



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 22 January 2018

### World President

Ian Riseley

### D9930 Governor

Leonie Tisch

### President

Russell Burton

### Immediate Past President

Allen Foote

### Directors

Administration

Martin Kinder

Secretary

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Membership

Richard Pryce

Projects

Ann Nicholas

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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.

Welcome to 2018. With the Christmas function and the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration we had a great close to our Rotary calendar year in 2017. We also received a lot of press thanks to Tony's work with the Rotorua Daily Post. The Press acknowledgment of our 90<sup>th</sup> is great to pass the message on to others but also to make us feel that others care.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Fergus and Martin to smooth the pathway for those coming out of the Lakes Club to ensure those members of a sustainable pathway in their Rotary Journey. We look forward to providing a base for those nine Rotarians as they determine their own pathway forward.

Today was a good start to this second half of our Rotary year. It was great to be able to support a young achiever with a scholarship as she heads off to University to start an important part of the rest of her life. To be able to provide genuine support to youth is important. Thanks to Murray and the other Geyser Trustees for their hard work to make this happen.

It was also rewarding to host Kevin Jones from Wales and to acknowledge that the International family of Rotary is strong. Importantly it is strangely reassuring to note that the challenges we face are not unique to New Zealand let alone Rotorua.

The Directors will be meeting in early February and there is a lot on our plates specifically as we plan out what the 2018/19 year will look like. I have had some rewarding conversations with club members over the last month over what we can do to ensure our Rotary principles are sustained as we move forward. As a club I am planning on continuing these conversations over the next months. The one message that is common is the passion to sustain the principles and that changes must happen. What those changes are is the challenging part. Please keep the communications to me going as these are very important and show the passion that is there.

Yours in Rotary,

**President Russell**

## NOTICES AND REMINDERS

### RYLA

Remember that RYLA will be held in February and 1 or 2 volunteers will be required to support this effort.

### 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, Russell Dale

“To be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours and let every New Year find you a better man”. Benjamin Franklin

“Show me a family of readers and I will show you the people who move the world”. Napoleon Bonaparte

### Guest Speaker, Shayla Dixon

Shayla is this year's Harold Holmes Awardee and gave a very good talk about herself and her ambitions. Her early education was with the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist School which gave her a good grounding in discipline and care for others. She went on to Western Heights High School where she gained many honours before matriculating this past year. She plans to attend Waikato University and gain her qualifications to be a primary school teacher so that she can give back to the community that has given her so much.

### Club Speaker, Ann Nicholas

Ann is still working hard at Sigma Consultants, and after 20 years, is the last remaining original director. She enjoys time in the South Island with her three accomplished children – a lawyer and two programmers. There are also two grandchildren to adore with another on the way. Recent overseas trips with her sister-in-law have been rewarding and another half marathon is on the agenda for 2018.

## BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

No birthdays

## Up and Coming

Club meeting	22 January	29 January
Guest speaker	Ann Nicholas, Footsteps in France	Auckland Anniversary No Meeting
Introduction	Kierin Irvine	
Vote of thanks	Tom Davies	
Club speaker	Peter Spurdle	
Fellowship badges	Fergus Cumming	
Quote of the week	Tom Davies	
Financing officer	Bryce Dunn	
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Robyn Murphy (Yes)	

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
January	22	Ann Nicholas	RGC	Garth Wilson
	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		