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## Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,  
399 Fenton Street,  
Rotorua.

## Monday 9 July 2018

Last week we had a changeover that was not a changeover so this week we will have a President's Pen that is not a President's Pen.

Thanks to Russell Dale for kicking of the new model with chairing the meeting today.

The presentation by Grant was certainly a great start for our new Rotary year. Biking is the new Golf so they say. With lots of MAMIL (middle aged men in lycra) and MAWILs (you figure it out) increasing by the day. Have you noticed how the cafes start filling about mid-morning on the weekends as all these cyclists descend on them to replace all those lost fluids and carbs with coffee and sweet treats!

It is very impressive how the trails in Whakarewarewa have developed an international reputation. One very popular cycling book refers to Whaka as the "Disneyland of mountain biking". All this through co-operation between commercial, iwi, council and a group of well led volunteers. What is planned moving forward will further enhance this reputation.

It was nice to be able to properly pass on Barry's PHF to him. Thanks to Martin for almost making the ultimate sacrifice and showing real ability with his calligraphy set.

As I noted Emily is now in high demand as an after dinner speaker with all three other clubs booking her up. We saw her first!

The diary is starting to fill up and Garth and others are starting to pull the annual diary together. I am very confident that we are in for a good year and a year of strengthening the club and what we can do in the community.

Yours in Rotary,

**President Russell**

## NOTICES AND REMINDERS

### 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.

### District Governor Visit

President Russell announced that the DG's visit will be held on 21 August with all of the Rotorua clubs present. Sunrise club will host the event.

## FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### Guest Speaker, Grant Utteridge

Grant spoke to the club about the activities and plans for Rotorua's Trails Trust. The Trust was established six years ago to develop the trail network in the Rotorua area for mountainbikers but also other recreational users such as equestrians, runners and walkers.

On average 6 to 7 new trails in Whaka Forest are developed annually. This supports many activities and mountainbiking alone is estimated to bring \$30 to \$50 million to the Rotorua economy. The trail network now has a full time manager and part-time administrator but the bulk of the maintenance work is done with volunteers through a system of trail adoption.

Grant outlined the five major projects to be undertaken by the Trust in conjunction with support from the Rotorua Lakes Council, the landowning iwi and the Government's Provincial Growth Fund. The recreational trail network will soon be

one of Rotorua's key assets for enjoyment by locals as well as tourist visitors.



### Club Speaker, Robin Findon

Robin shared his experiences over the weekend attending a medical crisis. This occurred at the Kaharoa Kokako Trust park during a rally for the NZ Motor Caravan Association. A gentleman had a cardiac arrest and Robin was on hand to provide CPR until emergency medical teams could arrive. Unfortunately the patient did not survive but it highlighted the value of having access to a defibrillator which would have substantially increased the odds for survival in such an event.

### Quote of the Week, Barry Lane (again)

"If you can't perform a duty at the weekly meeting then it is up to you to find a replacement." Rotary Guide to How Things are Done

## BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Garth Wilson, 6 July

## Up and Coming

Club meeting	9 July	16 July
Guest speaker	Mike Gray – Sailing to Antarctica	Marie Scott – St Johns Rotorua
Introduction	Kierin Irvine	Doug Clemens
Vote of thanks	Tom Davies	Bryce Dunn
Club speaker	John Heaton	Kierin Irvine
Fellowship badges	Denis Marriner	Dennis Neilson
Quote of the week	Ann Nicholas	Murray Patchell
Fining officer	Margriet Theron	Roger Willard
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Garth Wilson (Screen only)	Katrina Allison

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
July	2	Grant Utteridge – Rotorua, city of trails	RGC	Garth
	9	Mike Gray - Sailing to Antarctica	RGC	Garth
	10/11	Drivers Directions	OffRoad NZ, Mamaku	Garth
	16	Marie Scott – St Johns Rotorua	RGC	Garth
	23	Sandra Velarde – Homeward Bound	RGC	Garth
	30			
August	6			
	13			
	21	DG visit	With Sunrise Club	Russell B
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September	3			
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May	6		
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June	3	Queens Birthday – no meeting	
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	24	Changeover evening	