



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 31 August 2015

## President's Pen

I was inspired by Steve Holmes presentation yesterday. His passion was very obvious. He identified as one of the children who didn't do well at school and yet he has not let that (his past), determine his present or his future. I'm not sure of what he had to do in order to hold the position he has at the Rotorua youth Centre, but he is passionate, has clear goals, and knows where he is going and knows where he wants the youth of Rotorua to go.

I recall someone else who didn't do well at school, (Read – failed), who in later years was speaking with a teacher who was in his class at school. He was expressing concern that he had failed at school and had carried that burden with him for many years. The teacher responded by saying that he didn't fail the system, the education system failed him. I was reminded of that when Steve was talking about some of the students who couldn't cope with the school system.

What do we do with those who fall through the cracks?

Statistically those who fall through the cracks are the ones who go on to get into trouble, break the law, become consumers of the welfare system, and their potential contributions are lost to society. Thankfully, there are organisations like the Rotorua Youth Centre who are there to help. I was amazed at the number of organisations who all work in this same area. This indicates to me that it is a major problem.

How can it be turned around. How can we be the fence at the top of the cliff, rather than the ambulance at the bottom? Food for thought!

It was good to hear what Thomas George was up to and to hear him express his appreciation to our club for our support of him over the years.

Have a great week

*President Ray*

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**CLUB MEETINGS**  
Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public holidays)  
Sudima Hotel  
1000 Eruera Street,  
Rotorua

Phone 07 348 1174  
to apologise if unable  
to attend.

# Notices and Reminders

## RLI (Rotary Learning & Information) Training

August 29, 2015; 9:30am – 3:45pm. Taupo – venue to be advised.

Best described as a “Rotarian Development Forum”. RLI provides a series of fast-paced, interactive one-day development workshops to increase Rotarian knowledge, inspire them to find their passion in Rotary, and fill them with fresh ideas. They are a perfect way to engage new Rotarians into the purpose of Rotary. Clubs are encouraged to sponsor new members to attend the RLI programme to strengthen club knowledge and increase understanding of Rotary beyond the club. The modules cover three main topics – Leadership, Service and Membership – which are introduced in Level 1, and extended in Levels 2 and 3 of this three-level course. The three levels should be undertaken consecutively (1, then 2, then 3) to the best out of the training and each level is a full day. [SEE MORE](#)

## Fundraising – Shelterboxes and Koropiko Rotahomes

**Firewood Project – Sunday 13 September, 9.30am start.** Meeting place to be advised.

Those with trailers and chainsaws, please bring them.

Martyn will be taking pre-sale orders at \$75 / 1m<sup>3</sup> - delivered. Payment on delivery.

Bring own lunch and tea/coffee. Partners welcome.

Firewood has been kindly donated by Mr Murray Scott, Kildarragh Farms, Ohakuri Road, Atiamuri.

This is an International committee project. Enquiries: Martyn Craven, [mjcraven@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mjcraven@xtra.co.nz); 0274 747 059

## Rotary Club of Rotorua West’s 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

President David Douthwaite and members of the Rotorua Club of Rotorua West have invited Rotarians and their partners, by separate email on Sunday 23 August, to celebrate their Club’s 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015. It would be appreciated if Rotarians would indicate by return email if you think you will or may be able to attend both events, or just one of them, or none at all! For further information, go to page 4 of this Bulletin, or email: [50years@rotaryrotoruawest.org](mailto:50years@rotaryrotoruawest.org)

## Future Leaders’ Seminar

Rotary, Leadership, Learning, Networking in Nelson on Thursday 12 November, 2015, 8:30 – 4:30pm.

Theme: “**Be a Gift to the World**”. The Seminar is an interactive day of shared ideas, presentations by leaders from the highest levels of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation plus other community and business leaders with special messages to inspire. **Registration:** Will be available later in August on the RI website. For further information, contact: [AG Richard Evans](#).

## Civic Bonding

An informal get-together of members of the Club for a drink and a chat at 5.30 pm; this Friday at the CT Club, Moncur Drive, Rotorua.

