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# Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 12 October 2015



## President's Pen



I enjoyed hearing Todd McClay last Monday and he was certainly informative. It seems he was prophetic as to the Opposition's reaction, or perhaps he has been in politics long enough to know how the Opposition operates. I know that Rotary is non-political, so I had best add that he knows how all opposition parties work.

I am delighted at our two students' selection for the Summer Science Schools. It speaks to the calibre of students that we have, and I am particularly encouraged by Jordyn Tereu. As I mentioned we are sponsoring her to Outward Bound. She is an amazing young woman, a brilliant student with very clear goals for her future. I look forward to her addressing the Club after both Outward Bound and the Summer Science School.

I opened my email this morning and read a daily email that I get from gratefulness.org. This morning it had a quote from Howard Thurman. It read:

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go out and do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive".

How great it is to live your passion, and how great it is to be around people who are passionate about what they do. Thurman says "The world needs people who have come alive." That is consistent with the Rotary theme for the current year: "BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD".

It's one thing to come alive but it is another to stay alive, so we need to feed ourselves with things that are life giving. I'm not speaking about food, well I am really, but it is Mind Food or Soul Food. That which sustains and nourishes the soul.

Have a good week

President Ray

# Notices and Reminders

## Future Leaders' Seminar

*Rotary: Leadership, Learning, Networking* in Nelson on Thursday 12 November, 2015, 8:30 am to 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 on the RI website. For further information please contact: Assistant Governor 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.

## RYPEN

RYPEN is coming up on 6 to 8 November at Ngamuwahine. We will be expected to provide volunteers from our Club to support the weekend. Ann Nicholas will be asking for volunteers soon.

## Get logged in

If you are a District 9930 Rotarian you can 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

Ian McDowell to 12 October 2015  
Russell Burton to 26 October 2015  
Peter Baars to 31 October 2015  
Murray Patchell to 2 November 2015  
Noel Lamberton to 23 November 2015

## Hill Laboratory Science and Engineering Summer School

Jordyn Tereu from Rotorua Girls' High School was nominated by our Club to attend the Hill Laboratory Science and Engineering Summer School at Waikato University from 29 November to 4 December 2015. It was with great pleasure that Don Macfarlane could announce to the Club that her nomination has been accepted. Jordyn is originally from Rarotonga. The Club has also sponsored her to attend Outward Bound.

## Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:  
Janette Irvine (14 October)  
Russell Burton (17 October)



## From the previous meeting

### Quote from Bob Allison

Be who you are; say what you feel; because those who mind don't matter; those who matter don't mind. – Dr Seuss.

When a mosquito lands on your testicle one comes to realise that there are better ways to solve problems than with violence. – Anonymous.

### Guest speaker The Honourable Todd McClay

Rotorua Member of Parliament Todd McClay is Minister of Revenue, Minister for State Owned Enterprises, Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Associate Minister of Trade. He thanked the Club for inviting his wife Nadene to the meeting as they had not been seeing much of one another recently with all this

overseas travel commitments. New Zealand is a trading nation and we need preferential access to markets especially as some of our competing countries have lower production costs. Two-thirds of the middle class population of the world is one flight away from Auckland. The trade agreement signed with Korea has eliminated the duties we had to pay on kiwifruit. As an example, Chile already had a trade agreement with Korea. A \$1 kiwifruit from Chile would sell for \$1.09 with duty added. Such a kiwifruit from NZ would previously sell for \$1.49, but with the new agreement this comes down to \$1. This will bring \$12,500 extra per year into the pocket of each NZ kiwifruit grower. On the other hand, Mexico has entered the North American Free Trade Agreement, bringing Mexican imports of NZ dairy products down to zero. The Trans Pacific Partnership countries represent half of our trade and 800 million customers. Trade with China increased from \$2 billion to \$20 billion since signing a free trade agreement. Free trade agreements are important to the Rotorua economy as it brings more international students and tourists. The TPP agreement will include high quality dispute resolution processes. There is an optimistic feeling in Rotorua, backed up by statistics such as 4% annual growth in GDP for the June 2015 quarter. We have to be ready for the huge increase expected in tourist numbers from China, offering them great visitor experiences.

## Club speaker Russell Dale

Russell has taken on the responsibility of Research and Development Manager for the Forest Owners Association. The annual budget of \$18 million will come partly from a levy of between 27c and 30c per ton of wood harvested. Some research priorities are harvesting safety on steep country and more automation in forestry operations. A remote control unit for a felling head, driving a 40 ton machine from hundreds of metres away, was recently tested. FOA has entered into an agreement with the Government for funding for more research on alternative commercial forestry species, moving away from the almost total dependence on *Pinus radiata*. Domestic demand for logs is strong; Red Stag is working towards another expansion of its wood processing plant; and strategies are being developed for clearing up the Waikato River at a cost of around \$8 billion, placing more responsibility on polluting landowners.

## 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 Margriet on [theronm@yahoo.com](mailto:theronm@yahoo.com) if they require the data projector.

	<b>12 October 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel</b>	<b>19 October 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel</b>
Guest Speaker	Colin Sanderson ROMAC	Nicole Brewer Update on Rotorua Airport
Introduction	Bruce Scott	Peter Spurdle
Vote of thanks	Fergus Cumming	Russell Dale
President's table	Bob Allison	Katrina Allison
Club speaker	Robin Findon	John Heaton
Fellowship/badges	Barry Lane	Tony Baker
Quote of the week	Tom Davies	Bryce Dunn
Fining officer	Richard Pryce	Perry Stevens
Committee report	Paul Wilson	Ann Nicholas

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Bike training last Sunday at Green Lake. Thanks to Kierin Irvine for the photo.