



Rotary Club of Rotorua

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 4 December 2017

We live in interesting times. Our club is about to celebrate 90 years of Rotary in Rotorua. At the same time it is a pivotal year for our club and beyond that for what we see as Rotary moving forward.

I am very proud of the way people have become involved in activities this year: gardening, fund raising, marshalling, bike riding, fellowship, the Fun'raiser and in the new year tree planting, swim the lake, more bike riding cum fellowship. To me these are all incredible and very special yet our model is still under challenge.

Our numbers are falling as they are across Rotary globally. I feel passionately that the Rotary formula has very real value. Fellowship, supporting each other, supporting community, these are as important now as they have ever been. I saw a skit recently about dating via social media. It was a light hearted view of our modern world where we barely talk to each other but interact via twitter, facebook and so on. It was in fact quite scary where we have substituted direct interaction with virtual interaction.

Perhaps I am old fashioned but a group of people sharing in three minutes about what is new in their lives, listening to someone who has other experiences, getting together to fix up a persons garden when they cannot. Putting into the community some resources when the system has failed them. These are important. So why is it becoming so hard?

Clearly I do not have the answer. For the moment let us focus on celebrating that our club is turning 90, that we do have some great stuff coming down the line that we support each other and celebrate our singular successes. I pick Rotary over LinkedIn or Face book any day. I saw a T shirt recently which said "B**** face book I have real friends". That says it all.

Yours in Rotary,

President Russell

World President

Ian Riseley

D9930 Governor

Leonie Tisch

President

Russell Burton

Immediate Past President

Allen Foote

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Martin Kinder

Secretary

Robyn Murphy

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Bob/Katrina Allison

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Garth Wilson

Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Christmas Function, 11 December

Members are reminded that the Christmas Function will be a special celebration of the club's 90th anniversary with speakers John Heaton and 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.

FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Quote of the Week, Doug Clemens

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself." Unknown.

"Only dull people are brilliant at breakfast."
Oscar Wilde.

Club Forum

President Russell lead a discussion on two key challenges facing the club – finding a president for next year and increasing membership. The former was seen as critical with no member prepared to take on this role after much canvassing by President Russell. The most likely outcome will be a shared role where 3 or 4 club members serve as president for just part of the year. Several members showed an interest in sharing the role. Increasing membership is a thornier issue and is vital to the club's survival. Attached to the bulletin is an article from Rotary Downunder with an interesting view on Rotary club survival in New Zealand.

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

No birthdays.

Up and Coming

Club meeting	4 December	11 December
Guest speaker	TBA	No meeting.
Introduction	Dennis Marriner	Christmas Function
Vote of thanks	Ian Pound	
Club speaker	Roger Willard	
Fellowship badges	Ray Bloomfield	
Quote of the week	Fergus Cumming	
Fining officer	Russell Dale	
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Kieran Irvine (Yes)	

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
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		