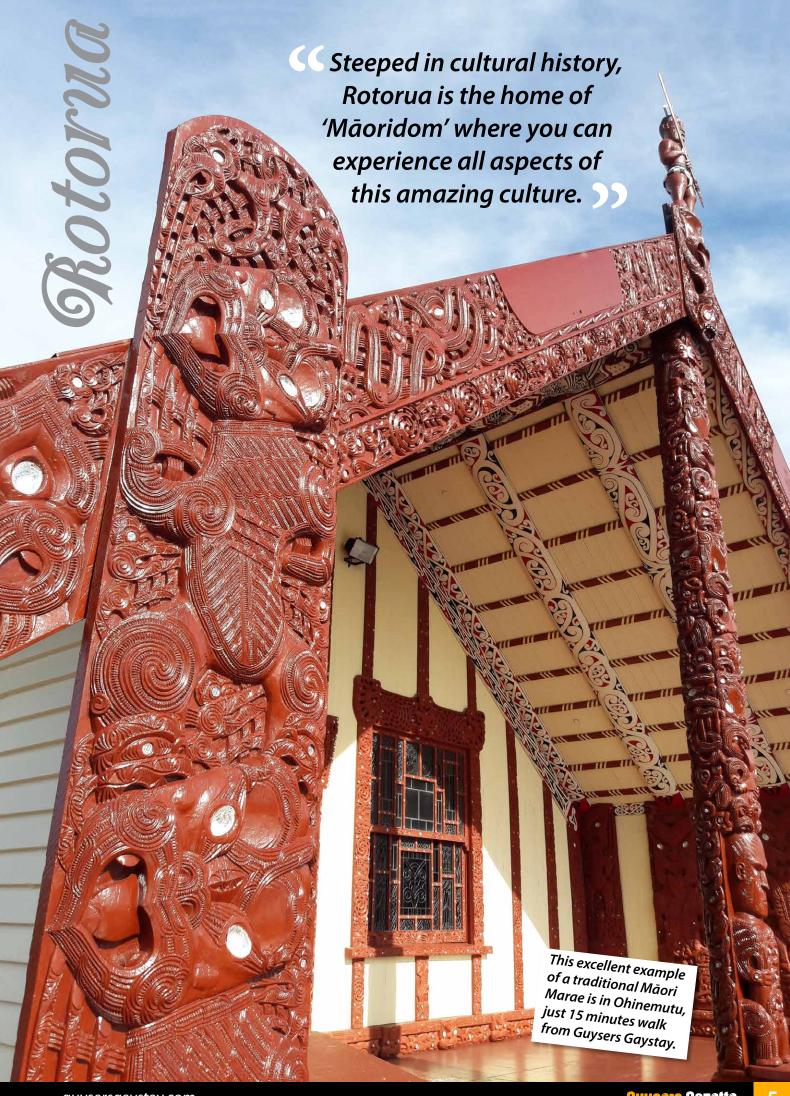


We had a very enjoyable time in Pattaya zipping around in the Baht Bus (taxi) and going to Jomtien Beach to lay on sunloungers under the many beach umbrellas having manicures and pedicures (and rather good male massages!).



After Pattaya we flew over to Siem Reap in Cambodia where we stayed at a gay men's resort (aptly named "MEN'S"). We spent a day visiting the Ankor Wat temples which are just amazing. 🌞





Guest Reviews

Guysers guest feedback

Here at Guysers Gaystay in Rotorua we host men from all over the world as well as nationally. We are proud of our guest reviews and TripAdvisor comments and continually strive for excellence. Here are just a selection of the great comments we have received in 2017...

we loved every bit about our stay, albeit too short! Thanks for your wonderful hospitality and great recommendations for things to do in Rotorua. Kenn and I felt the love and care you put into the place and the passion you have making us feel at home.

Please visit us in the Philippines soon!



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Kenn & Brian Manila Philippines

Had a wonderful lastminute stay at Guysers Gaystay on our way back from Wellington. Really comfortable accommodation and Mike and Peter were great hosts. Went out of the way for us when we booked just before arrival. Relaxing and entertaining company. Will recommend to all of our friends.

