



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday 15 October 2018

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## Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,  
399 Fenton Street,  
Rotorua.

## FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

### Chairman – Tom Davies

Tom welcomed members and guests. He noted that former member Ray Bloomfield was recognized in the Daily Post over the weekend.

### Guest Speaker, Roger Willard

Roger gave an interesting discourse on the Malaysian city of Kuching which is located in the state of Sarawak on the island of Borneo. Sited virtually on the Equator, the climate is very hot and humid with daytime temperatures around 30-35°C and humidity 80-90%. Sarawak itself is Malaysia's largest state, roughly the size of the North Island, with a population of 2.6 million. The per capita GDP is US\$29,000 compared with NZ's US\$39,000 but the cost of consumer goods is about one third of ours.

The Federation of Malaysia was formed in 1963 unifying Malaya with Saba, Sarawak and Singapore though Singapore soon left in 1965. It has a parliamentary governance system modelled on that of the UK and each state has its own government run by a Chief Minister. Malay and English are the official languages though there are many local dialects including those of the large Chinese community.

Kuching itself is the capital of Sarawak and its population of 325,000 is composed of several ethnic groups such as Iban (29%), Chinese (23%) and Malay (23%). Religions range from Christian (44%) to Islamic (30%) and Buddhist (14%). Kuching means cat in Malay though the origin of the name may be the Indo-Chinese term for harbor – Kochin. Kuching sits on the Sarawak River which supports much of its economic activity.

Sarawak and Kuching have a fascinating history from colonial times when it was ruled by a White Raja starting with James Brooke, an English soldier/adventurer, in 1841. He was succeeded by his nephew in 1868 and the Brooke whanau continued to rule in Sarawak right up to its occupation by the Japanese in WWII.

Roger showed a number of photos of the city and its interesting buildings. He even recommended a good restaurant should you ever visit – the James Brooke Bistro.

### **Club Speaker, Peter Spurdle**

Peter was chuffed to announce that after 50 years of trying, he finally broke 80 at golf with a round of 78 recently. With plenty of time to play after his retirement, he's now on a 14 handicap at RGC. Peter also discussed the changing technology around golf clubs with 'woods' no longer made of wood and hybrid clubs designed around long irons and fairway woods for getting the best of both club types. Golf ball technology has also made huge strides and contributes to the ever increasing distance that even the average golfer can achieve these days.

Peter also revealed that he is a director on four boards of medical organisations. He remarked that 50% of GP's will be retired in the next 7 years This will cause major upheavals in primary health care resulting a more fragmented service. Nurses will likely take on a bigger role as a result.

## **NOTICES AND REMINDERS**

### **Update on Projects**

Ann Nicholas gave an update on a number of annual projects:

- Looking for a place for a vocational visit,
- Russell Dale is handling the Police Person of the Year,
- Need volunteers for RYPENS on 2-4 November,
- Mark Gould is looking after the Summer Science Camp,
- Christmas Function is on 17 December,
- Circus Quirkus to be held on 26 May 2019.

### **Driver Directions – 2/3 October**

Allen Foote reported that Drivers Directions went well the first day with 25 participants though numbers were down to just 9 on the second day. Organisers may look to get the \$20 fee upfront from

participants to help encourage attendance.

### **Multicultural Dinner, 15 October**

Margriet Theron has everything under control for the upcoming dinner meeting with the Rotorua Multicultural Council. This will involve 10 migrants from 10 countries talking for 3 minutes each about their contribution to the Rotorua community.

### **Cycle Weekend, 24/25 November**

Kierin Irvine announced that a cycle weekend in Opotiki is planned for 24/25 November based at Kierin's place. There will be a Dunes ride Saturday morning and most likely Sunday morning too. There are some walking trail options also for the Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening will feature a BBQ, billiards, croquet and general socialising at Kierin's place. Accommodation will be available with Kierin, Richard Pryce and Russell Burton.

