

# Guysers Gazette

Matariki Dish Challenge 2022

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Toastie Takeover 2022

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Rotorua Ziplines Tour

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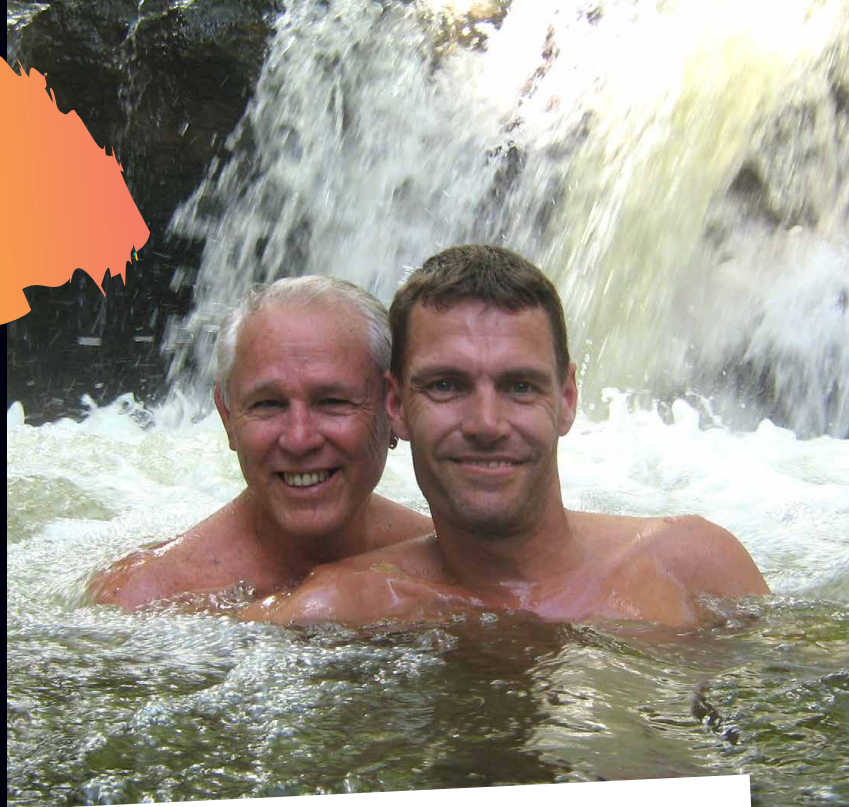
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## Welcome

This is our first *Guysers Gazette* of 2022. It's been a bit of a rollercoaster ride the last few years, what with Covid and lockdowns, reduced income and some health issues too, but we've held it together, kept ourselves busy and happy as possible and are enthusiastic about the return of International visitors once again.

Our forward summer bookings have gone crazy, so we are in for a very busy season indeed.

In this issue of the *Guysers Gazette* we have a big section on cuisine with Rotorua featuring in the annual *Matariki Dish Challenge 2022* and the *National Toastie Takeover* competitions.

We try out the latest tourist attraction in town – Rotorua Ziplines which is based out at Okere Falls and includes ziplines over the raging Kaituna River.

*Calibries Mexicana* is Eat Street's latest Restaurant to enter the strip. We went along to the grand opening night to sample the dishes and cocktails.

We also went 'Pride' shopping in Rotorua looking for products in gay Rainbow colours. We were quite amazed what we discovered was available.

There is so much to enjoy about a trip to Rotorua.

Hope to see you soon!

**Peter & Mike**  
Guysers, Rotorua, New Zealand

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[www.gaystay.co.nz](http://www.gaystay.co.nz)

# Welcome back!

It seems like an eternity, but we are through the worst of the Pandemic and our borders are now fully open to all countries. *Guysers B&B* is open for business and looking forward to hosting new and returning guests from New Zealand and Internationally.

What's been happening with us lately?

As you well know by now, we never sit still. During the Covid period we were either doing projects around the house or working on our other sideline businesses.

Before we talk about a few of those things we should probably talk about Mike's health issue.

As we mentioned in our *2018 Guysers Gazette Issue 14*, Mike had one kidney removed after a tumour was discovered growing on it. Late last year it was found that the kidney cancer cells had migrated to a lymph node in the chest and into the top of one lung. In April Mike had surgery to cut a wedge out of the right lung to remove the cancer spot. However, lymph nodes are a little more tricky to deal with. For several months now, Mike has been having to take very strong cancer treatment drugs, which has made him feel a bit yuk, to say the least.



Here is Mike, just hours out of the operation, putting on a brave face as he was in a lot of pain.

However, his battle wounds have healed and he's found a routine to cope with the medication, so we are dealing with the issues of that one day at a time.

Anyway, lets talk about some other things we've been up to...

## GayStay New Zealand

We are now the new Coordinators of GayStay NZ, the website of TRUE LGBTQ+ owned and operated B&Bs throughout New Zealand. We've created a brand new website for it which looks fantastic and in the months since we took it over we have got a dozen or so new properties to join the site. It's really great to see that New Zealand has such a range of gay-welcoming accommodations, from modest B&Bs and men's clothing optional retreats, through to luxury homes and Lodges.



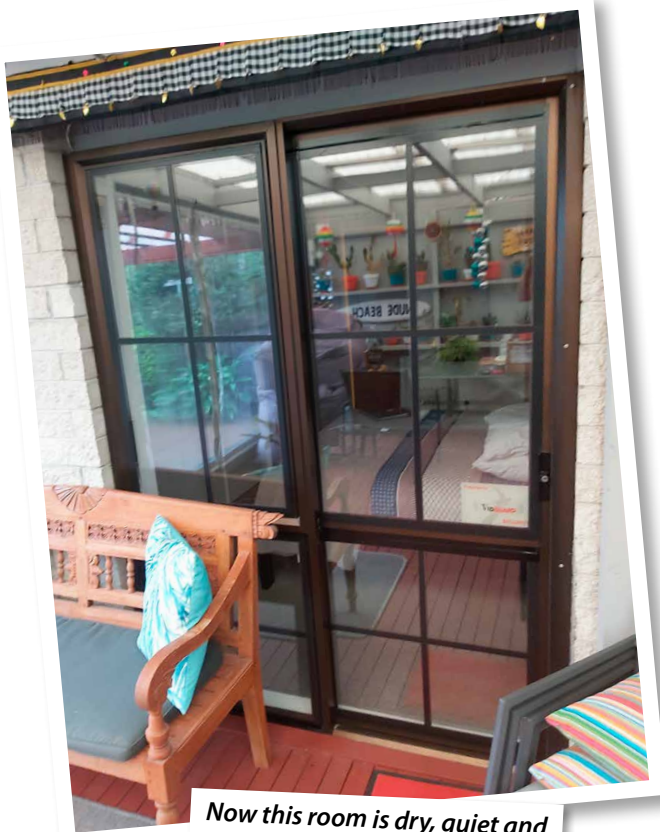
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## Double Glazed Windows

