



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

**Monday 28 May 2018**

It was very special to at last formally welcome Mark Gould into our club. In a short time he has become an integral part of what we do.

His speech was specially meaningful as it reminds us how rapidly technology changes. With the new Government making a big deal about trees and low carbon economy there is a lot of effort being put into strategy and how we can make a difference within New Zealand. What does strike me in all these strategy sessions is how human nature sees the future as a simple linear progression of what we do now. The impact of disruptive technologies are now being experienced daily but human nature is to deny these.

The example Mark gave of the camera is a case in point. Within a few short years we went from film based photography to digital technology to the current situation where when you want to take a photograph you whip out your phone. Strange to think of a phone as a multipurpose device that serves as a computer, a booking mechanism, an interface with the world, a video recorder and on occasion even for talking to people. This apparently simple development was responsible for an enormous change in our lives and whole new business models. The camera shop has become something of the past.

I also acknowledge his salient point that photographic records of friends and family are at risk. The advantage of digital photographs is speed and ability to create many images very cheaply. The downside is the ethereal nature of these images. Digital images are easily lost as computers are changed, records get wiped. Some commentators say that we will be the lost generation. Bring back the days when we all had shoe boxes filled with old sepia toned or black and white snapshots stored under the bed. Disorganized they may have been but they did endure.

Thanks Mark for bringing these memories back.

The quiz coming up on Friday is the first of what will be a regular series of cross Rotorua Rotary Club events bringing all the clubs together. Nothing like a bit of full on competition to build some bonds. Sorry that I will not be able to be with you. Some team will be missing out.

Anne will be chairing the meeting next week when our club gets to acknowledge the Police Person of the Year. I regret I cannot be there to be part of this. Someone do take some photos. We will translate them onto hard copy as soon as we can!

**President Russell**

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Ian Riseley

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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

### Circus Quirkus

Circus Quirkus will be held this Thursday at 6pm 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 has organised our involvement for the night and has worked with Martin Kinder on the financial side.

### Driver Directions

After 8 years of Driver Directions being at the Taupo Raceway we have at long last managed to secure the Mamaku KartSport Track for all future Rotorua Driver Directions courses for young drivers.

Rotarian helpers names please to Garth Wilson for: Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th July . Plus, we need 3 or 4 helpers on set - up day being Monday 9th July.

### Rotary Golf

Richard Pryce has the following message regarding this event:

1. As I mentioned at today's meeting our annual President's Cup event will be held on Sunday 10 June.
2. I am proposing an 11 AM start so that if there is any frost issue that would have been sorted out.
3. Could you please advise us as soon as possible whether you are able to participate - the more the merrier and there is no need to have an official handicap.
4. Family members are also welcome to participate.
5. The defending champion is Martin - will he be the 1<sup>st</sup> person to ever repeat?
6. Come and find out on 10 June.

## FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### Guest Speaker, Mark Gould

Mark presented his classification speech outlining the important events in his life and giving an insight into the technology and history of the camera. He was educated mostly in Rotorua before

beginning his working career in 1975 as a bank officer with the ANZ. He worked in a number of branches (and was in two robberies) before joining the family photographic business in 1980. Mark recounted the many interesting events and activities associated with his professional life.

Alas after many successful years, he and his mother decided to close the business in 2016 as the digital age made conventional photo shops uneconomic.

However Mark has kept busy with his Council work where he has been active since being elected in 2004. He also has interests in stamp collecting and acquiring Swarovski crystal.

Mark has been a committed Rotarian over many years. He served as President of the Rotorua North club in 1999/2000.



### Club Speaker, Roger Willard

Roger started his talk discussing the costs of the recent royal wedding (\$78m) and how much revenue that generated for London (\$200m+). He then began

recounting many interesting facts associated with NZ, like we have the highest per capita number of golf courses or that our per capita number of sheep is down to nine. He finished by relating that the NZ badminton team wanted to be known as the Black Boxes, but then thought better of it.

volcanic rocks where two tectonic plates meet, in a somewhat lonely stretch of windswept ocean just above the Roaring Forties. If you want drama – you’ve come to the right place.” Sir Geoffrey Palmer

**Quote of the Week, Ann Nicholas**

“Sometimes it does us a power of good to remind ourselves that we live on two

**BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES**

Tom Davies, 24 May  
Mal Feetham, 26 May

**Up and Coming**

Club meeting	28 May	4 June
Guest speaker	Wendy Wrigley, Police Person of the Year	No meeting – Queen’s Birthday
Introduction	Fergus Cumming	
Vote of thanks	Doug Clemens	
Club speaker	Robin Findon	
Fellowship badges	Denis Marriner	
Quote of the week	Katrina Allison	
Fining officer	Kierin Irvine	
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Garth Wilson	

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
May	24	Circus Quirkus	RGHS Hall	Ann Nicholas
	28	Wendy Wrigley	Police Person of the Year	Russel Burton
June	4	Queens Birthday – no meeting		
	11	Grant Utteridge		
	18	John Gifford		
	25	Change over - evening		