Terry & Ross, Wellington

"One of the best gay B&Bs anywhere!"

National Book Store

Peter and Mike are much more than terrific hosts -- they have a way of making their guests feel like longtime friends. We thoroughly enjoyed our three very comfortable nights with them. The room offered everything we needed, the Wi-Fi worked very well, we loved all of the time in the hot tub, and the breakfasts were delicious and thoughtful. The guys offered great tips on things to do and were able to come through with discounts for us on nearly everything we did in the Rotorua area. The house is a very convenient walk to town, but when rain poured down the morning of the Hobbiton tour we booked, Mike very kindly drove us over to catch our tour bus.

Thanks for a memorable stay, guys -- hope we'll see you again one day!

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Great place for gay visitors

We stayed here for one night only and had the best experience. The two hosts Mike and Peter are so nice and welcoming that make you feel like at home. There is a hot tub that we didn't use and regret it now. In the morning they cooked a wonderful breakfast that was served better than in most restaurants. They were so nice to offer us a ride to some attractions, and finaly to the bus station. We highly recommend this place, Thanks

- Hospitality
- Everything is great
- Excellent location, not far from most attractions and restaurants
 - Helpful | 0 Report

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Lovely place and great hosts. It was the best 'gaycation'. Thank you guys!

David & Kai South Africa / Columbia

Great place to stay with very welcoming hosts. Felt like staying with friends and we will come back again.

Roy & Darren Christchurch

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After a month backpacking through South America, it was great to have a relaxing stay with Peter and Mike in Rotorua, their place is very central, well set up and clean and both Peter and Mike are very helpful in any information and bookings that are needed. A great breakfast every morning as well. We would highly recommend Guysers Gaystay.

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Step 1

This first thing we had to do was create space for the steam room to go. This meant sacrificing our raised vege box (which didn't really supply us with enough veges to warrant keeping it anyway). We hired a skip bin and began shovelling soil and dismantling the wooden frame. This took us 2 days work just to get rid of that.



Step 2

Wooden boxing was formed ready for the concrete to be poured to form the base of the steam room. Our friend Patrick came around to help us with this job (Patrick is very good with laying concrete). He floated the surface of the concrete to give it a smooth finish that will be ready for tiling later on.

Step 3

We used cool room panel to construct the steam room. The doorway and angled roof line had to be cut out using a special skillsaw blade able to cut through metal. The panels fitted into aluminium channel and the whole thing was pop-riveted together, sealed with silicone and edged with aluminium angle.



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Step 4

Once the steam room was constructed the next step was to call the electrician and plumber to come and hook up the steam generator.

We imported the steam generator from China because they are a lot cheaper than purchasing them here in New Zealand.





Step 5

With the vege box now gone the ponga fence looked scruffy. We decided to cover this up with an oriental-looking bamboo (see finished result next page). We bolted on some horizontal beams to give a suitable structure to attach the bamboo panels. Weedmat was stapled on first to stop any weeds from coming thorough.

Step 6

The area behind the steam room had to be levelled and re-paved where the vege box used to be. Weedmat was put down and paving sand levelled and compressed over the top ready for the pavers to be laid.

Thankfully it was a lovely warm day so being able to strip off with sun on our bodies made the difficult job of paving that little bit more enjoyable.



Step 7

We tiled the floor of the steam room with non-slip tiles with industrial-looking yellow floor stripes. The concrete bench seat provides seating for up to 4 men.

The steam sauna is now finished.



