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Meetings on  
Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public  
holidays)  
Sudima Hotel  
1000 Eruera Street  
Phone 07 348 1174  
to apologise if unable  
to attend.

# Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday 30 March 2015

## President's Pen



Last week our fine tuning session for the Vanuatu Cyclone Pam funds appeal raised \$760. Thank you for your generosity in supporting one of our near Pacific neighbours in their urgent time of need. A message forwarded on Friday from the Vanuatu Minister of Agriculture reported that all crops, including staple root crops, in Vanuatu have been totally destroyed and that their people will run out of food by the middle of this week. To respond to this we will make sure the funds kindly donated by Club members are passed through to the Rotary fundraising appeal account promptly.

Last Sunday some keen cyclists (Kinders, Irvines, Pryces, Findons, Dales, Allisons) enjoyed a day of friendship riding the Goldfields rail trail from the old Waihi Railway Station to Paeroa and return followed by a well earned drink and barbecue at the Spurdles beach house at Waihi Beach. The ride is flat and well formed and took around two hours in each direction with plenty of time for lunch in Paeroa. Judging by the number of riders of all ages and shapes on bikes yesterday these trails are definitely getting people out to exercise and no doubt adding to the economy of regional towns like Paeroa and Waihi. And with Crankworks, one of the largest mountain bike events in the world, in town this week, the benefits to our city are enormous.



Don't forget to register for the District conference in May and remember that next Monday night is our second of our key note speakers – Peter Clark on the state of the forestry sector.

Regards

President Russell

**March is Rotary Literacy Month**

# Notices and reminders

## Donations for Vanuatu after Cyclone Pam

Rotary New Zealand's appeal for funds to support our neighbours in Vanuatu following Cyclone Pam is receiving a good response with donations coming in from as far away as the UK and Europe. Four hundred Rotary Emergency Response Kits have now arrived or are scheduled to arrive in Port Vila soon with another 600 to follow as transport becomes available. To ensure a speedy and effective distribution, we have arranged a partnership with World Vision to assist Rotary in the distribution as they have a large team of full-time workers based in Vanuatu.

One thousand Shelter Boxes have been dispatched to Vanuatu. 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 NZ Government are about to offer to NGO's competitive funding opportunities and we are most likely to make a bid to support families to rebuild their homes and re-establish their vegetable gardens in addition to clean, water, health and education issues. Donations are urgently needed now to enable us to quickly replenish the Emergency Response Kit stock and also to provide matching funds for any bid we make for funding the activities mentioned. The donation options are:

At any Westpac Branch or by Internet Banking quoting 03 1702 0192208 01, Reference 888.

Give a Little at [-https://givealittle.co.nz/org/rnzwcs/share](https://givealittle.co.nz/org/rnzwcs/share)

A cheque to -RNZWCS Limited (Rotary New Zealand), PO Box 20309, Christchurch 8543.

Payment to Martin Kinder who will organise the transfer of the funds to the Rotary appeal fund.

## Cycling for the Cyclone

Otorohanga Rotary holds an annual bike ride, Le Tour de Otorohanga. Funds raised this year will be used to help our Pacific cousins in their time of need. There are various courses for all abilities, and the cost is not prohibitive so it is a great opportunity to get out and about as well as to contribute to a real need. There are other aid agencies providing relief, but as Rotarians, we know that all the funds go to the cause not the administration. As an added bonus, Otorohanga Rotary will match the bike ride money dollar for dollar, so you can feel twice as good about yourselves. The major spot prize is a bike; there are heaps of other spot prizes and you will also get to admire some of Otorohanga's magnificent scenery. The ride starts at 9 am on Sunday, 29 March 2015. For further details contact: Ross Loomans, President Otorohanga Rotary, 078730762 or 0272758891

## Playing golf for Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club's all terrain vehicle

President Doug Kingsford of the Papamoa Rotary Club would very much like members from our Club to participate in their golf tournament to raise funds for the purchase of an all terrain vehicle for the Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club. The golf tournament will be held on Sunday, 26 April 2015. Please see the notice and entry form at the end of this Bulletin.

## District 9930 conference

This year's District 9930 conference is being held in Rotorua from 8 to 10 May 2015. 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.

## Upcoming Club activities

- On Monday, 30 March 2015, the Club is holding the second of its State of the Rotorua Community evening meetings with Peter Clark as the guest speaker on forestry. Please bring friends and colleagues along to the meeting, and let Barry Lane know your number of guests by Friday.
- 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?"

## Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:

- Dennis Neilson (1 April)



## From the previous meeting

Last Monday the Club enjoyed its annual rural visit in Reporoa where we met five teachers from Reporoa College and found out more about Empowered Learning.

### Guest speaker Karen Barker on Empowered Learning

Karen Barker, a pharmacist and dairy farmer with her husband, is the Chairperson of the Empowered Learning Trust. She is on her way to Wellington this week to make a presentation at the national TrustPower Community Awards after Empowered Learning won the 2014 Rotorua Community Award. One way in which the organisation helps young people to achieve their potential is to provide a testing service to establish if school students in Year 4 need Irlen glasses. Between 25 and 30% of students need either optometric or Irlen coloured glasses or both. Symptoms of Irlen syndrome include light sensitivity, inefficient and slow reading, attention deficit and poor depth perception. The Empowered Learning Trust pays for the vision tests by an optometrist, the Irlen tests by a diagnostician, and then for suitable glasses. Karen showed a video in which students and their parents talked about the amazing difference that the glasses had made to their lives.

### Defibrillator for the Reporoa Health Centre

Fergus Cumming explained the way in which funds raised locally for the Rotary Foundation are returned to the community after a few years. Funds raised by the Club were matched by the Rotary Foundation to purchase a defibrillator for Reporoa. The new units are much smaller than the older models, and their batteries last for five years. Warren Beard said that Reporoa lost their local doctor 17 years ago. A committee was formed and approached the Health Board to set up a nursing service based at St John, at first for only 15 hours per week. Now there are five part-time nurses and a manager providing services to a region that stretches all the way to Kaingaroa. They hope to employ a health prescriber soon, have been awarded an ACC contract, and were very pleased with the outcome of a recent quality audit by Lakes District Health Board. The defibrillator will be kept at one of the local shops which has longer opening hours than the Health Centre.

### Helping Elly van der Laan with her trip to Nepal

The Club has provided financial support to Elly van der Laan, a student from Reporoa College, to go and work at Youth of Everest for a few weeks in April. She did Duke of Edinburgh Gold this week and her father accepted the grant from the Club on her behalf. Elly is active in the Young Lions in Reporoa, is a good student, involved in sport and horse riding, and is working on a dairy farm to earn money for her trip to Nepal. On her return she will speak at a Club meeting.

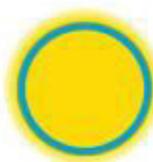
# Duty roster

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>30 March 2015 at 5.30 for 6 pm</b>	<b>6 April Easter Monday; no meeting</b>
Guest Speaker	Peter Clark Chief Executive, PF Olsen. The state of forestry.	
Introduction	Bruce Scott	
Vote of thanks	Perry Stevens	
President's table	Fergus Cumming	
Club speaker	No Club speaker	
Fellowship and badges	Robin Findon	
Quote of the week	Tony Hill	
Fining officer	No fining officer	
Committee report	No committee report	

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Noon on Wednesdays  
Phone 347 7211 or 021 172 9697; email: [theronm@yahoo.com](mailto:theronm@yahoo.com)

**PAPAMOA  
Rotary**



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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF PAPAMOA Inc**

## **Powerco Charity Golf Tournament**

**DATE:** Sunday, 26 April 2015 - ANZAC Weekend

**TIME:** Shotgun Start - 12:15pm

**WHERE:** Mount Maunganui Golf Club, Fairway Ave, Mount Maunganui

**CHARITY TO BENEFIT:**



*The Papamoa Surf Life Saving Club need an ALL TERRAIN Vehicle to help them look after the extensive Beach area at Papamoa*

### **COMPETITION:**

Gross, Nett and Stableford prizes; Men and Women divisions

'Bashers' competition; **Special Rotary section**

**OVER \$3000.00 IN PRIZES; WINNERS CHALLENGE CUP**

### **ENTRY FORM**

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>HANDICAP (If Affiliated)</b>

**ENTRIES:** PAPAMOA ROTARY c/o Doug Kingsford, 59 Oceana Drive, RD5, Tauranga 3175

Ph: 07 5447327; Mob: 021645525; Email: [doug.kingsford@xtra.co.nz](mailto:doug.kingsford@xtra.co.nz)

**Entry Cost:** \$30 per player, by Cheque or to Bank A/c 06 0556 0011362 04