



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 14 May 2018

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### Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,  
399 Fenton Street,  
Rotorua.

Dear Rotarians,

There were some 30 of our club very envious of Kierin's trip to Alaska. If times get tough Kierin can take up public speaking. With Robin about to head off to that part of the world soon we have high expectations of his talk to us on his return. In fact with so many of our club heading off to exotic parts of the world over the next few months we should be well set with presentations without having to resort to those outside our club.

Last week I had the real privilege of attending the police awards ceremony. Although my role was to be part of presenting the Police Person of the Year Award it was very special to be there when many other awards were presented as well. I did feel conspicuous in a regular suit, no medals, stars on my shoulders and so on. I need to talk to my boss about our introducing a better uniform standard. It was wonderful to see the award being presented to a non-sworn officer, one of those who work in the backroom without whom everything else would grind to a halt. Wendy was a very fitting winner and we look forward to her coming along and telling us about her role. We then can make our own special fuss of her. A picture from the award is below and yes the comment has already been made about why Inspector Pewhairangi and I were holding the award and not Wendy. Well it was a really nice award! My thanks to Anne for her work behind the scenes.

I also noted today that it has been a very busy period. Guess Who is Coming to Dinner was very well supported and thanks to Richard for managing that. We also have a Quiz Night coming up on the 24<sup>th</sup> May hosted by Sunrise to which all Rotorua Rotary Clubs have been invited. Nothing like some serious competition to get some cross Rotary bonding going on.

We had a combined Presidents meeting tonight where the existing and future presidents have pledged to start strengthening the bonds across our clubs and see where we can combine and rationalize activities. The quiz night is the start of this. Thanks to President Maree for kicking this off and to our own Martin as Quizmaster.

I mentioned that I had received a very nice letter from Vivienne Scott. I am sure she is happy that I share this.

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Dear Rotary garden helpers,

On behalf of my siblings and my mother Janice, I'd like to thank you for giving up your weekend to spend time undertaking gardening tasks at Mum's house in Lynmore.

After Dad's death in October last year it has been difficult to keep up with all the work required to keep the garden in check. Dad spent a lot of time in the garden and now we know why! He loved gardening and being outdoors.

Having you assist in this respect has meant a lot to Mum and I wanted to send you this message personally to thank you.

Kind regards  
Vivienne Scott

I echo this – what a privilege it is to be part of this.

Yours in Rotary,  
*President Russell*

## NOTICES & REMINDERS

### Circus Quirkus

Circus Quirkus will be held at 6pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May at the Rotorua Girl's High School Arena. This is a major fundraiser 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.

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### Rotary District 9930 Conference 2018



**Registrations close on May 14, 2018  
at 23:59pm**

### Combined Quiz Night

With Sunrise Rotary Club on 25<sup>th</sup> May – with pizza.  
More information to follow.

### Changeover Evening

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June. More information to follow.

### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

This was a highly successful and enjoyable evening for those who took part. Thanks to Richard for organising it.

### Driver Directions

Garth will be needing volunteers / helpers on  
10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July.



## UP AND COMING DUTIES

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty, please contact Sergeant Barry – 021 741 264

Club Meeting	14 May April	21 May 2018
Guest Speaker	Jodie Lawson	Mark Gould
Introduction	Garth Wilson	John Heaton
Vote of Thanks	Tom Davies	Richard Pryce
Club Speaker	Martin Kinder	Roger Willard
Fellowship & Badges	Kierin Irvine	Bob Allison
Quote of the Week	Bruce Rykers	Ann Nicholas
Fining Officer	John Powell	Murray Patchell
Room Set-up	Ian Pound	Dennis Neilson
Power Point	Yes	No

## *2018 Police Person of the Year Award*



Awarding of the Police Person of the Year at the Rotorua Lakes Council, Council Chambers.

Winner: Wendy Wrigley, Police Area Executive Officer.

From left: President of Rotary Club of Rotorua, Russell Burton, Inspector Anaru Pewhairangi (Area Commander Rotorua), Police Person of the Year Wendy Wrigley, Mayor Steve Chadwick.

## Guest Speaker – Kierin Irvine

At the beginning of June 2017 Kierin and Janette went to Alaska to join a small boat cruise through the south-east passage from Sitka to Ketchikan. Run by Alaskan Dream Cruises the catamaran was 104 feet long, holding 40 guests (mostly American) and 18 crew. The cruise covered 3000 miles in 12 days, with travel from one place to another overnight to maximise time during the day for visiting small friendly towns, viewing glaciers and wildlife and going for a good walk or kayak each day. . The cruise boat was small enough to visit places off regular cruise routes and there was a strong emphasis on nature and culture.

Kierin shared photos of scenery, wildlife, towns and clan houses which are the centre of villages, providing a place to meet and talk around the central firepit. He observed that due to the difficult terrain people travel by air or boat, with floatplanes used like cars. The wildlife was amazing – bald eagles, sea otters, sea lions, grizzly and black bear, puffins – and pods of humpback whales which work together to use a bubble net to feast on herring.

Interesting to find out was that when times were tough in Russia after the Crimean War Russia sold Alaska to the USA in 1867 for \$7 million. Also Motueka hops find their way into local craft beer. Kierin highly recommends the cruise and Alaska as a place to visit. Just pack warm clothes, even in summer.

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## Quotes – Fergus Cumming

“We may have all come in different ships but we are all in the same boat now. “  
Martin Luther King

“I’ve met the most interesting people whilst flying or on a boat. These methods of travel seem to attract the kind of people I want to be with.”  
Hedy Lamaar

Guy Fieri

“I have my own boat but when I first thought about taking a cruise, I thought - "You're going to trap me on a boat, and I am going to walk in circles all day long and go crazy, but try it - it's awesome!"

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
May	5	Guess who’s Coming to Dinner		Richard Pryce
	7	Kierin Irvine	Small Boat Cruising in Alaska 2017	
	14	Jodie Lawson	Driver Directions	Garth
	21	Mark Gould	Classification Talk	
	24	Circus Quirkus	RGHS Hall	Ann Nicholas
	28			
June	4	Queen’s Birthday	No Meeting	
	11	Grant Utteridge		
	18	John Gifford		
	25	Change over - evening		

*Photos taken by Kjerin and Janette on their trip to Alaska*



The " Alaskan Dream"



A Puffin or "Sea Parrot"



Grizzly salmon fishing



Two Grizzlies



Whales bubble net feeding



Whale tail fluking



Left shows Janette & Kjerin sampling S'mores

Right: Spotting Petroglyphs (Rock carvings on the beach).

