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Monday 17 December 2018

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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 – Russell Burton

Russell welcomed members and guests. It was noted that Brice Dunn is in hospital having a stent procedure. We wish him well.

Guest Speaker, Rory O'Rourke

Rory is the manager of the local Age Concern organisation and gave an informative talk on its structure and responsibilities. Rory is well known to many through his educational career as principal at Kaitao Intermediate for over 20 years.

Rory started by acknowledging the support Rotary provided Age Concern with installing an access ramp at their premises in Eruera Street. He then explained his role at Age Concern was similar to that he had as a principal whereby he spent much of his time seeking funding, managing staff, developing strategic plans and policy statements. He currently works 15 hours per week and has a staff of four.

Age Concern has been in Rotorua since 1984 and was originally just a drop-in centre for the elderly. Now it has range of services for over-65's such as organising visitation, arranging inexpensive handyman services, providing transportation for shopping, promoting mobility scooter safety. It is funded by a range of government and charitable organisations but is heavily reliant on volunteers who can, for example, commit as little as one hour per week to visit with lonely older people in the community. Age Concern works tirelessly to make Rotorua an Age Friendly City where the elderly are healthy, have independence, are adequately housed, engaged with the community and working where possible.

Rory stated the population in NZ of people over 65 will triple by 2050. In Rotorua, there are now 10,000 residents over 65 with that forecast to double by 2030. This will put great pressure on existing public services thus increasing the importance of organisations such as Age Concern.



Club Speaker, Garth Wilson

Garth spoke of a couple of recent activities that have kept him busy in his retirement. One was project managing the siting of portable offices at the Mokoia Community Association's site. This has taken some time to get such administrative things as Council consent and a fire report, but happily foundations will be poured this week. Garth has also been assisting Mike Bannister's widow, Carol, in the demolition of a home on her property. This has also been a challenge as it has a lot of asbestos material that must be professionally removed.

Quote of the week – John Heaton

The worst part of success is trying to find someone who is happy for you. Bette Midler

Nothing you wear is more important than your smile. Connie Stevens.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Christmas Party

Mark Gould reminded club members to prepay \$40 for their attendance at the

Christmas Party scheduled for 17 December. Richard Pryce encouraged members to participate in the putting competition that will take place at 6pm prior to the 7pm start for the dinner.

Trees of Remembrance

[CORRECTION]

Russell Burton is still seeking help for the Trees of Remembrance community project but last week it was indicated that he had 8 volunteers where in fact he only has 2 and would like to have 8.

Volunteers are required for 2 hours (best 2 volunteers per session) at 10am, noon, 2 pm and 4pm. Our day is Sunday 23rd December. Please advise Russell if you can assist.

Swim the Lakes

Katrina Allison advised that this event will proceed on 10 March 2019 and that there have been over 170 hits on the Facebook site. She and her team are currently seeking sponsorship for the event, hoping to raise at least \$500.

Birthday Best Wishes

15 December, Dennis Neilson

UP AND COMING

Club meeting	17 December	14 January
Guest speaker	Christmas Party at Rotorua Golf Club. 6pm for putting competition, 7pm for dinner.	Harold Holmes Award
Introduction		Murray Patchell
Vote of thanks		Garth Wilson
Club speaker		Katrina Allison
Fellowship badges		Robin Findon
Quote of the week		Kierin Irvine
Fining officer		Denis Marriner

Room set-up (PowerPoint)		Richard Pryce (yes)
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Looking forward: long term view of our agenda for the year.

Date	Meeting / Event / Rotary Theme / Chair	
December	Disease Prevention & Treatment Month	Club Meeting Chair: Russell Burton
17	Christmas Function	
24	No Meeting – Christmas break	
31	No Meeting – Christmas break	
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	
10	Swim the Lakes	
11	Meeting	
18	School leaders lunch	
25	Meeting	
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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	

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24	Changeover