

Rotorua Events:

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Concerts & Gig Guide

[Karaoke Night](#)

Every Friday we have Karaoke Night starts from 8pm till late. Come and sing along your favorite song with your friends and family. we run courtesy Van for pick up and drop offs for small donation.

Wide range of beverages and food available all time. We telecast major sporting events live on big screen. We have Full TAB and gaming machines available your entertainment. Place bets on horses and dogs and watch live on Two Track Side Channels while you enjoys your night out.

When:	Fri 22 Dec, 8:00pm - 12:30am Fri 29 Dec, 8:00pm - 12:30am Fri 5 Jan 2018, 8:00pm - 12:30am
Venue:	Mitchell Downs Tavern, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Free
Restrictions:	R18
Website:	Mitchell Downs Tavern

Category:

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Exhibitions

[Helium Christmas Exhibition](#)

Helium Gallery's last exhibition of the year. Showcasing an eclectic mix of New Zealand artists working in paint, clay, mixed media, print and more...

Featured artists include:

- Hiria Anderson
- Tony Pope
- Jane Galloway
- Rachael Garland

When:	Tue 19 Dec, 10:00am - 6:00pm Wed 20 Dec, 10:00am - 5:00pm Thu 21 Dec, 10:00am - 6:00pm Fri 22 Dec, 10:00am - 6:00pm Sat 23 Dec, 10:00am - 6:00pm Sun 24 Dec, 10:00am - 6:00pm
Venue:	Helium Gallery, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Free
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	Helium Gallery
Category:	Exhibitions

Festivals & Lifestyle

[Rotorua Night Market](#)

The Rotorua Night Market is a must do while in Rotorua! This event is for locals and visitors alike, it is family friendly with great food, music and boutique stalls.

Experience every Thursday evening in the 'Heart of Tutanekai Street' (between Haupapa and Hinemoa Streets).

This high-profile, main street location comes to life with permanent LED lighting and sound providing a festive community atmosphere for residents and visitors. Follow us on Facebook for regular updates about what is happening at this week's event!

Enjoy the boutique-style shopping experience with the best the region has to offer in arts, crafts and produce from local growers. Taste the variety of ethnic cuisine (including Croatian, Indian, French patisseries, handmade Italian pasta and of course local kai) and be entertained by local musicians. See you there!

When:	Thu 21 Dec, 5:00pm - 9:00pm Thu 28 Dec, 5:00pm - 9:00pm Thu 4 Jan 2018, 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Venue:	Rotorua Night Market, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Free
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	Rotorua Night Market
Category:	Festivals & Lifestyle

[Soundshell Market](#)

The Soundshell Market operating for over 28 years features outdoor stalls held right on the Lakefront, Rotorua. There's heaps of parking available and a fabulous location close to town, restaurants and cafes. The stalls feature from all over New Zealand and the goodies for sale reflect this...

Crafts, curios, collectables, and antiques, jewellery, clothing, tools, wood ware, greenstone, wooden carvings, vinyl records, garden ornaments and plants, lavender, gemstones, shells and heaps more.

You name it... you will probably find it at the Soundshell Market.
For contact: Liz - 07 3325782

When:	Sat 23 Dec, 9:00am - 3:00pm Sun 24 Dec, 9:00am - 3:00pm Sat 30 Dec, 9:00am - 3:00pm Sun 31 Dec, 9:00am - 3:00pm
Venue:	Soundshell and Village Green, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Free
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	
Category:	Festivals & Lifestyle

[Rotorua Farmers Market](#)

The Rotorua Farmers Market sells a range of fresh, local produce and specialty foods from handcrafted wooden barrows.

The event also features local musicians each week, creating a fun, family-friendly atmosphere in the heart of Rotorua.

