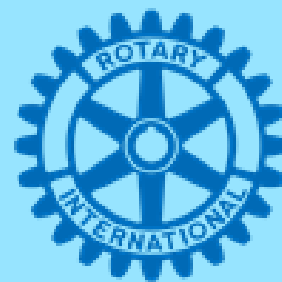




# Rotary Club of Katikati New Zealand



**Bulletin**  
20 August 2024

Editor: [Nigel Williams](#)

## Programme:

**26 August** - President Jenie's learning session (see below)

**27 August** - **Committee** meetings at **The Hub**

(Food platters will be provided, bring your **own drinks**)

**3 September** - no meeting

**10 September** - Presentation from **Youth Committee** at **The Hub**

**17 September** - **Partners night dinner at Fairview**

### Greeter\*

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**Rod Calver**

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**Robyn Walker**

**Laurie Donald**

## Club Notices:

- Youth Driving Tutors:** We need up to 5 names so we can start the process of them getting Police vetted and then *Bluelight* approved!
- Next Monday President Jenie will be at the **Red Cross Building**, 33 Middlebrook Drive, Katikati, from 10 am - Noon to **guide members** through the websites of [My Rotary](#), [Learning & Reference](#), and [Clubrunner](#)

**Please** Let Jenie know you are coming **and** bring your device (PC, Tablet, or Phone and Charger). Tea and Coffee facilities will be available."

### Apology ?

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

Tel : **027 289 7785**

Email : [martin.hawke@xtra.co.nz](mailto:martin.hawke@xtra.co.nz)

## **Our Rotary Youth Exchange student Julius Lange arrives here on 1 September!**

**Two years** ago our Board of Directors committed the Club to hosting an incoming student in two years time. Unfortunately the ongoing planning that needed to ensue from this decision did not occur.

This is a prime example of what happens when a club does not have active **project committees** regularly meeting, planning and acting on decisions already made. It is many years since we last hosted an international student and we need to urgently relearn on what is required.

Fortunately we do not have to look far for advice and assistance. **Tauranga Te Papa** club has hosted no less than **23 foreign students** over more than 30 years! They can assist us as necessary.

The challenge we have is to find families willing to host Julius for about **1 month** during the period up to January.

**This a problem we, as a Club, need to solve.**

Although hosts need to be selected carefully (and, if not Rotary members, vetted) it is, somewhat surprisingly, preferable to have a broad variety of the types of hosts. Host families may have younger children, children of similar age to the student, older or **no children** at all. **Retirees** like many of us can make excellent hosts!

**All members** are respectfully requested to consider the possibility of stepping up to host this interesting young man from Germany.

**This is a true challenge to the club to be of Service!**

# Speaker

Anita Rapson on

## ***Generation Z and Community Service***



Anita started her talk with the statement: "I am too busy to volunteer ... at the moment". She then proceeded to describe the many "hats" she puts on during a typical week.

**First** and foremost she is the mother of three girls, and wife to farmer and husband Matt on their drystock sheep and cattle farm and fledgeling avocado orchard on Lockington Road.

**Secondly** she is currently studying for a Diploma in Garden Design with the objective of re-starting her working life outside the family home. (Anita had a previous career in Wellington as a professional information manager, with nine years experience in five government organisations. She continues to tutor in information technology with the Open Polytechnic.)

**Thirdly** Anita chairs the monthly meetings of the Katikati Primary School Board.

**Fourthly** she is regularly involved in after-school activities, particularly those involving her children.

**Fifthly** Anita assumes the primary responsibility for endless housekeeping.

It is no surprise then that Anita has extremely limited time available for volunteering elsewhere in the community. In 2018 however she became service manager for SuperGrans in the western Bay of Plenty. Since the pandemic this organisation has ceased operations. Finally Anita is a regular blood plasma donor. Nobody could accuse her of not being deeply involved in her community!

## **The importance of Committee Meetings to the culture of our Club**

1. **Projects** are the way the club provides charitable services in our communities. We are a **service** club. Unless we discuss which projects we will put our efforts to and reach a strong consensus on the projects we support our projects are unlikely to succeed.
2. Since the pandemic 4 years ago we have lost the club culture of strong, active committees which meet regularly. They are **vital** to a strong, successful club. If we cannot regain this habit the future of this club is looking bleak.
3. The **Club Service** committee does not oversee charitable projects but also provides vital service ensuring that the fellowship and administration of the club is effective in maintaining and building our membership.
4. It is **essential that each member participates** in a committee and commits to the decisions arising from discussion. The chairperson should ensure that every member has the opportunity to take part and that a record of decisions is kept.

# Member's Talk

David Owen

We heard many fond reminiscences of David's 11 childhood years on the Gower Peninsula in South Wales (Britain's first designated Area of Outstanding Beauty).



His family moved to the area in 1954 and soon began exploring the southern coast, a popular section of the [Wales Coast Path](#). David described a walking tour beginning at Mumbles Pier (near Swansea) and ending at Worms Head (once a favoured spot for collecting delicious seagull eggs), near Rhossili, noting the following points of interest:

- Brandy Cove where the skeleton of a local butcher's wife was once found
- Oxwich Bay a popular beach in summer (off limits during WW2 when designated a military area for training for the Normandy invasion. There are still empty K-ration tins to be found)
- Rhossili, favoured by the family for its ice cream parlour and famous as the birthplace of Edgar Evans, a member of the ill-fated Antarctic explorer Robert Falcon Scott's expeditions.

## Short video about the benefits of Rotary membership

President Jenie suggests that all members invest a few minutes to watch the short video [here](#)

## Parting Thought

from Nigel Williams

The world has enough for everyone's Need, but not enough for everyone's Greed

*Mahatma Gandhi*

Two opportunities below to support the Tauranga and Otumoetai clubs fundraising to support **Diabetes NZ**:

1. \$5 raffle tickets for 6 prizes. Tickets from Nigel
2. Dinner event 18 September with speaker

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## THE ROTARY CLUBS OF TAURANGA + OTUMOETAI

Invite You and a Partner to a Fundraising Event on Wednesday **18 September 2024 @ 6:00pm**

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:  
**CEO of Diabetes NZ - Heather Verry**

LOCATION:  
Hotel Armitage, 9 Willow St, Tauranga

COST:  
\$40 per person (drinks extra)

RSVP:  
by 10 September to:  
secretary.tauranga.rotary@gmail.com

(Please advise of any dietary requirements)

Rotary Club of Tauranga bank account:  
02-0466-0014877-00

BENEFITING DIABETES NZ

Raffles Drawn (18th September 2024)  
Winners Phoned (19th September 2024)

Raffle tickets \$5<sup>00</sup> ea  
Six Prizes gives each Ticket Six chances

### PRIZES

1x DAKA moisture Hydrating  
5 Piece Travel set  
Value \$80<sup>00</sup>

Mitre 10 = \$100 Voucher

Event Cinemas The Crossing  
2x Movie Passes

Decor. Garden World  
2x \$20<sup>00</sup> vouchers

\* Waiting on Approval ↓  
Newkirk Brookfield  
Voucher \$75 gift basket



ACTION EQUIPMENT  
Voucher (Tauranga)  
\$150<sup>00</sup> servicing  
of equipment