



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 25 January 2016

Past President's Pen

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pm (except public
holidays)
Sudima Hotel
1000 Eruera Street,
Rotorua. Phone 07
348 1174 to
apologise if unable
to attend.

At our meeting on 18 January 2016 we heard about WaSH – the problems with the spread of water borne diseases caused by the lack of water, sanitation and hygiene in the Philippines. In thanking our guest speaker, Kevin Lee, Rotarian Russell Burton mentioned the water quality issues with which the Rotorua community is dealing.

As Louw and I have done for many years, we plan to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Lakes Water Quality Society on the Monday of Auckland Anniversary Weekend at 10 am at the Pikiaro Rugby League Clubroom in Takinga Street, Mourea. Members of the society and friends are invited to stay on after the meeting for what the people of Rotoiti define as a “light lunch”. Expect to see hangi pork and a delicious spread of salads and more.

Membership of the society is \$5 per year, with a suggested \$15 per year as a voluntary donation (of which you can get \$5 back from IRD). This has to be the best value for money for membership of an organisation that fosters research and education on lakes issues and works with local and central government and community groups on restoring the Rotorua lakes to health.

Ian McLean has written a history of the LWQS which is on the society's website (www.lakeswaterquality.co.nz). The society started life as the Lakeweed Control Society. It changed its name in 1999, and became the local environmental group that initiated action to stop the degradation of our lakes and to return them to their former glory. The first need was good science to describe what was happening in the lakes. The society ran many symposia over the years to disseminate scientific knowledge and to persuade government to fund and execute remedial work. This has included sewerage reticulation and treatment, engineering works, better farm management in the catchments, and changes in land use. Some of the lakes responded quickly and water quality has improved greatly.

The research on the lakes has been led by Professor David Hamilton of Waikato University. His measurements described what was happening in the lakes and his models enabled remedies to be tested. He and some of his students usually present their latest research finding to the community at the AGM. This year there will be talk from NIWA scientist Rohan Wells on lake weed issues.

The Lakes Water Quality Society deserves our support. I hope to see members of our Club at the Pikiaro Rugby Clubroom on Auckland Anniversary Monday at 10 am.

Past-President Margriet Theron PHF

Notices and Reminders

Canadian Rotary Friendship Exchange hosting

Our Club has agreed to host a group of Rotarians from District 7820 Nova Scotia, Canada, who will be on a Friendship Exchange visit to Rotorua, arriving on Saturday, 12 March and departing on Tuesday, 15 March 2016. Accommodation is required for three nights for the party of 12. There will be four couples and four single people. A local programme is yet to be drawn up, but bed and breakfast for the three nights is essentially what is requested. This is a great opportunity to meet up with like-minded people from another part of the world. Offers of assistance to Bruce Scott who is coordinating the visit to Rotorua, please.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Perry Stevens and Bruce Scott are handling the applications for RYLA this year. This is a programme aimed at growing the leadership skills of emerging leaders through providing an intensive development programme. Participants aged between 20 and 26 years take part in a range of experiences including seminars and group activities designed to develop both self leadership and leadership of others. It will be held at Epworth Lodge on Lake Karapiro between 17 and 22 April 2016. Nominations close on 28 February. The cost per participant (carried by the Club) is \$750. More information and the nomination form can be found here: <http://rotary9930.org/Page/youth-ryla>. Please look around your places of work and the organisations where you do charity work and talk to friends and family to help the Club find worthy young people to nominate for this life-changing programme.

Open Water Swim

Katrina Allison reminds the Club of the Open Water Swim and asks members to promote the event. The event will be held on 13 March 2016 on Lake Okataina. The water is crystal clear, the scenery is beautiful and the family friendly atmosphere makes for a special day. Choose between the 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m and 6000m distance. All proceeds from this event will go towards the Big Brothers Big Sisters organisation. For more information, see: lake-okataina-swim-2016.lilregie.com or contact Katrina on rotoruaopenwater@gmail.com or 027 603 9784.

Bob Allison will be helping Katrina with an application to Rotorua Trust to help pay the various fees for the event.

Rotary District 9930 2016 Conference

Bruce Scott reminded the Club of the District Conference being held from 6 to 8 May in Napier. Registrations before the end of February provide a discount of \$55 per person.

Civic Bonding

You are invited to share a drink and a chat with other members of the Club and their spouses at the CT Club in Moncur Drive at 5 pm on Friday afternoon.

Happy birthday

- Juleen Foote (9 February)
- Ian Pound (15 February)



From the previous meeting

Guest speaker Kevin Lee from A Single Drop of Safe Water Consulting Services

Kevin Lee grew up in Rotorua and went to Western Heights High School and then on to the University of Auckland. He has been involved in a business in the Philippines, A Single Drop of Safe Water Consulting Services, since 2006, at first working on training people in using a household water treatment device. They soon realised that water, sanitation and hygiene (WaSH) had to be addressed together to break the transmission route for water borne diseases. There were no government budgets available for these programmes; the focus was on poverty, education and jobs. It was shown that lack of WaSH was a root cause of poverty; the cost of being ill includes the cost of medicine and transport to doctors and hospitals and could add up to \$100 per year, a month of income for many people in the Philippines. With this understanding, families became more willing to invest in sanitation. It is common for only 30% of a

community having access to a toilet and 80% having a cell phone. Often, water borne diseases increase again about five years after the installation of toilets if there is a lack of local governance to keep up maintenance of the water works. Out of the population of 100 million, there are still 9 million without access to safe water and a 40% failure rate of water treatment systems. Local community demand is needed to drive both supply and good governance of WaSH services.

Club speaker Richard Pryce

The Rotorua law firm of Davys Burton merged with the Waikato firm of Tompkins Wake on 1 November 2014. After the buy-out by Tompkins Wake the Davys Burton partners were kept on. Their offices will move to the corner of Arawa en Fenton Streets this year. Richard’s son was recently admitted to the Bar. Richard served for about eight years as a Trustee of the Geyser Community Foundation and has now taken up a new role as Ambassador while other members of the Club (Tom Davies, Murray Patchell, Kierin Irvine and Margriet Theron) are still serving as Trustees. He and his wife Mary have enjoyed holidays in Prague and Italy; he went to St Andrews to attend The Open (this is what the world’s oldest golf tournament, played since 1860, is called), and they have walked the Able Tasman Track. They plan to do the Kepler Track in March.

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.

	25 January 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	1 February 2016
Guest Speaker	Margriet Theron Professional Speaking for Migrants	No meeting. Enjoy Auckland Anniversary Day. Consider attending the AGM and lunch of the Lakes Water Quality Society at 10 am at the Pikiiao Rugby Club Room, Takinga Street, Mourea. See the Past President’s Pen above for more information.
Introduction	Allen Foote	
Vote of thanks	Doug Clemens	
President’s table	Martin Kinder	
Club speaker	Fergus Cumming	
Fellowship/badges	Peter Spurdle	
Quote of the week	Denis Marriner	
Fining officer	Peter Baars	
Committee report	Allen Foote	

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