



Rotary Club of Rotorua

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 4 June 2018

Last week presented three Rotary events for us to take part in. Circus Quirkus is a key fundraiser for us but more importantly enables a venue full of young people and their families to enjoy an evening of fun at the show. The Rotary Quiz night hosted by Rotary Sunrise provided an evening of fellowship, fun and a possibly opportunity to display your cleverness.

Thirdly, we had our weekly club meeting where we heard from our Police Person of the Year, Wendy Wrigley. Wendy was selected from a number of worthy nominations and, hearing her speak, it was clear why she was recognised. This project is part of our Vocational programme. Before the meeting I Googled "Rotary Police Person" and found out about other clubs in Australia, USA and elsewhere around the world which similarly recognise the police in their area. There was an impressive number of high profile, heavily sponsored presentation ceremonies, some at the State level in Australia. Some clubs also recognise teachers, ambulance staff and nurses who put "Service Above Self".

Spending some time Googling is a great source of ideas for projects we could take on – or how we can extend our existing projects. The last week provided some excellent examples of Rotary in action. There really is no limit to what we can do to add value to our Rotary club, our community and our Rotary experience.

Yours in Rotary,

Past President Ann

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

Projects

Ann Nicholas

Officers

Welfare

Ray Bloomfield

Sergeant

Barry Lane

Webmaster / Archivist /

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Bob/Katrina Allison

Programme Coordinator

Garth Wilson

Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Circus Quirkus

Ray Bloomfield reported that Circus Quirkus on Thursday evening was a well attended and fun filled evening. It is encouraging to see that enthusiasm for the event has not waned with time.

Driver Directions

After 8 years of Driver Directions being at the Taupo Raceway we have at long last managed to secure the Mamaku KartSport Track for all future Rotorua Driver Directions courses for young drivers.

Rotarian helpers names please to Garth Wilson for: Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th July . Plus, we need 3 or 4 helpers on set - up day being Monday 9th July.

Rotary Golf

Richard Pryce reminded all golfers in the club that the annual President's Cup golf tournament will be held on Sunday 10 June.

FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Guest Speaker, Wendy Wrigley

Wendy is Rotorua's Police Person of the Year for 2018 and spoke to the club about her life both in and out of the Police. As an unsworn police officer, she is responsible for the administrative and support services at the Rotorua Police Station and is certainly appreciated by all who work with her.

Wendy hails from humble beginnings in Mangakino and was raised in a tough state housing community in Christchurch. The challenges of her upbringing clearly influenced her values and determination in later life. She began her affiliation with the Police by taking a position at the newly opened Police College in Porirua then moved to Rotorua after 3 years. Wendy recounted the cultural changes that she has witnessed in the police force over her 34 years of service – from a male-oriented

operation to a much more inclusive and collegial organisation.

Wendy has overcome many personal challenges including fighting breast cancer at 21 years of age and again when it recurred at 57. But she has retained her positive outlook and fitness through a dedication to playing tennis. She also loves to travel and has been to many interesting places around the world. All the members were impressed with Wendy's open and heart felt presentation of her life's experiences.



Club Speaker, Allen Foote

Allen told of many of his children focused experiences both in the church and in Rotary, such as supporting the Children's Ward at the hospital or working with the nurses to help children with special needs in the community. To support one of his favourite endeavours, the church's Path Finder Club, Allen will be walking around Lake Rotorua on 24 June and will be seeking sponsorship from members in the coming weeks.

Quote of the Week, Katrina Allison

"Travel brings power and love back into your life." Rumi Jalalud-Din

"Wherever you go becomes part of you."
Anita Desai

“To travel is to live.” Hans Christian
Anderson

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Bob Allison, 3 June

Up and Coming

Club meeting	4 June	11 June
Guest speaker	No meeting – Queen’s Birthday	Phil Spender
Introduction		John Heaton
Vote of thanks		Doug Clemens
Club speaker		Bob Allison
Fellowship badges		Dennis Neilson
Quote of the week		Murray Patchell
Fining officer		Richard Pryce
Room set-up (PowerPoint)		Margriet Theron

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
June	4	Queens Birthday – no meeting		
	11	Phil Spender	RGC	Garth
	18	John Gifford	RGC	Garth
	25	Change over - evening		