

Bulletin

Tuesday 10 June, 2025

Editor: Chris Keightley

Programme (upcoming)

Greeter

17 June Fairview Club **CHANGEOVER**
(Partners evening)

Ian Stevens

24 June The Hub (Platters)
Speaker - Sue Hannah from Flame, Cambodia
(Committees meet & report)

Jerry Payne

8 July Waihi Beach RSA
Partners evening – together with Paeroa Rotary
Guest speaker – Scott Simpson MP

Allan Sole

Club notices

Our changeover meeting next week

- Numbers are required by **advising Jenie before 3pm on Friday**
- Cost \$33/head (includes wine)

Greeter John Strongman

John spoke of his early days training and working as a technician, when the opportunity arose to work as a deckhand on the fishing vessel *Vampire*. This was an older traditional style vessel, one of many which were built locally for local conditions and which has recently been restored and is still around today. They were using the Danish seine method which involves the use of a towed net in combination with long specially designed ropes which are drawn across the seabed in order to herd the catch toward the net. This method was particularly successful and most trips were of about 3 days duration. Catches were unloaded in downtown Auckland, a very different place from what it is today.



FV Vampire

After the death of his father, John took over the running of his father's charter fishing boat business and spent the next few years operating the *Tai Awa* out of Coromandel

Presidents report

Jenie talked about the year that has almost gone, of the highs and the lows, and of the challenges and the wins and importantly she noted that the year started off not only with a number of changes, but there was a settling down period. This came with some significant restructure of our meeting arrangements which included moving from a dinner meeting every week at Fairview, to a combination of dinner meetings at Fairview and business meetings which are now conducted at The Hub

Other changes involved shifting toward Regionalisation Jenie noted, and that there may yet be a few tweaks required as we discover and embrace new opportunities when they arise

Jenie summarised the monthly events throughout the year as they occurred but highlighted some major successes, such as the provision of computers to remote communities where they are needed. These were enabled by John Buchanan and they were made available to communities in most of our Pacific neighbours, and also in Katmandu, Cambodia, Kenya and Sri Lanka. Jenie mentioned and thanked also, the enormous efforts of members of our committees, including those who provided personal funding over and above what is asked for, to communities in need

Jenie also thanked the volunteers for their efforts at events such as Matariki, the Avocado Festival, and the A&P Show, for hosting Julius, and those members who made their homes available for our Christmas barbecues

Jenie made special mention of John Dallimore for his services by providing insurance services Rotary (as revised under Regionalisation) to Zone 8 of Oceania and under a new title, Regional Rotary Risk Manager (RRRM)

Other significant projects included our involvement at the Tauranga Rotary Bookfair, and of course the bi-annual Garden Ramble for which preparations for this year's event are well in hand

Jenie finished up by exhorting and encouraging our committees to keep up the good work that they do but importantly; to not only examine what we have done, but to continue to do what we can do, with what we have

Cans for cause

We got our opportunity earlier this week to take part in this very worthwhile New Zealand wide effort which involved collecting grocery items for our local food bank and this activity is being mirrored by our fellow clubs throughout Tauranga and across New Zealand

We set up in our regular spot in the foyers at our local Woolworths to whom we are indebted and our effort on Tuesday netted in excess of 700 grocery items plus approximately \$450 in cash donations

A big THANKYOU to all involved



Changeover



The Rotary Club of Katikati invites you to attend the:

2025-2026 Presidential Changeover

Tuesday 17th June 2025

Fairview Country Club, Sharp Road, Aongetete

Please join us in welcoming Patricia Ann Owen and James (Jim) Bremner to the 2025-2026 Club President's role and acknowledge the exceptional work of our outgoing President, Jennifer (Jenie) Strongman.

6 pm Mix and Mingle

6.30 pm Dinner followed by Awards and Changeover formalities

Dress Code - Jacket & Tie

Bookings Essential - Numbers limited, book early.

Registrations close: 3 pm, 13th June 2025

RSVP: presidentrotarykk@gmail.com

Please note: Booking Registrations and enquiries to President Jenie Strongman, **Not** Martin Hawke, as he will be away on Holiday.

Friday the 13th!!!



A vibrant poster for a Mexican-themed fundraiser. At the top, two Rotary International logos flank the text "OMOKOROA ROTARY FUNDRAISER FOR OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE" in red. Below this, "MID WINTER" is written in yellow, and "FIESTA" is in large, bold, yellow letters. Underneath, "-JOIN THE PARTY-" is in red. The central illustration features a cactus, maracas, a couple in traditional Mexican attire dancing, a large taco, and two acoustic guitars. At the bottom, a red banner contains the ticket price "\$65pp", the date and time "Fri 13th June 6pm", and the location "Omokoroa Sports Pavillion Western Ave". Below the banner, the event details "Dinner, Live Music and Dancing, Cash Bar Silent Auction, Raffle" and the ticket link "TICKETS: humanitix.com/mid-winter-fiesta" are listed.

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Parting thought from John

80% of Success – is just showing up