



## Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 22 February 2016

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Mondays at 12.30  
pm (except public  
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Sudima Hotel  
1000 Eruera Street,  
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348 1174 to  
apologise if unable  
to attend.

I am delighted that my arm is free of the cumbersome brace that I was wearing for a month. My arm is more flexible, but there is still a way to go for full recovery. However, I can sit at my computer and hunt and peck on the keyboard with two fingers.

Thank you to the Past Presidents who have written this column for me over the past few weeks.

I have been thinking about Chamber of Commerce President John McRae's presentation of last Monday about the Chamber. From there I began to think about the power of networking. John told us that there were 600 businesses in the Chamber, and while there are a lot more that could join, that is a considerable number, and as a group they can generate energy and get things done.

What about that Give a Little page where people from all over New Zealand pledged over \$2,000,000 to keep the Awaroa Inlet beach in the Abel Tasman Park in New Zealand possession and with free access to all New Zealanders. That exceeded the organiser's expectations and certainly raised a lot more money than they could give themselves.

All of us have our own networks as well as those in Rotary and we need to be looking at those networks for potential Rotary members. I was at a meeting last night where the speaker was saying that 20% of the group do 80% of the work, and I think that is probably true in any organisation, including Rotary.

Rotary makes a difference - a positive difference - and it offers opportunities for others to join with us and make a difference. As we increase numerically, our influence extends and we are able to make a greater difference in our community. It means that we have a greater group of people who will be involved, both in the Club and in its activities.

Thank you to all of you who are making a difference in our community. I am aware that many of you are doing things that fly under the radar, yet are so important.

Regards

*President Ray*

# Notices and Reminders

## **Rotorua Road Safety Youth Expo: help wanted**

Rotarians are again asked to help at the 2016 Rotorua Road Safety Youth Expo.

This year the Expo will be at the Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre, Fenton Street, from Monday 14 March until Friday 18 March 2016. We are expecting about 1,400 students to attend the Expo during these five days.

Rotary gets a lot of recognition and exposure at the Expo by way of banners, the Expo booklets and through our presence there. This is a service to the local community and to the youth of Rotorua.

At the Expo Rotary works in partnership with the Police, St John, the NZ Fire Service, the NZ Transport Agency and the Rotorua Lakes Council.

Over the five days Rotarians will be:

- Helping exhibitors to set up their stands on the Monday morning
- Staffing the Driver Directions stand
- Helping with tidying-up on the Friday.

Rotary volunteers will be rostered to help during one or more sessions. The sessions run from 9.30 am to noon and from noon to 2.30 pm each day. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

Please phone Tony Baker on 345 7607 or email him on [tbaker@nowmail.co.nz](mailto:tbaker@nowmail.co.nz) to let him know for which sessions you will be available to help.

## **Open Water Swim: 13 March 2016 at Lake Okataina**

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, 1,500m, 3,000m and 6,000m 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](http://lake-okataina-swim-2016.lilregie.com) or contact Katrina on [rotoruaopenwater@gmail.com](mailto: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 so that all the money raised can go to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

## **End Polio Now Swimathon Fundraiser**

This fundraiser for the Rotary project to End Polio Now is being run by the Rotary Club of Rotorua Sunrise on Saturday, 20 February 2016. Katrina Allison will be taking part and 28 generous members of our Club have already sponsored her between 20c and 50c per lap. She plans to swim 100 laps of the pool at the Aquatic Centre. Margriet has the list of sponsors; please email her at [theronm@yahoo.com](mailto:theronm@yahoo.com) if the list did not reach you at our last meeting and you would like to support this very worthy cause. This event has raised \$9,000 over the past four years.

## **High Schools Speech Competition: 16 May 2016**

This is always a highlight of our annual Rotary programme. Please put this date in your diary now. PP Ann will report on the time and venue of the competition when she does her Youth Committee report. As always, the topic for the competition has been chosen by our Immediate Past President. PP Russell Dale's topic is: "How do we minimize the impacts of new technologies on society?"

## **Rotary District 9930 2016 Conference**

Bruce Scott reminds the Club of the District Conference being held from 6 to 8 May 2016 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 5.30 pm on Friday afternoon.

## Happy birthday

- Shirley Lane (8 March)



## From the previous meeting

### Quotes from the world of cricket from Dennis Neilson

- Grant Elliot of New Zealand to Mitchell Marsh after he hit his foot with the ball and was out in the third one day international game in Hamilton and cursed: "So we're not play caught and bowled in this game then?"
- Fred Truman, the English fast bowler, found the edge of a bat, only for the ball to fly between team mate Raman Subba Row's legs. When Row apologised and said he should have kept his legs together, Fiery Fred replied: "So should your mother."

### Vocational Committee report

PP Bruce Scott reminded members that the vocational visit to Lumbercube will take place on 18 April 2016. The 2015 Police Person of the Year, Detective George Staunton, will be the Club's guest speaker at the meeting on 21 March 2016. The Vocational Committee is planning a Town and Country visit for later in the year.

### Club speaker Perry Stevens

Although Perry has been retired from the position of CEO of Rotorua Electricity for 20 years, he still has a keen interest in electricity generation. The 18 MW of rooftop photovoltaic capacity installed in NZ produces 18 Gwh of energy per year. The same capacity of geothermal would have produced 120 Gwh and wind turbines 70 Gwh. Photovoltaic generation at household level is expensive; the payback period is typically 18 years, even without the annual maintenance cost. Cloud cover affects generation, making Aotearoa a less than ideal place for photovoltaic generation. Photovoltaic generation peaks in the middle of the day in summer when electricity consumption in NZ is not high. This is unlike Australia where air conditioning creates high energy demand on hot summer days. If you want your house to be disconnected from the grid to save line charges, costs will go up significantly for energy storage and back-up generation. Perry's advice: proceed with caution and look at the information published by MBIE.

### Guest Speaker John McRae, President of the Rotorua Chamber of Commerce

The Rotorua Chamber of Commerce has about 600 members. It is governed by an Executive Board of volunteers, including Club member Richard Fullard. The Chamber advocates on behalf of its members on issues such as the industrial park and holiday training. It runs the annual Rotorua WestPac Business Awards. Its vision is: "Leading and partnering for economic and business growth." Rotorua's economy used to be bigger than Tauranga's and its tourism sector used to be bigger than Queenstown's. The Chamber has a staff of three and an Executive Board of ten. Working within tight financial restraints, it has a strategy of co-competition or cooperative competition, forming partnerships with organisations such as the Rotorua Lakes Council, NZ Trade and Enterprise, and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. The Chamber has an ambitious road ahead and is still working out with whom to partner and in which way. John would like to see the membership grow to 2,000 businesses. The Chamber will get in behind any organisation which is promoting growth in the Rotorua economy.

# Duty roster

If you cannot do your 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>22 February 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel</b>	<b>29 February 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel</b>
Guest Speaker	Joanne McCracken, a trip to Lebanon	Peter Faulkner, update on Pukeroa Oruawhata projects
Introduction	Peter Spurdle	Perry Stevens
Vote of thanks	Fergus Cumming	Russell Dale
President's table	Ian McDowell	Karl Meyer
Club speaker	Peter Spurdle	Margriet Theron
Fellowship/badges	Roger Willard	Bob Allison
Quote of the week	Ian McDowell	Ann Nicholas
Fining officer	Noel Lamberton	Dennis Neilson
Committee report	-	Ann Nicholas

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