

Rotary Club of Katikati

Bulletin

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Programme (upcoming)

Greeter

12th August - The Hub - no speaker BYO

Sandra

19th August Fairview Kurt Waugh WBOPDC on Community Resilience

Meeting at The Hub

We had a double speaking act tonight. President Ann introduced Carol from Abbeyfield updating on the amazing journey in Katikati. The second act was at least as good as the first with our very own Bronwyn Webster reflecting on a period of her life in South Africa that made us all appreciate how lucky we are to live in Aotearoa New Zealand. We also had an AGM for the Katikati Rotary Incorporated society. It ended up being a long night with a few time management issues for management to work on.

Guest Speaker Carole, Abbeyfield

Carole Parker spoke to our Club with an exciting update on the Abbeyfield Katikati House project. After six years of dedicated fundraising, over \$3 million has been raised to build the 14-resident home on Wills Road. Construction began in February and is on track for completion by the end of September, with residents expected to move in mid-October once compliance is signed off.

Rotary has supported Abbeyfield from the outset, and Carole warmly thanked the club for our ongoing involvement—including individual contributions and the recent donation of a courtyard garden seat, which perfectly complements their landscape plan.

The team is now preparing to plant the garden in mid-August and welcomes volunteers to help for a few hours. Though just under \$50,000 is still needed, this is a huge achievement given the shortfall was \$280,000 earlier this year. The current “Buy a Brick” fundraiser allows supporters to sponsor a brick for \$25, with each entry going into a draw for a \$250 gift basket.

Anyone interested in the build is encouraged to visit the site at 3 Wills Road, where tradespeople are busy with interiors and landscaping. Applications for residency are still

open, with key criteria being: single, over 65, independent, and able to live harmoniously with others in a shared home environment. Weekly costs are \$470, covering food, power, accommodation, WiFi, and all overheads—no capital outlay required.

Carole closed by thanking Rotary for our steadfast support, encouragement, and generosity over the years. **If you would like to read Carole's full set of speech notes and be fully informed so you can show off your local knowledge to friends and family these have been attached with the newsletter. You may even know someone that this facility would suit.**



Carole Parker addressing the club

Greeters Talk, Bronwyn Webster

Bronwyn gave us a very enlightening presentation on a period of her life in South Africa that coincided with huge changes, turmoil and unrest. I have decided not to summarize Bronwyn's address as you need to read it all. I have therefore attached the whole talk and inserted the images from the power point so those that were not at the meeting don't miss anything. I suggest those that were at the meeting read it as well because it was so interesting and being older folk there is a chance you have already forgotten some of it. A second helping will mean more is retained. The Sargeant will be asking questions on the content at next meeting. You will be fined for no answer or wrong answers. The Sargeant will be particularly harsh and ruthless given they were not allowed to unleash on the gathering at this meeting due to lack of time.

AGM of Katikati Rotary Incorporated Society

Financial statements were presented and emailed to members. These were passed by the meeting after considerable discussion. Treasurer Jenie encouraged anyone with unresolved queries to contact her in the next 2-3 days. A request was made for at least 2 extra committee members over and above President Ann, Secretary Chris and Treasurer Jenie. Robyn Walker and Lynley Ackerly were nominated and voted in unanimously. A lot of discussion followed around the roles and functions of the Incorporated Society and the Charitable Trust. The meeting requested some

clarification on how some transactions should be handled. Distributions coming from Accorn Foundation funds to the club was one of the specific clarification request. Direct to the Charitable Trust or via the Incorporated Society?

Garden Ramble

Lynley Ackerly reminded us that we need to step up and volunteer for morning or afternoon sessions as well as find further volunteers or conscripts. Lynley has the enviable task of organising the gate keepers. Please contact Lynley with plenty of names as soon as possible so Lynley can relax without the need for endless glasses of red wine.

Secretary Notices & Upcoming Events

A letter of appreciation from the Hume fun walk / run organisers was read out.

A letter from Warren Yardley was also read to the club who is sadly resigning but he is keen to be Friend of Rotary and to be kept informed via the Newsletter and through personal contacts.

Rotary Interclub Quiz Challenge 🏆 - SAVE THE DATE - 3 SEPTEMBER at the Armitage Hotel, Tauranga – This is our chance to put forward an unbeatable team of club intellectuals and start filling a trophy cabinet.

Katikati Rotary Computers latest destinations

John Buchanan reported to the editor that we are breaking new ground with our PC's expanding their areas of interest further around the globe.

4 PC's are off to Sri Lanka

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Parting Thought – Bronwyn Webster

“Knowledge is Power” by Francis Bacon