



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 26 February 2018

### World President

Ian Riseley

### D9930 Governor

Leonie Tisch

### President

Russell Burton

### Immediate Past President

Allen Foote

### Directors

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Martin Kinder

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Membership

Richard Pryce

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Sergeant

Barry Lane

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Historian

Tony Baker

Bulletin Editors

Bob/Katrina Allison

Programme Coordinator

Garth Wilson

### Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,  
399 Fenton Street,  
Rotorua.

It was interesting to receive some insights from MP the Honourable Todd McClay last Monday. Although Rotary is an apolitical organisation the dynamics of the political environment are so pervasive affecting every part of our lives that awareness of the dynamics of government is always valuable.

Todd reminded us that we are close to the beginnings of another local body election and so the cycle continues.

We shall soon be welcoming new members from Lakes Rotary Club and it is important that we make them welcome and secure their involvement in the Club's activities. Mark Gould has already become a key part of our scene and great to have him involved so early.

On Monday night last the combined Presidents met with some of the trustees of the Rotary Luncheon Charitable Trust. This event is our flagship event and to date it has raised about \$250,000 a significant amount to inject into key local charities. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure the clubs can maximize support to it and that communication between the clubs and the Trust are strong. Katrina Allison is our appointee to the Trust and I and I am sure the members of our club appreciate the regular updates from her and Don Gollan the event organiser. Don has typically updated us about twice per year and rallied our members to ensure that we are giving it the best support we can. If any members have ideas or enhancements it is important you talk with Katrina.

It is important that we balance our activities between fellowship and raising funding for charities. We have consciously increased the focus on fellowship this year with the Luncheon, and Swim the Lake being our major fund raising activities. If you feel we do not have this balance right please talk with one of the Directors.

Yours in Rotary,

**President Russell**

## NOTICES AND REMINDERS

### 2018 Fun'raiser Charity Lunch

Katrina Allison reported that this will be held on 16 November with a \$100k target. The organisers are looking to reduce the number of charities supported in order to offer larger grants with more impact. Katrina will liaise with last year's charities to monitor how the funding was spent. She is also seeking feedback from members on their thoughts/ideas for the event.

### Swim the Lake

Katrina confirmed that planning is well underway for this event on 11 March. She is seeking more kayaks plus any donations for spot prizes on the day.

### Gardening

Robyn Murphy is looking for volunteers to undertake some mid-week planting at the hospital's Rehab ward. She and Tony Baker will also do osme gardening for Janice Scott.

## FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### Guest Speaker, Todd McClay

Todd gave a very informative talk on recent happenings in Government, particularly regarding the National Party.

## Up and Coming

Club meeting	26 February	5 March
Guest speaker	Dennis Neilson, Surprising Holiday Locations	TBA
Introduction	John Powell	Richard Pryce
Vote of thanks	Margriet Theron	Roger Willard
Club speaker	Bob Allison	Katrina Allison
Fellowship badges	Bryce Dunn	Robin Findon
Quote of the week	Allen Foote	Kierin Irvine
Fining officer	Martin Kinder	Barry Lane

He indicated that the leadership race is an orderly affair which the 56 National MP's will decide next Tuesday. He outlined how MMP is working to provide stability to Government despite the lowering number of minor parties. With regard to his Rotorua electorate, he acknowledged that the recent vigorous growth is slowing and he thus looks forward to new faces and ideas for the local Government elections next year.

### Club Speaker, Garth Wilson

Garth reported that he has enjoyed the past 2.5 years of retirement from Sigma Consulting. However he has done a little casual work collecting foundation data for local architect Ross Malcolm.

### Quote of the Week, Barry Lane

"Being president is like running a cemetery; you have lots of people under you, but no one is listening to you." Bill Clinton

"War does not determine who is right – it only determines who is left." Anon

## BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

No birthdays.

Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Murray Patchell	John Powell

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
February	26	Dennis Neilson	RGC	Garth Wilson
March	5			
	11	Swim the Lake		Katrina Allison / Barry Lane
	12	School Leaders		
	19			
	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		