When:	Sun 24 Dec, 9:00am - 1:00pm Sun 31 Dec, 9:00am - 1:00pm
Venue:	Te Manawa, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Free
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	Rotorua Farmers Market

Category:

[Festivals & Lifestyle](#)

Christmas Day Lunch

Come and celebrate Christmas with Skyline Rotorua and enjoy with family and friends our scrumptious Christmas Buffet Lunch or Dinner. Keep the children entertained with Santa making a surprise visit while the adults can sit back, relax, and enjoy the festivities. Book your table now to avoid disappointment.

What's Included:

- Return Gondola Ride
- Glass of bubbles or orange juice on arrival
- Christmas theming and buffet
- Complimentary luge ride
- Visit from Santa with a gift included for all children aged between 3-14 years of age

When:	Mon 25 Dec, 11:00am - 3:30pm
Venue:	Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Christmas Day Dinner Adult: \$125.00 Christmas Day Dinner Child: \$65.00 Buy Tickets
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	Skyline Rotorua
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[Kids Free Event with Santa](#)

"Santa is coming to The Farm Tour on the Christmas day."

Kids free event with Santa.

Santa will:

- drive the farm tractor and tour with visitors
- conduct the sheep herding show
- shear a sheep
- offer free admission to the 3D Trick Art Gallery for children

Check out the Santa's schedule.

Terms and Conditions apply.

When:	Mon 25 Dec, 10:45am - 11:45am Mon 25 Dec, 12:30pm - 1:30pm Mon 25 Dec, 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Venue:	The Farm Tour, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Free

Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	The Farm Tour
Category:	Festivals & Lifestyle

[Rotorua Megafun Carnival](#)

The Fair rolls back into town these Christmas holidays.

With all the thrills and spills of a good old fashioned Funfair. Including the Dodgem Cars, Explorer, Round Up, Rockin Tug, Grand Carousel, Top Gear and much more, along with Carnival Games to try your luck and good old Candy Floss and Hot Dogs.

Open Daily (weather dependent).

www.facebook.com/rotoruamegafuncarnival

When:	Sun 17 Dec, 1:00pm Tue 26 Dec, 1:00pm Wed 27 Dec, 1:00pm Thu 28 Dec, 1:00pm Fri 29 Dec, 1:00pm Sat 30 Dec, 1:00pm Sun 31 Dec, 1:00pm Mon 1 Jan 2018, 1:00pm Tue 2 Jan 2018, 1:00pm Wed 3 Jan 2018, 1:00pm Thu 4 Jan 2018, 1:00pm Fri 5 Jan 2018, 1:00pm Sat 6 Jan 2018, 1:00pm
Venue:	Soundshell and Village Green, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Door Sales Only
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	Mahons Amusements

Category:

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[Rotorua GLO Festival](#)

GLO Rotorua is a firm family favourite on the Rotorua event calendar and is a fun, festive way to welcome in the New Year 2018.

Gather with friends and family on the Lakefront and Rotorua Village Green to celebrate the year that was and enjoy great music, entertainment, fantastic food and of course a legendary fireworks display!

This New Year's Eve event is not to be missed, so pack a blanket and a picnic, grab the kids, sit back, relax and be entertained!

Win your own very own Whanau VIP area at Rotorua GLO Festival- just go to www.flava.co.nz/win/win-your-own-whanau-vip-area-at-rotorua-glo-festival to enter.

When:	Sun 31 Dec, 6:00pm - 12:00am
Venue:	Lakefront Village Green, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Free
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	Rotorua GLO Festival
Category:	Festivals & Lifestyle

[New Year's Eve Dinner](#)

Come and celebrate New Year's Eve at Stratosfare Restaurant & Bar. Join in the celebrations with family and friends while dining off the amazing Stratosfare Buffet, then later enjoying Rotorua's annual spectacular fireworks display from your very own seat. See below available booking times and inclusions.

