



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 28 August 2017

### 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

Programme Coordinator

Garth Wilson

### Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,  
399 Fenton Street,  
Rotorua.

My apologies for not being able to make it to our meeting on Monday. The reality is I am not always in fact, decreasingly it seems, in command of my own diary. I am guessing for many of us that is the case. My thanks to Richard for stepping in to manage the meeting.

I also want to thank Garth for stepping in to manage the speaker diary – it is important that we all work through him as we identify speakers and lock in dates.

Following so many people telling me I needed to see the movie Dunkirk I did something I have not done for a while and took myself off to the movies. I see why it comes so highly recommended. It was great to watch a movie that built atmosphere and avoided using computer generated images. Something else that was unique for a war movie – you never saw the 'enemy'. Instead it was about people in a desperate situation being people and doing desperate, heroic and often not heroic deeds.

I had always seen myself as being pretty good at history but realised I knew so little about the Dunkirk situation. What had lead up to it and how did it happen? I knew about the phoney war that suddenly became not phoney at all. I knew about the armada of little boats making there way from 'blighty' to the French Coast but little else. It made me go and do some reading. I never for example knew that Churchill was so close to suing for peace and his cabinet turned him around. With an hour or two of that moment came the speech: "We will fight them on the beaches etc". Churchill is always good for a quote at any time and he pulled a big one out of the bag on that occasion.

History as they say is always interesting but as historians never cease to remind us we never learn from it.

Next Monday we have District Governor Leonie Tisch along to touch base with us all. I have met her briefly on only two other occasions so I look forward to her being on our turf and a chance for us to find out what we can do to support each other.

Yours in Rotary,

### 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 gardening project will be held this 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.

### **Fun'raiser Lunch, Friday 17 November**

Richard Pryce urged club members to support this event. Katrina Allison will begin organising the two tables of 10 that have been reserved for the club.

### **Rotary Foundation Dinner, February 2018**

Mark Gould solicited support from the club for this up coming event to be held at the Holiday Inn in February.

### **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**

### **Quote from Barry Lane**

Colin Meads on being addressed as Sir – “Just Colin, none of that other rubbish”.

“If you come off the field and you feel you haven't done enough, you've let the side down”. Colin Meads

### **Club Speaker**

John Heaton spoke about trade trips taken in the 70's and 80's related to his supplier business then. A memorable visit was to Heller, a German manufacturer of lighting for vehicles and boats as well as other products. The facility was very high-tech for 1976 with many of the warehouse and inventory control system now common today.

### **Guest Speakers**

Ben Dobbe and Shaun Cox related their experiences in the Under-23 Rafting Team that won the national title earlier this year and is now headed to the world champs in Japan in October. The success of their team of six Rotorua young men was all the more significant since all had kayaking backgrounds but little experience in team white water rafting. The club extended their best wishes for success in Japan.

## **BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES**

None this week.

## Up and Coming

Club meeting	28 August 2017	4 September 2017
Guest Speaker	Leonie Tisch, District Governor	Hazel Warnes, Principal Chapman College
Introduction	Fergus Cumming	Russell Dale
Vote of thanks	Allen Foote	John Heaton
Club speaker	Kierin Irvine	Martin Kinder
Fellowship badges	Ann Nicholas	Murray Patchell
Quote of the week	Richard Pryce	Bruce Scott
Fining officer	Peter Spurdle	Margriet Theron
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Katrina Allison (Yes)	Tony Baker (Yes)

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
August	28	Leonie Tisch District Governor	RGC	Russell Burton
	31	Police Person of the Year	Process begins in August	Bruce Scott
September	4	Hazel Warnes, Principal Chapman College	RGC	Garth Wilson
	8	Rotary National Science and Technology Forum	Nominations due with Forum Convenor	Fergus Cumming
	11	Marion Sangland/ Lou Sherman Curious Minds	RGC	Russell Burton
	16	Directors meeting	Russell Residence	Robyn Murphy
	18			
	25			
October	2			
	9			
	14	Guess who is coming to dinner	TBA	Richard Pryce
	16			
	17	Quiz night	TBC	Martin Kinder
	23	Labour day – no meeting		
	30			
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 and Robyn

	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			
	16			
	23			
	30			
May	7			
	14			
	21			
	28			
June	4	Queens Birthday – no meeting		
	11			
	18			
	25	Change over - evening		