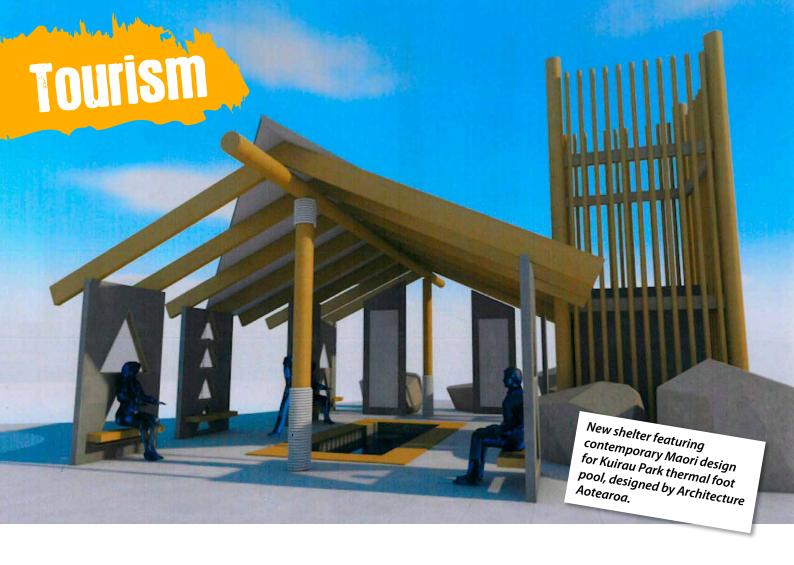








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Kuirau Park gets a face lift

The redevelopment of Kuirau Park is a key project in council's 2015-25 Long-term Plan with the aim to improve and encourage greater use of the city's premium open spaces.

A few years ago, Kuirau Park was looking a bit neglected, with unkept grounds, overgrown scrub, old and rundown foot pools and wooden shelters and dirty, graffitied and illegible signage boards. Peter at *Guysers Gaystay* put forward a suggestion to have the Council invest more time an money into upgrading Kuirau Park to make it more of an attractive place for locals and visitors to go. Peter pointed out all the faults of the park, such as the illegible signage boards and the fact the park has very little information or tourism interest in the park, and put together a full presentation and rationale. It seems now that the Council has come to realise that this

is a park worth looking after and now has an ongoing plan to give the park an entire face lift which is already starting to take shape.

One of the most impressive features soon to be completed is a new architecturally-designed thermal foot pool shelter which replaces the old wooden 'shed' that used to be there.

The project has been given the name *Te Waimirimiri o Te Kuirau* which describes the combination of water, relaxation and massaging waters associated with geothermal bathing. Once completed this area will become a relaxation hub that is expected to become popular with locals and visitors alike.



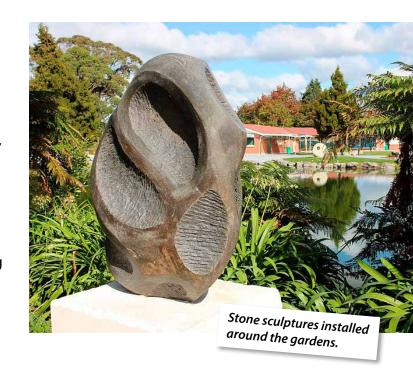
New coin operated BBQ

and wooden picnic tables.

