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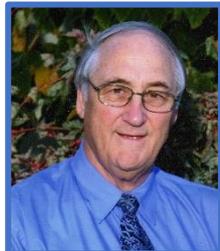
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Club meetings

Mondays at 12.30
pm (except public
holidays)
Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.
Phone 07 348 1174
to apologise if
unable to attend.



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 20 March 2017

President's Pen

Well, last weekend had its negatives as far as the weather is concerned. Besides doing a lot of damage around the area, it caused the Swim the Lakes project to be cancelled, much to the disappointment of Katrina and her team. That's the second time it has happened in the years the project has been running. Unfortunately nature takes its course and we have to be adaptable. But thanks Katrina for your hard work and commitment.

This week the Rotary Down Under Magazine has arrived. I always enjoy reading it through, especially to read of the projects that other Clubs have organised. Some of them are worth assessing as to whether they might work for us. No one should have a copyright on a good idea.

Take a look at the ones in this month's issue. It might even get our inventive brains working to come up with creative ways to serve our community. I'm all for more activities where the need lies. Good Rotarians will always be looking for service ideas. We should never look at funds and say we haven't got enough to do anything more. A new idea will give an impetus for raising the necessary cash to cover it.

As I read the RDU, the interview with incoming RI President, Australian, Ian Riseley, reminded me that we are three quarters of the way through my year as President. Yet I look ahead to a busy three months which I hope we can all enjoy together.

We have lined up the School Leaders for our next meeting. Be early as we want to get under way at 12:15pm. There are eleven speakers that John Powell has lined up for us. It will be inspiring to see the enthusiasm of these young leaders.

There's the Road Safety Expo coming up in April followed the next week by the Driver Directions programme at the Taupo Motorsport Park. That's a day of value for young drivers. I've always enjoyed being there. Mind you not as exciting as the first time when I had a couple of spins around the track in a Lotus. Not as the driver, though. I even got on TV3. If you are happy to help at either event let Tony know.

Circus Quirkus is also on the way. It's really great to give away tickets to children who would never be able to afford them. A great show to experience and to support.

And there's more to be enjoyed on my watch. Keep the ideas coming. It keeps us all alive and makes service enjoyable and rewarding.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Head Prefects' Lunch

This year's Head Prefects Lunch will be held at the club's usual meeting place, the Rotorua Golf Club, on **Monday 20 March 2017**. Six schools will be attending; the Rotorua School for Young Parents is unable to make it on the day. One volunteer per school is required to be the host for the Head Prefects and their supporters. Hosts have been appointed for each school and members attending are also encouraged to welcome and mix with school representatives.

If bringing guests, please let Martin know by Friday 17th March.

Please note: The "Speakers Schedule" is an attachment in the message area of this email. This will enable those Rotarian hosts to know the names and numbers of those people you will be hosting and tables can be set up accordingly.

Tables will be labelled with the names of the schools. The Rotary club meets the cost of lunch for two student leaders and one Principle or member of the staff for each school – additional supporters are charged \$10 for their lunch. John Powell wishes to thank all for their assistance with this event.

Circus Quirkus

Circus Quirkus for 2017 is underway culminating in the Circus Show on **Friday 26 May 2017 at 6 pm**. The Club's Charitable Trust has a contract with International Entertainment Ltd who provides a top quality circus style show to entertain under-privileged children in our community. A professional fundraiser contacts local businesses for donations of \$50 which secures a seat for a child. The children are advised who sponsors their seat and they are encouraged to make contact with the sponsor after the show. This is the main fundraiser for the Charitable Trust producing around \$6,000 per year to fund various local projects. Please support Circus Quirkus when approached to provide sponsorship. Volunteers are required to act as ushers on show night. Please put your hand up to help out and enjoy the show!

Waikite Valley School: Rural Visit

On 10 April 2017 we will have an evening meeting at Waikite Valley School. Partners are warmly invited. Details about the arrangements to come from Vocational Director Martyn Craven.

Rotary Gardening Project

Next gardening session will be on Sunday 26 March.

Robyn will email those who have volunteered with the address and details.

Hospital Chaplaincy Fundraising Breakfast

Friday, 31 March 2017 at 7 am at Third Place Café. Tickets at \$25 are available from Past-President Ray Bloomfield.

Papamoa Rotary Golf Tournament

Tuesday, 25 April 2017, ANZAC Day Afternoon. Shotgun start from 12:15 pm. Mount Maunganui Golf Club, Fairway Avenue, Mount Maunganui.

Youth Expo and Driver Directions

Helpers required for **Rotorua Road Safety Youth Expo**, 10th – 13th April at Energy Events Centre, and then the **Driver Directions** programme for young drivers on 18th and 19th April at Taupo Motorsport Park. Please click [ROTARY](#) if you are able to help at one of these youth programmes.



Fiona Wilson (22 March)

Teresa McDowell (26 March)

From the previous meeting

Guest speaker Brent Crowe

Four years ago, Brent was Rotorua District Operations Manager, based at District headquarters, with a wide ranging responsibility including dogs, search and rescue, civil defence and file management. He then spent 5 months as acting Taupo Area Commander, responsible for several small stations through a number of high profile incidents.

In early 2016 he changed to road policing, as District Manager for the Bay of Plenty, Taupo and South Waikato. Brent described his work towards safer roads, including working with NZTA and territorial authorities. He referred to the Road Policing Action Plan which has several priorities including

- Safer roads – appropriate speed and slower drivers.
- In car behaviour - changing use of cell phones, eating, and other distractions
- Impaired drivers – fatigue, drinking and driving which is less of an issue in younger age group than for the over 50s - but drugs are an increasing issue,
- Vulnerable drivers – such as cyclists and international visitors (although international visitors account for only 6% of crashes)
- High risk drivers - a small number who account for disproportionate crashes.

They are using social media to try to reach as many as possible. Brent played a video clip which has been on Facebook for 2 weeks with over 50,000 hits. It is about a young woman who is now in a wheel chair due to poor choices - driving drunk, speeding, on a learner's licence and no seat belt, in an unregistered, unwarranted car. Brent encouraged us to look at the video on BOP Police Facebook page and share it. "See something - do something".

Brent acknowledged Rotary's commitment to road safety, especially Driver Directions and the Expo which resonate with young people.

In response to a question, he advised that about 9 percent nationally do not wear seatbelts, often for silly and fatal reasons. Drink driving is worse in older ages, over 50s upwards. Young people don't grasp the reasons for graduated licences.

Brent commented that he has become passionate and evangelical about road safety after attending "fatals" and the families affected. He is enjoying the role, rank, and Rotorua, as a location to live and work.



Click [Conference](#) to register for the D9930 Conference
Registrations close on March 20th, 2017

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

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

If you are unable to attend and to avoid paying for your meal, please send apologies to Martin Kinder by the Friday before the meeting on mkinder@deloitte.co.nz

	20 March 2017 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club	27 March 2017 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club
Guest Speaker	Head Prefects from Rotorua's High Schools	Reade Nikora "Rotorua Road Safety Youth Expo"
Introduction	John Powell	Tony Baker
Vote of thanks	Ann Nicholas	Garth Wilson
President's table	Ann Nicholas	Garth Wilson
Club speaker	-	Dennis Neilson
Fellowship/badges	Martyn Craven	Russell Dale
Quote of the week	Fergus Cumming	Bruce Rykers
Fining officer	-	Richard Fullard
Room set-up	Richard Pryce	Tom Davies

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