Every year we choose one major project to take on. In previous issues of the *Guysers Gazette* you'll see we've renovated bathrooms, put new carpet down, concreted new paths, etc. This year we decided to bite the bullet and order Retrofit Double Glazed Windows. This will be for our 2 large lounge windows and the large window in guest room 2. The order has been placed and these will be fitted in March 2023.

The window and ranch slider in guest room 1 however, could not be retrofitted. What to do, we asked ourselves. Well, with a bit of Kiwi ingenuity we double glazed these ourselves using 4.5mm thick Perspex Glass and self-adhesive magnet strips. This worked perfectly at eliminating condensation on the inside of the glass and has greatly reduced exterior noise such as rain or any road noise.

If you have previously stayed in that room before we think you'll notice the difference.

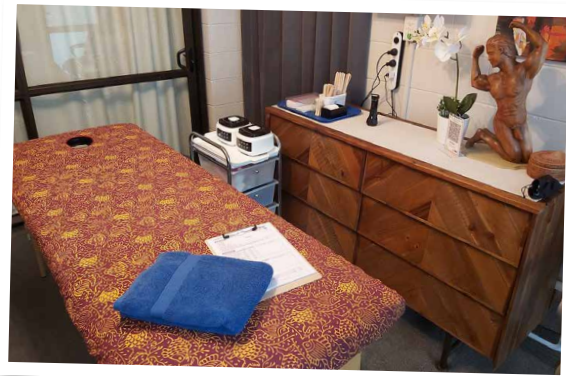


Now this room is dry, quiet and toasty warm!

## Wax Guys

We are now both Certified male waxing technicians! We now offer male waxing from our home-based studio within *Guysers B&B*. See our advert for this on page 29.

<https://waxguys.co.nz>



## Gay Naked Destinations

Peter's *Gay Naked Destinations* ebooks have been selling really well and they are currently (as of August 2022) up to Version 6. All the books have greatly increased in size with great new clothing optional places opening up around the world. See our advert for these ebooks on Page 30. Get the latest downloads:

<https://gaynakeddestinations.com>





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Guysers is the best place to stay for  
gay men visiting Rotorua.***

 M A T A R I K I  
D I S H C H A L L E N G E 2 0 2 2

**On the 13th of June Rotorua and the Bay of Plenty's inaugural Matariki Challenges took place featuring eighteen eateries from around the two regions creating stellar dishes to delight locals and visitors alike.**

Designed to shine a light on the regions culinary scene while celebrating Matariki, the challenge runs for five weeks allowing the public to taste their way around some of the region's best eateries.

Celebrating local and discovering something new is at the heart of the challenge says event organiser Vicki Ravlich-Horan. "As New Zealand develops our own unique food, storytelling and provenance are key. The Matariki Dish Challenge is a wonderful chance for local eateries to start doing this and we are thrilled by the entries in this year's challenge."

With Matariki being an official holiday from 2022 the challenge offers a way for people to learn more about the significance of this time of year and celebrate local at the same time,

and what better way to do this than through food!"

While the Matariki Dish Challenge has a People's Choice award the coveted prize is the Champion award. This was decided by a team of "mystery" judges who visit each eatery, narrowing it down to our finalists, which are then re judged by our head judges.

The *Nourish Magazine* team employ Head Judge Kerry Tyack (who stayed with us at *Guysers* during his time judging the entrants dishes in Rotorua). Kerry is great at what he does. After years of judging and co-ordinating judging for the likes of Monteiths Wild Food Challenge, Cuisine awards, Beef & Lamb Awards, Toastie Takeover, etc, Kerry understands food and what is involved.

Here are the Matariki Dish Challenge entries from the 11 Rotorua restaurants who took part:



### **Peppers on the Point - Aotearoa Basket**

From Tipuānuku-Land Southern Pure Eye fillet, topped with Ohiwa Black Diamond fresh truffle, grown in unique volcanic soils, accompanied by crayfish tail, from the Waitā-Sea, Pekepeke Kiore mushroom from Tony Smith curator of gourmet mushrooms of the Whakatane region, Bacon croquette, served with a light café jus.

[www.peppers.co.nz/on-the-point/dining/](http://www.peppers.co.nz/on-the-point/dining/)



### **Dukes Bar and Restaurant - He ika e Hoputia e te taura**

Line caught fish with steamed Tuatua clam & green lipped mussel served on lobster bisque sauce with Kinaki Rotorua pikopiko, exotic mushrooms, hangi potato, lumpfish caviar garnished with dehydrated Kinaki Rotorua Kawakawa Crisp.

<https://dukesrotorua.co.nz>



### **Fat Dog - Matariki Eggs Bene**

Katikati Smoked Kahawai OR Seasoned Sous Vide Pork Belly. Served with free range poached eggs, set on Auntie Ma's handmade rēwena bread, topped with a Kinaki Wild Herb kawakawa infused hollandaise, then finished with a watercress oil & tips. Served with Fat Dog's own homemade rosti.

[www.fatdogcafe.co.nz](http://www.fatdogcafe.co.nz)



### **Fainting Goat - Land & Sea Gourmet Pizza / Pita Kaimoana Whenua me te Moana**

Creamy garlic New Zealand green-lipped mussels, Katikati Fisheries smoked kahawai, sous vide bacon hock with a tomato and Kinaki Wild Herb's karengo sauce base. Finished with a watercress aioli and tips.

[www.thefaintinggoat.co.nz](http://www.thefaintinggoat.co.nz)

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### **Ani's Gin Bar - Nga Taonga o te whenua**

Puha pasta sheets filled with foraged mushrooms, harakeke and ricotta to make raviolo sized ravioli, tossed in a Venison Shank and horopito ragu and served with pickled pumpkin, parsnip puree and finished with crisp garnishes.