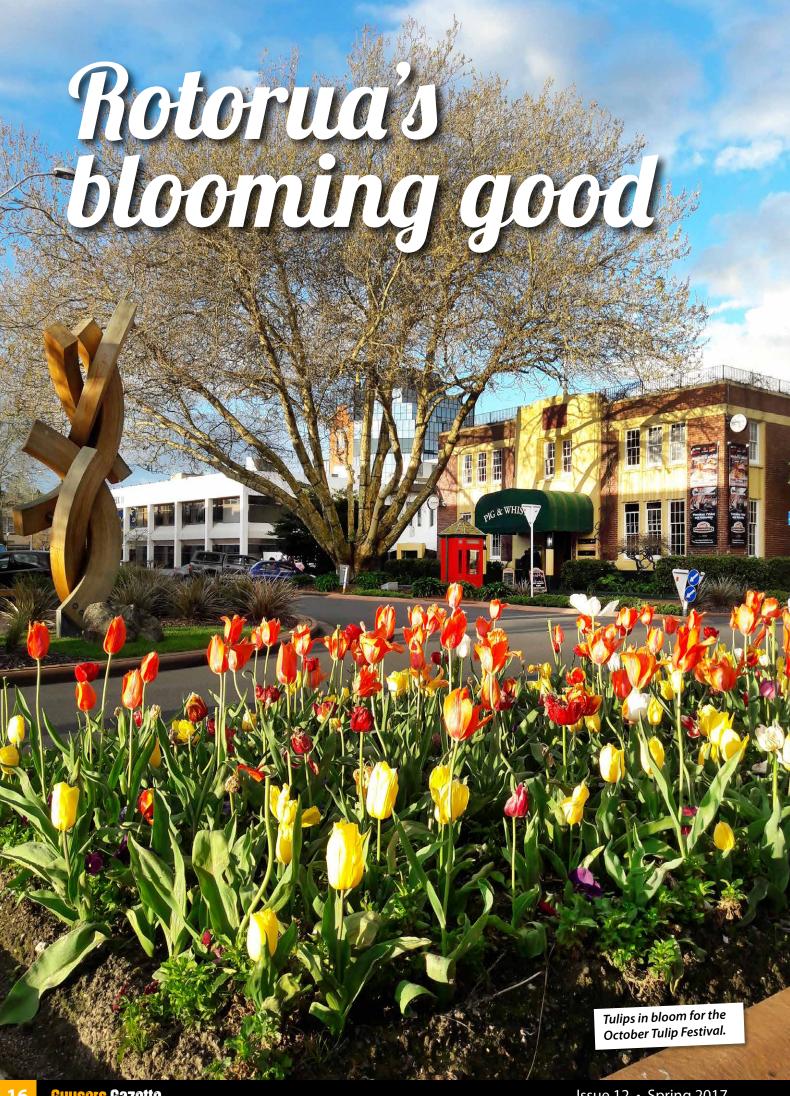
The structure designed by concept designer Fred Stevens of local firm Architecture Aotearoa, described his design as a contemporary expression of traditional Maori building forms and philosophies.

"It results in an architecture that responds directly to the uniqueness of Aotearoa New Zealand and is appropriate within its Kuirau Park setting," he said.

In addition to the foot pool shelter will be a series of stylised waharoa (entranceways) along with a new cold water paddling pool feature, public seating, a covered barbecue, picnic tables and stone sculptures.



New attractive signage.



During the spring and summer months Rotorua's gardens burst into bloom. You can walk all around the city by foot and admire the many Council-maintained gardens and tree-lined streets.

If you enjoy plants, trees and gardens here is a suggestion for a nice walk you can do from *Guysers Gaystay B&B*:

Walk from *Guysers Gaystay* across the road to Kuirau Park and wander the paths to admire the many colourful garden beds, the wisteria covered bridge and the scented garden.

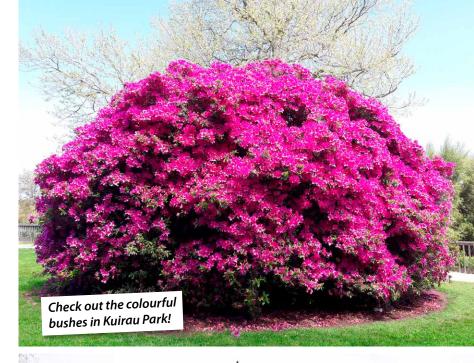
From Kuirau Park walk across Ranolf Street and take any one of the streets that lead into the city centre. Every street within the CBD has flower beds running down the centre of the road. During October the flower beds contain every variety of tulips for the annual Tulip Festival.

Stop for a refreshment and a bite to eat in one of the many cafés in the CBD before making your way over to the Government Gardens in front of the beautiful Museum Building. Here you will discover a seasonal-changing theme of flower gardens that are always well-maintained and impressive to see.

From the Government Gardens head over to Central Mall for a spot of shopping. During October you'll find pink blossom trees in full bloom all the way down Victoria Street at the south entrance to Central Mall.

