



Rotary Club of Rotorua

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 25 September 2017

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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.

It was great to have Geoff Williams with us this week to talk about Rotorua and vision 2030. It is encouraging that there is a vision and a plan to see it happen. As he noted so many of our cities have grown in size and seriously outgrown their infrastructure. Auckland is a case in point. The traffic jams are just the visible part of that. Dealing with wastewater and urban waste is the hidden part but the part that will really impact in time. Long term planning is critical but also something that is hard to do in a political environment based on three year cycles. As Geoff noted it all costs money and raising rates never goes down well.

This last week I had a visit from Te Taru White. He is chairman of Te Arawa which is the entity formed to create the partnership between Rotorua and Te Arawa. He spoke to us about Rotorua becoming bilingual. Although Geoff noted that all cities in New Zealand have similar aspirations we do need a point of difference. The Māori dimension to Rotorua is such a point of difference and it is good that we will reinforce this through ensuring increased use of Te Reo. Other nations do this such as Wales and it has worked for them, albeit Welsh is a challenging language to pronounce.

It has been a busy Rotary week this last week with the combined Presidents meeting and also our own Directors meeting.

The combined Presidents are committed to sharing and working together and busy identifying projects that we can work on together. We have the Fun'raiser coming up. I also mentioned at our meeting the desire to get together and do some planting of trees to meet the World Presidents desire that every Rotarian plants a tree. This is our bit to preserve the environment and fight climate change. I have secured about 150 native trees and we need now to identify a location to plant them to maximize benefit. We also need to identify those among us with green fingers. We did not do so well with the tulips although it was a lot of fun planting them.

The Directors agenda is filling up which is good. I am still hoping that everyone of us is thinking about projects and contacting Ann and Garth and getting them onto our agenda.

May you all have a great week and survive the election. See you at Hospice on Monday.

Yours in Rotary,

President Russell

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Vocational Visit, Rotorua Hospice 25 September

The meeting will be held at the normal times (12.30 to 1.45 pm) at the new Rotorua Hospice office. This is located at 1269 Hinemoa Street (the far western end, which is a cul-de-sac). Please park on the road.

A boxed lunch will be provided. Please advise Martin Kinder (mkinder@deloitte.co.nz) before 12.00 pm Friday if you are an apology or else you will be assumed to be attending and will be charged for the lunch. Similarly, if you have a guest, please advise Martin so that he can order the correct number of lunches.

Gardening Project,

The gardening project has been postponed from 1 October - details later from Robyn Murphy.

Fun'raiser Lunch, Friday 17 November

Katrina Allison recently attended her first meeting of the organising trust and urged members to get out and promote this event amongst friends and workmates.

President Russell will soon be assigning people to one of our three tables but if you have a preference please let him know.

Robyn Murphy has filled one 'Wine Crate' for auction at the Fun'raiser and is now working on a second. Fellows are urged to

donate wines of at least \$25 value and please bring this along to a club meeting.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, 14 October

Richard Pryce would like to know by next week who would like to host and also who will be participating.

FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Parable from Peter Spurdle

Glenn McGrath, Aussie cricketer, to Eddo Brandes, Zimbabwean cricketer: "Why are you so fat?"

Response: "Because every time I make love to your wife, she gives me a chocolate biscuit!"

Guest Speaker

Geoff Williams, Rotorua Lakes Council CEO, spoke to the club on the council's strategic initiatives under the Vision 2030, The Rotorua Way. There are four themes areas and a number of defined goals. He handed out printed material with all of the detail. Of particular interest was the Draft Spatial Plan which outlines how Rotorua may physically handle the growth predicted in the strategic plan. All in all it was an informative presentation and now it is up to the council and committed stakeholders to deliver on the strategy.

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Fergus Cumming, 23 September

Up and Coming

Club meeting	25 September 2017	2 October 2017
Guest Speaker	Hospice visit, 1269 Hinemoa Street	Fergus Cumming
Introduction	Russell Burton	John Heaton
Vote of thanks	Barry Lane	Robin Findon
Club speaker		Robyn Murphy
Fellowship badges	Bruce Scott	Peter Spurdle
Quote of the week		Garth Wilson
Fining officer		Roger Willard
Room set-up (PowerPoint)		Fergus Cumming (Yes)

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
September	25	Hospice visit	1269 Hinemoa Street	Garth Wilson
	30	NZ Road Relays	Marshalling	Garth Wilson
October	2	Fergus Cumming		Garth Wilson
	9	Tamara Mutu		Garth Wilson
	14	Guess who is coming to dinner	TBA	Richard Pryce
	16	Kierin Irvine, Small Boat cruising in Alaska	RGC	Kierin Irvine
	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			
	10/11	Hawkes Bay Cycling	Hawkes Bay	Russell Dale
	12			
	19			
	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		