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CLUB MEETINGS  
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.



## Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 09 May 2016

### *President's Pen*

Monday evening's visit to Waikite School was a lot of fun and we managed to raise about \$1,200 for the school. A special thanks to Peter Spurdle and Kierin Irvine for organising the visit.

Rotary offers lots of things to its members and Fellowship is one of them. Certainly as far as Monday evening is concerned I enjoyed good fellowship travelling to and from Waikite and while there.

This weekend in the Rotary Conference in Napier and Bruce and Janice Scott, Garth and Jan Wilson, Fergus and Barbara Cummings and Pat and I will be attending. I'm sure that there will be feedback on our return.

Another benefit of Rotary is networking. That might sound like a strange thing for me to say, being a hospital chaplain, but I have appreciated the ability to call on fellow Rotarians to help distressed people that I come into contact with in my work. I have called on a couple of Rotarians in the last month for help that I wasn't able to provide. Those members unhesitatingly responded to my request and made a significant contribution to the lives of those that they helped. One member arrived at the hospital to help and the person that they had come to help had asked them what the cost was, and the Rotarian said that there was no cost and it was their pleasure to provide the help.

Those are just two instances that I have experienced in the last month, but I know that our Club is full of members who are constantly giving of themselves, their time, skills and money to assist others, and I also know that these things are done quietly and often without no one knowing. Can I as President thank you not just on behalf of the Club, but on behalf of our community for the work that you do and for your generosity of spirit?  
Have a great week

*President Ray*

# Notices and Reminders

A message from Russell Burton: Rotary has committed to a partnership with the Rotorua Lakes Council to launch Tulip Fest 2016.

Time **From 9 am, Saturday, 14 May 2016**

Venue Hospital Hill, Lake Road, Rotorua

The intent is to plant 10,000 tulip bulbs that will flower in October for the 2016 Rotorua Tulip Fest. We need Rotarians plus their whanau with, if possible, a wheelbarrow, rake, shovel and a high-viz vest. Bring some refreshments along. Names to Russell Burton as soon as possible please.

## High Schools Speech Competition: 6 pm, 16 May 2016, Distinction Hotel

This is always a highlight of our annual Rotary programme and it is a good meeting to bring guests along. The meeting will be held as a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Rotorua lakes. The meal cost will be \$26 (plus \$5 tea/coffee). A cash bar will be operating from 5.30pm. Firm numbers will be sought at Monday's meeting. Please check with your potential guests so you can make a commitment on Monday. The topic for the competition chosen by our Immediate Past President Russell Dale is: "How do we minimize the impacts of new technologies on society?"

Mrs Claire Marsh will be the adjudicator. She is a Trustee of Speech New Zealand and works across New Zealand and in London as a teacher, business trainer, voice coach, examiner and adjudicator in speech and drama. She is an accredited adjudicator for both the Association of New Zealand Drama Adjudicators and the Speech Communication Association.

Please let Ann Nicholas know if you will attend or are an apology by email ([annn@sigmaconsult.co.nz](mailto:annn@sigmaconsult.co.nz)) or phone (021 607 212) if you will not be at Rotary on Monday, 9 May 2016.

## Worksite visit on 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.

## 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 for this year to Allen, please. Some initial ideas from Club members: support for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and a contribution to buying a small bus for Waikite Valley School. Comments on these?

## 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 (7 May)  
Judy Burton (11 May)  
Necia Marriner (15 May)



# From the previous meeting

## Guest speakers: Susan Atkinson and Chris White

The most recent meeting of the Club was held at Waikite Valley School. We were welcomed by Principal Teresa Topp. Susan Atkinson, a local resident who has been a teacher, parent, and Board of Trustees Chairman of the school, gave us an overview of Waikite. It was settled mainly since 1951 by dairy farmers. The school was set up in 1955, with the locals preferring a site at the hot pools, but with the South Auckland Education Board deciding on a barren site at a cattle yard. The Lockwood building was a trial in speedy construction; difficulties in adapting the plan resulted in a leaky roof. Student numbers peaked at 175 in 1966. With farm amalgamations and students leaving for city intermediate schools, the roll is now down to 53, but the school remains the heart of the community.

Chris White lived in Waikite Valley for 47 years. He has many stories related to the working bees held to build the school, hot pools, supper room at the hall, squash court, church and golf club. Around 1900 there were only flax harvesting and escaped Cobb & Co wild horses in the valley. The Land and Survey Department developed farms after the Great Depression of the 1930s; these were settled by returned servicemen in the 1950s. It was difficult to get finance for farms south of the Hemo Gorge. He bought a run-down dairy farm. Communication was difficult, with phone calls to Rotorua or Hamilton charged as toll calls. For the building projects, funds were raised through sports days, fashion parades, stock schemes, and progressive dinners. Contractors had to modify their equipment to cope with the soil conditions. Today there are much-improved farming practices and lifestyle blocks from where residents commute to Rotorua for work and school.

## 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>9 May 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel</b>	<b>16 May 2016 at 6 pm at the Distinction Hotel</b>
Guest Speaker	Sharon Crean "Beyond Water" (East Africa – sanitation projects)	Speech Contest: Claire Marsh, Adjudicator
Introduction	Dennis Neilson	Ann Nicholas
Vote of thanks	Murray Patchell	President Ray
President's table	Carmen Schoberl	Ann Nicholas
Club speaker	Margriet Theron Road Scholars	-
Fellowship/badges	Richard Fullard	Bryce Dunn
Quote of the week	Roger Willard	Margriet Theron
Fining officer	Fergus Cumming	-
Committee report	-	-

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Noon on Wednesdays

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