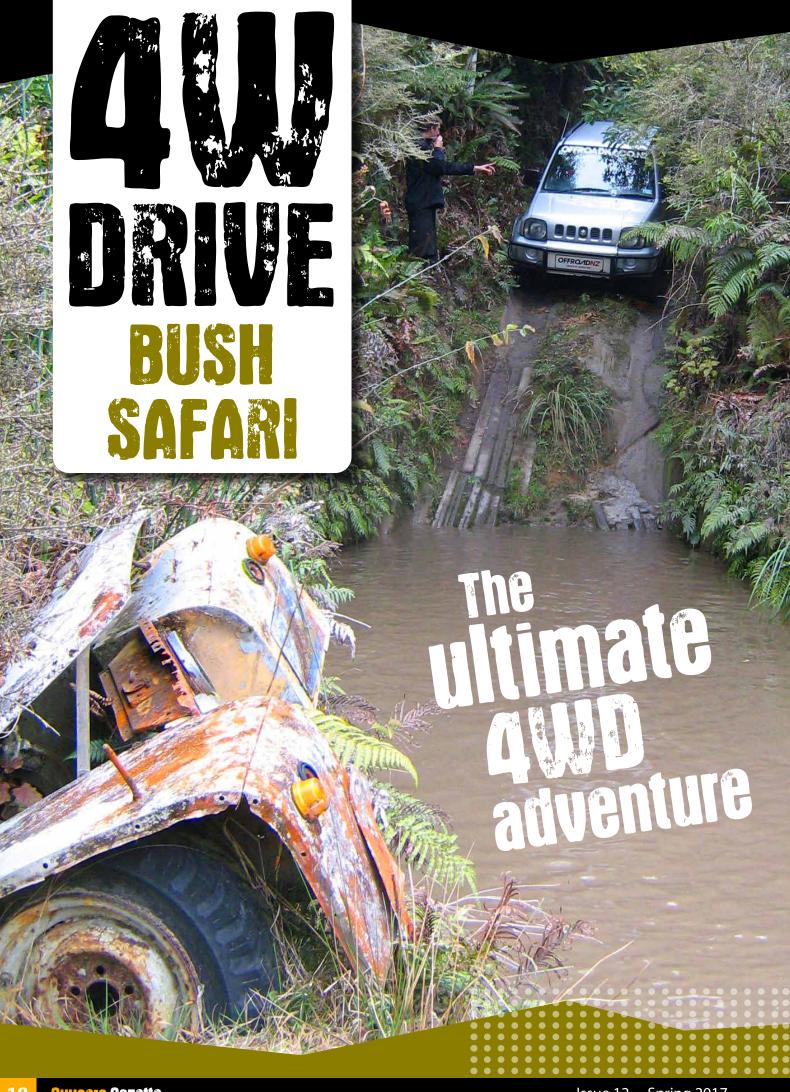
If you walk along Ranolf Street from the Mall area to come back to Guysers Gaystay you'll pass huge Rhododendron trees bursting with colour.

We think Rotorua is pretty in pink.











For an extremely fun day out while in Rotorua, head out to *Off Road NZ* and buckle up for the ultimate self-drive, all terrain 4WD adventure.

Off Road NZ is located just 20 minutes north of Rotorua on SH5 between Rotorua and Hamilton and is well signposted.

Off Road NZ's friendly and helpful staff will gear you up in any necessary wet weather or safety equipment (depending which adventure you are about to take on).

In this article we are showing you images from their *4WD Bush Safari* adventure.

Each 4WD vehicle can seat up to 4 people and you can all take turns in driving the vehicle yourselves during the 45 min – 1 hr experience.

Heading off in low gear, your guide follows on foot and is in communication with your vehicle via a Walkie Talkie. You soon disappear into thick, rugged and remote New Zealand native forest.



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You'll manoeuvre your vehicle through deep trenches of muddy water, up and over steep inclines and descents, through a tunnel and around sharp twisting bends.

Man-made obstacles include a bridge of poles where one side of the 'bridge' (if you can call it that) is a round log and the other side is a U-shaped metal channel the left wheels of your vehicle get locked in. Although it's quite safe, it's still an unnerving experience.

Then there is a tilt ramp to see just how much of an angle the vehicles can take without tipping over. Your guide will give the car a decent push and shove just to scare the sh*t out of you, as if it wasn't scary enough sitting in a car on such an angle!

The highlight of the 4WD Bush Safari adventure would have to be the six metre-high controlled slide down a near-vertical 80-degree slope.

Looking down the slope you'll be asking yourselves "we have to take the vehicle over that? You gotta be crazy!".

