



Rotary Club of Rotorua

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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, Janette Irvine and David Reid.

Guest Speaker – Bob Allison

Bob and Katrina visited Brazil (District 4480) between the 15-29 April 2019 on a Rotary Friendship Exchange. Over a period of fourteen days they travelled with six other Rotarians from District 9930. The group was hosted by local Rotarians giving the New Zealanders an opportunity to experience home life in Brazil.

We managed to visit four towns for three to four days each in the NW corner of the state of Sao Paulo. The towns we visited included Jau, Otajobi, Ilha Solteira and Rio Preto. We travelled by mini bus between destinations which often gave us the opportunity to have some down time.

The local Rotarians made sure to keep us very busy over that period of time and we attended many activities, including visits to local sites and current Rotary Projects. We also attended Rotary meetings and socialized every night. In Ilha Solteira we met Luis cicero who is the District Governor.

Our points of interest during the trip were visits to several Cachaca distilleries, a farm, a large hydroelectric power plant in Ilha Solteira, pulp and paper mill, lime pack house, a soda company and a thermal water park. Bob did not mention the mall which held 200 shoes shops in Jahu. Katrina was in heaven.

The main language spoken in Brazil is Portuguese. We had ample opportunity to use Google Translate to communicate with our hosts and others.

We ate plenty of pizza, drank lots of cachaca, danced and made friends for life. The Brazilians we met were most hospitable and gracious and it is an RFE we thoroughly recommend to others.

Club Speaker -Russell Burton

Russell spoke about his trip to Adelaide where he cycled in conjunction with the Tour Down Under (TDU) in January last. The TDU is the main cycling event in the Southern Hemisphere and attracts some of the world's best cyclists. With temperatures typically in the 40's, it must also be the hottest cycling events on the planet. He and his companions were normally cycling about 70-90 km per day, starting at around 7:30 am in the morning and having to be off the road by 11:00am as the temperatures at that point started to get in the high 40s. The hottest temperature he recorded on his cycling computer was 45c. He noted that the flies were attracted to sweaty cyclists and any speed below 8kph saw them latch on to the back of cyclists as the flies chased the moisture. It made the hills a challenge trying to keep speeds above fly catching level. Overall he felt it was a great experience, fun to see some of the worlds top cyclists in action and to cycle some different and beautiful country.

Quote of the week – Richard Pryce

“Spring passes and one remembers one’s innocence.

Summer passes and one remembers one’s exuberance.

Autumn passes and one remembers one’s reverence.

Winter passes and one remembers one’s perseverance.” – Yoko Ono

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Visit from the new DG Peter Maxwell. For your diary, Peter Maxwell is coming to Rotorua on Thursday 1 August 2019 to speak to all clubs. West Club will host this event at the Princes Gate Hotel. Phil Agent is offering a \$25.00 meal on the night.

Chaplaincy Quiz Night

Robyn Murphy indicated that we have two teams entered to participate in the Chaplaincy Quiz Night scheduled for 23 May.

Circus Quirkus

Members are reminded that Circus Quirkus is coming up on 31 May.

Movie Night

Richard Pryce indicated that there were six places left to attend the movie “**The Aftermath**” on Tuesday June 4th.

Fellowship at the Good George Pub Tarawera /Te Ngae Rd Roundabout at 5:30 on the 27/05/2019.

Birthday Best Wishes

24 May – Tom Davies

26 May – Tony Baker

3 June – Bob Allison

UP AND COMING

Club meeting	27 May	10 June
Guest speaker	TBA	Phil Wharekura
Introduction	None	Allen Foote
Vote of thanks	None	John Heaton
Club speaker	Allen Foote	Fergus Cumming

Fellowship badges	Robyn Murphy	Dennis Marriner
Quote of the week	Murray Patchell	Bruce Rykers
Fining officer	Russell Burton	Russell Dale
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Kieran Irvine	Martin Kinder

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

Date	Meeting / Event / Rotary Theme / Chair	
May	Youth Service Month	Club Meeting Chair: TBA
27	Special Meeting	
31	Circus Quirkus	
June	Rotary Fellowships Month	Club Meeting Chair: TBA
3	No Meeting – Queen’s Birthday	
10	Phil Wharekura	
17	Brigette Nelson	
24	Changeover	