



Rotary Club of Rotorua

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 11 September 2017

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Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

I seem to be starting with an apology a bit often of late. Owing to a commitment made two years ago I am currently having (hoping as this is written a week ahead) to be exploring one of the remotest spots in New Zealand that is Fiordland. More news on that when I get back.

Thanks to Martin for steering the ship this last Monday. You will have noted a distinct theme coming through over the last period and being followed up next week. Following the all Rotary function with Sir Graeme Dingle we were reminded that looking after our mokopuna is critical on many levels. Firstly that so many of our youth fall through the cracks and contribute to those statistics that we cannot be proud of, youth suicides and so on. That youth hold the future in their hands is a simple truth. If we want to ensure a better New Zealand then investing in them is the best investment we can make.

I personally believe that those exploring different models for supporting youth and their education are wonderful. We don't talk about the three R's any more now we talk about STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects. At the same time we acknowledge our challenges in providing even these basics. We also must start earlier. By the time that our children are in their teens they are either in the system or totally lost to it. Therefore we must explore models that capture them in their very early years. Next week we will hear about a pilot project (called Curious minds) that immerses young Māori in science while they are still pre teenage.

I am very proud of the commitment of our club (and the wider Rotary) to youth such as the speech competition, the youth leaders session and of course to RYPEN and similar. Continuing to explore this theme and more actions we can take is probably the most important thing we can do to make our community more resilient and of course at a personal level help our youth on a positive pathway.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 11th.

Yours in Rotary,

President Russell

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Gardening project, Sunday 1 October

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

Fun'raiser Lunch, Friday 17 November

The club now has three tables reserved with 27 committed to attend.

Please contact Katrina Allison or President Russell to reserve one of the few remaining places.

Remember 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. Fergus Cumming got the ball rolling with a donation of two bottles.

Quiz Night

Martin Kinder reminded the club that a Quiz Night will be held in October with a date to be confirmed.

Welcome back to Bryce Dunn!

FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Quote from Bruce Scott

"You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist". Indira Gandhi

Club Speaker

Martin Kinder spoke of his participation in the official Rotorua launch of Kiwi Can, a programme to promote life skills and values to young people. It aims to build confidence, improve communication skills, reduce truancy and bullying. Rotary has helped raise funds for the programme from a number of sources and three Rotorua schools will begin their participation in the 2018 school year.

Guest Speaker

Hazel Warnes is the principal of Chapman College in Rotorua, a non-denominational Christian school. Hazel spoke of the commitment the school has to inspire its 83 students to achieve academically as well as serve themselves and others and have hope for the betterment of the local and wider community. She also expressed her love of Rotorua and all that it has to offer. Her passionate discourse was well received by the members.

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Pat Bloomfield, 11 September

Up and Coming

Club meeting	11 September 2017	18 September 2017
Guest Speaker	Marion Sangland/Lou Sherman, Curious Minds	Geoff Williams, CEO Lakes District Council
Introduction	Robin Findon	Allen Foote
Vote of thanks	Kierin Irvine	Martin Kinder
Club speaker	Barry Lane	Robyn Murphy
Fellowship badges	John Powell	Richard Pryce
Quote of the week	Peter Spurdle	Margriet Theron

Fining officer	Roger Willard	Garth Wilson
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Ray Bloomfield (Yes)	Doug Clemens (TBC)

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	Geoff Williams, CEO Lakes District Council	RGC	Garth Wilson
	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		
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	23			
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May	7			
	14			
	21			
	28			
June	4	Queens Birthday – no meeting		
	11			
	18			
	25	Change over - evening		