



Rotary Club of Rotorua

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 31 July 2017

It was a very full on Rotary weekend with a strong focus on fellowship. Thanks to Richard Pryce for organising the 'Guess who is coming to dinner' dinners on Saturday night. I certainly had a very special night at the Kinder household and from what I heard this was replicated in two other homes as well.

Sunday saw 17 Rotarian cyclists under starters orders at Aratiatia Dam on the Tour de Taupō. Aply led by Past President Russell we set off to Taupō on what proved to be a more challenging track than many of us had expected but a really interesting track as it wended its way along the banks of the Waikato and past the Huka Falls. Lunch at a very up market cafe in Taupō followed and those with energy left departed on the quickest route out of Taupō back to the dam. It was quite an effort plugging up the hill on a full stomach.

Having taken two and a half hours to get to Taupō we managed to get back in one and a half hours in spite of a current President, who shall otherwise remain nameless, taking the right hand turn when the correct route followed by the others was to the left. The problem with being a natural leader is that you need natural followers and clearly we don't have any of those in the club! A big thanks to PP Russell Dale for making this happen.

We have another guess who is coming to dinner coming up on October the 14th and another cycle ride in Napier on the weekend of the 24-25 February.

As we discussed at the meeting on Monday we have had two resignations of late; that of Noel Lamberton and Peter Baars. Peter was concerned that his travelling our of the country for long periods was an impediment to him being able to fully participate in contributing to the club. That members do travel overseas for long periods and/or have substantial work commitments is a fact of modern life and the club must be resilient enough to accomodate this. As Fergus eloquently put it – being part of Rotary is as you can contribute and not being held to always being at meetings.

The intention of moving to a project approach is to minimise those roles where there is a substantial and regular commitment. For example finding speakers each week. The suggestion is that every one of us has a slot where they need to secure a speaker and fill it in on the annual calendar. We will work on this.

It was good to have a session on our club and club health. One of the important aspects in any business, club or activity is to balance the focus of effort to being not only doing the business of the club but doing the work on the club as well.

President Russell

World President

Ian Riseley

D9930 Governor

Leonie Tisch

President

Russell Burton

Immediate Past President

Allen Foote

Directors

Administration

Martin Kinder

Secretary

Robyn Murphy

Membership

Richard Pryce

Projects

Ann Nicholas

Officers

Welfare

Ray Bloomfield

Sergeant

Barry Lane

Webmaster / Archivist /

Historian

Tony Baker

Bulletin Editors

Bob/Katrina Allison

Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

NOTICES AND REMINDER

High Schools Speech Contest, Monday 14 August

Our annual High Schools Speech Contest will be held on Monday 14 August 5.30pm for 6pm start at the Distinction Hotel Convention Centre, Fenton Street carpark. This will be a joint meeting with the Rotorua Lakes Rotary Club. This is a great meeting to bring family and guests. Numbers will be required the week before. More information about meals and costs will be provided in future bulletins.

2017 NZ General Election Outcome Possibilities, Monday 21 August

Dennis Neilson has invited members to attend a reception affiliated with his DANA Forestry Conference. Speakers David Farrar (Editor Kiwiblog) and Mathew Hooton (Director of Exceltium) will give their perspectives on the upcoming election from Wellington and Auckland perspectives. If interested contact Julie Bell at admin@dana.co.nz or call 349 2764 [Ext 2].

Future Leaders Forum, Saturday 9 September

Rotary New Zealand, together with [Leadership New Zealand](#), invite Rotarians to attend the **Future Leaders Forum** - a unique opportunity for Rotarians to meet and interact with significant civil, commercial, community and Rotary leaders for an inspirational and informative forum. The forum is being run in conjunction with the Governors Institute

on the morning of Saturday 9 September 2017. For further information and to register, go to <http://rotaryoceania.zone/SitePage/rotary-zone-7b-symposium-2017>

FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Quote from Denis Marriner

“One of the key problems today is that politics is such a disgrace. Good people don't go into government.” Donald Trump

Club meeting

President Russell reviewed the upcoming year and urged members to support the various planned projects. He thanked Richard Pryce and Russell Dale for their organising efforts over the past weekend. He also noted the resignations of Noel Lamberton and Peter Baars.

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Louw van Wyk - 28 July
Jan Wilson – 28 July
Robyn Spurdle – 29 July
Marlene Baker – 31 July

GET WELL BEST WISHES

Bruce Rykers is still unwell and has been transferred to Waikato Hospital. Please give him a call to show your care and support (027 294 1820).

Up and Coming

Club meeting	31 July 2017	7 August 2017
Guest Speaker	Glen Murphy, Forestry Consultant	TBA
Introduction	Tony Baker	Ray Bloomfield
Vote of thanks	Doug Clemens	Fergus Cummins
Club speaker	Tom Davies	Allen Foote
Fellowship badges	Barry Lane	Robyn Murphy
Quote of the week	Ann Nicholas	Ian Pound
Fining officer	Ian Pound	John Powell
Room set-up	Peter Spurdle	Margriet Theron

Looking forward: long term view of our agenda for the year.

Month	Date	Activity	Location	Contact
August	6	Directors Meeting	Russell Residence	Robyn Murphy
	7	Hazel Warnes	RGC	Russell Burton
	14	Speech Competition	Evening	Ann Nicholas
	21	TBA		
	21	Lincoln Students		Martin Kinder
October	28	Leonie Tisch District Governor	RGC	Russell Burton
	14	Guess who is coming to dinner	TBA	Richard Pryce
November	23	Labour Day – no meeting		
	3-5	RYPEN		
	17	The Fun'raiser lunch	Energy Events Centre	Russell Burton
December	27	Club AGM	RGC	Russell Burton
	11	Christmas Function -evening	TBA	Katrina Allison and Robyn Murphy
	18	No meeting		
January	25	Christmas Day – no meeting		
	1	No meeting		
	8	First meeting back		
March	15	Harold Holmes Scholarship		
	12	School Leaders		TBA
April	24/25	Swim the lake		Katrina Allison and Barry Lane
	2	Easter – no meeting		
June	4	Queens Birthday – no meeting		
	25	Change over - evening		