



Rotary Club of Rotorua

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 6 November 2017

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Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

It was a good turnout for our Annual General Meeting on Monday. I was surprised by the comment by Stuart Batty that many Rotary Clubs don't hold an AGM anymore. I am not sure how that works as it is an important part of our constitution and ensuring we sustain our charitable status for the club. IRD is constantly and increasingly looking at charitable trusts. I know that we run ours professionally hence nice to endorse the motion by Peter to formally thank Martin for his work on managing our finances. Although only five months into our new regime I would also pass on my thanks to the other Directors, Anne, Richard and Robyn. Also to those doing other critical roles including Bob, Garth, Tony and Ray. It will be good to have Katrina joining the Directors in November.

It was an added bonus to have Stuart Batty join us and bring us up to date with the activities of the New Zealand Rotary World Community Service. As I noted after his presentation it is sobering to appreciate how big the Rotary machine is and the global impact it is making. Thanks to Fergus for bringing Stuart along.

We will reschedule the club forum for another time. It is an important feedback loop although one thing I have noted is that members are not slow in reminding me when I missed something or something is not right. I actually do appreciate that.

Just to reinforce the up and coming activities. We have our Christmas combined 90th celebration coming up on the 11th of December. A very impressive and fun line up of events is planned. Do spread the word. In the new year we have cycling in Hawkes Bay, the lakes swim, tree planting and some other social / fellowship events in the planning stages.

Barry opened the meeting by giving thanks that we have a government. The new coalition is certainly setting an interesting agenda. I am currently searching through the attic for my old Forest Service jacket. It looks like I will need it again. Back to the future.

Yours in Rotary,

President Russell

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Fun'raiser Lunch, 17 November

President Russell reminded members of this upcoming event and distributed tickets to those already paid up.

Christmas Function, 11 December

Martin Kinder announced that two excellent speakers had been secured to help celebrate Christmas and the club's 90th anniversary – John Heaton, our longest serving member, and Bill Boyd, Past Rotary International President.

FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Quote of the Week, Katrina Allison

"Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best". H Jackson Brown Jr

Guest Speaker, PDG Stuart Batty

Stuart is Executive Director of NZ Rotary World Community Service and spoke on the creation and mission of this worthy Rotary initiative. Starting out as a District committee 40 years ago to foster international projects, NZRWCS has morphed into a charitable company that secures significant government funding, along with Rotary resources, to support a number of major overseas humanitarian

and developmental ventures. One of the more successful initiatives is the handling of Emergency Response Kits which NZRWCS has stationed all over the Pacific Islands in readiness for distribution after major natural disasters. Additionally, over \$10m has been raised in support of Polio Plus.

AGM

President Russell opened the meeting with 18 members in attendance. After confirming the minutes of the previous AGM, he called on Treasurer Martin Kinder to present the financial report. Both the Charitable Trust and Club accounts were healthy with an annual surplus of \$5962 for the former and only a \$135 loss for the latter. A vote of thanks for Martin's efforts was passed unanimously. President Russell indicated that a president for the upcoming 2018/19 year has yet to be confirmed and the Board is diligently working on this.

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Robin Findon, 28 October
Glenn Murphy, 30 October
Russell Dale, 1 November
Bryce Dunn, 3 November

Up and Coming

Club meeting	6 November 2017	13 November 2017
Guest speaker	Lily Joy Al Omari, Life in Saudi Arabia	Stuart Burns, Growing Old Disgracefully with the Ulysses Club
Introduction	Martin Kinder	Barry Lane
Vote of thanks	Denis Marriner	Ann Nicholas
Club speaker	John Powell	Richard Pryce
Fellowship badges	Bob Allison	Katrina Allison
Quote of the week	Murray Patchell	Tony Baker

Fining officer	Tony Baker	Ray Bloomfield
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Bryce Dunn (Yes)	Robin Findon

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
November	3-5	RYPEN		
	6	Lily Joy Al Omari	RGC	Bob Allison
	13	Stuart Burns	RGC	Garth Wilson
	17	Fun'raiser lunch	Energy Events Centre	Katrina Allison
	20	Mike Bannister	A Wee Dram	Garth Wilson
	27			
December	4			
	11	Christmas Function	RGC	Katrina and Robyn
	18	No meeting		
	25	Christmas Day – no meeting		
January	1	New Years Day – no meeting		
	8	No meeting		
	15	Harold Holmes Scholarship		
	22			
	29	Auckland Anniversary – no meeting		
February	5			
	10/11	Hawkes Bay Cycling	Hawkes Bay	Russell Dale
	12			
	19			
	26			
March	5			
	12	School Leaders		
	19			
	24-25	Swim The Lake		Katrina Allison / Barry Lane
	26			
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		

