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**CLUB MEETINGS**  
Mondays at 12.30 pm (except public holidays)  
Sudima Hotel  
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to apologise if unable to attend.

## ROTARY CLUB OF ROTORUA (INC)

Monday 2 February 2015



### President's Pen

As I prepare this contribution for the Bulletin after another weekend of glorious summer weather, we should spare a thought for those on the land who depend on regular rain to keep the grass and the crops growing. As I observed last week, a long dry summer is estimated to cost the New Zealand economy around a billion dollars through reduced farm production, the costs of imported stock

feed and greater use of fossil fuels for electricity when the hydro lake levels fall. One way or another, this affects us all.

Whilst our droughts are an inconvenience, in many parts of the world a lack of adequate clean water is a matter of life and death. To address this, Rotary International have established a "Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group" - WASRAG for short.

Inspired by Rotary's PolioPlus campaign, WASRAG is committed to finding ways to get more bang for the bucks that Rotary invests in water, sanitation and hygiene programmes around the world. Like PolioPlus, this goal will translate into Rotary's becoming an "advocate" that can find and motivate partners to share the commitment, share the funding, and extend the scope of Rotary's programmes to improve the quality of water, sanitation and hygiene to those people most in need.

To help achieve this goal "WASH in Schools" will be a major initiative of Rotary in 2015 with the aim of getting school children to be agents of change in their communities.

Regards

*President Russell*

Editor's note: WASH (water, sanitation, hygiene) in Schools is a UNICEF programme, see [www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org)



# Notices and reminders

## Bring a colleague at 5.30 pm on Monday, 9 February 2015

On Monday, 9 February the Club will hold the first of a series of keynote speaker evening meetings to which members are invited to bring a non-Rotarian colleague or friend to introduce them to Rotary. We plan to have outstanding guest speakers for these meetings, starting with Geoff Williams, CEO of Rotorua Lakes Council. He will talk about the Council's strategy to grow Rotorua.

The programme for the meeting will be:

5.30 pm	Mix and mingle over drinks - cash bar
6 pm	Club business: quote of the day; introductory comments by President Russell; visitors and guests introduced by members; fining session; grace
6.30 pm	Dinner
7.15 pm	Guest speaker and questions
8 pm	Close of the meeting

**Please let Peter Spurdle or Martin Kinder know the name of you guest at the lunchtime meeting on Monday, 2 February 2015.**

## Fishing tournament

The Club is planning a social fishing tournament on Lake Tarawera on either Sunday, 22 February or 8 March 2015. Kierin Irvine needs to know how many members' boats are likely to be available and the number of people you can take on your boat (besides yourself). Fishing will take place between 10 am and 4 pm followed by a barbecue and prize giving at Stony Point. The number of boats available will determine the feasibility of this outing. Please contact Kierin on 027 451 5920 or on [kj.irvine@hotmail.com](mailto:kj.irvine@hotmail.com) to let him know if you can offer a boat.

## IYE student hosts needed

Don Macfarlane is seeking another three host families for an International Youth Exchange student arriving from Austria in July 2015. Carmen Schobert, who will turn 16 in October 2015, speaks good English and has good health with no smoking or drinking habits. Louw and Margriet will host her in early 2016. Carmen is a keen artist and musician with a very good scholastic record. She hopes to become a journalist, including writing books. She loves animals and would be happy to live in the country or the city.

## Maketu Kaimoana Festival, 14 February 2015

An invitation has been received from President Maureen Burgess of the Maketu Rotary Club to their Kaimoana Festival being held on Valentine's Day, 14 February 2015 at the Maketu Sports Ground from noon till 6 pm. Tickets are \$17 for advance sales and \$20 at the gate; \$10 for youth; free for under-5s. Tickets from [Eventfinda.co.nz](http://Eventfinda.co.nz) or PaperPlus stores in the Bay of Plenty area. Bring chairs, blanket, and a marquee and spend the day. No food, alcohol or pets may be taken into the event.

## Swim the Lake

This event will be taking place on 15 March 2015. The Club will be looking for the support of members with boats.



