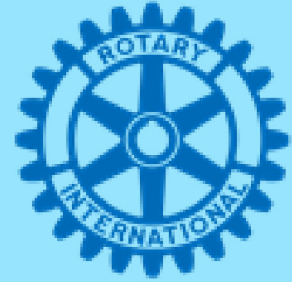




Rotary Club of Katikati New Zealand



Bulletin

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12 November 2024

Programme:

Steve Te Whaiti,

19 November - Bethlehem College **Partners night dinner at Fairview**

26 November - Jenie's learning session at Red Cross room

26 November - **Committee meetings at The Hub**

Food platters provided, B.Y.O. drink

10 December - Presentation at The Hub

Greeter*

David Foris

Jim Bremner

Francis Young

Club Notices:

- Working Bee** — Waipuna Hospice Collection Sat/Sun at Woolworths — see roster on Page 4.
- At our **AGM** these **new officers** were elected for the next year (commencing **1 July 2025**):

Joint Presidents — Jim Bremner & Ann Owen

Secretary — Chris Keightley (continuing)

Treasurer — Jenie Strongman

Apology ?

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

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More refurbished Laptop computers sent overseas

1. To Nuufou Baptist Academy, Samoa

To: John Buchanan

Talofa from Samoa John. Trust you are well. My name is Sene Rose Seupule, the School Administrator for Nuufou Baptist Academy.

I want to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for **the laptop** donated by you and the Rotary Club of Katikati.



Your kindness is deeply appreciated . This laptop means a lot to us and we are so thankful. **It will be used with care to help run the school Administration side of things, especially with the local Ministry of Education and government.** Once again, thank you. We are grateful for your support.

God bless

Rev Elder Faapale & Sene Seupule
National Leader of The Baptist Union of Samoa.

2. To Flame University, Cambodia

Hi John

Thank you once again for the support of the **(12) laptops for Flame Cambodia.**

Attached are 3 x pictures of the **university students** using the laptops. As mentioned, Sue Hannah from Flame is in New Zealand at the moment and would like to touch base with you. She would love a few more laptops for students if possible.

Thanks so much again
Blessings

Shaun Sutcliffe

Executive Director
International Needs New Zealand
Tauranga



Member's Talk by Rod Calver

Rod offered us a second instalment in his life story covering the 30 year period from 1967 university days at Massey in Palmerston North until he joined Katikati Rotary in 1995. He enjoyed summer jobs in a bush singlet gaining a deep tan in river valleys including Waitaki in the south and Whangaehu in the north.

Graduating with an agricultural science degree specialising in agricultural engineering he was employed as a government farm advisor based in New Plymouth working on subsidised schemes to improve water reticulation on farms. During this period he further upskilled with a post-graduate degree in agricultural engineering at Lincoln.

In the late 1970s dairy farms in this region started to be converted to grow kiwi fruit, with suitable land fetching an unheard-of \$1,000 per acre. When he moved to this area in 1978 the trains still ran through Katikati. They settled on the harbour edge at Matahui Road, close to where power lines crossed over to Matakana Island. Cream was transported from the island by horse and dray and stock were droved across to the yards near their house.

Mangroves were sparse 45 years ago. 10 years later the power lines were removed and the electricity went underground. Often riding over to the island they became close friends with the Ngatai family. Rod won awards for his kiwi fruit growing and eventually became President of the growers association (later evolving into Zespri, with which he is still associated today). Maryanne purchased her Lindemann Road farm in 1990 and the orchard was sold in 1997. Rod began his close friendship with Alan Dawson, taking a job at his growing Aongatete pack house. Rod was a Lions Club member for many years (President 1983-84) before joining Rotary in 1995.

Club Forum

Several members offered their views and ideas about ways to rebuild and improve the club. Topics included:

- alternative **meeting venues**
- ways to **make the club more visible** in our community
- rebuilding our **committee culture**
- using **traditional Rotary leadership** to add value to our community
- proposed **working bees**

Parting Thought from Rod Calver

**A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable,
but is more useful than a life doing nothing.**

George Bernard Shaw



WAIPUNA HOSPICE - VOLUNTEERS ROSTER **WOOLWORTHS(Countdown) KATIKATI**

SATURDAY 16TH & SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2024

SATURDAY 10AM - 12NOON **LYNLEY ACKERLEY / Hospice Volunteer**

SATURDAY 12NOON - 2PM **Hospice Volunteer / FRANCIS YOUNG**

SATURDAY 2PM - 4PM **NIGEL WILLIAMS / IZZIE RENZ**

SUNDAY 10AM - 12NOON **2 x Hospice Volunteers**

SUNDAY 12NOON - 2PM **PETER MACKAY / SANDRA HAIGH**

SUNDAY 2PM - 4PM **DAVID FORIS / ANN OWEN**

Note: Please wear your Rotary High Vis Jackets.

A Waipuna Hospice Volunteer will take you through the collection procedure at the beginning of each shift

Duties of the Greeter

The Greeter is critical to the smooth and effective running of our club meetings. If you cannot attend when you are nominated for this duty in the **Bulletin** it is your responsibility to find an alternative and arrange to swap (for their next turn).

Your duties are:

1. Provide a **raffle prize**. The “value” of this prize should be around \$20 (no alcoholic bottle at **Fairview** please).
2. Assist with putting out the Club Equipment* (from 5.30pm)
3. **Greet members** as they arrive
4. Assist the Sgt-at-Arms with information for “fines”
5. Give the 5 minute **Members Talk**. (Personal life experiences preferred)
6. (At **dinner meetings**) introduce (& thank?) the **Speaker** (confirm “thanks” with The Chair)
7. Give the “**Parting Thought**”
8. Help put away the Club Equipment*

***Club Equipment** can include:

- name badges, raffle box & tickets
- bell & gavel
- laptop computer
- sound system)
) some meetings only
- projector)