[www.facebook.com/anisginbarandtapas](https://www.facebook.com/anisginbarandtapas)



### **Regent of Rotorua - Rangi a whenua**

Confit Kinaki horopito duck leg served with kumara, local foraged pickled pikopiko and wild mushroom, pea, kawakawa & herb sponge, mushroom crisp and smoked gourmet potato pebbles. Local foraged ingredients used are piko piko and kawakawa.

<https://regentrotorua.co.nz/dine>



### **Poco - Moana me whenua**

Lux Organics beetroot cured Warehou Tikitere Farm kumara brandade, with Kina butter, Lux Organics micro-greens, red kelp in a fragrant Pink & White gin broth.

[www.poco.nz](http://www.poco.nz)



### **River's Catch - Whitu**

Pickled New Zealand mussels, Treetops lodge Manuka honey and eggplant hummus, Lux organics purple potatoes on Rewana flat bread.

[www.riverscatch.com](http://www.riverscatch.com)

“ It is critical in any competition of this nature that the assessment process is transparent and fair. We go to great lengths to use judges who are competent, reliable, careful and discreet. We insist they declare any real or potential conflict of interest before being given any assignments. There is typically no contact between the judges, the sponsors or the entrants during the competition. ”

Kerry Tyack





**Eastwood - te reme o te rangi**

Wood fired pizza, Terrace Kitchen Manuka infused lamb, pizza sauce, roast purple kumara, fresh watercress, shaved Omania Farm truffles.

<https://eastwood.cafe>



**Pullman Hotel's Barrel & Co - Pork Boil Up and Rewena**

A take on the Pork Boil Up and Rewana Flatbread with a little bit of a twist.

[www.pullmanrotorua.com](http://www.pullmanrotorua.com)



The Rotorua Matariki Dish Challenge Champions for 2022 went to:

**Ambrosia Restaurant and Bar in Eat Street**



The judges said "It had all the elements the judges were seeking. It was technically very strong with every ingredient treated respectfully and carefully curated to ensure it contributed something essential and positive. Visually it ticked all the boxes with a standard of presentation as good as you

will see anywhere in the country. But it was the provenance of the dish and the expertly and sensitively told story that linked it to Matariki that raised the entry to the top. Ka pai!"

<https://ambrosiarotorua.co.nz>

For more information check out the official website [www.matarikidishchallenge.co.nz](http://www.matarikidishchallenge.co.nz)



# THE GREAT NEW ZEALAND *Toastie*<sup>'22</sup> TAKEOVER

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## Rotorua café smokes the competition with “perfect” brisket toastie

The North Island has finally snagged bragging rights to the country’s best toasted sandwich, with a Bay of Plenty café winning the 2022 Great New Zealand Toastie Takeover.

Chef Rich Johns from Rotorua’s Okere Falls Store and Craft Beer Garden has won the hotly contested title – and brought an end to the South Island’s three-year winning streak in the competition – with his *‘Get Smoked, Pickled + Toasted’* creation.

The winning sandwich consists of house-smoked, beer-brined brisket, McClure’s Pickles, hop-salted mozzarella, smoked cheddar, watercress, and horseradish on Bread Asylum X Lumberjack Brewing spent grain sourdough with pickle brine sour cream and a beer gravy dipping bowl – all served up for a very reasonable price.

Rich Johns, who has worked at the Okere Falls Store café for the past six years, entered the *Great New Zealand Toastie Takeover* last year and just missed out on making the finalist round. Undeterred, he returned for another attempt, proving that second time can also be the charm.

Rich was so determined to use brisket in his toasted sandwich entry, he convinced the café’s owner to purchase a smoker. The brisket was brined in a house lager from local brewer Lumberjack Brewing, then spritzed with McClure’s pickle brine and smoked for 24 hours on site using a special rub.

A former wedding photographer with a deep passion for food and flavour, Rich switched careers when he decided photography took him away from his young family too often.

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He started working as a barista at Okere Falls Store, and after displaying an interest in menu development, moved to the kitchen, where he eventually became head chef.

Rich says he's thrilled to be crowned the country's toasted sandwich champion.

"It's still sinking in, but it's a huge honour," he says. "It reinforces the love and care we put into the creations at Okere Falls - we get lots of compliments from our diners on the food.

"We don't have a traditional menu and try to be a little different, so to win this shows it's paying off and it's so amazing to be rewarded. We've had so many rave reviews about the toastie and to win, it means a lot."

The competition's head judge, Kerry Tyack (who stayed with us at Guysers B&B during his time in Rotorua to announce Okere Falls Store as the winner), says this year's winner was highly innovative in using both the familiar and readily available.

"The Okere Falls Store is a craft beer café, and it was great to see they maxed out the influence of craft brewing - for example, using hop-salted mozzarella, beer-soaked brisket, and artisan sourdough bread made from spent brewing grains," he says.

"We also enjoyed the nod to wild food via the use of watercress, while using the pickles as a palate-cleansing element was inspired. Their juice lifted the sour cream to a pickle and dill inspired high.

"The entry also delivered epic mouthfeel and both complementary and contrasting flavours. No ingredient was superfluous, we gave it a perfect score for taste.

"We should also mention the inclusion of a brief note explaining the brewing philosophy behind the main ingredients. It tied everything together perfectly."

McClure's Pickles co-founder Joe McClure

says while the quest to find Aotearoa's tastiest toastie may be over for another year, it's clear the Kiwi love affair with the toasted sandwich is as strong as ever.

"This has been another watershed year for the Great New Zealand Toastie Takeover, one in which the judges were given the mammoth task of choosing a winner, while the entrants had to manoeuvre through the unique trading challenges thrown up by Covid-19."

"But everyone made the necessary adjustments in typically innovative ways, and we've had another hugely exciting competition."

This fifth year of the popular competition saw more than 140,000 toasties served up to customers across the more than 180 eateries vying for the title.

The Great New Zealand Toastie Takeover competition criteria required sandwiches to be toasted between two slices of bread and able to be eaten by hand. The toasties also needed to contain cheese and McClure's pickles, with all the other ingredients entirely up to the entrant's imagination.