Seating times:

Earlybird Dinner (5pm - 7pm):

Adult: \$69

Child (5 - 14 years of age): \$45

Includes:

- Return Gondola Ride
- Dinner at Stratosfare Restaurant

8pm - Midnight

Adult: \$125

Child (5 - 14 years of age): \$65

Includes:

- Return Gondola ride
- Glass of bubbles or orange juice on arrival
- Dinner in Stratosfare Restaurant
- Entertainment from 8pm

When:	Sun 31 Dec, 5:00pm - 12:00am
Venue:	Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	New Years Eve Dinner Adult: \$125.00 New Years Eve Dinner Child: \$65.00 Buy Tickets
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	Skyline Rotorua
Category:	Festivals & Lifestyle

[Soundshell Market](#)

The Soundshell Market..is held right on the Lakefront in sunny Rotorua and has been operating for 30 years. There is plenty of parking and features a range of outside stalls selling crafts, antiques, curios and collectibles, plants, clothing, knitwear. Variety, locally carved woodware, jewellery, soaps, handbags, concrete ornaments, top quality second hand tools,, gemstones of all descriptions and sizes...hand carved wooden statues from Kawerau, readings, massage - in fact, you name it - you will find it at the Soundshell Market.

When:	Mon 1 Jan 2018, 9:00am - 2:00pm Tue 2 Jan 2018, 9:00am - 2:00pm
Venue:	Lakefront Village Green, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty

Cost:	Free
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	
Category:	Festivals & Lifestyle

Performing Arts

[Play On: Talent by Gabe McDonnell](#)

Welcome to Christmas Eve at the Waterview Mall, quite likely in a suburb near you. Talent is a comedy about three women dealing with mall life and Christmas consumer overload.

Play On is a play reading series of New Zealand work presented by local performers. And in keeping with the Christmas spirit, we invite you to bring along canned goods or non-perishable food items for the Daily Post Salvation Army Christmas Foodbank Appeal.

There is no cost to attend the event, entry by koha donation.
Read by Katherine Beijeman, Simone Walker and Jennifer Wicks.

Running time approx. 50 minutes.
Presented by Big Picture Minor Deets by arrangement with Playmarket.

When:	Tue 19 Dec, 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Venue:	Abracadabra Cafe, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Free
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	
Category:	Performing Arts

Sports & Outdoors

Schools Out Party Week

Seniors have finished high school, the juniors only have a couple weeks left - and then what??? Bored already???? Nothing to do???

How about going to the RYC's Schools Out Party Week, 13 to 19 December.

Loads of games, activities and competitions. No need to register, just turn up. But you need register if you want to be involved in the Amazing GPS Race.

When:	Mon 18 Dec, 11:00am - 2:00pm Tue 19 Dec, 11:00am - 2:00pm
Venue:	Rotorua Youth Centre, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Free
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	Rotorua Youth Centre
Category:	Sports & Outdoors

Amazing GPS Race

Use GPS Coordinates to find your clues. Each team must have access to a smartphone with data, GPS, Maps, Camera and a QR Scanner app.

An amazing race like no other! Teams of 4-6 youth (ages 13-18).

Teams must register below.

Cost: \$5 per participant (or \$20 per team).

Pay on the day but you must be registered.

2 race dates to choose from:

Check-in from 10:30am

Race starts at 11am

Cash prize.

Each team can have their own vehicle and full licensed driver (as we have very limited vehicles available), and licenses will be checked.

When:	Tue 19 Dec, 10:30am - 3:00pm
Venue:	Rotorua Youth Centre, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Door Sales Only
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	Rotorua Youth centre
Category:	Sports & Outdoors

Rerewhakaaitu Rodeo

Rodeo enthusiasts male and female from all over the country travel and ride the NZ rodeo circuit accumulating points to participate in the NZ National finals rodeo at the end of the season. Competitor ages vary from 5 to 70 years old, male and female.

Food and beverages for sale on site.

Join us as we present the unpredictable Sport of Rodeo.

