



VACANCY

Rotorua Museum Director Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa

Rotorua Based

This opportunity doesn't come around often!

Lead, develop, engage and create a special place where our people are authentically represented, celebrated and honoured, and the mana of Ngāti Whakaue and Te Arawa is recognised and expressed.

This position is pivotal to the success of re-opening the Bath House and redeveloping the Rotorua Museum experience within it. It is an exciting time to get involved. As a visionary, enthusiastic and talented leader, you will bring your experience, ideas and know-how to the team, ensuring the project delivers on its vision for our community and visitors to the region.

The Rotorua Bath House has been a focal point for tourism in Rotorua for over 111 years and as a regional museum for the last 50 years. The project is underway to earthquake-strengthen and restore the building, and to redevelop exhibition spaces and improve facilities, creating a world-class experience for locals and visitors from around the world. Enabling works began in July 2019 so the earthquake strengthening and restoration of the building is in the early construction stage.

Redevelopment of the exhibition spaces will be a priority for the incoming Director, transitioning into establishing and mobilising operational requirements and optimising commercial benefits upon reopening in 2022.

The Museum closed in November 2016 following a seismic assessment which found the building was earthquake prone. During the closure period the Museum has retained a small core group of outstanding, experienced professionals. Together with this team you will be required to recruit and rebuild your own team to achieve the vision, goals and key deliverables from this significant investment.

Rotorua embodies the spirit of manaakitanga and is the heart of Te Arawa. We aspire to be the centre for Māori cultural expression, and for the Museum experience to inspire the hearts and minds of our people and our visitors. This is a rare and exciting opportunity for a dynamic leader to make a real difference to the Museum, to the arts community and tourism sector, and to the wider Rotorua District. We are looking for someone with experience in managing the development of outstanding storytelling through exhibitions. An inspirational leader who has a strong track record in delivering high quality, distinctive experiences, event and programmes. The successful candidate will have demonstrated experience in building and maintaining robust relationships with tangata

whenua as partners, and the ability to manage and promote what will be an outstanding community asset.

Te Kaunihera o nga Roto o Rotorua (Rotorua Lakes Council) is committed to working in partnership with Te Arawa, our local iwi. We aspire to being a bicultural organisation and we value staff who speak te reo Maori, have an appreciation of Maori values, and a working knowledge of tikanga Maori.

If you have a passion and commitment to the well-being of our community then you just might be the leader we are looking for.

Think you're up for the challenge? Check out the details and send us your application now!

Applications close 10 pm Sunday 26 January 2020