Thirteen finalists were selected from the 180 entrants and were all judged on the same criteria, including presentation, effectiveness of preparation technique, eatability, taste, innovation, and originality.

Rich Johns and Okere Falls Store can now claim to the top toastie award by way of a bespoke trophy, a year's worth of McClure's Pickles, \$500 in vouchers to give away to customers and tonnes of promotion. The winning sandwich remains on their menu seven days a week (from 10am – 4pm) until the end of August – and potentially beyond! 🌟

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**[www.toastietakeover.com](http://www.toastietakeover.com)**



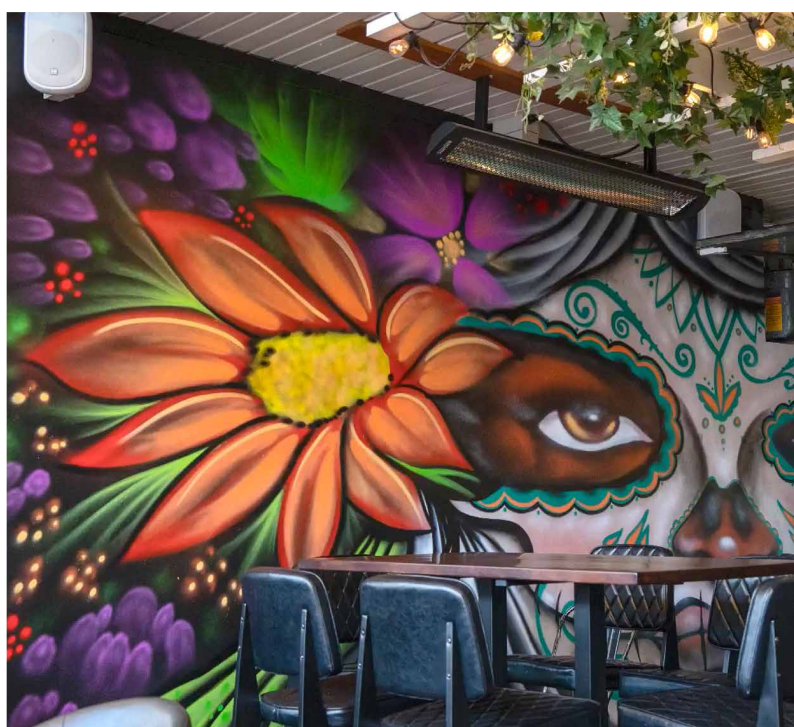
**Get Smoked, Pickled + Toasted:**  
 House smoked, beer brined brisket, McClure's Sweet & Spicy Pickles, hop salted mozzarella, smoked cheddar, watercress and horseradish on Bread Asylum X Lumberjack Brewing spent grain sourdough with pickle brine sour cream and a beer gravy dipping bowl.



757a State Highway 33,  
 Okere Falls, Rotorua.

[www.facebook.com/okerefallsstore](https://www.facebook.com/okerefallsstore)

<https://okerefallsstore.co.nz>





Patrick, Martin, Peter and Mike have a photo opportunity with Baljit Singh (standing at the back) and Neil Comrie (standing right).

# Colibries Mexicana spices up Rotorua's Eat Street

Rotorua's latest restaurant to come into the Eat Street complex is *Colibries Mexicana*. We were invited to the opening night on the 29th July 2022 to check it out.

Joint owners Baljit Singh, Mohinder Sawroop and Deepak Kunal of Eat Street's *Leonardos Italian Restaurant* and the very popular *CBK* (Craft Beer and Kitchen) have now taken on the previous *Our House* restaurant to open their latest venture *Colibries Mexicana*.

Invited guests came along to their opening night to sample a range of their exciting Mexican dishes and cocktails.

Head Chef Pratik Bhosle who runs/oversees 12 restaurants in Auckland and has 15 years experience as a lead Chef was brought to Rotorua for several months to get the restaurant up and running and to train the other Chefs with the new menu.

What we tasted was far from 'run of the mill' Mexican food. It was fresh, innovative, delicious and colourful and all lovingly presented.

If you don't like terribly spicy food, no problem. The menu features dishes that are not so spicy such as the *Barbacoa Short Ribs* with red mole sauce (which was fantastic) and the *Grilled Adobo Chicken* with corn cob and salad (also wonderful).

If you like Tacos, *Colibries* has an imaginative Taco menu with your choice of chicken, lamb, beef, fish, shrimps or vegetarian.

If you want to challenge your taste buds try their *Queso Fundido* (stuffed whole Jalapeño's).

To compliment your Mexican meal, try their range of Frozen or Shaken Margaritas. Yum!

## CONTACT & BOOKINGS

[www.facebook.com/colibriesmexicana](https://www.facebook.com/colibriesmexicana)

1111 Tutanekai Street. Phone (07) 343 7999

# Dangerous Chocolate



ARTISAN CHOCOLATIER  
ROTORUA

**Chocolate has been a passion and source of joy for Rotorua's *Dangerous Chocolate* founder and chocolatier, Sabine.**

After living and working in the South of France for several years, Sabine moved to New Zealand in 1998 and considers herself a true Kiwi. She started making chocolates initially for friends and colleagues from her home as gifts.

