



Rotary Club of Rotorua

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 24 July 2017

Firstly a big thanks to Past President Ann for managing the meeting this last week. Regrettably I have a work commitment on the third Monday of each month. So asking someone to step into the chair will have to be the norm on those occasions.

Over the last two weeks we have had our first Directors meeting and for me my first combined Presidents meeting. The Directors in addition to the usual stuff to review and approve the financial position and so forth are focusing on filling our meeting agenda and ensuring a strong balance of information, fellowship and community activity. Checking Club Health is part of this. We do have one very important role to fill that of senior Vice President. I know there has been a lot of pride in our always having a new President each year but it is timely that we have to rethink that and it will be essential that a Past President may need to take over that role again.

The focus for the combined presidents meeting was to increase collaboration and mutual support. We will have District Governor Leonie Tisch visit us on the 28th of August. She will address us but is looking for any particular theme that we would like her to focus on.

The focus for this coming meeting on Monday is on us as a club. We will have Don Gollan from the big November charity raiser coming along to give us an update. Since he last met with us this event has gone through some substantial rebranding and rethinking how it will operate. I will leave Don to provide the detail. At present I am a trustee of the trust which has the ultimate responsibility for the event. As President I feel I should step down from this role and therefore seek someone that would be prepared to take over this role. That person must be formally nominated by the Club Directors. So if this is something you would like to do please let me know. We as a club must be looking to commit to tables and helping promote the event to the wider community. Our club having been slow of the mark when it started is now starting to take a more active role in it with Robyn, Richard and Martin already involved as well.

We started our strategy refresh a year ago. Parts of this have rolled out – the move to the Golf Club, and now starting the move to a project based style of operation. Like all strategies they are never locked in forever so it is timely we check on progress and check our direction. What is working; what can we do better.

Our agenda is already filling up and some successes already have been had. The multicultural evening was stunning, we have a Guess Who is Coming to Dinner this Saturday and a bike ride in Taupō on Sunday. The speech competition is on the 14th in the evening combined with the Lakes Club. Others are in hand. We can have more so any ideas and who can organise them. For example our Christmas function which will combine with being our 90th birthday. A double reason to celebrate. Volunteers

World President

Ian Riseley

D9930 Governor

Leonie Tisch

President

Russell Burton

Immediate Past President

Allen Foote

Directors

Administration

Martin Kinder

Secretary

Robyn Murphy

Membership

Richard Pryce

Projects

Ann Nicholas

Officers

Welfare

Ray Bloomfield

Sergeant

Barry Lane

Webmaster / Archivist /

Historian

Tony Baker

Bulletin Editors

Bob/Katrina Allison

Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

please.

See you all on Monday.

President Russell

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Taupo Cycling, Sunday 23 July

Russell Dale is expecting around 13 cyclist to meet at the Aratiatia Dam carpark at 10:30 am. The 11 km track into town is an easy grade. Lunch is at the Vines Eatery on Tuwharetoa Street. The return trip should see participants back at the carpark around 3 pm.

High Schools Speech Contest, Monday 14 August

Our annual High Schools Speech Contest will be held on Monday 14 August 5.30pm for 6pm start at the Distinction Hotel Convention Centre, Fenton Street carpark. This will be a joint meeting with the Rotorua Lakes Rotary Club. This is a great meeting to bring family and guests. Numbers will be required the week before. More information about meals and costs will be provided in future bulletins.

2017 NZ General Election Outcome Possibilities, Monday 21 August

Dennis Neilson has invited members to attend a reception affiliated with his DANA Forestry Conference. Speakers David Farrar (Editor Kiwiblog) and Mathew Hooton (Director of Exceltium) will give their perspectives on the upcoming election from Wellington and Auckland perspectives. If interested contact Julie Bell at admin@dana.co.nz or call 349 2764 [Ext 2].

Future Leaders Forum, Saturday 9 September

Rotary New Zealand, together with [Leadership New Zealand](#), invite Rotarians

to attend the **Future Leaders Forum** - a unique opportunity for Rotarians to meet and interact with significant civil, commercial, community and Rotary leaders for an inspirational and informative forum. The forum is being run in conjunction with the Governors Institute on the morning of Saturday 9 September 2017. For further information and to register, go to <http://rotaryoceania.zone/SitePage/rotary-zone-7b-symposium-2017>

FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Quote from Robyn Murphy

"I measure my success by what I have to give to society and not what I have taken from it." Billy Macfarlane, former Meth addict/criminal

Melanie Groves, Keep Rotorua Beautiful

Melanie is Keep Rotorua Beautiful's coordinator/educator. She gave a very confident presentation outlining her organisation's efforts to enhance Rotorua's environment. Established in 1997, Keep Rotorua Beautiful is now a stand alone entity with support from the Rotorua Lakes Council through a partnership agreement. Melanie showed two videos that capture KRB volunteers in action and serve as outreach initiatives to the community.

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Denis Marriner - Friday 21 July

GET WELL BEST WISHES

Bruce Rykers is in hospital after suffering a coronary issue but is in good spirits. Please give him a call to show your care and support (027 294 1820).

Up and Coming

Club meeting	24 July	31 July 2017
Guest Speaker	Club Day	TBA
Introduction		Tony Baker
Vote of thanks		Doug Clemens
Club speaker	Tom Davies	Robin Findon
Fellowship badges	Noel Lamberton	Barry Lane
Quote of the week	Denis Marriner	Dennis Neilson
Fining officer		Ian Pound
Room set-up	Bob Allison	Peter Spurdle

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

Date	Activity	Location	Contact
22 July 22	Guess who's coming to dinner	TBA	Richard Pryce
23 July	Cycling Taupo	Taupo	Russell Dale
24 July	Club day	RGC	Russell Burton
28 August	Leonie Tisch, DG	RGC	Russell Burton
14 August	High Schools speech contest	TBA	Ann Nicholas
14 October	Guess who's coming to dinner	TBA	Richard Pryce
17 November	Charity fundraiser lunch	Energy Events Centre	Russell Burton
27 November	Club AGM	RGC	Russell Burton
December	Christmas function	TBA	TBA