



Quarterly

Update

June 2011

Water quality champions

Improving the health of Rotorua's 12 major lakes is the key focus for the Lakeswater Quality Society Inc. and its annual newsletter is an important tool in communicating the issues affecting the lakes.

A \$2,500 BayTrust grant towards the cost of designing, printing and distributing the 2011 edition of LakesNews was therefore very welcome, according to Society chairman John Green.

"The purpose of the newsletter is to create a resource for schools and the community at large with easily interpreted news and information about lake water quality," he says. "We've upgraded the publication significantly, which has been very well received, but it represents quite a load on our funding base. We're very grateful for BayTrust's support because it allows us to present accurate information in a timely and professional fashion."

The hardworking group of Society volunteers aims to "keep politicians engaged" on the needs of the lakes and



The floating wetlands project at Lake Rotoehu.

works closely with local authorities and community groups on a range of research and water quality improvement initiatives. Those include putting action plans in place setting out the steps required to reduce nutrient inflows and restore the health of each lake.

Anyone wanting information about the Lakeswater Quality Society and its activities should visit its excellent website (www.lakeswaterquality.co.nz).

Emergency rescue vehicle supported

A \$25,000 BayTrust grant to the New Zealand Response Team Trust means the Tauranga/Western Bay of Plenty Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team is a step closer to having the use of a much-needed, specialised emergency rescue vehicle.

NZRTT serves as a "fundraising vehicle" for USAR teams throughout the country and Secretary Kevin Nichol says that following the local team's extended deployment in Christchurch after the February 22 earthquake, it became clear that a specialist vehicle was required to replace Western Bay USAR's aging fleet of trailer-based equipment.

The new vehicle will be a specially modified 4WD truck capable of carrying six people and two tonnes of equipment, including a 4Kva generator, emergency and scene lighting systems and EMS VHF communications. NZRTT will retain ownership of the vehicle, but it will be used, housed and maintained by Tauranga/Western Bay USAR and available for deployment, with its dedicated team, during emergencies anywhere in the country.

Peter Blanks – Trustee

Peter has been a trustee for three years representing the community interests of the Taupo district and the wider BOP community. He is Chair of BayTrust's Dillon Scholarship committee, which provides financial assistance to people undertaking tertiary education who have significant disabilities.

Peter has been involved in various community groups over the years. He is a co-facilitator and Trustee of Men@Work - a men's support group, a Trustee of the recently-formed Taupo Big Brother Big Sister Charitable Trust Inc. and is involved in The Virtues Project Taupo Connection. He had a varied management background prior to owning and operating a publishing business for 20 years and now works as a Life, Relationship and Business Coach.

Peter and Ros, his wife of 45-years, have four adult children and 10 grandchildren. He enjoys Taupo, mountain-biking and working with individuals and groups who want to live their dreams and be more effective in their work, families and lives.



June grants

Active Communities Approved

Pongakawa School 20,000
Whakatane Croquet Club Inc.....3,000

Active Communities 23,000

Community Economic Development

Opotiki District Council..... 125,000

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Cultural Heritage

Detour Theatre Trust.....5,000
New Zealand Aria Trust..... 10,000
Tarnished Frocks and Divas
Charitable Trust..... GAL 10,000
Tauranga Art Gallery Trust 10,000
Tauranga Arts Festival Trust 10,000
Te Amorangi Trust Museum Inc. 2,500

Cultural 47,500

Education

Literacy Taupo Inc.8,000
Papamoa Free Kindergarten2,000
Priority One - Western BoP Inc. 10,000
The Enviroschools Foundation 7,000

Education 27,000

Healthy Communities

Auckland District Kidney Society Inc.... 10,000
Epilepsy Association of NZ Inc. -
Rotorua Branch 7,325
Lakeswater Quality Society Inc. 2,500
New Zealand Response Team Trust.... 25,000
Pacific Island Community
(Tauranga) Trust 10,000
Parkinsonism Society
Incorporated Tauranga 10,000
Reporoa Lions Charitable Trust -
Cactus Project.....1,980
Rotorua & District
Multiple Sclerosis Society Inc..... 10,000
Sports and Leisure Association -
Mangakino (SLAM) 15,000
Supporting Families 15,000
Tauranga Emergency
Communications Group Inc.2,800
Tauranga RDA Arena
Charitable Trust..... 40,000
Tauranga Search and
Rescue Incorporated 6,000
Te Whare O Manaaki 15,000
The Chrysalis Society Inc. 5,000
UpsideDowns Education Trust 768

Healthy Communities 176,373

TOTAL 398,873

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