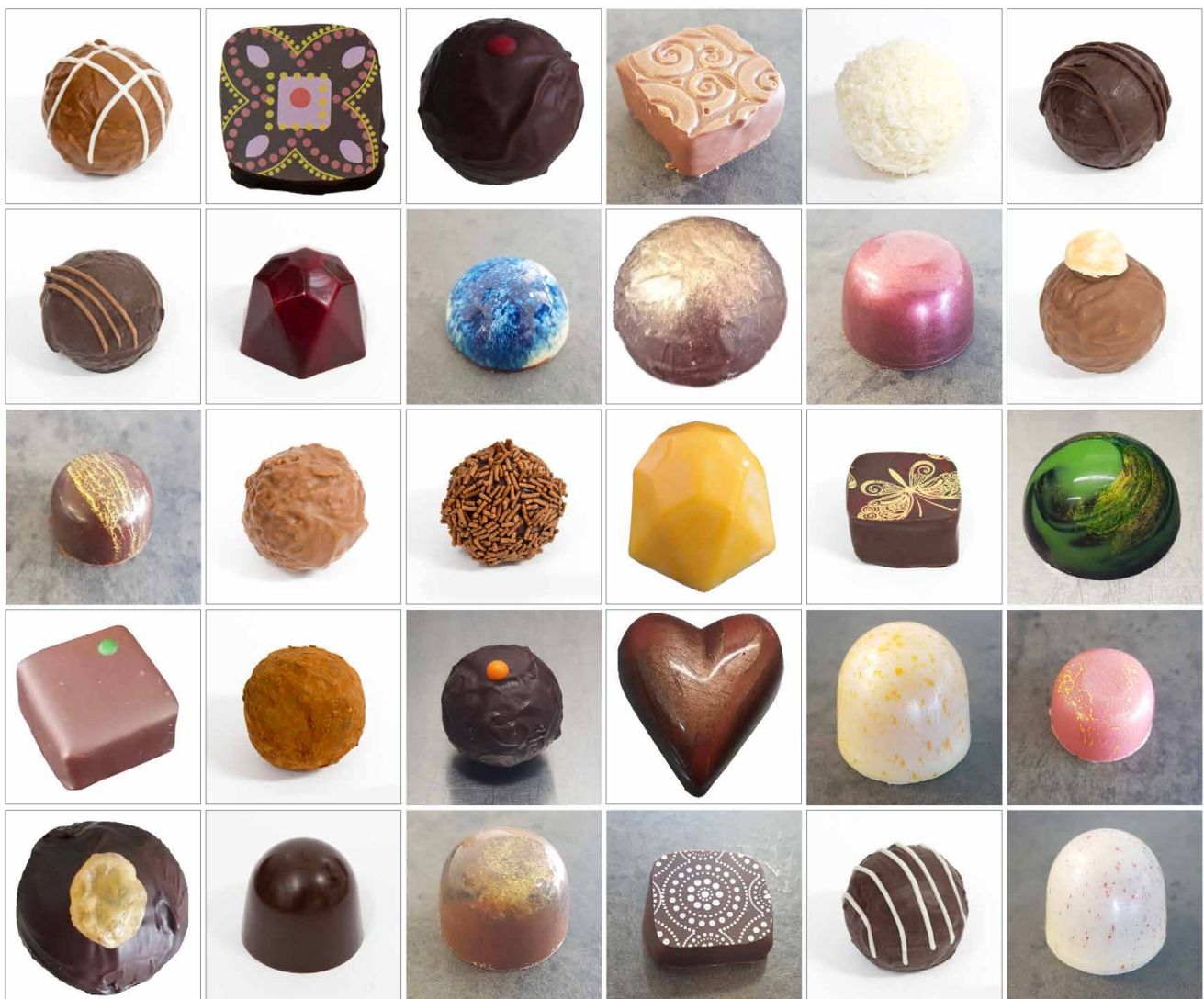
With much encouragement from friends and family, she decided in 2013 to leave behind her desk in the corporate world to start her own small business, making and selling handmade chocolates. She still travels to France regularly for continuous training and inspiration.

Sabine makes all of her chocolates at the factory shop located in Rotorua, using only

fresh ingredients and Callebaut Couverture. All truffles are hand made, and in small batches, assuring freshest quality at all times.

We recommend that the truffles are consumed within 3-4 weeks from purchase, but have been assured by customers that hardly any last longer than a day or two.

Come and see us when you're in Rotorua. You can purchase our chocolates individually or in gift boxes of various sizes. We also make other novelties such as chocolate spoons, printed hearts, chocolate Advent Calendars and Easter eggs. 🌱





A photograph of a man with short dark hair and several tattoos on his arms and chest. He is shirtless and has thick, dark chocolate sauce poured over his body, dripping down his torso and arms. He is looking down at his right hand, which is held near his mouth as if he has just tasted something. The background is plain white.

Happiness is a  
box of chocolates

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**[www.dangerouschocolate.co.nz](http://www.dangerouschocolate.co.nz)**

1/4 Otonga Rd, Springfield, Rotorua

# Tourism





# Rotorua Ziplines™

**We recently attended a Bed & Breakfast Association famil (familiarization) tour at Rotorua's latest tourist attraction – Rotorua Ziplines based out at Okere Falls.**

Rotorua Ziplines is owned by Sam Hutton who also runs Rotorua Rafting and is a joint venture with Ngāti Hinerangi. Sam's vision of a new Zipline course based at Okere Falls and over the Kaituna River began back in 2019. His idea, which has now come to fruition after 2 years of Resource Consent, is to eradicate pests and vermin from the area with an intensive trapping program and to plant native trees on the once gorse-covered hills and to showcase this by way of an amazing zipline experience.

Suitable for a wide range of ages and abilities, a network of 4 ziplines, swing bridge, and boardwalks will have you in awe as you fly, walk and gaze at the stunning *taiao* (environment) that is Ōkere.

The 2.5 hour tour begins at their Depot which is right next door to the Okere Falls Store Cafe. Here you fill in some details, get kitted up in a harness and helmet and hop into a minivan that takes you to the Okere Falls carpark where the tour begins.

A short *Karakia* (Māori prayer used to invoke spiritual guidance and protection) is given and everyone introduces themselves before heading into the forest.

All the raised wooden paths have been thoughtfully created to go around existing trees, so they are a delight to walk on.