### **Club AGM, 26 November**

Martin Kinder announced that the club AGM will take place on Monday 26 November.

### **Social event**

Richard Pryce has proposed that the club hold a Meal & Movie evening sometime in the near future. A show of hands has indicated that this idea was well supported and Richard will proceed with further planning.

### **Quote of the Week – Russell Dale**

"Some women choose to follow men and some women choose to follow their dreams. If you're wondering which way to go, remember that your career will never wake up and tell you that it doesn't love you anymore." Lady Gaga

"Lying is second nature to him. More than anyone else I have ever met, Trump has the ability to convince himself that whatever he is saying at any given

moment is true, or sort of true, or at least ought to be true.“ Tony Schwartz

### Birthday Best Wishes

John Powell, 9 October  
Janette Irvine, 14 October

## Up and Coming

Club meeting	15 October	22 October
Guest speaker	Multi-cultural dinner, 6 pm at Teal Kitchen, 1213 Hinemoa Street	No meeting – Labour Day
Introduction	Margriet Theron	
Vote of thanks	Russell Burton	
Club speaker		
Fellowship badges	Doug Clemens	
Quote of the week		
Fining officer		
Room set-up (PowerPoint)		

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

Date	Meeting / Event / Rotary Theme / Chair	
<b>October</b>	<b>Economy &amp; Community Development Month</b>	<b>Club Meeting Chair: Tom Davies</b>
1	Te Rangikaheke Kiripatea – Kai Rotorua	
2/3	Driver's Direction	
8	Roger Willard – Kuching, a special place	
15	Multi-cultural dinner meeting, 6 pm at Teal Kitchen, 1213 Hinemoa Street	
22	<b>No Meeting - Labour Day</b>	
29	Meeting	
<b>November</b>	<b>Rotary Foundation Month</b>	<b>Club Meeting Chair: Mark Gould</b>
2-4	RYPEN Ngamuwahine TBC	
5	Meeting	
12	Meeting	
19	Meeting	
23-25	Biking the Dunes – Weekend at Ōpōtiki	
26	AGM	
<b>December</b>	<b>Disease Prevention &amp; Treatment Month</b>	<b>Club Meeting Chair: Russell Burton</b>
3	Meeting	
4	Driver Directions, Mamaku	
10	Meeting	
17	Christmas Meeting	
24	<b>No Meeting – Christmas break</b>	
31	<b>No Meeting – Christmas break</b>	

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting / Event / Rotary Theme / Chair</b>	
<b>January</b>	<b>Vocational Service Month</b>	<b>Club Meeting Chair: Richard Pryce</b>
71	<b>No Meeting –Christmas break</b>	
14	Harold Holmes Award	
21	Meeting	
28	<b>No Meeting – Anniversary Day</b>	
<b>February</b>	<b>Peace &amp; Conflict Prevention/ Resolution Month</b>	<b>Club Meeting Chair: Ann Nicholas</b>
4	Meeting	
11	Meeting	
18	Meeting	
25	Meeting	
<b>March</b>	<b>Water &amp; Sanitation Month</b>	<b>Club Meeting Chair: Barry Lane</b>
4	Meeting	
11	Meeting	
18	School leaders lunch	
25	Meeting	
xx	Famously Rotorua Swim the Lake	
<b>April</b>	<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Month</b>	<b>Club Meeting Chair: Kierin Irvine</b>
1	No Meeting	
7	Daylight saving ends	
8	Meeting	
15	Meeting	
22	<b>No Meeting – Easter</b>	
29	Meeting	
<b>May</b>	<b>Youth Service Month</b>	<b>Club Meeting Chair: TBA</b>
6	Meeting	
13	Meeting	
20	Meeting	
27	Meeting	
<b>June</b>	<b>Rotary Fellowships Month</b>	<b>Club Meeting Chair: TBA</b>
3	<b>No Meeting – Queen’s Birthday</b>	
10	Speech Contest	
17	Club Meeting	
<b>24</b>	<b>Changeover</b>	