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Meetings on

Mondays at 12.30 pm

(except public
holidays)

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to apologise if unable
to attend.



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 5 October 2015

President's Pen

You will have noticed that at the meeting last Monday, I read out the apologies. This is something that has slipped recently, perhaps because the emphasis on Make Ups has gone. I think that acknowledging the apologies is a good thing. If people have the decency to apologise, then it is good to let members know, it is all about communication and keeping in touch with one another.

When I reflect on what I have been involved with lately (not in Rotorua Hospital) but in counselling people, I know that our members have a lot to offer the community. I have been involved with a couple of people who have been very poorly treated by their managers – bullying and harassment – and the managers need some training, and I am aware of how powerless these employees feel. They talk to me wanting someone to listen to them and to advocate for them. I am convinced that we have people in the Club with these skills. On the other hand I have attended disciplinary meetings and have had to tell staff that they are not pulling their weight. One of the benefits that I have in not being employed by the Lake District Health Board is that I am seen as a neutral person and I am able to be fair and objective.

I watched a TED Talk on my computer the other day where an Australian Muslim was speaking about an inbuilt or unconscious prejudice that we all have. It was a very interesting video, and was brought home to me in a story I heard last night.

There were two Irish labourers, digging a hole in the road outside a house of ill repute. A Jewish Rabbi came and went into the establishment, and Paddy said "Would ya be lookin' at dat! A man of the cloth going into such a place." Shortly after that a Protestant Minister came by and walked into the establishment and Shamus said "Would ya be lookin' at dat! A man of the cloth going into such a place." Well then a Catholic Priest came by and went into the establishment and Paddy said "Would you be lookin at dat, someone must be really ill in there!"

Have a good week,
President Ray



Notices and Reminders

Civic bonding

Informal get-together of members of the Club for a drink and a chat at 5.30 pm; this Friday at the CT Club.

Vocational Committee report from Bruce Scott

There is a meeting of the Vocational Committee at 5 pm on Thursday, 1 October 2015 at Abracadabra. Nominations for the Police Person of the Year are now open. A vocational visit is being planned to the new wood processing plant on the previous Tachikawa site.

Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:

- John Heaton (4 October)
- John Powell (9 October)



From the previous meeting

Quote from Fergus Cumming

“There are some that do, some that don't, some that will, some that won't. Some that can and some that can't. And I am one that can, and so I will” – Anonymous

Guest speaker Rosemary O'Brien on tolling

Guest speaker Rosemary O'Brien works for the NZ Transport Agency. Tolling of roads is relatively new to New Zealand, partly because of our small population. With tolling, roads can be built earlier, resulting in faster and safer travel. The Auckland Northern Gateway of 7.5 km saves 9 minutes of travelling time during off-peak periods; more during busy times. The newest toll road, the Tauranga Eastern Link, was built ten years earlier than had been planned because the public agreed to being tolled. It is a tolled section of State Highway 2 between Papamoa and Paengaroa. The free alternative route runs through Te Puke. The toll road saves 12 minutes of driving time. Tolling rates have been dropped because of automatic tolling. The one-way toll on the Eastern Link is \$2 for motorbikes and cars and \$5 for trucks. Electronic toll collection uses cameras and sensors to capture an image of vehicles' registration plates and then assign the correct toll. There are no charges for caravans and trailers. Casual users who do not set up an account to pay their toll fees incur substantial service fees. An account can easily be set up at www.nzta.govt.nz. More than one vehicle can be added to one account. Commercial users can use a Bill Me system. If you use a toll road but do not pay you will receive a notice with an additional administration fee of \$4.90. Setting up an account by phone is free on 0800 40 20 20 but there is a charge for paying over the phone. Just remember to take your vehicle off your account when you sell it, or you will be paying the toll fees of the new owner.

Club speaker Bryce Dunn

Our Club has had a long term involvement with the Rotorua Budget Advisory Service. Bryce now Chairs its Board, and called for a few more volunteers to join him on the board. The organisation is funded by the Ministry of Social Development and has a staff of five who work 30 hours per week each, seeing 700 people per year. Eighty percent of the clients are beneficiaries.

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
 Club speakers to advise Margriet on theronm@yahoo.com if they require the data projector.

	5 October 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	12 October 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Todd McClay MP Rotorua Update from the Beehive	Colin Sanderson ROMAC
Introduction	Dennis Neilson	Bruce Scott
Vote of thanks	Don Macfarlane	Fergus Cumming
President's table	Roger Willard	Bob Allison
Club speaker	Russell Dale	Robin Findon
Fellowship/badges	Tony Baker	Barry Lane
Quote of the week	Katrina Allison	Tom Davies
Fining officer	Peter Spurdle	Richard Pryce
Committee report	President Ray	Paul Wilson

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Photos supplied by PDG Bruce Scott taken at the Firewood Project last Tuesday evening where 10 helpers cut, loaded and distributed 10 trailer loads of pre-ordered firewood – well done! More photos on our Club Facebook.

