



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 4 September 2017

It has been a very special week.

Today we had District Governor Leonie Tisch put the challenge to us and see if we can secure a Presidential Citation. We seem to already be well on the pathway to achieving this: we have paid our dues on time, we are putting in amazing volunteer hours, we have planted our trees and we are increasing public awareness of what we at Rotary are all about. It was great to have Leonie and Lindsay join us today along with our guests Julia and Janice.

Last Saturday saw many of our members working in the garden of a special lady at Ngongotaha. There were about ten of us who in the course of about two hours transformed a garden from a wilderness into a piece of beauty. As Margaret Atwood said 'gardening is not a rational act' it is however very satisfying to look back and see what a difference we made. The minute you turn away those weeds start coming back. A metaphor for life I think. Many thanks to Robyn for making it happen and providing the expert leadership for those with no gardening skills whatever i.e. me. Also thanks to Chainsaw Tom for his role in this exercise. As Robyn pointed out today another garden has already been identified so the troops need to start rallying. The next time we will have a flag at the gate 'Rotary working in our community' meeting District Governor Leonie's need to increase public awareness.

So much is happening. November 17<sup>th</sup> is the big Fun'raiser. Robyn has asked us to come up with a bottle or two of wine to be auctioned for this event. Garth has created the chance for us to add \$500 to our charity treasure chest through helping at the national road relay on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. Please get back to Garth asap if you can help. It is all on.

Yours in Rotary,

**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

Programme Coordinator

Garth Wilson

### Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,  
399 Fenton Street,  
Rotorua.

## NOTICES AND REMINDERS

### Gardening project, Saturday 26 August



*Nearly finished at Elayne King's garden.*

Thanks to Tom Davies, our “chainsaw king” (and his trailer), Ann Nicholas, Katrina Allison, Ian Pound, Jan and Garth Wilson, Dennis Marriner, Russel Burton, and Robyn Murphy. Many thanks also to Elayne for her scrumptious afternoon tea!

Another gardening project is scheduled for 1 October – details later.

### Fun'raiser Lunch, Friday 17 November

Numbers are being finalised for those wishing to join one of the club's two tables at this event. Please contact Katrina Allison or President Russell to reserve a place.

Also Robyn Murphy is preparing a 'Wine Crate' for auction at the Fun'raiser. Fellows are urged to donate wines of at least \$25 value in order to fill an old beer crate with a dozen of premium wine. Please bring along your donation to a club meeting.

### Kaharoa Kokako Trust, Saturday 2 September

Tom Davies informed the club that the Trust would appreciate any help offered for a pest control exercise this weekend.

The start time is 7 am and contact Tom if interested in helping out.

### NZ Road Relay, 30 September

Garth Wilson is still seeking volunteers for marshalling at the upcoming relay. If our Rotary club can provide about 12 marshals at Ngongotaha between 08:00 to 11:30 on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>, the club will earn a donation of \$500.

Garth urgently needs numbers, so please let him know if you can help ASAP.

## FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### Quote from Richard Pryce

Monday being Richard's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, he provided a quote from himself: “Sixty five is only worth 25 points in Scrabble”.

### Club Speaker

Kierin Irvine showed a short video of so-called bubblenet feeding by humpback whales off the coast of Alaska – fascinating! This was the highlight of Kierin and Janette's recent two week cruise along the Alaskan coast. Kierin promises a full reporting on his trip in a later talk to the club.

### Guest Speaker

District Governor Leonie Tisch gave an inspiring talk to the club outlining District and wider Rotary initiatives for the current Rotary year. She challenged the club to attain a Presidential Citation by achieving goals set by Rotary International President Ian Riseley. She highlighted two special projects: New Trees Challenge (one new tree planting per Rotary member) and Days for Girls (distribution of feminine hygiene kits to underprivileged girls in developing countries). She also put in a plug for the District Conference to be held at Wairakei Resort over 18-20 May 2018.

## BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

None this week.

## Up and Coming

Club meeting	4 September 2017	11 September 2017
Guest Speaker	Hazel Warnes, Principal Chapman College	Marion Sangland/Lou Sherman, Curious Minds
Introduction	Russell Dale	Robin Findon
Vote of thanks	John Heaton	Kierin Irvine
Club speaker	Martin Kinder	Barry Lane
Fellowship badges	Murray Patchell	John Powell
Quote of the week	Bruce Scott	Peter Spurdle
Fining officer	Margriet Theron	Roger Willard
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Tony Baker (Yes)	Ray Bloomfield (Yes)

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
	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
	17	Directors meeting	Russell Residence	Robyn Murphy
	18			
	25			
October	1	Gardening project	TBD	Robyn Murphy
	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			
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May	7			
	14			
	21			
	28			
June	4	Queens Birthday – no meeting		
	11			
	18			
	25	Change over - evening		