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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, 6 July 2015

## President's Pen

A special thank you to all of those who attended the changeover on Monday evening. I certainly enjoyed it, but I hasten to add that I think the only time that I have been more nervous was on my wedding day.

The mentoring that occurs in Rotary is invaluable. I can recall that when I joined, Doug Forsyth stuck close to me for several weeks, took me to other Clubs to do make ups and generally ensured that I felt that I belonged in the Club. The opportunity to attend District Assembly and District Conference has been excellent to gain a wider view of Rotary, and the time that PP Russell has spent with me has made coming into this role relatively easy. This process is something that we definitely need to continue.

I am also grateful for having a good team to work with and together we want to build our Club.

As many of you know, I stepped into the role of President Elect when Deborah moved to Taupo. I got to attend one President Elect Training weekend, but at that weekend, Libby Gairdner who was the District Trainer ran a workshop and asked two questions:

- Why did you become a Rotarian?
- Why are you still a Rotarian?

The energy that went into workshoping those two questions was amazing. I am amazed, impressed and encouraged at the length of time people in our Club have been members. I think those two questions would be good for us all to reflect on, because the reason that we joined Rotary and the reason that we are still Rotarians will be the very things that will attract new members to our Club. What we need to do is to tell our story.

There is a theme going around the hospital at the moment and the catchphrase is "Have the discussion". Can I encourage each of us to "Have the discussion" with those around us so that together we can be a gift to the world.

**President Ray**

# Notices and reminders

## Lincoln student billeting update

The response to the billeting of Lincoln University agriculture students on their North Island farm tour across the combined Rotorua Rotary Clubs is building. To date we are close to having billets for 40 students. If you can assist or are aware of someone who is prepared to assist, please let Past-President Russell know names and numbers. Interestingly, 51% of the students at Lincoln, the bastion of agricultural education in NZ, are now female.

## Biking in Pureora Forest

Kierin Irvine is beginning to organise a two-day biking trip in Pureora Forest on 10 and 11 October 2015. As he would like to make early bookings of accommodation and shuttles he would like to know soon if you plan to participate. Please let Kierin know by email on [kj.irvine@hotmail.com](mailto:kj.irvine@hotmail.com)

## Orange picking

The Club's regular orange picking on Kierin Irvine's farm north of Tauranga has been scheduled for Sunday, 16 August 2015. Please put this enjoyable Club activity, which is also a good fundraiser thanks to Kierin's generosity, into your diary now.

## Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:

- Janice Scott (13 July)



## From the previous meeting

### Guest speaker Patrick Butterworth, National Manager of the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy

Patrick had a British and New Zealand Defence career for 30 years. He served in the British Army in Cyprus at the time of his engagement to his future wife, and was then based in Germany and Canada. He trained at Sandhurst, where one of the main lessons was that you do not ask questions. He spent time in 1985 in strife-ridden Northern Ireland, but gained no real war experience during the decades of the cold war in Europe. Going into East Berlin was like entering the dark ages, with bullet holes from the Second World War still visible. After learning Arabic in Egypt, he was based at NATO Headquarters. In his forties he joined the NZ Defence Force and commanded young soldiers in Dubai. Seeing 150 year old fortresses in Afghanistan was a reminder that the British had failed there before. He is impressed by the active service undertaken by women in the NZ Army. He had many cups of tea with the Taliban and worked on reconstruction with US aid agencies. Between 2008 and 2011 he was based in Egypt and had time to explore the Holy Land.

### Paul Harris Fellow Don Macfarlane

Don Macfarlane was honoured by the Club for the sterling duty he has done over many years in a number of leadership roles in the Club. His just-completed two-year stint as Youth Director has been particularly productive. He exemplifies the role that Rotary and Rotarians play in our community, and the standing ovation from the Club was well-deserved!

Clubs set their own criteria for naming a Paul Harris Fellow to recognise outstanding commitment to the Club or the community. The Club contributes US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation when naming a Paul Harris Fellow.

# 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.

	6 July 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	13 July 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Angie Brierly: Plunket House rebuild	Kirsty Gerlach: One-2-One Charitable Trust
Introduction	Richard Pryce	Russell Burton
Vote of thanks	Allen Foote	Tony Hill
President's table	Don Macfarlane	Ian McDowell
Club speaker	Kierin Irvine	Martin Kinder
Fellowship/badges	Ann Nicholas	Murray Patchell
Quote of the week	John Powell	Richard Pryce
Fining officer	Richard Pryce	Bruce Rykers
Committee report	Allen Foote	Martyn Craven

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13 NOVEMBER 2015

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