## Thomas George

Thomas left Waiariki last year after 21 years and returned to thank the Club for their support over those years. He is now working in Nanjing in a similar role and developing an international internship programme. He talked about cultural intelligence and the huge adjustment he has faced. He returned to NZ for the summer, suffering a massive heart attack 2 days later. He is now about to head back to China.

His motto for life? “*To live and to give*”.

### GET LOGGED IN !

If you are a D9930 Rotarian you will want to set up your login name and password to have full access to the MEMBER AREA of this site. To get started [CLICK HERE](#)

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Robin Findon	26 August
Bryce Dunn	12 September
Margriet Theron	28 September
Ian McDowell	12 October
Peter Baars	31 October



### **Birthday wishes to:**

Richard Pryce (28 August)  
Melanie Davies (29 August)

## **From the Previous Meeting**

### **Quotes from Dennis Neilson – Today’s Famous Birthdays**

- ☉ 24<sup>th</sup> August A.D.79 - Mount Vesuvius erupted killing 20,000 people. The cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum were buried in volcanic ash.
- ☉ 24<sup>th</sup> August 1572 – Catholics began their slaughter of French Protestants in Paris – 70,000 died.
- ☉ “ I busted a mirror and got seven years bad luck, but my lawyer thinks he can get me five” – Steven Wright.

### **Club Speaker – Fergus Cumming**

Fergus departed from traditional subjects and shared some points to ponder from a Canadian friend of his, including:

*“Give a person a fish and you’ll feed them for a day. Teach them to use the internet and they won’t bother you for weeks ... if ever”*

Ann’s Alternative (from experience):

*“Give a man a fish and he has food for a day. Teach a man to fish and he has to buy new fishing rods, graphite reels, monofilament lines, neoprene waders, creels, tackle boxes, spinners, lures, flies, Gore-Tex hats, 20 pocket fishing vests, boats, trailers, GPS, fish finders.....”*

### **Guest Speaker – Steven Holmes**

#### **It Takes A Whole Community .....**

Steve Holmes is the Manager of the Rotorua Youth Centre and is clearly passionate about the leading role it can take in the community, especially to support young “unengaged” people. Steve took us through the Strategic Plan for the Centre which seeks the goal of “Enabling young people to reach their full potential”. Providing activities and facilities that are fun and help young people learn new skills, such as planning, running and enjoying the “House of Horrors” event, are a priority. The health centre is one of the leading examples in the country.

The aims of the Youth Centre mesh with the Rotorua Lakes Council’s Vision 2030 and the Mayor has put out the challenge of “All youth in employment or training by 2018”. Steve provided stats that indicated approximately a quarter of school leavers have NCEA Level 1 at best. He talked about the problems that face low achievers who are disengaged, sometimes have learning disabilities, and often make poor behaviour choices. He gave examples of young people who have been suspended from school or who are struggling to participate in the school system.

Steve wants the Youth Centre to connect relevant services and is mapping services to form virtual youth teams. They are developing a number of programmes around increasing knowledge about jobs and providing pastoral support. Work inspiration (explore-explain-experience) is aimed at 9 to 11 year olds, so they can find out about different jobs, talk to employers and report back on what they find out. Steve identified the potential role for Rotary to work with the Youth Centre in this area, providing workplace tours and one to one discussions with young people.



# Duty Roster

If you cannot do your rostered duty, please arrange a replacement and advise Sergeant Richard Pryce on 027 2765478 or: [rpryce@tomwake.co.nz](mailto:rpryce@tomwake.co.nz)  
Club speakers to advise Tony on [tbaker@nowmail.co.nz](mailto:tbaker@nowmail.co.nz) if they require the data projector.

