



Rotary Club of Rotorua

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Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman – Tom Davies

Tom welcomed members and guests. He reminded members of a number of upcoming activities.

Guest Speaker, Tim Cossar

Tim updated the club on recent developments at Te Puia where he is CEO. He explained that Te Puia is unique in its dual role as a tourism provider as well as being a provider of Maori cultural development. Its 150 fulltime staff cater to 550,000 paying customers per annum plus another 30-40,000 non-paying visitors such as students and community groups.

Te Puia recently received a \$2.5m Tourism Development Grant to aid in its \$25m development programme. This included a new school facility for teaching Maori arts and crafts such as carving (bone, stone and wood), weaving, bronze work and Ta Moko. A new arts gallery was also incorporated.

The other major development was a new restaurant (Kai Ngawha) which has a very Maori food focus. This whare kai has only been open for 10 weeks and overlooks Pohutu geyser. It can seat up to 300 guests.

Tim also explained how Te Puia has competed with other NZ tourism sites. For instance, Hobbiton in the Waikato has grown its gate to over 600,000 visitors in just over four years – plus the entrance fee is 50% more than Te Puia's. Queenstown has grown from equivalency to Rotorua over 10 years ago to being three times Rotorua's market. Of course, Queenstown benefited greatly from the demise of Christchurch's tourism market in the South Island after the earthquakes and the institution of direct flights from Australia.

The next challenge for Te Puia will be its vesting to Maori interests from its current Parliament-mandated structure. This process is underway within Government and may take up to 18 months to complete. Tim was confident that Te Puia will benefit from this change in governance with greater buy-in by Maori.

Club Speaker, Margriet Theron

Margriet covered a number of items, all related to her involvement with the Rotorua Multicultural Council. First was a talk from Robyn Spurdle to the Council on the Big Brothers Big Sisters programme which highlighted the need for this type of support for recent migrants. Next was an involvement with Toi Ohomai to welcome international students with a lunch put on by the Council featuring the cuisine from their home countries. Then on Armistice Day (11 November), the Council will organise a parade of nations during the celebrations to be held at the Government Gardens. Margriet also acknowledged the support of the Teal Kitchen for the recent dinner, Jing Jing for involving the Chinese Community Association with the Council and Ashwin Jaiswal for helping a South African architect with accessing courses in NZ.

Paul Harris Fellowship – Mark Gould

President Russell took great pleasure in presenting a Paul Harris Fellowship to Mark Gould. He congratulated Mark on his continuing support of Rotary and its ideals.

Quote of the week – Bob Allison

“Always remember that you are absolutely unique – just like everyone else.” Margaret Mead

“It takes considerable knowledge just to realise the extent of your ignorance.”
~~Donald Trump~~ Thomas Sewell

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Weet Bix Triathlon

Martin Kinder called for volunteers for this upcoming event scheduled for 2 December from 7:30 to 11:30am. Breakfast and morning tea will be provided. The club will receive \$40 for each volunteer which will go toward our support of RYLA.

Cycle Weekend, 24/25 November

Kierin Irvine announced that 20 have so far signed up for the cycle weekend in Opotiki planned for 24/25 November based at Kierin's place.

Social event

Richard Pryce is busy working on a Meal & Movie evening with timing to be announced soon.

Birthday Best Wishes

None

Up and Coming

Club meeting	5 November	12 November
Guest speaker	Te Taru White - Te Tatau o Te Arawa: A Partnership with Rotorua Lakes Council	Kierin Irvine - Bush Safaris in Botswana and Zambia
Introduction	Mark Gould	Ann Nicholas
Vote of thanks	Peter Spurdle	Robyn Murphy
Club speaker	Roger Willard	Richard Pryce
Fellowship badges	Russell Dale	Tom Davies

Quote of the week	Tom Davies	Bryce Dunn
Fining officer	John Heaton	Mark Gould
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Barry Lane (yes)	Ashwin Jaiswal (yes)

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

Date	Meeting / Event / Rotary Theme / Chair	
November	Rotary Foundation Month	Club Meeting Chair: Mark Gould
2-4	RYPEN Ngamuwahine TBC	
5	Te Taru White - Te Tatau o Te Arawa: A Partnership with Rotorua Lakes Council	
12	Kierin Irvine - Bush Safaris in Botswana and Zambia	
19	Meeting	
23-25	Biking the Dunes – Weekend at Ōpōtiki	
26	Simon Cornwall – Mercy ships	
December	Disease Prevention & Treatment Month	Club Meeting Chair: Russell Burton
3	AGM & Ashwin Jaiswal classification speech	
4	Driver Directions, Rotorua Go Kart Trust site, Mamaku	
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10	Meeting	
17	Christmas Function	
24	No Meeting – Christmas break	
31	No Meeting – Christmas break	

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January	Vocational Service Month	Club Meeting Chair: Richard Pryce
71	No Meeting – Christmas break	
14	Harold Holmes Award	
21	Meeting	
28	No Meeting – Anniversary Day	
February	Peace & Conflict Prevention/ Resolution Month	Club Meeting Chair: Ann Nicholas
4	Meeting	
11	Meeting	
18	Meeting	
25	Meeting	
March	Water & Sanitation Month	Club Meeting Chair: Barry Lane
4	Meeting	
11	Meeting	
18	School leaders lunch	
25	Meeting	
xx	Famously Rotorua Swim the Lake	

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April	Maternal & Child Health Month	Club Meeting Chair: Kierin Irvine
1	No Meeting	
7	Daylight saving ends	
8	Meeting	
15	Meeting	
22	No Meeting – Easter	
29	Meeting	
May	Youth Service Month	Club Meeting Chair: TBA
6	Meeting	
13	Meeting	
20	Meeting	
27	Meeting	
June	Rotary Fellowships Month	Club Meeting Chair: TBA
3	No Meeting – Queen’s Birthday	
10	Speech Contest	
17	Club Meeting	
24	Changeover	