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Meetings on
 Mondays at 12.30 pm
 (except public
 holidays)
 Sudima Hotel
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 to apologise if unable
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Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 25 May 2015



President's Pen

Rotary members showed their support for Murray and Helen Patchell and their family at the funeral of their daughter Megan on Tuesday. Providing support to fellow members at times like this is a strength of Rotary. A Presidential thank you to those members and partners who attended the funeral on Tuesday.



The Rotary theme for May is the Environment giving me a good reason to make some observations on New Zealand's environmental performance. We pride ourselves on our environment and the well-recognised brand "New Zealand 100% Pure, Clean-Green" has been used for years to promote NZ to the world. But have we reached the point where this brand and NZ's reputation are at risk? You don't have to look too hard to conclude that the answer is "Yes".

On current trajectories NZ will miss its Kyoto protocol commitment to reduce 2020 green house gas emissions to 5% below 1990 levels by a country mile. There appears to be no well thought through position on what NZ will take to the next international climate change meeting on post-2020 targets later this year in Paris. Water quality in our rivers and streams has declined and new standards are being introduced belatedly to halt the decline. Across the country rate and tax payers are meeting the significant cost of cleaning up waterways where intensification has led to elevated nutrient levels. Examples are Lake Taupo, the Rotorua Lakes and the Waikato River. On the East Coast of the North Island soil erosion from inappropriate land use directly contributes to the biggest export from the East Coast - top soil going down the rivers into the sea.

The message therefore is that if we want to ensure a sustainable future and retain our reputation as clean and green we have to do a lot better – we are at risk of being the generation that passed on a legacy to our children and grandchildren to fix up.

President Russell

Notices and reminders

Lunch meeting at RSA on 25 May 2015

The Club's next lunchtime meeting on 25 May will be held at the RSA. Please meet at the RSA in Haupapa Street, just west of the Rotorua Lakes Council building, at 12.15 pm for a 12.30 pm start. Spouses and friends are very welcome, too. Please phone Don Macfarlane on 0274768756 or email helenmac@xtra.co.nz if you have not yet indicated on his circulated clipboard that you and your guests will be attending.

Watch the Bulls vs Chiefs; Polio Big Meal Fund Raiser

Peter and Robyn Spurdle have very kindly invited the members of the Club plus partners and friends to their home which provides the most comfortable view of the International Stadium. The address is 466 Pukehangi Road, and the event, which will also be a fund raiser for Rotary's End Polio campaign, is on Friday, 22 May 2015 at 5 pm for dinner at 6 pm. The game starts at 7.30 pm; some guests may chose to walk down to the stadium at that time. Coffee at the Spurdles' residence will be at 9 pm. The cost is \$15 per person; BYO drinks. Please phone or email Peter to confirm your attendance: 07 3495001 (work), 07 3487265 (home), 027 7787353 (mobile) or peter@spurdleass.co.nz

Rotary Club of Rotorua golf tournament

Past-President Richard Pryce reminds members of the golf tournament that will take place on 14 June 2015, starting at noon. Please support this event, and invite friends and family to join you for a round of golf on the day.

Biking for End Polio from Prague to Passau

President Dennis Murdoch of the Rotary Club of Huntly, will take part in a cycling event from 1 June 2015, riding 1,714 km from Prague to Passau, raising money for the End Polio Campaign. If you would like to support him, go to www.facebook.com/Denniscyclesforendpolionow and to <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/denniscyclesforendpolionow>

Nominations are open for RANZSE

Max Patmoy has sent us information about arrangements for RANZSE, the **Rotary Australia and New Zealand Student Exchange**, a three-month exchange for 13.5 to 16 year old students to experience an exchange with a family in the other country. This year District 9930 will match a student from NZ with a student from Australia. In 2016 the matched Australian student will come to New Zealand and stay a term with them in their own house (from April 2016). The following term the NZ student will travel to Australia with their Australian match and stay a term in the Australian student's own home. There is very little cost and administration for the Club. There is more information at www.ranzse.org. Max has sent documentation to the principals of all of the high schools in our District. Expression of interest forms for the 2016 year must get back to Max by 30 June 2015. The Club's contact for this worthwhile programme is in Don Macfarlane.

Billets for Lincoln University students

About fifty farm management students from Lincoln University will be in Rotorua on a North Island study tour on 24 to 25 August 2015. Their lecturer, Bob Simpson, is looking for billets, from 5 pm on 24 August to 8 am on 25 August. Hosts will be expected to pick their student/s up, give them an evening meal, a bed, and breakfast, and drop them off at the pick-up point. The idea is to organise this as a fundraiser for our Rotary Club, at \$50 plus GST per student. Lincoln University hopes that this could become an annual arrangement with our Club. President Russell will seek indications of interest at our next meeting.

Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:

- Tony Baker (26 May)
- Mal Feetham (26 May)



From the previous meeting

Guest speaker Brian Gillespie, leader of the U3A History group

Brian Gillespie started his talk on the fascination of history by testing the historical knowledge of Club members. He was impressed by the number of correct answers given. History has been called a distillation of humour, and it has been said that those who do not learn the lessons of history are doomed. Brian leads the newly-created U3A History Group. He listed a number of examples of Kings who had been killed. People gained advancement through bad deeds. Life in the Middle Ages was nasty, brutish and short – but life today on a Mediterranean migrant ship is not much better. In recent years there has been some increased emphasis on human rights and quality of life, but in many eras people have been expendable. Until 1800 death in childbirth was common and the 100th day of the life of babies is still celebrated in some cultures. Industrialisation improved the weapons used in war and crime, but not the concern for one another. Some examples of people who have improved the quality of life of many are Abraham Lincoln who believed in dignity for all and did much to free the slaves; Joseph Lister, the British surgeon and pioneer of antiseptic surgery; Henry Ford who believed that every common person had the right to own and drive a car; and Jackie Robinson, American major baseball league player who opened opportunities for other African Americans to participate in sport at national and international levels. Brian invited members to the U3A History meetings which are held every second and fourth Friday of the month. More information is available at http://u3arotorua.com/?page_id=233.

Club Speaker Peter Faulkner

Peter updated the Club on the development plans of Pukeroa Oruawhata Holdings, the commercial arm of Ngati Whakauae. The group has a very significant influence on Rotorua. Its retail and office premises at the Rotorua Central Mall are fully tenanted. At its second main site at Trade Central there are development enquiries for two further large developments. Since the Club's meeting last Monday, the Prime Minister has announced the development of a spa and hotel on Pukeroa Oruawhata's 11 ha lakefront site which will provide between \$36 and \$48 million of economic benefits. Talks are on-going with QE Health about relocating them to continue their services on another site. Huge numbers of Chinese tourists are expected to come to New Zealand. POH is redeveloping the Lakehouse Hotel and the Rotorua Golf Club to line up with Tourism New Zealand's standards for international golf tourism.

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.

	25 May 2015 at 12.15 for 12.30 pm Workplace visit to the RSA	8 June 2015 at 12.15 for 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	William McDonald, Chairman of the RSA	Martin Kinder: Gallipoli 2015
Introduction	Don Macfarlane	Ian Pound
Vote of thanks	Martin Kinder	Kierin Irvine
President's table	John Heaton	Tony Hill
Club speaker	-	Robin Findon
Fellowship and badges	Barry Lane	Don Macfarlane
Quote of the week	Dennis Neilson	Ann Nicholas
Fining officer	-	Denis Marriner
Committee report	-	Fellowship: Peter Spurdle

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