



Rotary Club of Rotorua

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CLUB MEETINGS
Mondays at 12.30
pm (except public
holidays)
Sudima Hotel
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apologise if unable
to attend.

I want to again express my thanks to Katrina for bringing ANZAC biscuits at our last meeting, because Don loved them. The ANZAC Services, at which huge numbers attended, again reminded me of Don.

In addition to Don's long Military career, he had a passion for helping youth in Rotorua, and was very involved with Summer Science Schools, Outward Bound, Driver Directions and many other things. The directors are considering making a scholarship in Don's name to assist a young person in their studies. I will keep you informed as this is progressed.

I well remember some of the talks that John Bell used to give to the club about his service during the war. There are not many veterans of World War 2 left today, but there are a lot of veterans who have served in subsequent conflicts: Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Middle East.

While this is not a plug for the RSA, I think that we as a nation to remember those who have served in subsequent campaigns. I think it is true to say that we don't look after our veterans as best as we could. That is certainly true of the Vietnam Veterans, who had to sneak back into the country at night and who for many years had no parade to recognise or honour their service and sacrifice. I recall caring for ex-servicemen in hospital who were suffering the effects of Agent Orange and this was not recognised by our Government.

Fortunately, I have never been to war, but I have a huge respect for those men and women who have been and have fought for us. They are heroes, and ANZAC day is one way that we can honour them and of course Poppy Day is about providing funds for the RSA to care for all veterans.

I had the pleasure of catching up with Deborah McCarthy last Tuesday and she is very happy in Taupo and sends her regards to everyone.

It is a busy month with the speech competition, the rural visit to Waikite Valley and our workplace visit to LumberCube. I hope you have noted the dates in your diaries, and look forward to seeing you all at these events.

President Ray

Notices and Reminders

Reminder about Monday's meeting:

The meeting will be held at the Waikite Valley School on this Monday – start time 6 pm.

Those who are car-pooling, now meet at the Rotorua Golf Club carpark at 5.15pm.

The proceeds from the evening will go to the school's PTA.

Bring your spouse along for Rotary fellowship, as well as friends and colleagues who might be interested in learning more about our Club.

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.

The topic for the competition has been chosen by our Immediate PP Russell Dale: "How do we minimize the impacts of new technologies on society?"

Worksite visit: 23 May 2016

Bruce Scott has been in touch with Elisabeth Jackson, the Commercial Manager of LumberCube to make arrangements for the Club's vocational visit on 23 May 2016 to the mill in Vaughan Road. This is an early reminder to bring along your own high visibility vest and hard hat if you have these, and to wear closed toe shoes.

Tulip Festival

The combined Rotary clubs have agreed to manage/support the planting of tulip bulbs around the community to promote community engagement in the 2016 Tulip Festival week from 1 October 2016.



What will be involved?

One Saturday and one week-day later in May, when Rotarians and supporters help community groups, school children etc to plant tulips in gardens. (*Bulbs will be provided by RLC*).

We will also require trailers, spades, planting skills.

All the gardens will have a sign inserted saying that the garden was created especially for the festival and including reference to Rotary involvement!

Rotary will be seen as a key sponsor and publicity of the project will be publicity for our clubs and Rotary.

It is hoped that everyone will watch their bulbs flourish through the winter/spring and be amazed when they flower exactly on the due date.

This is a good old style hands-on project for us that will require good numbers mucking in please.

Ideas for District Grant

Allen Foote would like the Club to make an application for a Rotary Foundation District Grant. Last year this grant was used to provide a defibrillator for Reporoa. Any ideas for a project of this year to Allen, please.

Rotary Charity Lunch

Russell Burton has been elected as a Trustee of the Trust that will organise the second Rotorua Rotary Charity Lunch to be held on 11 November 2016. The first event raised about \$100,000 for charity last year, when our Club was not a participant. Russell will be looking for support from the members of our Club, and we will be able to nominate charities to receive gifts from this event.

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

Joy Hampson (7th May)



From the previous meeting

Quotes from: Bruce Scott

- *“In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.”* Abraham Lincoln.
- *“Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.”* Confucius.

Guest speaker: Tony Gill

Tony Gill is the new Manager of Rotorua Trust, having been in the job 3 months now.

