



Rotary Club of Rotorua

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Monday 7 August 2017

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Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

It was an inspiring evening to attend the Sir Graeme Dingle Foundation meeting last Tuesday. It made me proud that we are a supporter of Kiwican. It also made me concerned how many our matariki are falling through the cracks. So many of us grew up in 'Godzown' where New Zealand was the shining light in a mixed up and screwed up world. Now in our new world we have one of the highest youth suicide rates and too many falling by the way.

Robyn Skelton noted how many of our schools are Decile 3 and below. Although our politicians are quick to inform us that a decile rating does not represent the quality of a school. It does however tell us what the social situation of our region is like. I served as Chair of the Primary Health Organisation (deliverer of our primary medical care services in Rotorua) for five years and one of the striking statistics was that about 50% of the Rotorua community are classed as 'high deprivation'. And this is our community. At least supporting Kiwican and Big Brothers Big Sisters is something tangible we can do. Are there other things we can do?

Everywhere we look we see messages to support our children "It is easier to build strong children than repair broken men" (Fredrick Douglas); "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way it treats its children" (Nelson Mandela) and "Children are great imitators so give them something great to imitate" (Anon).

This is a theme we will revisit over the next year.

My thanks to Glen Murphy for his inspiring speech about innovation and forestry. There seems to be a common theme here. Accidentally we have trained our children to be well set up to be part of the modern world. All that time practicing saving princesses from evil demons in their computer virtual world is coming to great use as they now use their digital dexterity to fell trees from several miles away or control robotic insects as they take out invading bugs.

We now have in our pockets a tool with more computing power than NASA had available when it put a man on the moon. This tool will calculate the trajectory of sending a capsule around the moon and back, the speed by which light will travel to earth from a distant star or to control a remote air craft to carry out some complex task. And yet how many of us use this great tool to send picture of smiley faces to each other. The world is a strange mixed up place. It is our world and the great thing is what we as Rotary do to make it a better place.

Yours in Rotary

President Russell

NOTICES AND REMINDER

Christmas Function, Monday 11 December

Robyn Murphy and Katrina Allison are organising this year's function and would like feedback from members as to whether they prefer the same venue as last year (Café at Rainbow and Fairy Springs) or a new venue. Please respond to Katrina with a preference (no response is a vote for the former) and a suggested new venue if voting for the latter.

Fun'raiser Lunch, Friday 17 November

Richard Pryce urged members to begin organising tables for this event. The club had two last year.

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. Numbers will be required at next week's meeting. More information about meals and costs will be provided soon.

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 Anne Nicholas

"Life is a cup to be filled, not a measure to be drained." Jill Tremain

Club Speaker

Tom Davies gave an update on the share market performance over the last 5 years: the NZ market up 17.5% pa, the Australian market up 7.2% pa and the global market up 13.0% pa. This growth is greater than the long term average, and as a result, Craigs is putting more emphasis on cash and less on shares.

Guest Speaker

Glen Murphy is a forestry consultant with an extensive academic and research background in forest engineering. He has affiliations with two overseas universities and our local Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology. Glen gave a very interesting look into the new innovations and high tech trends in this important sector for New Zealand.

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Gary Spence, 1 August
Murray Patchell, 2 August
Barbara Cummin, 2 August
Paul East, 4 August

GET WELL BEST WISHES

Bruce Rykers is still unwell and is back from Waikato Hospital. Please give him a call to show your care and support (027 294 1820).

Up and Coming

Club meeting	7 August 2017	14 August 2017
Guest Speaker	Juan Restrepo, Vanuatu Dental Project	TBA
Introduction	Allen Foote	Doug Clemens
Vote of thanks	Fergus Cummins	Russell Dale
Club speaker	Allen Foote	John Heaton
Fellowship badges	Robyn Murphy	Denis Marriner
Quote of the week	Ian Pound	John Powell
Fining officer	John Powell	Richard Pryce
Room set-up	Margriet Theron	Roger Willard

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location	Contact
August	6	Directors Meeting	Russell Residence	Robyn Murphy
	7	Juan Restrepo	RGC	Ray Bloomfield
	14	Speech Competition	Evening TBA	Ann Nicholas
	21	Hazel Warnes Principal Chapman College	RGC	Russell Burton
	21	Lincoln College		Martin Kinder
	28	Leonie Tisch District Governor	RGC	Russell Burton
September	4			
	11	Marion Sangland / Lou Sherman Curious minds (TBC)	RGC	Russell Burton
	18	Target evening		Russell Burton
	25			
October	9			
	14	Guess who is coming to dinner	TBA	Richard Pryce
	16			
	17	Quiz night TBC		Martin
	23	Labour Day – no meeting		
	30			
November	3-5	RYPEN		
	6			
	13			
	17	The Fun'raiser lunch	Energy Events Centre	Russell Burton
	20			
	27	Club AGM	RGC	Russell Burton
December	4			
	11	Christmas Function -evening	TBA	Katrina Allison and Robyn Murphy
	18	No meeting		
	25	Christmas Day – no meeting		
January	1	New years day no meeting		
	8	First meeting back		
	15	Harold Holmes Scholarship		

	22			
	29	Auckland Anniversary		
February	5			
	12			
	19			
	26			
March	5			
	12	School Leaders		
	19			
	24/25	Swim the Lake		Ktraina Alliosn and Barry Lane
April	2	Easter – no meeting		
	9			
	16			
	23			
	30			
May	7			
	14			
	21			
	28			
June	4	Queens Birthday – no meeting		
	11			
	18			
	25	Change over - Evening		