



Rotary Club of Rotorua

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 12 March 2018

Dear fellow Rotarians and Friends

A lot on our collective plate over the next few weeks: the Okataina swim on the weekend, Cirkus Quirkus in May, the Hospital Rehab Garden project, the young leaders (prefects) on the 19th next. On the latter we hope for a good turnout from the club so support these aspiring young leaders and hear about them and their plans for the next year.

Also Janice Scott has asked for some help with her garden. Aiming for the 7/8th of April to do this. Hope you can be there.

The directors met on Tuesday 6th and the agenda was pretty big. We have an AGM for the Rotorua Charities Trust long lunch on Monday next and it will be very important as we see where they are at and where they want to be moving forward. Also I am to bring back some ideas to the "All Presidents Meeting" on how our clubs could work more effectively together. I keep thinking of that article by Anand Satyanad; how do we minimise the structural constraints and focus on purpose. Your thoughts on Monday next would be most welcome.

In addition we have a goodly amount of money in our trust fund which is not helping anyone while it sits in our bank. Although we have no shortage of requests for it of which these are all dealing with individuals and not addressing wider issues. I personally wanted to see a greater focus locally and in particular addressing youth and seeing how it can be a hand up not a hand out. If you have any causes you feel are worthy of this then please let us know.

On a serious note we have exhausted all the options we can think of to carry on our club in the form it has been in the past. More directly we still do not have anyone to take on the mantle of president. We could look at some holding patterns but that is not addressing the fundamental issue that is before us. We, the directors need your help with this.

I would like to pick these up next week.

Yours in Rotary,

President Russell

World President

Ian Riseley

D9930 Governor

Leonie Tisch

President

Russell Burton

Immediate Past President

Allen Foote

Directors

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Martin Kinder

Secretary

Robyn Murphy

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Richard Pryce

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Ann Nicholas

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Ray Bloomfield

Sergeant

Barry Lane

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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.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Gardening

Robyn Murphy announced that the mid-week gardening work at the hospital's Rehab ward will kick off on Thursday 8 March with 4 volunteers. Ian Pound will build a bench for the garden.

Club Champions Needed

Ann Nicholas is looking for project champions to coordinate the following events:

- **Rotorua School Leaders Lunch** This lunch will be held at our meeting on 19th March. We need a willing volunteer to liaise with the schools about numbers and names attending.
- **Circus Quirkus** Circus Quirkus will be held at 6pm on 24th May at the Rotorua Girls High School hall. This is a major fund raiser for the club and is a great project to be involved with. Ray Bloomfield volunteered to arrange volunteers for the night and liaise with Martin leading up to the event.
- **Dictionaries in Schools** We donate Usborne Illustrated Dictionaries to Year 4 students in Rotorua Primary School and the Seventh Day Adventist School. Allen Foote volunteered to contact the schools to find out how many are required, order them and then arrange a time for the President (or deputy) to present them.
- **Lifelink Samaritan Trust** A member is required to represent Rotary on this important trust.

FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Guest Speaker, Mark Gibb

Mark started his talk by saying that he had originally come from Rotorua as his parents moved here in the mid 1970's. He is a keen fly fisherman. Prior to becoming the CEO of Rotorua Airport in 2016 he

was in general management at Fonterra and had experience working at Auckland Airport. He reported that the Rotorua Airport had an asset value of \$46 million. The Council is now owes \$3.6 million and they hope to pay that off within the next 10 – 12 years. He is focussed on growth strategies particularly into Christchurch, Auckland and Wellington but also looking outside NZ for strong growth. The airport has 105 hectares of land, 70 of which could be developed. Management is looking at three areas in which to grow the airport: flight school aviation, general aviation and commerce/tourism. There is a need to develop better facilities. The existing fire station is to be demolished and replaced at a cost of \$1.3 million and changes will be made to the current terminal with a total refurbishment. There will also be an increase in aviation security which means employment for 26-30 people. Air NZ is looking at the feasibility of a Koru lounge and rental car companies will have new booths. Overall, an interesting and factual speech.

Club Speaker, Katrina Allison

Katrina spoke about a contract she held with the DHB. It involved completing assessments for those youth who identified as transgender. Over a three year period she saw approximately 36 youth who were required to be assessed before medical transition.

Quote of the Week, Martin Kinder

“Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools talk because they have to say something.” Plato

“It is easier to recall the truth than try to remember which lie you told.” Mark Twain

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Shirley Lane, 8 March

Up and Coming

Club meeting	12 March	19 March
Guest speaker	Barbara Walker, Making a Difference	School Leaders Presentations
Introduction	John Powell	
Vote of thanks	Garth Wilson	
Club speaker	Tony Baker	
Fellowship badges	Allen Foote	Kierin Irvine
Quote of the week	Kierin Irvine	Barry Lane
Fining officer	Robyn Murphy	
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Richard Pryce	Peter Spurdle

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
March	11	Swim the Lake	Lake Okataina	Katrina Allison / Barry Lane
	12	Barbara Walker	RGC	Garth Wilson
	19	School Leaders	RGC	Ann Nicholas
	26	Brian Richardson	RGC	Garth Wilson
April	2	Easter – no meeting		
	9			
	16			
	23			
	30			
May	7			
	14			
	21			
	24	Circus Quirkus	RGHS Hall	Ann Nicholas
	28			
June	4	Queens Birthday – no meeting		
	11			
	18			
	25	Change over - evening		