



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 2 April 2018

Dear fellow Rotarians and Friends

I was sorry to miss the youth leadership forum the week before but by all accounts it went well and all seven schools attended. Well done to Ann and the team. A great presentation by Brian Richardson on climbing. It will be well worth while bringing him back to talk about pot-holling or is it caving? Somehow I cannot see the same dimension to the photography but perhaps I will be surprised.

Great to see a good turnout to help with the gardening as Ian said this is what Rotary is all about.

So moving on to sadder subjects our forum is in a couple of weeks. I was sorry to receive Tony's resignation. I have only known Tony for a short time and know how much people look up to him through his enormous contribution to our Club and to Rotary. Tony has looked after our website, Facebook, Club archives and drives the handbook as well as a key role with the bulletin. We cannot simply let Tony disappear without some formal acknowledgement. Margriet has taken on the Facebook and we are looking for volunteers to address the other functions.

Our reality is undeniable; we are losing members. It seems by doing nothing we lose members and by changing the model we lose members who are uncomfortable with the change. I do not believe there is a simple fix and then all will be well. Please bring your best ideas along and then let's see what we can suggest going forward.

Yours in Rotary,

**President Russell**

### 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

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Ray Bloomfield

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Barry Lane

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Tony Baker

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Bob/Katrina Allison

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Garth Wilson

### Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,  
399 Fenton Street,  
Rotorua.

## NOTICES AND REMINDERS

### Circus Quirkus

Circus Quirkus will be held at 6pm on 24<sup>th</sup> May at the Rotorua Girls High School hall. This is a major fund raiser for the club and is a great project to be involved with. Ray Bloomfield volunteered to arrange volunteers for the night and liaise with Martin leading up to the event.

### Gardening

This will be at Janice Scott's on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April. Ian Pound took names of those keen to help out.

## FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### Guest Speaker, Brian Richardson

Brian gave a captivating talk on climbing as a sporting activity and his climbing experiences. Climbing ranges from simple boulder scaling to full blown mountaineering. You can work your way up the disciplines as your skill improves or stick with one that suits you. They all take mental and physical toughness along with a range of specialist climbing gear. Brian recounted his recent trip to Nepal to scale a challenging Himalayan peak, the 6812 metre high Ama Dablan. Along with 5 other intrepid climbers, they spent several weeks trekking to the peak, acclimatising their bodies to the altitude, then methodically scaling the mountain from a base camp through 2 other camps further up the mountain with temperatures

reaching -25 degrees C. At the end was exhaustion and pure exhilaration at the feat accomplished.

### Club Speaker, Ray Bloomfield

Ray entertained the club with a tale of woe regarding his project to replace his garden shed. It started with the purchase of rather inexpensive (and substandard) kitset that was on sale at the Warehouse. Putting it together was the first big challenge with poor instructions and inadequate materials. Once erected then it had to be fixed to a proper base, again with some difficulty. After 2 years Ray says it is in about the same rundown shape as his previous shed. The experience was a testament to the adage, "You get what you pay for."

### Quote of the Week, Ann Nicholas

"Cricket civilises people and creates gentlemen. I want everyone to play cricket in Zimbabwe, I want ours to be a nation of gentlemen." Robert Mugabe

"A friend is quick to listen, slow to judge and always ready to go shopping." Anon

## BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Linda Neilson, 1 April  
Mel Davies, 6 April  
Pam Dale, 8 April.

## Up and Coming

Club meeting	2 April	9 April
Guest speaker	No meeting – Easter Monday	TBD
Introduction		Peter Spurdle
Vote of thanks		Ray Bloomfield
Club speaker		Doug Clemens
Fellowship badges		Robyn Murphy

Quote of the week		Denis Marriner
Fining officer		Dennis Neilson
Room set-up (PowerPoint)		Roger Willard

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
April	2	Easter – no meeting		
	7/8	Gardening at Janice Scott's	16 Kahurangi Drive	Ian Pound
	9			
	16			
	23			
	30			
May	7			
	14			
	21			
	24	Circus Quirkus	RGHS Hall	Ann Nicholas
	28			
June	4	Queens Birthday – no meeting		
	11			
	18			
	25	Change over - evening		