



Rotary Club of Rotorua

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 18 June 2018

A most enjoyable and educational presentation by Phil on Monday last. It is interesting to walk through the history of car manufacturing (or assembly) in New Zealand and appreciate how much the world and New Zealand have changed when it comes to cars. From a time when you had a choice of an English car or an American one (with maybe the odd American one thrown in if you had the overseas funds) to today when the world's most popular car is one made in Korea.

Phil started to touch on the future of cars such as autonomous vehicles and electrical vehicles. The world is changing faster than we think. People in large urban environments now see little point in owning a car. After all where do you park it and what do you use it for. Modern apartments are built without garages and there is an abundance of convenient mass transport options (clearly we are not talking about New Zealand) then why do you need to own a car? If you need one for a trip – it is easier and much cheaper to hire one. And if you need a small run about or a van then you hire what you need for the job to be done. Apps and the internet are taking all the hassle out of hiring.

I mentioned the US based system Car2Go. You use your app to find one, (they are just parked on public streets), and book it. Just leave it in a public place when you are finished no need to take it back to the depot. How convenient and easy is that?

Once again the internet and mobile devices are drastically changing the business models we all grew up with. As a child growing up in the 50's and 60's where only one in 2 or 3 families owned a car. It looks like we will head back to this scenario again for a very different reason.

The Rotary year is rapidly coming to an end. On the 25th we shall have our celebration of the end of one Rotary Year and welcome in the new one. I am looking forward to this and a chance for us to instigate our new model of working together. An All (Rotorua) Presidents meeting on Monday last confirmed the desire to substantially increase collaboration between the Rotorua Clubs.

The new Rotary message for 2018/19 is "Be the Inspiration". My hope is we can inspire thinking about a new model for Rotary and sustain the key elements of Rotary moving forward and in our rapidly changing world.

Yours in Rotary,

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Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

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 announced that Martin Kinder had won the President's Cup for outstanding golf over the weekend.

FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Guest Speaker, Phil Spender

Phil was raised in Rotorua before embarking on a very successful career in the automotive industry. This began with after school work for the Baker Brothers where he acquired his passion for cars, especially Ford automobiles.

Accordingly when he acquired his engineering degree from CIT in Wellington, he immediately approached the local Ford organisation for a job. From there he worked his way up through the organisation as design engineer, manufacturing manager, plant manager, general manager and finally an executive vice president. He worked in Australia, Japan, India and China where he became a specialist in managing business associations and joint ventures with local partners.

Phil retired in 2010 and has spent the intervening years following his passions (eg, collecting Mustangs) and consulting in the industry (eg, helping Jaguar Landrover establish manufacturing plants in China). He lives in Melbourne area and has become involved in the

redevelopment of Fisherman's Bend near Port Melbourne.

Phil also shared his vision for the future of automobiles starting with electric vehicles which he sees will supplant cars with internal combustion engines in the very near future. There are now 1.2 million EV's globally and with over US\$90 billion committed to increasing EV manufacture, more than 20% of new car sales will be EV's by 2030. Following this, autonomous (self-driving) vehicles will be next big development so watch this space!



Quote of the Week, Murray Patchell

"If you were raised on bangers and mash and hardly ever had takeaways; had weetbix for breakfast; played in the dirt; got your back side smacked; had 3 TV channels and had to get out of your chair to change channels; had to record the top 40 from the radio on cassette tapes; drank water from a hose; had common sense and respect; shared drinks with mates not thinking about diseases; didn't text friends to see if they were home but just went there hoping they were; did chores to get any kind of money; could leave your house unlocked and feel safe at night; had a fight with someone and it was one-on-one, not

forty to one; rode your bike all day without a helmet; and turned out OK then your message to the younger generation is – THEY NEED TO HARDEN UP!” Anon

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

None

Up and Coming

Club meeting	18 June	425 June
Guest speaker	Garth Wilson: A close brush with Royalty	No meeting – Changeover at 6:00 for 6:30pm, RGC
Introduction	Tom Davies	
Vote of thanks	Katrina Allison	
Club speaker	Bob Allison	
Fellowship badges	Dennis Neilson	
Quote of the week	John Powell	
Fining officer	Richard Pryce	
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Roger Willard	

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
June	18	Garth Wilson	RGC	Garth
	25	Change over - evening		
July	2	Grant Utteridge	Rotorua – a city of trails	Garth
	9	Mike Gray	Sailing in Antarctica	Garth
	16			
	23	Sandra Velarde	Homeward bound	Garth