

Rotary Club of Katikati

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Programme:

10 January - Summer Barbeque No.1 hosted by Peter Mackay and Sue at 71 Stewart Rd, from 5pm

17 January - Summer Barbeque No.2 hosted by Rod & Mary-Anne Calver at **164 Lindeman Rd**, from 5pm

24 January - Summer Barbeque No.3 hosted by Ian & Dianne Stevens

Barbeque Advisory:

- 1. Advise your (and your partner's) apology as for normal meetings.
- 2. Bring with you full picnic gear including:
 - A salad or a dessert, with serving "spoons"
 - Your choice of **drinks**
 - Picnic table and chairs
- Plates & cutlery for main course & dessert, glasses for drinks.

Club Notes:

- 1. A very successful Christmas Party was attended by about 50 Rotarians, partners and guests. Three enticing Christmas Hampers were raffled and the proceeds, including auctions for surplus Christmas puddings and the delightful table ornaments, totaling \$356 will be donated towards building the new <u>Abbeyfield</u> House in Katikati.
- At the last Board Meeting it was decided that each committee would contribute \$100 (a total of \$700) to the <u>RGECAF fund</u> (Rotary Give Each Child A Future).
- 3. Rotary International has reported on the 2021 Council on Resolutions (COR). To see the report click <u>here</u>.
- 4. President Peter's half yearly report is included below.



Members— If you are <u>unable to attend</u> a meeting <u>please</u> contact **Barry Denton** by <u>6pm</u> the previous <u>Sunday night</u>.

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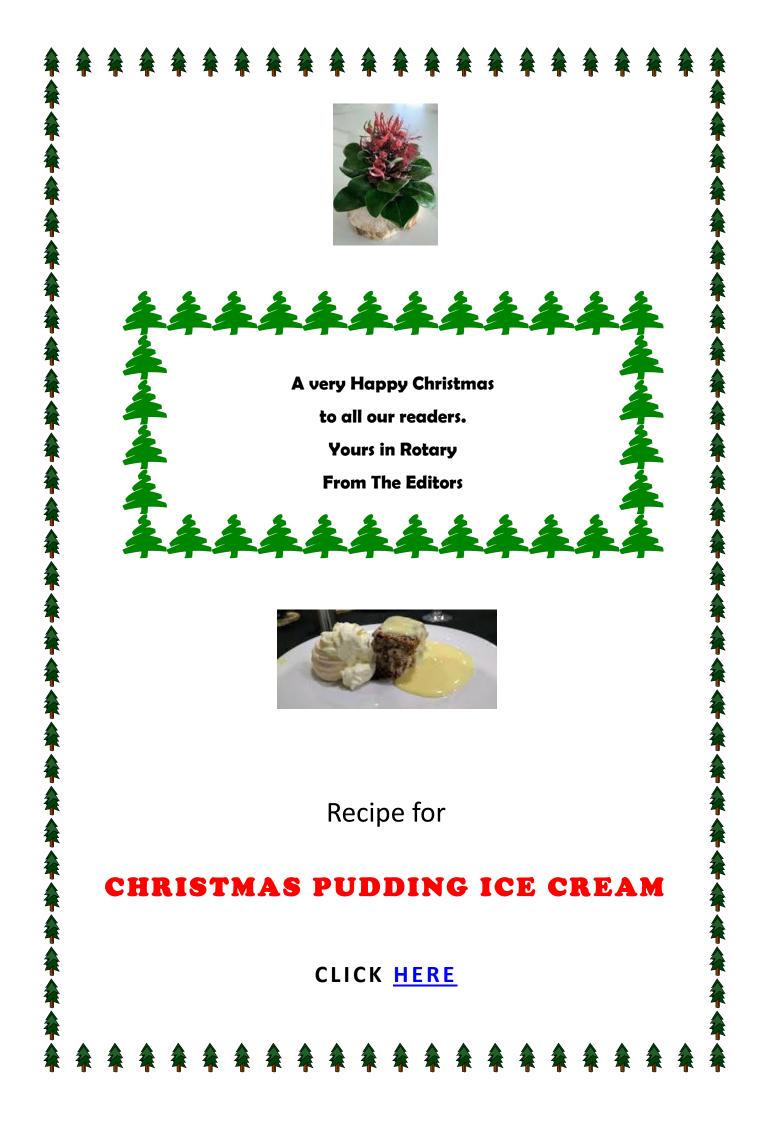












The Rotary Club of Katikati President's Semi Annual Report

SUMMARY.