Inch by inch you nudge the vehicle to the edge of the slide just before the slope drops away. A safety rope is attached to the car to prevent it from going over until everyone is fully briefed on what to do, and when everyone is braced and ready the safety rope is released and the driver takes the leap of faith taking the car over the edge flying down the slope until the car comes to a stop. If this doesn't get the adrenaline pumping, nothing will!

Off Road NZ also has the **Monster 4x4 Thrill Ride** and professional **Raceline Karting.** **

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will be heaving with traditional rustic
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pottery crockery.

To conclude this premium Hobbiton Movie Set experience, after dinner guests will re-join their guide to make their way back through the wandering paths of The Shire. The trails will be illuminated by path lighting and handheld lanterns will be provided amongst the guests to help light the way.

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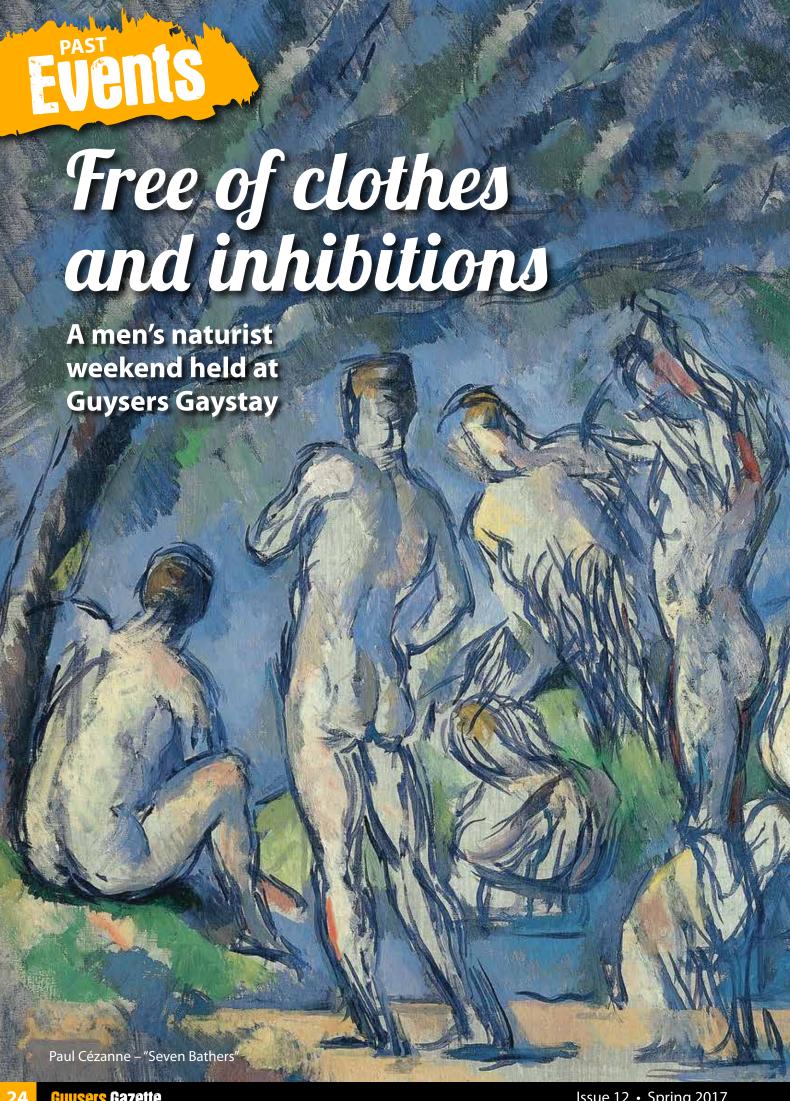
Please note: Evening Banquet Tours do not operate every night of the week. Check website for current seasonal days of operation. Limited numbers, bookings are essential.

Also note: You will need to self-drive to/from Hobbiton – there is no tour bus operating for the Evening tour.











Over Labour Weekend (October 20-22, 2017), Guysers Gaystay became host for a gay mens naturist gathering event organised by a friend of ours, David, from Wanganui.

David, who is an avid naturist himself, contacted us to ask if we would like to host the 3-day event which we happily accepted.