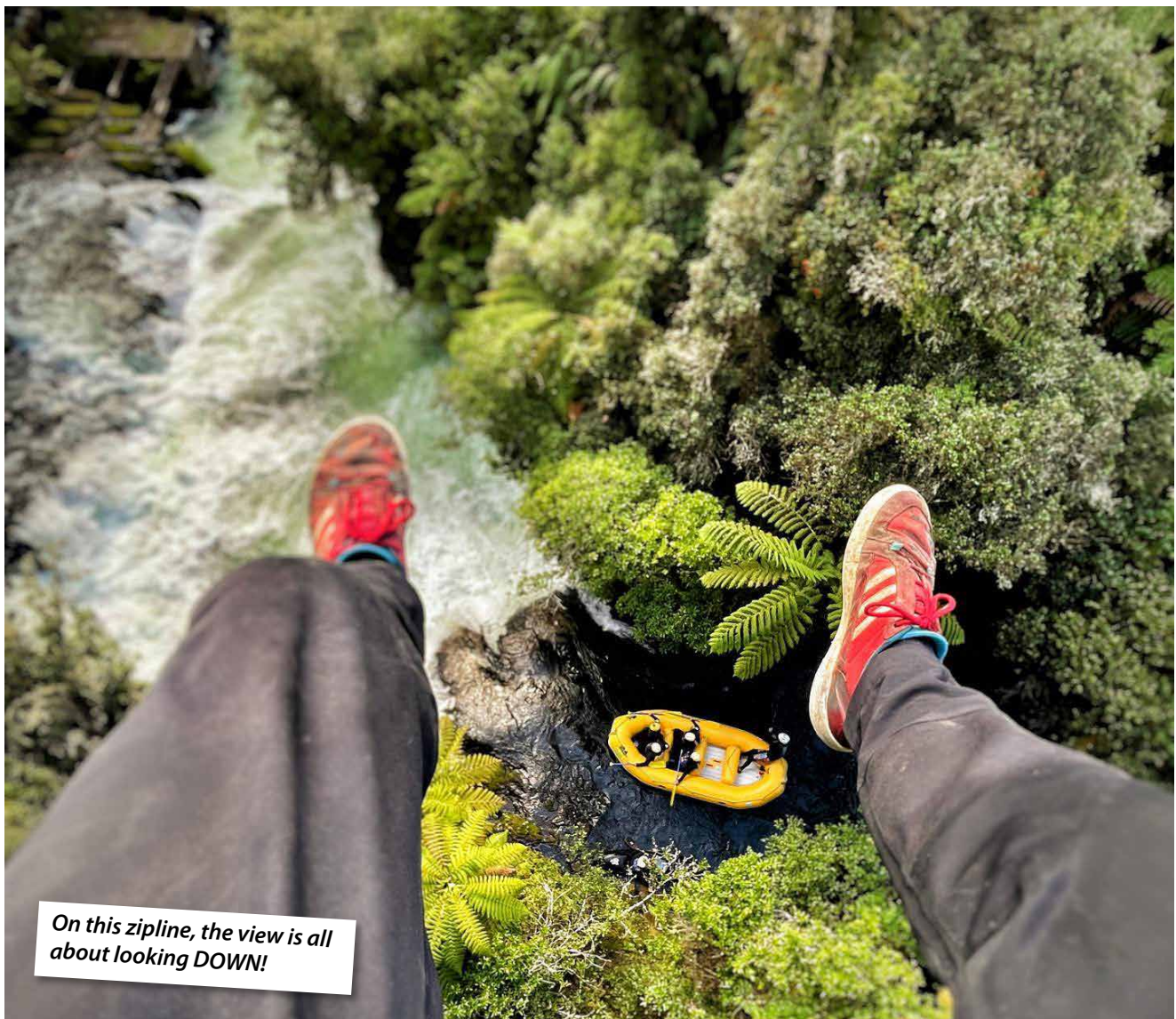


No concrete footings have been used in the creation of these paths, instead galvanised metal screw footings have been used so the entire structure can be removed without any damage or debris left in the forest.

There are several information signs on the walk to the first zipline and you may hear bird song from Fantails, North Island Robin's, Kōtare (Kingfisher) or Kererū that live and feed in this forest.

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The first zipline is 236 meters long with a clever system that stops you part way down the wire leaving you suspended above the rapids of the Kaituna River (where you may see people rafting). At this moment you can look around and take in the views. When you're ready there is a pull cord to release yourself continuing down the zipline at around 40 km/ph to the platform at the other end, where one of your guides is waiting to assist you and detach you from the zipline.

Building the ziplines in this area was no easy task. To avoid trimming any trees to get a line of sight, a drone and fishing wire was used to fly above the trees to take the line to the other side. Once the line was in place, slowly

thicker and thicker wires were pulled across this line until the finished steel cable was in place. It's an incredible feat of engineering.

After another zipline you then arrive at a wooden swing bridge that goes over a small ravine. You are clipped to a single cable above and you have to walk across this bridge which wobbles just enough to test your nerves and any height fears.

After that you arrive at a seating area where you are given a cup of hot Kawakawa tea served in a totally compostable paper cup that breaks down in the ground in a matter of weeks produced by a New Zealand company [www.notracewaste.co.nz](http://www.notracewaste.co.nz)

After your cup of tea you have the opportunity to plant a native plant in the ground using your used cup as a compostable holder. You then write your name and date on a small wooden disc and attach this to the base of the plant.

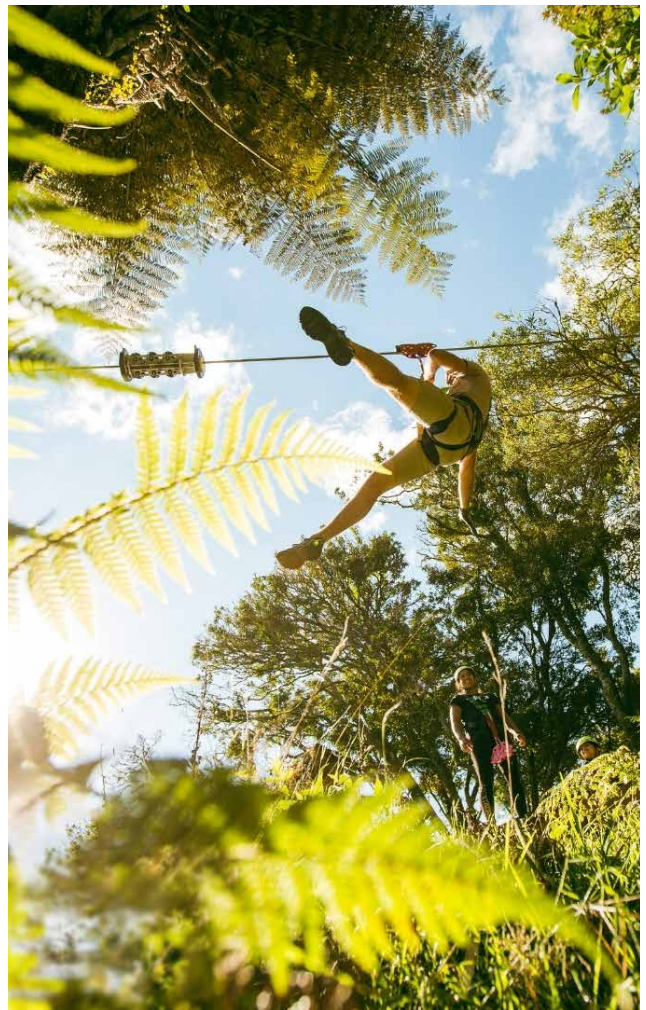
This initiative is aimed at planting 60,000 native trees by the end of 2025 so that the Okere Falls area will thrive for generations to come.



