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## **Rotary Club of Rotorua**

Monday, 13 June 2016 *President's Pen* 

Much to my chagrin today was about the second time that I have looked at the monthly Rotary theme. This month it is Rotary Fellowship Month. I know that we have members who are involved in different fellowships and get a lot of pleasure from them.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of Rotary from my perspective is Fellowship. You will note that I have now moved from Rotary Fellowships. Fellowship is very important in every organisation and to every person. We are made to be in relationship with others, and I believe that extends beyond our spouses and partners.

When I was a Parish Minister many years ago, I was told that one of the signs of a healthy church was that people would linger and talk after the service. They wanted to be together, to encourage each other, to support each other and to be friends.

I have been involved in a number of Club projects and while they have been very worthwhile, I personally have found the fellowship of the Rotarians that I have been working with has been outstanding. We get to really know each other, we support each other, have fun together and somehow in all of this the Rotary connection is deepened as we have Rotary in common.

A number of us were at Circus Quirkus the other might, and while we were there to do a job that was not in the least bit onerous. It was great to have time to chat together in an environment that was not a Rotary or Committee meeting. Another advantage was getting to see the show and I really enjoyed it.

Can I encourage us as a Club to be intentional about fellowship, to be actively involved in the activities of the Club, both projects and social. If we commit to doing that, then both we and the Club will become richer.

## President Ray

## **Notices and Reminders**

### Jim Hampson has resigned

It is with great regret that President Ray and the Club have accepted the resignation of Jim Hampson. Jim has served the Club in many capacities, most recently as a member of the Youth Committee. He joined Rotary in 1984. He has decided to resign due to failing health. We wish him well as he sets off for treatment at Waikato Hospital. Jim said that his back door at 170 Dalbeth Road will always be open to members of the Club who want to drop by for a cup of tea.

#### **Bulbs for Tulip Fest**

Last chance to plant tulip bulbs in your garden and on your street front to flower in time for Rotorua's Tulip Fest in October. Bulbs are \$1 each at Mitre 10.

#### The life and music of Vera Lynn

**Vicki Lee** will be in concert with the songs and memories of an era at St Faith's Church on Saturday, 18 June 2016 at 2.30 pm and 7 pm. Tickets at \$20 are available from Gould Photography or online at <a href="https://www.needlecraft.co.nz">www.needlecraft.co.nz</a> - search for Vera Lynn. A nostalgic journey, filled with warmth and professionalism, from one of NZ's most talented female entertainers.



### **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.

## **Thomas George**

Members of the Club will remember Thomas George who was a Hotel Management lecturer at Waiariki Institute of Technology. For many years he was also our contact person at Waiariki for the Club's Forestry and Hotel Management Scholarships. Thomas has sent Margriet an update. He now teaches English and Hospitality in China and recently he was the Chief Judge at the National Vocational Students Skills Competition. The students set up tables to a theme such as the Silk Road, Harry Potter, or Mother's Day. They then had to describe the theme to Thomas and two other Chinese Judges in English and had to answer impromptu questions about the theme. Thomas loves his new job, and sends his regards to the Club.



## Happy birthday!

June birthdays are rare. No Club members are having a birthday in the next week. I searched for 13 June birthdays of famous people but the only one I had heard of was W B Yeats, born in Ireland in 1865. The rest were dancers, DJs, reality stars, rappers, guitarists, basketball players and models. Tip for Fining Officer Russell Burton: test how well the Bulletin is read by asking: "Whose birthday is it today?"



## From the Previous Meeting

### **Quotes from Bob Allison**

The best way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once. – E Joseph Crossman

On my fifth birthday, my father put his hand on my shoulder and said: "Remember my son, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm." – Sam Levenson

## **Speaker: Ngaire Jackson on living with polio**

Doug Clemens introduced Ngaire Jackson who has worked on and off in his law firm as a secretary and is still a part-time secretary there. She has worked in a number of Rotorua law firms since 1968. Ngaire spent her childhood at Lake Rotoehu where she contracted polio in 1954. She was paralysed for three weeks and spent six months in hospital. Operations on her foot did not work, she was in callipers and on and off in plaster until she was 14 years old. By the time she was 12 years there was a difference of two and a half inches in the length of her legs. In one leg she had no functioning muscles from the knee down. She was then operated on by an orthopaedic surgeon in Palmerston North who stopped the growth in her healthy leg. By the time she was 15 her legs only differed by a quarter of an inch in length. She swam a lot at Soda Springs; twice 600 meters every day in the lake. Her case of polio was one of the last in the Bay of Plenty, just six months before the polio vaccination campaign. Her surgeon was a keen deer stalker; when he visited her family he would change her plaster on the kitchen table after shooting some deer. She has participated in Rotary's polio fundraising campaigns by swimming 1,200 meter at the Aquatic Centre to raise \$1,500. Good physiotherapy treatment and lots of swimming ensured that she was not, as her doctor had predicted, in a wheelchair by 35.

## Rotary Club of Rotorua: the team for 2016/17

Incoming President Allen Foote was pleased to announce his team for next Rotary year:

President Allen Foote
Vice-President Russell Burton
Second Vice-President Richard Fullard

#### **Directors**

International Richard Pryce
Vocational Martyn Craven
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#### Other

Treasurer Martin Kinder Secretary Robin Findon Margriet Theron **Bulletin Editor** Programme Russell Dale **Publicity** Richard Fullard Peter Spurdle Sergeant **Deputy Sergeant** Barry Lane Archivist/Historian Tony Baker Webmaster Tony Baker Welfare Garth Wilson

# **Duty roster**

If you cannot do your duty, please arrange a replacement and advise Sergeant Richard Pryce on 027 2765478 or <a href="mailto:rpryce@tomwake.co.nz">rpryce@tomwake.co.nz</a>

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

	13 June 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	20 June 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Lynne Luke: Alzheimers support	Waiariki scholarship recipients: Sara Falconer and Alex McKillop (Hospitality Management) and Byron Dewar (Forest Management)
Introduction	Tony Baker	Bruce Rykers
Vote of thanks	Bruce Rykers	President Ray
President's table	Bob Allison	Waiariki lecturers
Club speaker	Sue Gunn: Rotary Community Profile	-
Fellowship/badges	Garth Wilson	John Heaton
Quote of the week	Katrina Allison	Tony Baker
Fining officer	Russell Burton	Doug Clemens
Committee report	-	-

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