Tony described his background. He is a Rotorua boy and attended St Mary’s Primary and Edmund Rice College. His father was head greenkeeper at Arikapapa Golf Club and, as a boy, Tony regarded the golf course as his property for hunting rabbits with his crossbow, firing his bow & arrow down the fairways, damming the stream and riding motorbikes – all activities disallowed now!

Tony left Rotorua in 1979 and obtained his Bachelor of Management Studies at Waikato University. He then got a job with Diner’s Club promoting the credit card. One of his jobs was to promote the card to the establishments on Auckland’s Karanghape Road, a real eye-opener to a 22 year-old brought up in a Catholic family and schooling!

He then joined Trust Bank Waikato in Hamilton managing sponsorships and community involvement and stayed with them through its transformation into WestpacTrust. He then had two years as a fundraiser for CCS Disability Action, before serving 12 years as the national grants manager of New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) in Wellington. He then returned to Rotorua after 35 years away to take up his current position. Tony then discussed Rotorua Trust. The Trust was formed in 1994 with \$30m of funds resulting from the corporatisation of the Rotorua Electricity Company. Through good management, these funds have now grown to \$150m whilst \$110m has been granted to local community groups and individuals. Last year, the actual fund management of \$80m was transferred to Mercer NZ, with the balance to follow.

Tony has his tasks as:

- 1) Make sure that the ‘Pot of Gold’ continues to grow;
- 2) Make the best possible decisions on distribution of funds;
- 3) Do it with the most efficiency.

Tony wants to:

- 1) Establish a 3 year planning cycle instead of the current 1 year cycle;
- 2) Be proactive in approaching community groups, such as Rotary;
- 3) Have better liaison with other Trusts (e.g. Bay Trust) to look at combined Grants;
- 4) Reduce the set barriers, e.g. remove the current \$25,000 cap;
- 5) Explore whether Scholarship Grants are the most effective use of the funds.

There are 6 Trustees, and with elections coming up in November, he encourages people to put in nominations (starting 26 August). He advised that the current Trustees were aware of the community criticism of the fact that some of them have been Trustees for many years.

Tony then expounded on his delight to have returned to Rotorua:

- 100 minutes a day less travel to work;

- Outdoors activities;
- Eat Street;
- Waiariki Polytech (he is currently studying Te Reo);
- Generally, just the 'Nice Feel' about the town.

In his vote of thanks, Kierin told of our Club's setting up of the Parenting Skills programme and, after a few years, seeking and obtaining funding from Rotorua Trust, who eventually took over this very worthwhile programme.

Club Speaker: Bob Allison.

Bob described what it has meant to him being diagnosed with type 1 diabetes nearly 20 years ago aged 48. Out of the blue, as no-one else in the family has it as far as he is aware (it is usually inherited). He then explained a lot of details about diabetes. It is an auto-immune disease where the body produces inadequate levels of insulin (type 1 virtually none; type 2 lowered amounts). Insulin allows blood glucose (from foods) to transfer into the cells. High levels of blood glucose can cause all sorts of complications such as damage to the kidney, heart, eyes and extremities. It can be controlled by injection of measured amounts of pharmaceutically-produced insulin.

There are over 250,000 NZers diagnosed with diabetes (only about 10% type 1). Type 2 people are typically overweight sedentary people who are likely to have unhealthy diets.

As well as monitoring his blood glucose level 4 or 5 times a day and making injections when needed (usually before a meal), Bob eats pretty well what he likes (he does like fresh healthy foods) and exercises by cycling 3 or 5 times a week.

I certainly learnt a lot from Bob today – I have had to seriously reduce his notes for the Bulletin, but I am sure that he will provide a copy if you request it.

Garth Wilson

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

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

	02 May 2016 6:00pm at Waikite School	09 May 2016 12:30pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Chris White Waikite Valley personality	Sharon Crean "Beyond Water" (East Africa – sanitation projects)
Introduction	Kierin Irvine	Dennis Neilson
Vote of thanks	President Ray	Murray Patchell
President's table	-	Carmen Schoberl
Club speaker	Teresa Topp Waikite Valley School Principal	Margriet Theron
Fellowship/badges	Russell Dale	Richard Fullard
Quote of the week	Perry Stevens	Roger Willard
Fining officer	Bruce Scott	Fergus Cumming
Committee report	-	-

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