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# **Rotary Club of Rotorua**

**Monday, 13 July 2015** 

## President's Pen

Welcome to Rotary.

Allen Foote and I went to Putararu last Monday evening to attend a workshop on The Rotary Foundation. It was extremely informative and we learned about the different types of grants and the subsidies that we can receive from the Foundation to assist us with projects. Over recent years the average grant given to Clubs in our District has been about \$2,500 and then of course there are grants for international projects.

Last year a number of Club members took home little cardboard moneyboxes to put in loose change at night, and these were returned to the Club and the money went to The Foundation. This is an excellent way to support it and the giving is painless – if you don't put your change into the box, your partner will probably take it anyway. The great thing about giving to The Foundation is that you can claim a tax rebate of one third of your total giving to it. The Club will be receiving twenty boxes shortly and I encourage you to take one, fill it up and return it to Martin Kinder. The Rotary Foundation is "Our Foundation" to quote Bruce Scott, and it truly is. As we support it, we are enabling multiple projects not only in our District but internationally as well.

Driving back from Whakatane on Tuesday I was listening to the radio and hearing the excitement that the people of Samoa were experiencing with the All Blacks being there. Someone said that it was a historical moment because it probably would never happen again for decades to come. The joy and excitement was extremely high and the All Blacks hadn't played a game yet. It reminded me of the joy that we can give simply by being with someone, even if it means being out of our comfort zone. The Motivational Speaker Zig Ziglar said that we can get what we want out of life if we help enough other people get what they want out of life.

**President Ray** 

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## **Notices and reminders**

#### Messages from our webmaster and archivist

The speeches by Past President Russell and President Ray, delivered at the change-over meeting, are now available on the Club's website at <a href="http://www.rotaryrotorua.org.nz/?aboutus">http://www.rotaryrotorua.org.nz/?aboutus</a>. Past President Russell's well-illustrated report on the Club's activities during the 2014/15 year is also there.

The District website (www.rotary9930.org) has been updated for the 2015/16 Rotary year. Members of the Club should be able to set up their own details by going to: **TOOLS / For all D9930 Rotarians**. This should be done as soon as possible as there will not be a District 9930 Directory. All District information will now have to be sought from the District website.

- PP Tony Baker

Edtor's note: I have updated my details on the District website and added a photo. Trick to remember: your birthday has to be added in the American format of mmm dd yyyy (the first three letter of your month of birth, then the day, then the year).

#### **Civic bonding**

Informal get-together of members of the Club for a drink and a chat at 5.30 pm every Friday at the RSA.

#### Lantern Walk

Rotorua Youth Voice is organising a lantern walk at the Redwoods on Saturday evening, 11 July, 2015. Families are being encouraged to take a walk through the Redwoods and will be provided with glow sticks and small lanterns. There will also be some entertainment. They need about 100 marshals and will pair them off with a younger person. The marshals will be posted at strategic points throughout: one mature, one younger. Please contact Don Macfarlane if you are able to help.

#### Lincoln student billeting update

We now have enough billets from across the five Rotorua Rotary Clubs for the 50 students coming to Rotorua in August. PP Russell Dale will draw up a list and circulate details of pick-up time, place, and students allocated.

### **Biking in Pureora Forest**

Kierin Irvine is organise a two-day biking trip in Pureora Forest on 10 and 11 October 2015. Please see below at the report on the Club Speaker for an update.

### **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)



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## From the previous meeting

## **Guest speaker Emma Hardie from Plunket**

Plunket looks after 900 new babies in Rotorua every year. The local Plunket covers an area that stretches down to Turangi. They are the largest provider of free health services to under-fives and Plunket sees 90% of newborns in New Zealand. The nurses are funded by the Government, but other services such as coffee mornings for German, Japanese and other migrant groups and Plunket's parent education programmes are not, and rely on local fundraising. Plunket hires out 200 car seats for babies and toddlers, and provides a free car seat fitting service. Their building, an old house in Pukuatua Street, is well-located, but needs replacement. The planned new double storey building will provide a community hub with various services for the under-fives. They need more storage space, a bigger classroom, and a proper kitchen. The current waiting room has space for two mothers with a few children. The new building, on the same site, has been designed and will cost \$1.4 million plus GST. The resource consent has been approved and \$300,000 has been secured. They would appreciate help in the form of letters of support for fundraising applications, new fundraising ideas and assistance, and publicity. The new health and community centre being planned at Jean Batten Square will not have enough space for Plunket, but they may run some services from there.

#### Club speaker Kierin Irvine

Kierin is back at work in his previous practice for a few weeks. He was pleased that the computer still recognised him. He enjoyed his visit to Mystery Creek Fieldays, especially when he and a friend were mistaken for affluent Australians and treated very well at the NZ Trade and Enterprise building.

Planning for the October the Pureora Timber Trail biking weekend is going well. He has been to Benneydale and has organised a package which includes accommodation, high quality meals, and the shuttle service at \$300 per person. He will be in touch with the 21 participants about the payment of \$100 deposit per person. See <a href="http://www.artdoc.co.nz/">http://www.artdoc.co.nz/</a> for information on the accommodation and food provided at the Art Doc Gallery.

## **Duty roster**

If you cannot do your rostered duty, please arrange a replacement and advise Sergeant Denis Marriner on 027 478 3106 or <a href="mailto:denis@dawson.co.nz">denis@dawson.co.nz</a>
Club speakers to advise Margriet on theronm@yahoo.com if they require the data projector.

	13 July 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	20 July 2015 at 6.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Kirsty Gerlach: One-2-One Charitable Trust	Graham Smith: State of the Nation – farming
Introduction	Russell Burton	Russell Dale
Vote of thanks	Tony Hill	Tom Davies
President's table	Ian McDowell	Karl Meyer
Club speaker	Martin Kinder	-
Fellowship/badges	Murray Patchell	John Powell
Quote of the week	Richard Pryce	Bruce Scott
Fining officer	Bruce Rykers	-
Committee report	Martyn Craven	-

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