**No Trace Waste**  
compostable cups.



**Planting native trees to generate**  
new forests and ecosystems.



Rotorua Ziplines immediate mission is to increase our indigenous forest by 6ha, which would sequester 26,000 Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> which is the equivalent of 3250 households worth of CO<sub>2</sub>!

There are two final ziplines on the tour; a long twin zipline where two people get to race each other over rolling farm land and a short zipline back over the river where you have the opportunity to go backwards and upside down if you wish! 🌞

#### CONTACT & BOOKINGS

Stay at *Guysers B&B* and book the Rotorua Ziplines tour through us and you'll receive a 10% discount.

For more information about the tour see [www.rotoruaziplines.nz](http://www.rotoruaziplines.nz)

**HOT  
DEAL!**



# 3 New Luge Tracks

With the longest and greatest range of Luge tracks of all Skyline sites, Rotorua Skyline now has 3 new tracks to enjoy and includes colourful LED lit tunnels!



## Tiki Tour Luge Track (aka the Scenic Track) **GREEN**

A 1.7km scenic ride through Skyline's very own Redwood Forest with viewing bays at great locations for taking photographs, enjoy a leisurely trip whilst enjoying the panoramic views. Towards the end you'll ride past the famous Dinosaurs!



## Gravity Luge Track (aka the Intermediate Track) **ORANGE**

An exciting track to thrill all Luge riders, see who has the skill to make it to the bottom first. This 1.5 km track features chicanes, a tunnel and awesome views over the city and Lake Rotorua.



## Legend Luge Track (NEW) **BLUE**

The Legend Luge Track stands up to its name! Twisting and turning down Mt Ngongotaha with 3 incredible corkscrews and colourful lit up tunnels this track will wow everyone that goes down.



## Twister Luge Track (NEW) **PINK**

Fun for all ages this 1.4 kilometers this track comes off the new Legend Luge Track. Twister has its very own 'Woosh!' corkscrew and tunnel before you merge and end your ride down the last 400 metres of the Tiki Tour Track past the Dinosaurs.



## Ultra Luge Track (NEW) **YELLOW**

Race your partner or friends down the Legend Luge Track before splitting off onto the 1.3 kilometer Ultra Luge Track. With spirals and turns, you'll want to do this track again and again. 🌟

7.3km of **gravity fuelled fun**

LUGE ENTRANCE 1

LUGE ENTRANCE 2



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.skyline.co.nz/en/rotorua/](http://www.skyline.co.nz/en/rotorua/)

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- 1.4km Twister
- 1.3km Legend
- 1.3km Ultra
- 1.5km Gravity

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|  | Ticket Office   |  | Photo Centre      |  | Emergency Assembly Point |
|  | Chairlift Entry |  | Retail Store      |  | Photo Spot               |
|  | Luge Track      |  | Food & Beverage   |  |                          |
|  | Bathrooms       |  | First Aid Station |  |                          |

**Shopping**

**Shopping  
with Pride in  
Rotorua**





We recently walked around the shops of Rotorua seeking out products in Rainbow Pride colours. These examples show Rotorua is a pretty inclusive city and our shops are happy to stock Pride items.



### NS Novelties Pride Edition Silicone Dildo

“Feel the Rainbow” with this glorious 8” realistic-shape silicone dildo with suction base. Attached to any smooth surface (eg, shower wall, coffee table, etc – endless possibilities!)

**WILDTHINGS ADULT SHOP**  
1241 Pukuatua Street, Rotorua



### Pride Happy Socks

Always walk with pride! These glittery rainbow socks are wonderfully mismatched - rainbow displayed on the shaft on one foot and on the lower half on the other.

**FARMERS**  
Central Mall, Cnr Amohau and Amohia Street, CBD, Rotorua



### Rainbow Bamboo Wind Spinner

Brighten up your outdoor patio or garden with these 3D Rainbow Wind Spinners.

**PINATA**  
1240 Hinemoa Street, Rotorua



### Cooper & Co Rainbow Clock

This 35cm Rainbow clock will add a bit of colour to your kitchen or bedroom.

**SPOTLIGHT**  
1301 Ranolf Street, Rotorua

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## Proud as Punch Soap

If you love rainbows just as much as we do or if you're a proud friend or member of the LGBTQ+ family (we are a LGBTQ+ led company) grab a bar today and lather up in style!

**SULPHUR CITY SOAPERY**

[www.sulphurcitysoapery.co.nz](http://www.sulphurcitysoapery.co.nz)

1/1252 Tutanekai Street, Rotorua

## Rainbow Cake from the Cheesecake Shop

If you're planning a birthday celebration when you are in Rotorua, why not order a Rainbow Cake. Six layers of rainbow coloured vanilla sponge, layered with fresh cream and covered with rainbow sequins. Pre-order online.

**THE CHEESECAKE SHOP**

[www.thecheesecakeshop.co.nz/find-bakery/rotorua](http://www.thecheesecakeshop.co.nz/find-bakery/rotorua)

3/223 Fenton Street, Rotorua Central Mall



## Vans Sk8-Mid Pride Shoe

Walk with Pride in these Vans Pride pattern shoes. Says they are womens shoes, but we think they are pretty unisex. Also available in a slip on shoe.

**REDRAT**

[www.redrat.co.nz](http://www.redrat.co.nz)

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## Everglow Rainbow Neon Light

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1542 Amohau Street, Rotorua





## Spotted Stemless Wine Glasses

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See the website for other items available.