The concept of 'nude gatherings' is not a new one. In America, men's nude gatherings take place on an annual basis – one of the biggest is **GNI** (Gay Naturists International) which hosts over 800 naked men over a 9-day event.

Here in New Zealand *Autumn Farm* in Takaka hold annual men's 'Naked Week' gatherings which are always popular.
Our Labour Weekend gathering at *Guysers Gaystay* may not be on the scale of GNI's, but it doesn't mean we shouldn't have a go, even if it is on a smaller scale.

Nude gatherings like this are all about letting go of inhibitions, becoming comfortable in your own skin and accepting everyone for who they are regardless of what body type they may have. Its also about enjoying the sunshine without restrictions of clothes, feeling totally free and comfortable, as well as a little camaraderie that goes with it as well.

David contacted guys from around the North Island who he already knew are into naturism (or occasional social nudity) and invited men from the website *Oh! Naturist*.

Within a short period of time we reached the maximum number of people we could accommodate, some of whom were happy to share a room. To increase the numbers further we had some friends of ours in Rotorua (who are also naturists) visit during the daytimes over this weekend.





Guests began to arrive in the afternoon on the Friday and after we all stripped off and everyone was introduced to each other we progressed outdoors to our private courtyard to enjoy the sunshine. We lounged around on bean bags in the sun and socialised with wine, beer and nibbles. Some guys then hopped into our spa pool and later tried out our new steam room.

On Saturday, after we had a hearty cooked breakfast, we drove down to the 'secret waterfall' at Wai-O-Tapu to go skinny dipping followed by lunch at the Wai-O-Tapu café. That evening we had a nude BBQ dinner.

The weather on Sunday afternoon was a bit cooler so we decided to have a screening of the movie "Stranger by the Lake". We then all got dressed and headed to Ponsonby Road Bar for drinks followed by a farewell dinner.

A boys night at the movies

In early September, Rotorua Area Gay Society (RAGS) organised a private group screening of "God's Own Country" – a gay story by film maker Francis Lee.

It's not every day a gay-themed film makes it to smaller town centres like Rotorua, so when we saw "God's Own Country" advertised at Rotorua's alternative cinema, The Basement, we quickly booked a private screening for the gay locals of Rotorua.

The storyline goes like this:

Johnny Saxby works long hours in brutal isolation on his family's farm in the north of England. He numbs the daily frustration of his

lonely existence with nightly binge-drinking and casual sex. When a handsome Romanian migrant worker arrives to take up temporary work on the family farm, Johnny suddenly finds himself having to deal with emotions he has never felt before. An intense relationship forms between the two which changes Johnny's life forever.

The movie has been recently described as "it's a bit like Brokeback Mountain but with Moor sex".

We rate this movie 5 stars. See it if you can.













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No comparison. The choice is obvious.



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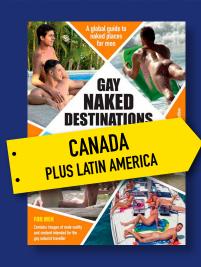




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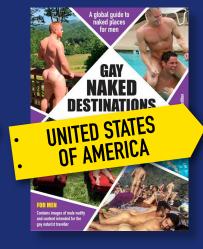




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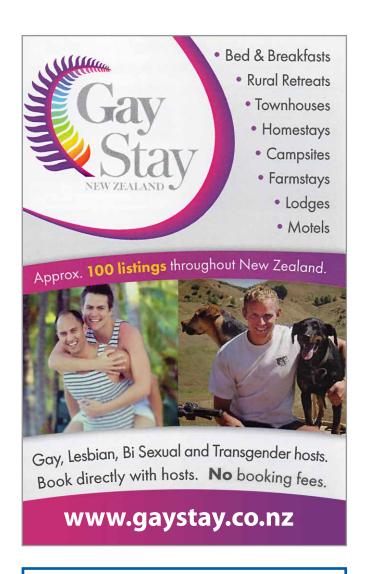








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Rotorua Area Gay Society (RAGS) Rotorua's weekly gay men's social group

The RAGS group meets every Wednesday evening from 5 pm at a selected bar for a few drinks followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

This social get-together is for both Rotorua locals and tourists/visitors alike who would like to join us.

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