



Rotary Club of Rotorua

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 18 September 2017

Firstly let me pass on my sincere thanks again to Martin Kinder for managing the previous Monday's meeting.

As I noted at our meeting, we have had quite a theme this year on education and youth. The Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaeue model for a new partnership school is another approach to capture youth early and start immersing them into the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects as early as possible. Quite a different approach to the classic learning model. I don't know enough to say what is good or bad although what our youth face today is much more complex than that of their predecessors so we cannot assume that old models of education will necessarily work for the 21st Century.

In my little trip to the deepest south of New Zealand we were without any easy communication with the big wide world. Although I suspect any outbreak of world war three would have found its way to us. In which case I would have just gone bush.

At the head of Doubtful Sound is a small outdoor learning centre where schools send their children for a weeklong experience of this amazing place. As one of the supervisors stated (maybe tongue in cheek) that although they get to hear about the history, see and experience flora and fauna (including sandflies) the biggest learning experience however is to be without phones or the internet. They have to learn the ancient art of face to face communication and talking.

It was an experience for me as well and I had to do cold turkey being deprived of my early morning dose of newspaper headlines. Though I had quietly hoped they would bring the election forward a couple of weeks so I could bypass all of that.

It is good to see the agenda filling up and so much fellowship related activities underway. The big Fun'raiser is getting closer and good that we will be filling up three tables between us all. It is also so good to see our club moving from being a late starter in this exercise to now taking on some key roles in its organisation. What really impresses me as how well the clubs across Rotorua work together.

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, 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 wines. Please bring along your donation to a club meeting.

Rotorua Multicultural Council

Margriet Theron announced that the Rotorua Multicultural Council is a finalist in the Rotorua Business Excellence Awards for 2017. They are one of four in the Community Organisation Business category.

Vocational Visit, Rotorua Hospice

Just a reminder that the club will be visiting the Rotorua Hospice on 25 September. More details on Monday.

FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Quote from Margriet Theron

"We may have different religions, different languages, different coloured skin, but we all belong to one human race." Kofi Annan

Club Speaker

Barry Lane informed the club of his impending retirement from Iles Casey which has been merged with the BDO firm in Rotorua. Barry will be transitioning his clients over the next few months with a target retirement date of 31 December. However he will be working part-time as a consultant until March 2018. Sadly he will no longer thrill the club with his expositions of tax law and similar accounting matters when next a club speaker.

Guest Speaker

Lou Sherman, research leader at Scion, and Renee Gillies, project leader with Ngati Whakuae, profiled the Curious Minds initiative which aims to inform and engage more Maori youth in science related endeavours. With government support, it targets youth from 7-14 years of age and exposes them to a combination of traditional Maori knowledge and Western science expertise. They are also involved in the setting up of a partnership school in Rotorua that will emphasise science and technology learning. Te Rangihakahaka will open on 30 January 2018 with year 1 to 10 classes and hopes to enroll up to 80 students.

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

None this week.

Up and Coming

Club meeting	18 September 2017	25 September 2017
Guest Speaker	Geoff Williams, CEO Lakes District Council	Hospice visit
Introduction	Ray Bloomfield	John Heaton
Vote of thanks	Martin Kinder	Barry Lane
Club speaker	Robyn Murphy	Denis Marriner
Fellowship badges	Richard Pryce	Bruce Scott
Quote of the week	Peter Spurdle	Garth Wilson
Fining officer	Garth Wilson	Roger Willard
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Doug Clemens (TBC)	Fergus Cumming (Yes)

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
	17	Directors meeting	Russell Residence	Robyn Murphy
	18	Geoff Williams, CEO Lakes District Council	RGC	Garth Wilson
	25	Hospice visit	Rotorua Hospice	Garth Wilson
October	1	Gardening project	TBD	Robyn Murphy
	2			
	9			
	14	Guess who is coming to dinner	TBA	Richard Pryce
	16	Kierin Irvine, Small Boat cruising in Alaska	RGC	Kierin Irvine
	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		