### AMOKURA GLASS ROTORUA

[www.amokuraglass.com](http://www.amokuraglass.com)

153 Fairy Springs Road, Fairy Springs, Rotorua



## Rumpl Rainbow Fade Shammy Towel

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### TORPEDO 7

[www.torpedo7.co.nz](http://www.torpedo7.co.nz)

Shop 9/1170 Amohau Street, Central Mall, Rotorua

## Mosaic Lantern

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### EXOTIC IMPORTS

[www.exoticimports.co.nz](http://www.exoticimports.co.nz)

1148 Hinemoa Street, Rotorua



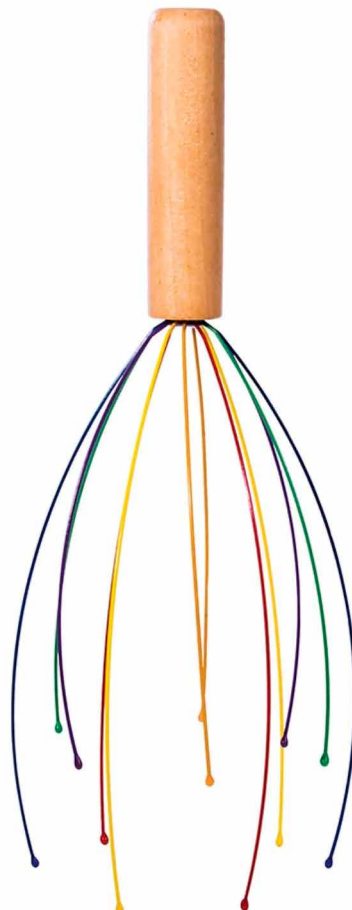
## Rainbow Head Massager

Stimulate nerve endings and acupuncture points on your scalp, temples and neck and de-stress! Assorted coloured handles with rainbow prongs.

### BRISCOES

[www.briscoes.co.nz](http://www.briscoes.co.nz)

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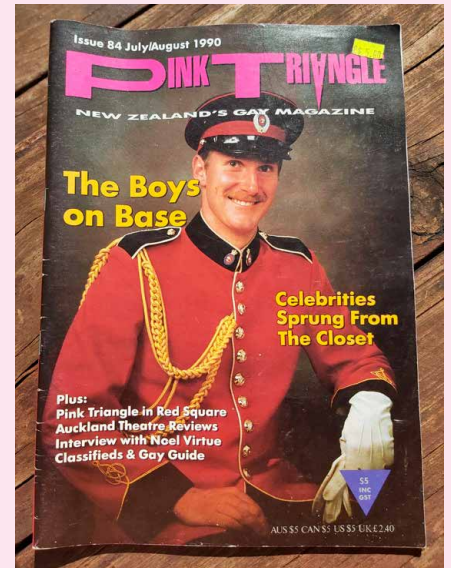
I was sitting on the compostable toilet down at *Autumn Farm* flicking through their box of vintage gay magazines and I came across this edition of *New Zealand Pink Triangle 1990*.

In there was an article titled "Gays gather in Geyser City". It talks about the *Rotorua Area Gay Society* (RAGS) having organised a trip to the Green

Lake in Rotorua followed by a thermal swim at Kerosene Creek, returning to the City for drinks and dinner concluding with a Club Disco.

The RAGS group ran for a number of years through the 90's before fizzling out, but in more recent years *Guysers B&B* has re-ignited the RAGS group and still meets every Wednesday.

<https://gayrotorua.com>



## Gays gather in Geyser City

**ROTORUA.** – Queen's Birthday Weekend was a rage for local RAGS club members, with visitors from other centres swelling attendance.

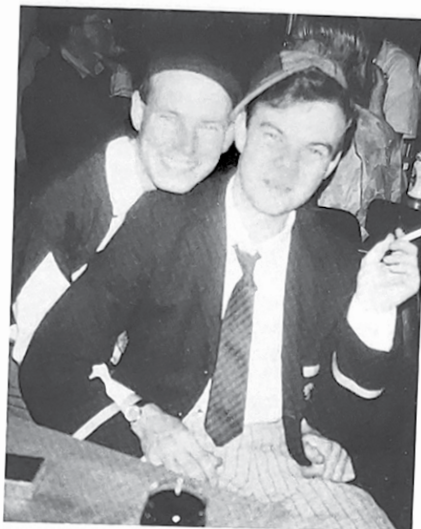
Rotorua Area Gay Society (RAGS) organised tramping trips to local beauty spots during the day, and club functions to check out night time beauties each evening. A special licence enabled them to gain a small profit from liquor sales – the club is usually BYO.

The trip to the Green Lake on Saturday concluded with an enjoyable out-of-doors hot swim at Kerosine Creek. The 15 members and friends returned to the city for ablutions and dinner, before a club disco, attended by about forty people. The president told *Pink Triangle* those from out of town enjoyed the relaxed change of pace the club provided.

A frosty morning on Sunday did not deter the enthusiastic who ventured to Lake Okataina – a planned tramp up Mt Tarawera had to be cancelled due to a motor bicycle race which closed the road.

Pros, pixies, princes, princesses, professors and pupils turned out in force for the 'P' Party on Sunday evening, though many only arrived after protective darkness had fallen.

The President told *Pink Triangle* the weekend was a great success and they intend to hold more fun weekends. Parties are planned on Bastille Day (14 July) and halloween (21 October).



*What has this professor seen in the pupil?*



*The African prince (Leigh) was enchanted by the pixie (Dennis).*



*The president (Les) meets the prince (Leigh).*

**ZOOM in to read article.**



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FOR MEN



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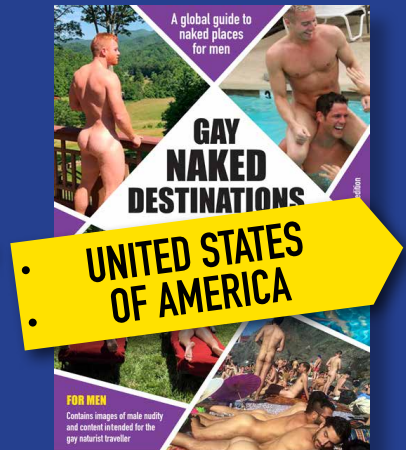
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**RAGS**

**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.

To attend 'RAGS on Wednesdays' please email **[info@gayrotorua.com](mailto:info@gayrotorua.com)** with your name and mobile number and we'll be in touch with details.



We managed to get through the Covid Pandemic and now Guysers B&B is going strong. Our borders are now open and we look forward to hosting both International and local visitors once again.



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