	31 August 2015 at 12:30pm at the Sudima Hotel	7 September 2015 at 12:30pm at the Sudima Hotel
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Mayor Steve Chadwick	Carmen Schöberl (IYE student)
<b>Introduction</b>	President Ray	Roger Willard
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Fergus Cumming	Paul Wilson
<b>President's Table</b>	Doug Clemens	Tom Davies
<b>Club Speaker</b>	Robin Findon	Doug Clemens
<b>Fellowship/Badges</b>	Garth Wilson	Jim Hampson
<b>Quote of the week</b>	Katrina Allison	Bruce Scott
<b>Fining Officer</b>	Barry Lane	Russell Dale
<b>Committee Report</b>	Peter Spurdle	President Ray

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Noon on Wednesdays

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President David Dowthwaite & members of  
the Rotary Club of Rotorua West  
Invite you to celebrate their



Saturday 26th September 2015  
6.00pm – 6.30pm fellowship,  
followed with a formal black tie dinner.

To be held at the Millenium Hotel  
Cnr Eruera & Hinemaru Streets, Rotorua.  
\$85.00 per person. Cash Bar Available

Please RSVP by 11th September 2015  
to [50years@rotaryrotoruawest.org](mailto:50years@rotaryrotoruawest.org)  
PO Box 1120, Rotorua 3040



*You're Invited to a Special Birthday*



## Greetings

President David Dowthwaite and members of the Rotary Club of Rotorua West invite you to help us celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Rotary Club. Yes - it's 50 years since chartering in 1965!

For our birthday celebrations we have planned a couple of great events we know you will be interested to attend. (one or both) We need RSVP's by 11 September 2015.

1. The Gala Celebration Dinner. A black tie formal function, including Paul Harris insignia. This formal dinner will be held at the Millennium Hotel Cnr Hinemaru and Eruera Streets on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015 6.00pm for 6.30pm - \$85 per person. A cash bar will be available. An evening of memories, entertainment and fellowship is planned and we need you to attend to help us remember our past and embrace our future. Prepare to be surprised at what will arise from the history and archives of our Club. Invitation attached.
2. The Reunion Tribute and Get Together as an afternoon tea. Venue yet to be confirmed, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm - \$20 per head for afternoon tea and refreshments. Current Club members will be in attendance, and we expect a lot of old acquaintances to be renewed. We also anticipate a photo session to record the event for the future. There will be displays of Club memorabilia and you would be most welcome to add to the memories with any photos or other items from your association with the club but mostly we want to see you there.
3. A 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Fountain Project. To commemorate the 50 years of Rotorua West's community service we are fundraising to provide a public drinking fountain for the City to be situated near our home base at the Princes Gate Hotel and the Government Gardens. The fountain is a very upmarket and modern unit and will be resplendent with colourful graphics and inscribed as being donated from Rotorua West to commemorate our 50 years of service through Rotary to the community. If you have not been into Rotorua CBD lately, prepare to be pleasantly surprised with the progress on revitalisation. The fountain project fits as part of this renewal of the city as well as current Rotary themes one of which is having clean drinking water accessible in the community. You are invited to make a donation toward financing our project to get it in place as soon as possible. We will be very appreciative of your contribution.

***We welcome your support – and really hope you can attend.***

Please RSVP by 11 September 2015

If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact:

President David Dowthwaite - email: [david@dowthwaitelaw.co.nz](mailto:david@dowthwaitelaw.co.nz) tel: 027 221 9782  
Vice President Pauline Evans - email: [randpevan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:randpevan@xtra.co.nz) tel: 027 489 6515

*Or any member of the Rotary Club of Rotorua West*



# *Rotorua Youth Centre — “Call to Action”*

If you are able to help at the Rotorua Youth Centre, please tick the appropriate box/s, cut out, and post to: P.O. Box 801, Rotorua 3040

I would like to find out more about how I can assist with:

- Work Experience (School leavers or soon to be school leavers)
- Work place Visits (year 9-11)
- Employment Placement opportunities
- Pastoral Care
- Pre-employment coaching
- Project Funding

Name:

Contact number:

Email:

Notes:



### **Rotary Club of Rotorua Past Presidents at the 1997 Change-Over Dinner**

Tony Baker, Alex Ross, Bruce Scott, John Bell, Ian Burrell, Gary Spence, Kierin Irvine, Bill Judd, Gus Treuren, Ian McDowell, Fergus Cumming  
Ross Tyler, Bob Reeder, D.G. Ron Morgan, Murray Patchell, Ian Bryce, Tom Trott