



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 21 August 2017

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Russell Burton

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Allen Foote

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### Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,  
399 Fenton Street,  
Rotorua.

The 53<sup>rd</sup> running of the school speech competition more than lived up to expectations with five very stunning, confident and very smart young adults reminding us how proud we should be of the youth of today. Too often the press reminds us of the challenges that youth pose to themselves and society enough to make us despair for the future. That was not in evidence last night when each able representative from our high schools responded to the challenge of how we could make our communities a better place. Congratulations to Past President Allen Foote for his selection of topic. It gave scope for each speaker to show his/her imagination and freedom for interpretation.

I did not envy Claire Marsh her job of deciding on the winner. Shanayla Barret from Western Heights was however a popular choice. Her theme was about what we do as individuals that change a community for the better. Stop hiding behind our smart phones and our virtual friends and engage personally with the person who serves you at the Dairy or at the store. Nathan Kenah from Rotorua Boys High School had a similar theme reminding us that the only person we can change is ourselves. "You must be the change you want to see in yourself" Mahatma Gandhi.

Shanayla also reminded us about what community has traditionally meant. The expanded whanau, living on or around the marae. It reminded me of a visit I made to a new community in Swanson a number of years ago. About 20 households all on one large site, individual houses but shared services such as laundries, gardens etc, the families all looking after each other. What particularly impressed me is that they only had one electricity connection fee- so shared across the houses the average power bill was about \$16 per month. We may not all want quite such intimate housing. However the modern norm is now the other extreme, very separate houses, subdivisions designed to favour roads and transport not to create or foster a sense of community.

It was also special to co-host the evening with the Lakes Club. We need to do this more often. An excellent evening and thanks to Past President Ann and her project team of Fergus and Robyn.

Role on the 54<sup>th</sup> speech competition!

### President Russell

Also note that the Gardening project intended for the 19<sup>th</sup> has been postponed - see below.

## NOTICES AND REMINDER

### Gardening project, Saturday 26 August

The date of the gardening project has been changed to Saturday 26th August, 1.00pm. General weeding, light pruning including roses at the following address:

Elayne King  
13 Caledonia Rd (off Beaumont Rd)  
Ngongotaha

Please confirm with Robyn Murphy by email if you are able to come along and help out.

### 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. The venue is the Novotel; 5:30 for 6:00pm start. If interested contact Julie Bell at [admin@dana.co.nz](mailto:admin@dana.co.nz) or call 349 2764 [Ext 2].

### Dictionaries in Schools

We are hoping to present dictionaries to Year 4 students at Rotorua Primary School and Seventh Day Adventist School in the fourth term. A coordinator is needed for this project – if you are interested, please contact Ann Nicholas.

### NZ Road Relay, 30 September

Garth Wilson has been approached by Kaye Paulger asking if our Rotary club can provide about 12 marshals at Ngongotaha between 08:00 to 11:30 on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> for the NZ Road Relay. For this, there is a donation of \$500. This is similar to what the club did for many years for the Rotorua Marathon and should be a great club project.

Garth needs to get back to Kaye with numbers, so please let him know if you can help by 30 August.

## FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### Speech Contest Report, Ann Nicholas

Our club held this speech contest for the first time in 1965. In that year it was won by Rotorua Girls High School. This year we welcomed 5 excellent contestants from our Rotorua high schools: Eamon Walsh from John Paul College, Rangipurei Manley from Rotorua Girls High School, Nathan Kenah from Rotorua Boys High School, Emma Jackson from Rotorua Lakes High School and Shanayla Barrett from Western Heights High School. They were supported by parents, teachers and friends.



The topic for the contest is always chosen by the immediate past president; this year, by our Immediate PP Allen Foote: *“How do we make our community a better place?”* In his President’s Pen, President Russell has captured the great and very different responses from our speakers. We were pleased to have our 2016 adjudicator, Claire Marsh, back again. She was supported by timekeeper, Robyn Murphy. Thanks to Fergus for chasing around the schools to such great effect, stepping in after Tony Hill was taken ill.



## BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Karl Meyer, 17 August  
 Kathryn Willard, 20 August  
 Kierin Irvine, 23 August  
 Richard Pryce, 28 August

great participant and contributor to our club and the wider Rotary community. He leaves his wife Elaine and their four children Adrian, Rebecca, Gregory and Mark.

## CONDOLENCES

It's with sadness to report the recent passing of fellow Tony Hill. Tony has been in Rotary for 32 years and has been a

All club members extend their condolences to Elaine and his family at this sad and challenging time.

## Up and Coming

Club meeting	21 August 2017	28 August 2017
Guest Speaker	Hazel Warnes, Principal Chapman College	Leonie Tisch, District Governor
Introduction	Doug Clemens	Fergus Cumming
Vote of thanks	Russell Dale	Allen Foote
Club speaker	John Heaton	Kierin Irvine
Fellowship badges	Denis Marriner	Ann Nicholas
Quote of the week	John Powell	Richard Pryce
Fining officer	Richard Pryce	Peter Spurdle
Room set-up	Roger Willard	Katrina Allison

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
	21	Lincoln College Students		Martin Kinder
	21	Rotary National Science and Technology Forum	Applications close with Club	Fergus Cumming
	28	Leonie Tisch District Governor	RGC	Russell Burton
	31	Police Person of the Year	Process begins in August	Bruce Scott
September	4			
	8	Rotary National Science and Technology Forum	Nominations due with Forum Convenor	Fergus Cumming
	11	Marion Sangland/ Lou Sherman Curious Minds	RGC	Russell Burton
	17	Directors meeting	Russell Residence	Robyn Murphy
	18	TBC		
	25			
October	9			
	11			

	14	Guess who is coming to dinner	TBA	Richard Pryce
	17	Quiz night	TBC	Martin Kinder
	23	Labour day – no meeting		
November	3-5	RYPEN		
	6			
	13			
	17	Fun'raiser lunch	Energy Events Centre	Katrina Allison
	20			
	27	Club AGM	RGC	Russell Burton
December	4			
	11	Christmas Function	TBA	Katrina Allison and Robyn Murphy
	18	No meeting		
	25	Christmas Day – no meeting		
January	1	New Years Day – no meeting		
	8	No meeting		
	15	Harold Holmes Scholarship		
	22			
	29	Auckland Anniversary – no meeting		
February	5			
	12			
	19			
	23/24	Hawkes Bay Cycling	Hawkes Bay	Russell Dale
	26			
March	5			
	12	School Leaders		
	19			
	24-25	Swim The Lake		Katrina Allison / Barry Lane
	26			
April	2	Easter – no meeting		
	9			
	23			
	30			
May	7			
	14			
	21			
	28			
June	4	Queens Birthday – no meeting		
	11			
	18			
	25	Change over - evening		