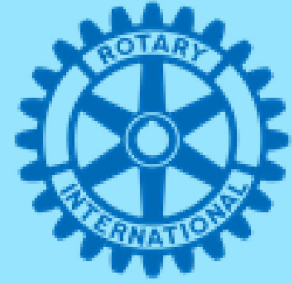




Rotary Club of Katikati New Zealand



Bulletin

Editor: [Nigel Williams](#)

10 December 2024

Programme:

17 December - Christmas dinner at Fairview with the Lions

N.B. Don't forget to **CONFIRM** all those attending.

There will be **quick fire raffles** so in order to take part, **bring cash**. There will also be a **Secret Santa** so to be involved, please bring a **wrapped present** up to the value of \$10.

14 January - Barbecue at Peter Mackay's, 71 Stewart Rd

(details on page 3)

Club Notices:

Volunteers who have kindly put their hands up **Please Remember:**

1. **Community BBQ** Lunch at Baptist Church on **14 December**. Assistance from 1.15pm
2. **Setting up** for the **Christmas dinner on 17 December**,
3. **Avocado Festival** on **11 January**. Assistance with parking at the Uretara Domain.
Two shifts: 7am-12pm or 12pm-4pm.

January "Summer Picnics" schedule — see page 4

Apology ?

Members— If you are unable to attend a meeting please contact **Martin Hawke** by **12 Noon** the previous Friday.

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Member's Talk

from **Francis Young** on *Updating Katikati History*

Francis is working with a team, including our Sandra Haigh, at the Museum to write a new account of the history of our community from 1940 onward. He is researching in the Western Bay [Community Archive](#) for records of prominent people who contributed to the growth of our area.

Francis first talked about the 1960s [excavation of the Kauri Point swamp](#) adjacent to the site of the Owarau Pa. This produced the first known evidence of human occupation in the district, including wooden hair combs, the best of which were included in the famous international [Te Maori exhibition](#) (1984-86). Artifacts from the excavation have been dated back to around 1350, before the arrival of the better known migrating canoes from which current iwi are descended.

The team plan to produce a book of some 300 pages, small enough "to fit in a lady's handbag!"

The prominent people who contributed to the growth of our area will include:

Morland Fox (County Clerk in 1948) who produced a report on the town of Katikati revealing a population of 450, 200 children at school, 6 businesses, no town water supply or reticulated sanitation and all roads unsealed.

David Hume, resident 1950-2003, who was a Town Councilor and chaired the later Town Board. The present swimming pool is named after him.

[George Alley](#), resident 1923-40, a progressive farmer owning some 1,000 acres who gave land for town facilities and was a prominent benefactor.

[Jim Jordan](#), resident 1926-97, who arrived as a farm cadet, worked at Tanners Point, was influential in education, and also an amateur historian.

[Arthur Honeyfield](#), resident 1948-96, who was an entrepreneur and business leader in the agricultural sector at a national level, leading in supplying our World War 2 Pacific forces with food. He was an early aviator and achieved degrees in law and accounting. He was also one of the men behind the development of the Port of Tauranga. He farmed at Kauri Point and became involved in the development of avocado growing and also got involved with the milling of plantations on Matakana Island.

Parting Thought from **Francis Young**

The older you get, the wiser you become

Talk

from **Julius Lange**, our Rotary Youth Exchange student from Germany

Julius told us about his recent 10 day South Island tour with some 44 other exchange students (about half female, about only 9 associated with Rotary). 37 of them were from Germany, but Brazil, Norway, Denmark and France were also represented.

The places they visited and activities included Nelson (tandem skydive), Abel Tasman National Park (walking/kayaking), Christchurch, Wanaka (paddle boarding), Queenstown (cycle tour, bungy jump & jet boat) and Milford Sound.

Club “Summer Picnics” in January 2025

14 Jan. — at Peter Mackay’s, 71 Stewart Rd

21 Jan. — at Ongare Point Reserve

28 Jan. — at Paul Lassman’s, 410A Busby Rd

What you Need to Know/Do/Bring:

1. **Advise** Martin Hawke (see bottom of page 1) of any **guests** (very welcome) attendance **or you and your partner’s apology** by 6p.m. the preceding **FRIDAY** night.
2. **Bring** with you full **picnic gear** including:
 - A **salad or a dessert** (with “serving utensils”)
 - Any other food **you wish to cook** on a **Barbecue**
 - **Plates, cutlery & glasses, tea/coffee cups/mugs**
 - Your choice of **drinks**
 - Picnic **table and chairs**
3. You will be welcomed at the venue **from 5p.m.**

Guide for Hosts

- Borrow, if necessary) extra BBQs (with tongs) & tables for serving food
- Ask “friend-members” to assist you with set-up and take-down
- Offer tea & coffee after eating has finished

A message of thanks from Abbeyfield B.O.P.

From: Chair AbbeyfieldWBOP **Date:** Thu, 12 Dec 2024 at 3:23 PM
Subject: Abbeyfield WBOP
To: Rotary Club Administration

Hi Jeni and members of Katikati Rotary

Just wanted to say many thanks for your support of Abbeyfield WBOP this year. We are delighted to tell you that since March we have raised \$130,000, thanks to sponsors like yourself who have supported our fundraising events and also a very generous anonymous benefactor who donated \$50,000.

We are waiting to hear that our Building Consent has been approved, should be any day now, and once we have that the builders will move on site to begin building the house. We are looking forward to having our house ready to occupy by the end of next year.

We have numerous fundraising events organised for next year, which will help us raise the remaining funding to achieve our fundraising goal.

Many thanks for your generous support its greatly appreciated. Hope you have a lovely Christmas and the New Year goes well for you.

Kind regards

The Abbeyfield Team

Carole Parker
Chairperson, Abbeyfield WBoP

Building an Abbeyfield House for Katikati

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