... to Kevin O'Connor whose birthday is on 2 February.

# From the previous meeting

## Quotes from Doug Clemens

With the global financial crisis being a headline and competitiveness and customer satisfaction being vital to staying in business, a quote from Walmart's founder Samuel Moore is appropriate: "There is only one boss - the customer. And he can fire anybody in the company from the chairman on down, simply by spending his money somewhere else. Remember this!"

From Benjamin Franklin: "Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote."

## Guest Speaker John Treanor

John Treanor is the President of the Rotorua RSA. He served in the NZ Army for 20 years and had a career in the Department of Labour, PostShop and the Horowhenua District Council. In 2016 the RSA will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The organisation used to be a closed shop for returning soldiers, and at first only soldiers who had returned from World War One. Membership was then widened to returned service men and women from other wars and reservists. Although there is still a public perception that the RSA is a place for old soldiers, attitudes in the RSA have been modernised. Administrative systems have been upgraded, and now the organisation offers a warm and friendly welcome in a safe environment to all, including those who have not done military service. Of the members at Rotorua RSA, about one-third have done military service. The building, which belongs to the organisation, offers a café and a restaurant; billiards and snooker; line dancing; and meeting venues. Membership provides access to similar overseas and New Zealand clubs. RSA Rotorua has a website and a Facebook page. Its motto is: "People helping people." The main membership criterion is being a person of good character. The annual membership fee for associate members is \$35; for those with military service it is \$25. Current membership is 1,278. The memorabilia displayed in the building have been donated by returned servicemen and their families, or are on loan or kept on trust while ownership is being established.

## Club Speaker Tony Baker

Tony Baker provided a detailed description of the Driver Directions programme which is run by a Committee with members from the Police, Fire Service, St John Ambulance, Rotorua Lakes Council, Taupo District Council, plus two Rotarians: Ray Oakley and Tony. It is a free, practical, day-long programme run during the school holidays to help young drivers to develop their skills in an off-road, safe environment at the Taupo Motorsport Park. Each young driver is accompanied by a caregiver and the day includes safe breaking, crash avoidance, parallel parking, driveway run-over, fitting the car to the driver, intersection management, and more. Rotary runs two of the ten stations with six or seven Rotarians from a list of 25 volunteers. The Rotary topics include vehicle maintenance, jacking, checking tyres and lights, owning and maintaining a vehicle, insurance, warrant of fitness and registration requirements, and reversing by looking out the back window and by using mirrors. A new refresher course for drivers over 65 years called Driving On will be run on 9 December 2015.

## Vocational Committee Report from Peter Faulkner

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) programme will be run from 12 to 17 April 2015. Club members are invited to nominate participants between 19 and 26 years of age with leadership qualities. The cost to the Club will be \$750 per participant, with another \$100 contributed by each participant. The Waiariki Awards for outstanding students in Hospitality and Forest Management will be handed over at a Club meeting in March 2015. A rural visit to Reporoa is being planned.

# Duty roster

If you cannot do your rostered duty, please arrange a replacement and advise Sergeant Denis Marriner on 027 478 3106 or [denis@dawson.co.nz](mailto:denis@dawson.co.nz)

Club speakers to advise Margriet on [theronm@yahoo.com](mailto:theronm@yahoo.com) if they require the data projector

	<b>2 February 2015 at 12.15 pm</b>	<b>9 February 2015 at 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Darryl Parker Big Brothers, Big Sisters	Geoff Williams Rotorua Lakes Council CEO
<b>Introduction</b>	Katrina Allison	Peter Faulkner
<b>Vote of thanks</b>	Kierin Irvine	Ian McDowell
<b>President's table</b>	Katrina Allison	Peter Baars
<b>Club speaker</b>	Ray Bloomfield	President Russell
<b>Fellowship and badges</b>	Ross Burton	Doug Clements
<b>Quote of the week</b>	Martyn Craven	Fergus Cumming
<b>Fining officer</b>	Fergus Cumming	Tom Davies
<b>Committee report</b>	Peter Spurdle	Katrina Allison

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