



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday 19 November 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 – Mark Gould

Mark welcomed members and guests. He reminded members of a number of upcoming activities.

### Guest Speaker, Kieran Irvine: Bush Camps in Africa

Kieran gave a very interesting talk about his recent trip to Botswana and Zambia with his wife Jeanette. The trip did not start well with long delays in trying to obtain a visa into South Africa. Next time, they will fly into Dubai and then into other African countries. Finally, the day before they left, the visas came through. In both Botswana and Zambia there are huge areas of national parks. The land is very flat. In order to get from one camp to another, they flew in a Cessna Plane and could only carry 10kg of luggage. Kieran mentioned that it was all very civilised and the camps were practically five-star. In the three -week period they were there, they stayed in six camps. All meals and alcohol were provided for and having paid for the trip before they left, there was no limit to amount they could eat and drink. There were always lots of staff on hand to help and wonderful food. There were even facilities to have their clothes washed and folded.

To get up close to the animals, they travelled by Toyota Land Cruisers and Tin boats. A typical day consisted of flying into the camp and being greeted by staff. Their luggage would be taken to the camp and they would then be taken on a two to three-hour drive. This was followed by Sundowners, a lovely dinner and then bed. At night they would be escorted to their accommodation and locked in. Every night they could hear the animals and birds outside. In the morning they would have an escort take them for breakfast. Kieran showed one photo of a Lion's footprints which had walked around their 'fale' that night.

They took a helicopter trip to Victoria Falls.

Kieran showed many beautiful and close up photos of wild animals and exotic birds. Safety is a major concern when on these trips. They only had one incident when in a kayak and felt that they were at risk of being attacked by a hippopotamus. The guide slammed his oar on the water making the sound of a gunshot and the hippopotamus took off. However, it sounds as though they were well looked after and had an eventful and highly memorable trip.

### Club Speaker, Fain

Fain is a 17-year-old Rotary Exchange Student from Belgium being hosted by members of the Sunrise Club in Rotorua. Currently she is living with Martin and Maree Kinder and attending John Paul College. Fain's dream was to live on a new country and she has now been in New Zealand for four months. She says that she has had a very active four months and has found the people she has met as being very friendly. She has travelled around most parts of the Bay of Plenty and Coromandel. This coming weekend she will travel down to the South Island with other exchange student.

### Quote of the week – Bryce Dunn

"I do hunt and I do fish, and I don't apologize to anybody for hunting and fishing." General Norman Schwarzkopf

'My biggest worry is that my wife (when I am dead) will try to sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it. "  
Koos Brandt

## NOTICES AND REMINDERS

### Police Person of the Year:

Russell Dale said that applications for Police Person of the Year close at the end of this week.

### Fergus Cumming

Fergus mentioned that Mike O'Boyle's wife, Jean passed away this morning after having been unwell for a long period of time

### Birthday Best Wishes

November 18<sup>th</sup> – Rona Heating

## Up and Coming

Club meeting	19 November	26 November
Guest speaker	Russell Dale – China visit with Minister Shane Jones	Simon Cornwall – Mercy Ships
Introduction	Murray Patchell	Peter Spurdle
Vote of thanks	Richard Pryce	Dennis Neilson
Club speaker	Bruce Rykers	Bob Allison
Fellowship badges	Tom Davies	Bryce Dunn
Quote of the week	Robin Findon	Allen Foote
Fining officer	Kieran Irvine	Martin Kinder
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Dennis Marriner (yes)	Roger Willard (yes)

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting / Event / Rotary Theme / Chair</b>	
<b>November</b>	<b>Rotary Foundation Month</b>	<b>Club Meeting Chair: Mark Gould</b>
19	Russell Dale - China	
23-25	Biking the Dunes – Weekend at Ōpōtiki	
26	Simon Cornwall – Mercy ships	
<b>December</b>	<b>Disease Prevention &amp; Treatment Month</b>	<b>Club Meeting Chair: Russell Burton</b>
3	AGM & Ashwin Jaiswal classification speech	
4	Driver Directions, Rotorua Go Kart Trust site, Mamaku	
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10	Meeting	
17	Christmas Function	
24	<b>No Meeting – Christmas break</b>	
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<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	
10	Swim the Lakes	
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	

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<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>	