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Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday 23 March 2015

President's Pen

Sunday was our Club's Swim the Lake event held at Lake Okataina. With Cyclone Pam heading our way we had our fingers crossed that the event would be over and the course markers retrieved before the wind arrived. This event is the third in the *Famously Rotorua Swim the Lakes* series and is organised jointly by Swim Rotorua and our Club. The planning by Katrina and Barry paid off and the event ran very smoothly with competitors full of praise for the venue, the course layout, the safety arrangements and the overall organisation. Well done to Katrina, Barry, Swim Rotorua, and Club members Bryce Dunn, Kevin O'Connor, Bob Allison, Martyn Craven and John Heaton who assisted. Pam and I enjoyed helping out after being on the competitors' side for many years with three daughters who were swimmers.

While it would have been good to have had more swimmers enter the event, the foundations are in place for a really good swimming event. There was plenty of discussion among the organisers and swimmers about next year's event. Better promotion of the event is top of the list. Proceeds from today's event will go to the Big Brother Big Sister.

We are doing well in our Club having cyclones named after Club members and spouses. Cyclone Pam has caused massive destruction in Vanuatu and we should be prepared to assist one of our close Pacific neighbours. Rotary has swung into gear and provided Emergency Response kits. Shelter Boxes will follow. Next month we are planning to ask Club members to support another Shelter Box fundraiser.

As I write this Pam is still a category four cyclone as it approaches the top of the North Island. The Bay of Plenty is in its sights so I hope you have tied down the outside furniture, cleaned the leaves out of the spouting and have a few extra supplies on hand – just in case.

Don't forget the social bike ride and barbecue next Sunday and the evening function at Reporoa next Monday. Details are in this Bulletin.

Regards
President Russell



Notices and reminders

Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu: urgent appeal for donations of cash

Rotary NZ is appealing for funds to support our neighbours in Vanuatu following the devastation from Cyclone Pam. Six hundred Rotary Emergency Response Kits are on standby for immediate dispatch to affected areas. Rotary will be collaborating with the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs Emergency Task Force and the Vanuatu Disaster Management Office to ensure that the Emergency Response Kits are directed for best possible advantage to those affected.

The appeal funds may also support families to rebuild their homes and re-establish their vegetable gardens in addition to health and education issues. NZ Disaster Response practitioners are also on standby to go to Vanuatu to specifically assist Rotary.

The four donation options are:

- At any Westpac Branch or by Internet Banking quoting 03 1702 0192208 01, Reference 888
- Paypal at www.rnzwcs.org
- Give a Little at <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/rnzwcs/share>
- Cheque to RNZWCS Limited (Rotary New Zealand), PO Box 20309, Christchurch 8543

Thank you for your generous support.

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District 9930 conference

This year's District 9930 conference is being held in Rotorua from 8 to 10 May 2015. Six delegates from our Club have registered. You can register online at <http://www.9930conference.org/>. The registration fee is \$230 and the speakers will include:

- Jamie Fitzgerald, modern-day pioneer and one of the adventurers in the TV One series, First Crossings.
- Billy Black, professional sheep shearer and developer of NZ's only U-drive jet boat course.
- Alfred Ngaro, a founding member of "Inspiring Communities Exchange Network", which focused on Community-Led-Development.
- Rotary Unplugged, a mix of local Rotorua speakers, recognised at national and international level.

Contact Janine Branson on 021 505081 for more information.

Biking the Karangahake Gorge

On Sunday, 22 March 2015, members of the Club are invited to go on a leisurely bike ride along the Goldfields Cycle Way from Waihi to Paeroa, about 40 km return. It is a very easy, scenic, historic and, importantly, flat ride along a well-formed trail through the Karangahake Gorge. The plan is to meet at the Waihi Railway Station in Waihi at 10 am, ride through to Paeroa for lunch, and then return to Waihi by 3 pm followed by a barbecue at Peter and Robyn Spurdle's place at Waihi Beach. As well as cycling gear, please remember to bring a torch or bike light as the trail goes through is an old railway tunnel. The price is \$10 per person to cover the cost of the barbecue. Please let Peter know on peter@spurdleass.co.nz or 07 3495000 or 0277787353 by Wednesday, 18 March, if you wish to take part.

Upcoming Club activities

- Rural visit: the Club is having an evening meeting in Reporoa on 23 March. Meet in the carpark of the Rotorua Golf Club at 5.45 pm to carpool. Price for the meal: \$20. Tony Baker will send an email to let Club members know the venue in Reporoa.
- The Rotary Secondary School Speech Competition will be held on 4 May 2015. This year's topic is "Gallipoli and the ANZAC Legend: What does this mean to New Zealanders?"
- Civic bonding, Friday 20 March 2015 at 5 pm at the RSA.

Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:

- Paul Wilson (22 March)
- Ian McDowell (26 March)
- Barry Lane (27 March)



From the previous meeting

Quotes from Allen Foote

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. – Albert Scheitzer.

Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort. – Franklin D Roosevelt.

Guest speakers: Waiariki students and staff

Every year, the Rotary Club of Rotorua awards scholarships to the best-performing students in Hospitality and Forest Management at Waiariki Institute of Technology. This year the awards went to **Panarat Aroonsirisak** (Diploma in Hospitality) and to **Hayden Cram** (Diploma in Forest Management).

Panarat was introduced by **Bart Vosse**, the head of Tourism and Hospitality at Waiariki. She is an international student from Thailand, now working as an interpreter at the Agrodome in addition to doing part-time jobs in the evening. She said that the skills she learnt during her studies at Waiariki have proven to be very relevant for her jobs in tourism, and she especially thanked her tutors, Thomas George and Sharon Wallace.

Hayden was introduced by **Jeremy Christmas**, the head of Forestry at Waiariki. After completing his studies at Te Puke High School, Hayden took a year off to participate in activities such as rock climbing. He then did a 16-week practical logging course at Waiariki, followed by working for a harvesting contractor for five years. To get into the management side of the forest industry, he spent the next four years gaining a National Diploma in Forest Management at Waiariki. He now works as a harvesting manager for Professional Harvesting Systems in Rotorua. Hayden thanked his lecturers, saying that every subject he took, from ecology to botany to harvest planning are now of great use to him.

Club speaker Fergus Cumming

Fergus Cumming is a Justice of the Peace. He talked about the great care with which JPs have to deal with documents related to financial matters in order to comply with the requirements of the *Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009* and its regulations. Money laundering is how criminals disguise the illegal origins of their money. The Identity Verification Code of Practice provides guidance on more stringent identity checks. Identification involves confirming details against documents, data or information obtained from a reliable and independent source. Documents include "primary" forms of ID such as a passport and "secondary" forms such as a driver's licence. The Code also provides for certification of documents by JPs.

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
 Club speakers to advise Margriet on theronm@yahoo.com if they require the data projector.

	23 March 2015 at 5.45 pm from Rotorua Golf Club	30 March 2015 at 5.45 for 6 pm Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Reporoa rural visit; venue to be advised	Peter Clark CEO of PF Olsen
Introduction	President Russell Dale	Dennis Neilson
Vote of thanks	President Russell/Reporoa	Perry Stevens
President's table	-	Fergus Cumming
Club speaker	Fergus Cumming, defibrillator	No Club speaker
Fellowship and badges	Peter Faulkner	Robin Findon
Quote of the week	-	Tony Hill
Fining officer	Kierin Irvine/Reporoa	Barry Lane
Committee report	No Committee report	No Committee report

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