



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 9 October 2017

I seem to be developing a theme of starting with an apology and a thank you. Apologies for not being at the meeting today and a big thank you to Barry and Team for keeping things moving forward.

Also a big thank you to Garth for his role as comptroller of the Leg 3 club marshalling team for the National Road Relay Championships on Saturday. For those of us doing the job down at the Agrodome it was a very pleasant morning enjoying the sun and shepherding cars and or runners into various lanes or parks or whatever. What intrigued me was the number of runners who came up and thanked me. I felt like a fraud acknowledging that I just turned up and did a very simple job while those of the Lake City Athletic Club did an incredible job with logistics and everything else managing to get about 300 runners around the course with supporters and all that are involved. Another feather in the cap for Rotorua.

Of course there were the side stories such as one Rotarian losing his cell phone, another getting a flat battery. Hopefully they were addressed at the fining session!

So here we are over a week past the election and we still don't know who won. Work with Ministers is a big part of my job and it is quite weird writing material for people who as yet are not appointed. Oddly enough the world has not fallen apart. How fortunate we are. Most national strategy documents refer to a strength of New Zealand as being our political stability. Yet we can't form a Government and life still keeps going. Admittedly yes there are concerns growing in some investment circles and commitments relying on key policy areas but nothing has ground to a halt. What fortunate people we are. I am back in Wellington working for one of the ministries for two days this week so no doubt will be immersed in the 'who will Peters' pick game.

Thank you for the stability and fellowship of Rotary and the neat stuff like marshalling at a road relay where the real people live.

Yours in Rotary,

**President Russell**

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### Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,  
399 Fenton Street,  
Rotorua.

## NOTICES AND REMINDERS

### Gardening Project, 15 October

The gardening project will start at 1 pm on Sunday 15 October at Lynn Benfell's home, 21 Ariki Place, Ngongotaha. It will entail general gardening work. We will need a trailer plus a water blaster to clean off the very slippery deck area. Please let Robyn Murphy know if you are available to help out on this day.

### Fun'raiser Lunch, 17 November

Robyn Murphy advised that the second 'Wine Crate' for auction at the Fun'raiser is almost full. Fellows can also donate \$25 and Robyn will purchase a suitable wine.

### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, 14 October

Richard Pryce has requested that members either email him with confirmation of their attendance and whether they wish to be hosts or guests, or advise him in person on Monday 9 October.

### Bruce Rykers

Fergus Cumming ran into Bruce last Friday and he seems in good spirits. He is at home if members wish to drop in for a chat.

## FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### "Thanks" of the Week, Garth Wilson

Garth thanked all of the volunteer marshalls for the NZ Road Relay over the weekend.

### Club Speaker, Robyn Murphy

Robyn shared her experiences as a novice spelunker starting in 1977 and how she learned to cope with the challenges of squeezing through small spaces and navigating with little or no light. She had a close call when a rock fall resulted in a broken finger and a delicate extraction by her caving friends. Pregnancy put an end to the "fun" in 1982.

### Guest Speaker, Fergus Cumming

Fergus gave an interesting talk on linear measurement from its origins to its use in his surveying career and now its manifestation in modern digital technologies. In the end, the basis and driver for measurement originate with the sun and its effects on us all.

## BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

John Heaton, 4 October

John Powell, 9 October

## Up and Coming

Club meeting	9 October 2017	16 October 2017
Guest Speaker	Tamara Mutu	Kierin Irvine, Small boat cruising in Alaska
Introduction	Garth Wilson	Bryce Dunn
Vote of thanks	Bryce Dunn	Robyn Murphy
Club speaker	Murray Patchell	Denis Marriner
Fellowship badges	Margriet Theron	Roger Willard
Quote of the week	Roger Willard	Bob Allison
Fining officer	Katrina Allison	Garth Wilson
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Russell Dale (Yes)	Tom Davies (Yes)

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
October	9	Tamara Mutu	RGC	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		