



### That week that was...

*"Waiting for a coronavirus vaccine is like waiting for a bus. You wait ages then suddenly three come along at once.."* (Borrowed and amended)

**7 December 2020** Our guest was Stephen Doddington with Shelterbox. Stephen brought along a Shelterbox, which could be better described as being akin to Dr Who 's time machine. The amount of essential to habitat goodies in the box, tent, stove, tools, toys, lights and so on seemed to be vastly greater than the volume of the box. There are thousands of these in strategic locations around the world ready to be dispatched to locations of disasters at any one time they are a master piece in engineering and logistics. There is an estimated 100 million people homeless at any one time. After a disaster the arrival of one of these to your location must be a real boon to survival. To fill each box costs about \$1,500.

The Directors wish to raise money to fund the creation of one of these boxes and hence will specifically focus on our securing donations for these over the next three formal meetings of our club.

**Parksyde. December 5th.** It was with an enormous amount of satisfaction that we saw the completion of the Parksyde Gardens. It is always nice to see a tangible change. Our efforts combined with those of others have transformed the weedy scrappy gardens we attacked earlier this year into very attractive gardens.

Below our guest and President Robyn. The Parksyde gardens before and after.



Nominations are being called for the position of Rotary District Governor for 2023-2024 for District 9930.

Nominations need to be in before 28 February 2021. If this is of interest please advise President Robyn and do so WELL BEFORE THE ABOVE DATE.

**What is coming up...**

**December 14th**

Christmas function 5:30 for 6pm at Rotorua Golf Club.

\$45.00 please pay prior to the club bank account at 02-0412-0038523-00

**Christmas / New Year Break.**

A chance to reset and recharge the batteries after what has been a memorable year.

**January 18th 2021**

We start our year again with the awarding of the Harold Holmes Award.

Quote: Margriet Theron.  
Introduction Murray Patchell  
Thanks from Ann Nicholas

**Remember:**

If you cannot undertake a duty it is your responsibility to find a substitute and then advise the meeting chair of that substitution.

If you cannot attend a regular Monday lunchtime meeting please advise Martin Kinder [mkinder@deloitte.co.nz](mailto:mkinder@deloitte.co.nz) by midday of the Friday before that meeting. Otherwise you will be charged for that meal.

Club meetings are 12:30pm Mondays excluding public holidays.  
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