



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday 13 May 2019

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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 – Russell Burton

Russell welcomed members and guests as well as returning fellows from their RFE to Brazil, Bob and Katrina Allison.

### Guest Speaker - Sarah Davis

Sarah is the recently appointed Principal of Rotorua Girls High School and she spoke of her background and ambitions for the school. Sarah is Rotorua-born and her father was an active Rotarian with a proud record of 40 years of 100% attendance. Sarah is currently looking to join the Rotorua West club.

She began her current role in January 2019 coming from a similar position at Timaru Girls High. However she was very familiar with RGHS having served as a Deputy Principal under Annette Joyce in 2000. She remembered the students from that era as being exceptionally talented, including Russell's Anna Dale and Katrina's Kristen Allison.

Sarah's homecoming to RGHS was kicked off with the recent 60<sup>th</sup> year reunion held in April. It allowed her to meet many of the high achievers that have attended the school and gave her inspiration to further lift the school's educational programme. In Term 1 she instituted an external review of the curriculum. In Term 2 she is reaching out to the community and other schools to enhance the school's offerings. In this regard, RGHS now has an MOU with Rotorua Boys to share curriculum strengths that each school possesses. She is planning to hold an Open Day in Term 3 to get feedback on how the school is progressing. Ideally she would like to see the school role increase from 450 to 800 students as that gives the scale required to offer a full range of curriculum subjects. We wish her luck in this endeavor and hope to re-establish the close links enjoyed with the school in the past.



### Club Speaker – Mark Gould

Mark gave an update on several court cases concerning the Rotorua Lakes Council - Plan Change 10 (relates to nutrient levels entering Lake Rotorua), Plan Change 1 (also deals with water quality issues) and a matter related to the rubbish dump. Mark also indicated the the Council's debt is now \$209M and some deferred payments are planned to help mitigate this level.



### Quote of the week – Roger Willard

Trump is always saying how clever he is and what a big brain he has so here are some Trump-like quotes:

“I’m so clever that sometimes I don’t understand a single word of what I am saying.” Oscar Wilde

“Through clever and constant application of propaganda, people can be made to see paradise as hell, and also the other way around, to consider the most wretched life as paradise.” Adolph Hitler

“If you have an important point to make, don’t be subtle or clever – use a pile driver, hit the point once, then come back

and hit it again, then a third time with a tremendous whack.” Winston Churchill

## NOTICES AND REMINDERS

### Movie and Meal

Richard Pryce announced another Movie and Meal evening on 4 June (5:30pm start). The movie is *Aftermath* and the meal will be at Capers. Contact Richard if interested; there are 23 seats available.

### 2019/2020 Leadership

Tom Davies indicated that he is almost there in pulling together a team for next year. However there is a need for a secretary so please contact Tom if interested (remember “Service above Self”).

### Chaplaincy Quiz Night

Robyn Murphy urged members to participate in this quiz night scheduled for 23 May. Teams are composed of four couples. Richard already has a team ready.

### Circus Quirkus

President Russell reminded members that Circus Quirkus is coming up on 31 May.

### Birthday Best Wishes

None

## UP AND COMING

Club meeting	13 May	20 May
Guest speaker	Amanda Vercoe – Introduction to Asthma NZ	Bob & Katrina Allison – Our Friendship Exchange to Brazil
Introduction	Ann Nicholas	Tom Davies
Vote of thanks	Martin Kinder	Allen Foote
Club speaker	Denis Marriner	Robin Findon
Fellowship badges	Richard Pryce	Robyn Murphy
Quote of the week	Doug Clemens	Murray Patchell

Fining officer	Fergus Cumming	Katrina Allison
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Mark Gould (?)	John Heaton (yes)

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting / Event / Rotary Theme / Chair</b>	
<b>May</b>	<b>Youth Service Month</b>	<b>Club Meeting Chair: TBA</b>
13	Amanda Vercoe – Introduction to Asthma NZ	
20	Bob & Katrina Allison – Our Friendship Exchange to Brazil	
27	Special Meeting	
31	Circus Quirkus	
<b>June</b>	<b>Rotary Fellowships Month</b>	<b>Club Meeting Chair: TBA</b>
3	<b>No Meeting – Queen’s Birthday</b>	
10	Phil Wharekura	
17	Brigette Nelson	
<b>24</b>	<b>Changeover</b>	