The last six months have been particularly busy ones for the Rotary Club of Katikati. The operating environment has been challenging, with continuing COVID restrictions applying throughout. Regardless of these challenges, club teamwork has been exceptional; two very successful fundraising projects have been completed, club membership continues to grow and thanks to hard work by all, our weekly meetings have continued, both "in person" and with composite "Zoom" links that have enabled those forced to stay at home to also participate.

CLUB SERVICE.

Director Brien James: Membership growth is strong, with 3 new Rotarians and 1 transferring Rotarian joining us since June. Three prospective Rotarians are attending meetings currently and expressions of interest have been received from four others who have recently moved to Katikati.

Programme coordinator John Dallimore continues to provide excellent guest speakers, covering a wide range of interesting topics.

Jenie Strongman as Secretary Treasurer is doing an outstanding job, ably assisted by Francis Young (assistant secretary) and Sandra Haigh (assistant treasurer.) extended use of "Club Runner" software, transition to "cash free" meetings and the "zoom composite" meeting format, have been examples of initiatives from Jenie and her team. A major upgrade that will integrate club Facebook, Website and Bulletin using Social media is underway at present.

SPECIAL PROJECTS.

Two highly successful cash generating events have together involved almost every Katikati Rotarian. The Battery Recycling project led by Hugh Morison and Rod Calver saw 27 tonnes of old lead acid batteries recycled, for a net return of over \$27,000. The Garden Ramble team, coordinated by Toni Millar, with generous sponsorship from Tall Poppy Real Estate, saw 23 private gardens and the Western Bay of Plenty Museum host over 900 visitors, for a net return of over \$20,000.

ROTARY FOUNDATION.

Two initiatives have been taken this Rotary Year. First, the club has topped up existing Foundation credits to US\$2000 with the intention of nominating two Paul Harris Fellowships this Rotary year. Second, in response to a request for World Polio Day, 33 Rotarians each donated \$15, a total of \$395 to this special project.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE.

Director David Foris continues to lead a committed group. Work in progress includes a major project in Vanuatu at the Victory School of Hope, where a security fence is under construction at present. Katikati input has been supported by Port Vila and Mendocino (California) Rotary Clubs and a generous Rotary District 9930 Grant from the Rotary Foundation.

An initiative led by transferring Rotarian Toni Alexander is underway as this is written. With only 3 weeks of Katikati Rotary membership behind her, Toni's project supported also by a number of Rotarian donations will see thousands of free COVID face masks delivered to needy recipients in Fiji over the next few weeks.

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Four Pacific Emergency Response Kits have been provided, two by private donation from Ann Owen.

COMMUNITY SERVICE.

John Bothwell and his team are delivering strong community outcomes with several new local initiatives: Rotary is sponsoring monthly "Business B4 Eight" breakfast meetings that are run under the care of Katch Katikati. Rotarians and other volunteers, working with the Baptist Church, Lions and Foodbank, are providing a weekly free cooked breakfast for those with social or financial needs. In addition, the breakfast venue has hosted three Covid vaccination clinics, supported financially by the Bay of Plenty Hospital. A team of Rotary volunteer drivers has been recruited to provide a COVID food delivery service when needed in the Katikati area. Katikati Rotary is now a party to a Memorandum of Understanding with 'Katch Katikati' and the 'Katikati Outdoor Art Group' to coordinate the funding, management and installation of a suitable Avocado Sculpture to be erected within Diggelmann Park, with the support of the local Avocado industry and growers .

YOUTH SERVICE.

Henry Kruger and the Youth Committee are involved with several initiatives at present. Annual prizes have been awarded to Katikati College Head Prefects. Suitable college candidates for the Rotary Youth Programme for Enrichment (RYPEN) are being selected. Financial support is being provided to Katikati College to enable year 12 students to attend RYDA, the Rotary Youth Driving Academy.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE.

Lawrie Donald and his team have completed a short new section of track, linking up with existing cycle and walkway facilities.

WELLNESS AND HEALTH.

Club champion Rod Calver has arranged continuing Rotary support for both men's and women's exercise classes for recovering cancer patients. In addition Senior Specialist Nurse Jean Bothwell has spoken on Prostate Health to Rotarians and Partners.

CONCLUSION.

The last six months have been a challenging time for Rotarians everywhere. The Rotary Club of Katikati has worked together throughout, to overcome obstacles and create new initiatives. It continues to live up to the Rotary International Motto of "Service before Self," quietly and without fuss. It is a privilege to be a small part of this excellent organisation.

Peter Mackay

President 2021/22.

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