



Rotary Club of Rotorua

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Monday 29 January 2018

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Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

As I write this I am saddened to learn of the passing of our brother Rotarian, Past President Mike Bannister. I came to know Mike when I was elected onto the Charity Trust responsible for the Fun'raiser. Mike was Chair of the Trust and a major source of ideas and energy behind what has been and is a very successful event. It has put the best part of \$300,000 into several worthwhile charities. I am sure you will all join me in passing our love and best wishes to Carol and their family at this challenging time.

On quite a different note thanks to Ann for sharing her experiences with her walking tours in France. It also brought back memories for me having had several holidays in France including two extremely enjoyable bike tours through the Alps and the Pyrenees. The friendliness of the French is outstanding, the country beautiful and the food superb and with lots of cafes there are never-ending reasons to stop and check the local faire. The great thing about exercise holidays is that you have a built in rationale for eating and the beer / wine always tastes better.

The French as in most of the continent are very friendly to cyclists – actually only pass when it is safe and always a cheery wave. Not the same wave you typically get in New Zealand or the feeling here that you have a target painted on your back!

A nice segway onto Peter and his 101 on the latest in mountain bikes. In my opinion the bicycle is only beaten by the razor in innovation and marketing. Although innovation with razors is more focused on the marketing.

And another segway it is great to see we have some 19 on the wine trail (bike and other transport) going down to Napier next month. Thanks to Russell Dale for his organizing this.

And just reminding you all – we agreed NOT to have a meeting on the 5th being the day sandwiched between a weekend and Waitangi Day.

See you all on the 12th.

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. We now have 19 intending to come along.

FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Quote of the Week, Tom Davies

“Worry is a misuse of the imagination”.

“If you don’t have a dream, how are you going to have a dream come true.”

Guest Speaker, Ann Nicholas

Ann recounted her walking holiday in France through the Loire Valley. The focus was on seeing the magnificent chateaux that this region is famous for and it did not disappoint. Along with her sister-in-law, Ann walked 10 to 20km each day through country lanes and side roads taking in the natural beauty, meeting the locals and appreciating the Chateaux, especially their lovely gardens. The October timing meant there were few

other tourists resulting in a thoroughly enjoyable experience.



Club Speaker, Peter Spurdle

Peter’s subject was mountain biking which he now does more of since retiring and turning 65 on 15 January. He recently did the 85km Old Ghost Road from Lyell to Seddonville on the West Coast. It took 2 days with over 1000 metres of climbing. Peter also took the opportunity to explain the advances in mountain biking technology using his new bike as an example. A 13.5kg, fully suspended, carbon fibre Trek bike with hydraulic disc brakes and dropper seatpost can be had for a mere \$5000!

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

No birthdays

Up and Coming

Club meeting	29 January	5 February	12 February
Guest speaker	Auckland Anniversary No Meeting	Waitangi Weekend No Meeting	TBD
Introduction			Ann Nicholas
Vote of thanks			Richard Pryce
Club speaker			Margriet Theron
Fellowship badges			Russell Dale
Quote of the week			Bryce Dunn

Fining officer			Robin Findon
Room set-up (PowerPoint)			Denis Marriner

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
January	29	Auckland Anniversary – no meeting		
February	5	Waitangi Weekend - No meeting		
	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		