When:	Tue 26 Dec, 9:00am - 3:00pm
Venue:	Rerewhakaaitu Domain, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Adults: \$10.00 Children: 5-15: \$5.00 Under 5s: \$0.00 Door Sales Only
Restrictions:	All Ages Licensed
Website:	

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[Quilt'n Knit 2 NZ Superstock Grand Prix](#)

The NZ Superstock Grand Prix is one of the feature events of the Superstock racing Calendar. If you like the crash and bash of Stockcar racing this is the meeting for you. This Championship is being supported by the Inaugural Logicool Ltd Aotearoa Ladies Stockcar Crown. This is an event just for the Ladies who drive Stockcars. If you think that it will be all powder puffs and painted nails, think again, these girls don't mess about. Rounding out the two day meeting are Ministocks, Six Shooters and Production Saloons.

When:	Wed 27 Dec, 7:00pm - 10:00pm Thu 28 Dec, 7:00pm - 10:00pm
Venue:	Paradise Valley Raceway, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Family Pass: \$55.00 Adult Pass: \$25.00 Youth/Super Gold Card Pass: \$10.00 Family Pass: \$65.00 Adult Pass: \$30.00 Youth/Super Gold Card Pass: \$10.00 Eventfinder Ticketing
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	Rotorua Speedway
Category:	Sports & Outdoors

[Interislander Summer Festival Rotorua Races](#)

Locals and holidaymakers - enjoy a fun family day out at an iconic Kiwi holiday hot spot. Pack a picnic, rally the kids and join Racing Rotorua for a day of thrilling racing and top entertainment.

Catch up with friends, soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the live music on-course, while the kids enjoy the free activities on and off the track.

When:	Wed 27 Dec, 11:00am
Venue:	Arawa Park Racecourse, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	General Admission: \$10.00 General Admission - under 17: \$0.00 Lakeview Lounge: \$95.00 Buy Tickets
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	The Races NZ
Category:	Sports & Outdoors

Workshops, Conferences & Classes

[OSP Free Workshop - Steampunk Christmas Stocking](#)

Steampunk Christmas Stocking with Connie Takarangi.

A pre-cut and half sewn Christmas stocking will be provided for each participant. I will give an introduction to the workshop, go through the 'Sew Jam jar' kit and then a short demonstration of how you can add steampunk elements to the stocking with hand sewing, then let your imagination run wild.

I will then go round the group and assist where necessary. Some participants may never have sewn before and will need more guidance, others may want help with ideas.

It is an opportunity for participants to explore their inner Creative selves.

Age range: 12 years+

Skill Level: Some sewing skills/knowledge beneficial but not essential.

Bookings essential, numbers limited. Make your booking online or call 07 348 9008.

When:	Wed 20 Dec, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Venue:	The Arts Village, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty

Cost:	Free
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	OSP Free Workshop
Category:	Workshops, Conferences & Classes

[Opening Presentations - Open Studios Project](#)

Come and hear a bit about The Open Studios Project artists in residence for summer 2017-2018. We will hold pecha-kucha style presentations by the artists, followed by light refreshments and a chance to mingle.

Held in the Eric Bridgman Studio at The Arts Village.

When:	Wed 20 Dec, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Venue:	The Arts Village, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Free
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	The Arts Village, Open Studios Project
Category:	Workshops, Conferences & Classes

[OSP Free Workshop - Creative Cuffs](#)

Creative Cuffs with Connie Takarangi.

I will give a short demonstration of how you can repurpose a shirt, by deconstructing the components and using them in different ways. For this workshop we will be taking the cuffs off the shirt and then using the cuff to make into cuff bracelets.

Hand sewing on buttons, beads, other embellishments. I will also have some cuffs prepared for those who are new to sewing skills.

I will then go round the group and assist where necessary. Some participants may never have sewn before and will need more guidance, others may want help with ideas.

It is a great time to share a passion, curiosity or wanting to learn something new within a group.

Age range: 12 years+

Skill Level: Some sewing skills/knowledge beneficial but not essential.

Bookings essential, numbers limited. To book go to goo.gl/pN4uvD or call 07 348 9008.

When:	Fri 22 Dec, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Venue:	The Arts Village, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty
Cost:	Free
Restrictions:	All Ages
Website:	OSP Free Workshop
Category:	Workshops, Conferences & Classes