



Rotary Club of Rotorua

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Monday 27 November 2017

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Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

My congratulations to all those who pulled together the Fun'raiser on Friday last. It certainly was a fun event and even better, raised over \$70,000 toward some worthy charities. The accent was more on the fun aspect this year and to me it was a formula that worked well. No doubt the post mortem is now well in hand and we will hear from the organizing team as to what it may look like in the future. It seems that the clubs wine box attracted some great bids. Interesting items such as a plate of custard squares selling for over \$85 really showed how people got into the spirit of the occasion. Although that comment might be better applied to those who bought the whiskey tasting event. You can probably guess which ones your President was focusing on.

The Beneficiaries night is coming up soon and a chance to meet with the charities that will receive the outcome of this hard work.

The big message to me is what the combined clubs can achieve when they are capturing the collective capability across those clubs to deliver on an aspirational outcome.

Our personal focus is fully now on our own birthday party when we celebrate 90 years of Rotary in Rotorua. An achievement very worthy of celebrating. The organizing team pulled together a great package combining some reminders of why we exist, what we have achieved and celebrating those. A bit of Christmas has also been thrown in just in case we forget the other key anniversary celebrated in December. A few surprises have also been lined up.

Back on the combined Rotary working together theme. Murray Patchell has kindly donated some land for our collective tree planting. It is a chance to do some work together both in land preparation and later planting the trees. Some form of combined meal together may fit with this theme as well. That will be later in the New Year.

We have a Directors meeting coming up on the 3rd December next so if there are any matters you want brought to their attention please let Robyn or myself know.

Yours in Rotary,

President Russell

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Fun'raiser Lunch, 17 November

Mike Bannister provided an update. There was a review meeting last Monday night and the distribution function will be held earlier than in the past years. It will be on Tuesday 5th December at the Princess Gate Hotel. 5:30 for a 6:00 pm start. Cost is \$28:00 per person for a two-course meal. All are welcome. Please let Katrina know if you wish to attend.

Christmas Function, 11 December

Members were also reminded that the Christmas Function will be a special celebration of the Club's 90th Anniversary with speakers P.P. John Heaton and Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd.

Tree Planting – Details will be provided in the near future.

Hawkes Bay Cycling – This is a social weekend organised for the 10/11 February. Please let Russell Dale know if you are interested.

Quote of the Week, Ray Bloomfield

"I am extraordinarily patient, provided I get my own way in the end." Margaret Thatcher.

"Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight." Phyllis Diller.

Guest Speaker, Mike Bannister

"A Wee Dram"

Mike gave an interesting insight into whisky making and tasting. He became interested whilst on his Honeymoon in 1970 with a whisky tasting in Edinburgh. He retired this year and made a trip to the Island of Islay in Scotland. Here, soaking the barley in water to sprout and develop sugars makes whisky. It is then dried on concrete floors in huge sheds. The barley is turned every few hours. Burning peat during the drying process gives it a smoky

taste. Some distilleries now used mechanized drums to dry the barley. Lowland whisky has a lighter more floral taste. Single malt whisky is made at one distillery, blended from several distilleries. Mike was surprised to find out that 23-80,000 litres is made each day on Islay. He enjoyed whisky tasting at several distilleries over two days at a cost of 5 tastes for 15 pounds. Early morning tasting was accompanied with chocolate, which apparently enhances the flavor. At Laphroaig there is a loyalty scheme where you can buy a square foot of peat. They then pay rent in the form of a 25ml bottle of whisky which you have to turn up to claim. Mike found his square foot and planted a NZ flag provided by the distillery. His most expensive bottle is blended to match Shackleton's Whisky from Antarctica. This was recently discovered and a bottle carefully thawed to be matched.

Club Speaker, John Powell

John advised he had worked for Deloitte, previously Hulton Patchell for 15 years noting that the company was started by Murray 25 years ago and now manages a number of commercial buildings and lease tenancies. Deloitte provide their staff with a wellness card. Fortunately this includes the Waiariki Golf Course and last week John put his to good use at a three-day course helping to improve his golf. The current owners have run pest control fencing around 5.5km to keep out pests. There is a full time wildlife officer and the fences are checked daily. 25,000 native trees have been planted and there are many bird species including a Kiwi chick released on Friday. John is also enjoying having his daughter back home from University and she soon celebrates her 21st.

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Robyn Murphy: November 24th
Jean O'Boyle: November 24th
Martin Kinder: November 28th.

Up and Coming

Club meeting	27 November 2017	4 December 2017
Guest speaker	Club Forum	TBA
Introduction		Dennis Marriner
Vote of thanks		Ian Pound
Club speaker		Roger Willard
Fellowship badges	Tony Baker	Ray Bloomfield
Quote of the week	Doug Clemens	Fergus Cumming
Fining officer	Fergus Cumming	Russell Dale
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	John Heaton	Kierin Irvine (Yes)

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
	27	Club Forum		Russell Burton
December	4	TBA		Garth Wilson
	11	Christmas Function	RGC	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		