



## *Rotary Club of Rotorua*

### Monday, 1 August 2016

### *President's Pen*

#### **World President**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

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Bulletin

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Russell Dale

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Peter Spurdle

Webmaster

Tony Baker

Archivist

Tony Baker

#### **Club meetings**

Mondays at 12.30

pm (except public  
holidays)

Sudima Hotel

1000 Eruera Street,  
Rotorua.

Phone 07 348 1174

to apologise if

unable to attend.

The challenge that comes to me in Rotary is to make my membership a personally satisfying experience. And that's not just enjoying a meal around the table every week. I can enjoy my food anywhere with who-ever, or on my own. It is what happens when I am eating, who I can talk with, share with, plan with, about what I can achieve as a Rotarian, that adds to the enjoyment of the meal.

That's what I like about the New Rotary Generation Club in Invercargill and the Satellite Rotary Clubs. Their focus is not the formal Club meeting but on the service component in meeting together. The New Rotary Generation Club meets wherever they want to. A pizza, fish and chips or sandwiches is all they bring to the park, someone's home, or wherever is convenient, to eat while they sit around and plan their next project.

At the first strategy meeting at the Pig & Whistle a few weeks ago we took the time to evaluate what was happening in our Club. We all want it to be a successful and fruitful experience. While it is easy to just let things go as we always do, we need to appreciate the value in keeping going and keeping relevant.

I noted the main questions that were asked at the meeting. A very relevant one was, "If Rotary no longer existed, what would be the impact on the community?" That's pretty important to me. I want to know that my presence in my community is appreciated and needed. What sort of encouragement would it be for me if I was told, "We can get along without your help"? I want to feel needed and useful. We all need that stimulus in our lives. It gives us that warm feeling of acceptance.

We made a list of the projects in which our Club is involved. There are 24 of them. That's great work. I have personally enjoyed being part of many of them. I know most of you have done your best to get involved. Keep it up. It's what we are here for and will also make our Club continually relevant.

Directors, as you set out your plans for the year, involve as many people as you can in accomplishing each project. Each member has been allocated to a Committee but we need each one of you to stretch your involvement over the whole scene. Make yourself available before you are asked and surprise the Director. Let's share the enjoyment. Let's not think of each project as a chore.

So, I'm on to it! Join me in making this year as enjoyable and meaningful as we can.

*President Allen*

# Notices and Reminders

## Hosting Lincoln University students

Members of the Club have been asked if they would be willing to host a Lincoln University student on Monday, 15 August 2016 for one night. The students will be on a field trip to Rotorua. For each student hosted the Club will receive \$50. Please phone or email President Allen as soon as possible if you are able to host a student.

## Kaharoa Kokako Trust workdays

Tom Davies is encouraging members of the Club to join the Kaharoa Kokako Trust to fill bait stations with non-toxic pre-feed. The work will be undertaken on 3 and 17 September 2016. Please email Tom if you are able to help.

## Needs in our community

Many Rotarians contribute to the work of voluntary organisations in our community. President Allen would like to hear from you if you are aware of needs in our community which Rotary could address.

## 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.

## Birthdays this coming week

Barbara Cumming (2 August)

Murray Patchell (2 August)

Paul East (4 August)



## From the previous meeting

### Quotes from Peter Spurdle

The beauty of me is that I am very rich. – Donald Trump.

Culture eats strategy for breakfast. – Steve Hansen.

### Guest speaker: Sarah Heine, CEO of BioPolymer Network Ltd

Sarah Heine started her research career at Scion, working on generating more income streams from the forest. Biopolymer Network is a collaboration in the commercialisation of biopolymer science by three Crown Research Institutes: Scion, AgResearch, and Plant and Food Research. Globally, the bioeconomy is developing fast. Proctor and Gamble plans to replace 25% of the oil-based plastic they use with bioplastic by 2020. Bioplastics are used in agriculture, personal care, horticulture, and many other industries. BioPolymer uses liquid CO<sub>2</sub> processing, starting off with PLA foam pellets derived from corn. Their products will have a positive environmental image. Charlies, the soft drink manufacturer, uses bottles made from PLA. BioPolymer is undertaking trials with plastic foam made from PLA. Unlike polystyrene, it does decay and has multiple end-of-life options as it composts away to nothing. It can also be burnt. BioPolymer are world leaders in getting PLA foam to market. They have done tests with fish boxes in Nelson. If the PLA foam ends up in the ocean it is not toxic to fish. They are now undertaking commercial moulding trials in Auckland. Apart from being less heat tolerant, PLA foam performs much like Styrofoam and Sarah believes that they are close to the final answer. They are also researching tannin extracts which has multiple industrial applications.

## Club speaker: Tony Baker

Tony Baker coordinates the Club's involvement in the free Driver Directions programme in which Rotary plays a big part, with 27 Rotary volunteers who help at the Taupo MotorSport Park during school holidays. Over the past five years Rotary has worked with the funders, the NZ Transport Agency and the Rotorua Lakes Council, at 30 of these courses. Other supporters are the Police, the Fire Service and driving instructors. The young people, on learner or restricted licences, come with their own vehicle and a parent or caregiver. The course focuses on safe driving, resisting peer pressure, managing distractions, and reading the road environment. Rotary is responsible for two of the practical stations: reversing and vehicle maintenance. Other activities include braking, driving on an unsealed road, parallel parking, and avoiding driveway run-over. Tony is always looking for a few more volunteers to add to his list of helpers – transport to Taupo and lunch are provided.

## Duty Roster

If you cannot do your duty, please arrange a replacement and advise Sergeant Peter Spurdle on 027 7787353 or [spurdle.family@xtra.co.nz](mailto:spurdle.family@xtra.co.nz)

Club speakers to advise Margriet on [theronm@yahoo.com](mailto:theronm@yahoo.com) if they require the data projector.

	<b>1 August 2016 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel</b>	<b>8 August 2016 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel</b>
Guest Speaker	Dan Allen-Gordon Kids Can	PDG Paul Wright, "Fire Services Reorganisation"
Introduction	Fergus Cumming	Russell Dale
Vote of thanks	Margriet Theron	Roger Willard
President's table	Margriet Theron	Roger Willard
Club speaker	Russell Burton	Doug Clemens
Fellowship/badges	Karl Meyer	Dennis Neilson
Quote of the week	Garth Wilson	Paul Wilson
Fining officer	Tony Hill	Martin Kinder

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

Noon on Wednesdays  
Phone 347 7211 or 021 172 9697  
[theronm@yahoo.com](mailto:theronm@yahoo.com)

### **PLEASE NOTE**

If you are not able to attend a Rotary luncheon for one meeting or more,  
please ring the Sudima on **348 1174** to apologise

