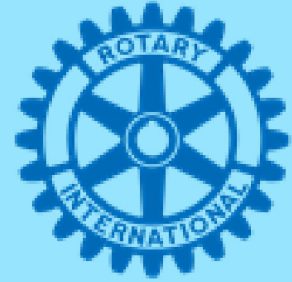




Rotary Club of Katikati New Zealand



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Programme:

30 July & 6 August - no meeting

13 August - *Committee Presentation /Discussion* at The Hub

20 August - to be confirmed

Partners night at Fairview

27 August - *Committees & Board meet* at The Hub
(Food provided (a selection of "Deli platters"). **B.Y.O. drink** for Fellowship)

Greeter*

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Ian Stevens

David Owen

Nigel Williams

***Duties of the Greeter: (if you cannot attend it is your responsibility to delegate)**

1. Put out the Club Equipment*
2. Greet members as they arrive
3. Give the 5 minute talk
4. Assist the Sgt-at-Arms with fines
5. Introduce (& thank?) the speaker
6. Give the "Closing Thought"
7. Put away the Club Equipment*

* name badges, bell, gavel, computer, projector,
2 microphones & stand, raffle box.

Club Notes:

13 August meeting — B.Y.O. food & drink for Fellowship

N.B. No apology is necessary for these meetings on 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Apologies

Are **required** for meetings on **3rd & 4th** Tuesdays in the month.

Contact **Martin Hawke** by **12 Noon** the previous Friday.

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Speaker

Nicky Austin from [Katikati Community Centre](#)

Nicky spoke about growing up in Northland, secondary education in Auckland. At the age of 22 she joined a rowing club and never looked back. Representing her country at the Olympic Games became an all consuming dream.

At 36, Nicky Coles was the oldest member of the New Zealand team at the [Beijing 2008](#) and [Athens 2004](#) Olympics. And her partnership with Juliette Haigh (25) in the coxless pair has been one of the most productive in the sport in New Zealand in recent times. They were world champions in 2005, medallists in 2006 and FISA World Cup winners in 2007 they also have countless national titles in pairs, fours and eights.



Consequent coaching roles in Christchurch, plus regatta and club/corporate event management have all been part of Nicky's post-Olympic life and have strengthened her skills.

After moving to this area Nicky worked with *Katch Katikati* for two years and then in 2020 she joined the local promotions agency at Waihi Beach as community events coordinator. Becoming involved with the Community Centre as a volunteer she joined their Executive Board in 2021. In March of this year she became General Manager.

Nicky says a big part of the job is to secure funding. "We are reliant on government contracts and lottery grants/charities but many of these funds have been cut by half. The reality is the services that we provide are at the absolute grassroots level of taking care of this community. When people are in immediate social crisis, this is the place they come. Two or three people per day will be in here looking for help. Others phone in them if they can't pay the rent or have no food. So I feel like the centre really is the beating heart of this community."

If they can not secure more funding, their services may have to be reduced. The Centre has run a huge range of programmes and services since 1993.

Rotary Community Corps (RCC)

is a group of non-Rotarians who share our commitment to changing the world through **service projects**.

RCC members plan and carry out projects in their communities **in collaboration with local Rotary clubs**. Sponsored by a Rotary club, an RCC leverages Rotary's network, brand, and mentorship by partnering with clubs to plan and implement service projects.

RCCs increase Rotary's impact and expand its reach by bringing the knowledge and talents of local people to **strengthen their community through sustainable projects**.

There are more than 12,000 corps in 105 countries and 257 districts. RCCs are active everywhere Rotary is present: in urban and rural areas, and in both developed and developing countries. Read more about RCC trends worldwide in the annual Rotary [Community Corps report](#).

Member's Talk from Allan Sole

Allan talked about his hometown *Te Hawera* (Maori for “the burnt place”). This name became apt when the town suffered extensive blazes in 1884, 1888, and 1912.

For this reason a large 55 metre high water tower was built in the centre of town to increase water pressure; and this became one of Taranaki's best-known landmarks. After falling into disrepair the tower was closed to the public in 2001, but after an extensive restoration programme it opened again in 2004.

Allan's *turangawaewae* is the Wharepuni Marae and its Tūpaia meeting house are affiliated with the [Ngāti Ruanui](#) hapū of [Ngāti Tānewai](#) and [Ngāti Tūpaea](#). He told us about other major attractions in the district, including his favourite, that mountain.



Old WBOP PHO laptops make their way to the Solomon Islands

Some were broken, others were old, none were fit for purpose. Old WBOP PHO laptops that had reached the end of their economic life, made their way to Florence Young School in the Solomon Islands after being refurbished by Katikati Rotarian.

Before retiring this year, Chris Dever, then Chief Information Officer at WBOP PHO, noted that the broken and old laptops piling up in the technical equipment cupboard could still be useful to new owners. He suggested donating them on behalf of the PHO to the Rotary Club of Katikati, where members could refurbish and distribute them to a worthy cause.

Computer engineer and Katikati Rotarian, John Buchanan, got to work on the old PHO laptops. He removed old drives, installed new ones, and traded



— Florence Young School Teachers.

parts between the donated machines, coming out the other side with 12 fully refurbished and fully functional laptops. The equipment made it to their new home, the Florence Young Christian School in the Solomon Islands, thanks to Bethlehem College students, who had a planned school visit and transported them in their luggage.

Rotary Club representatives were ecstatic to be involved in supporting school students. “We all felt it was great that the Rotary Club was able to extend its reach into the Pacific and support a school and their students in such an important way with these old PHO laptops, and we hope to do it more in the future”, said Chris, who is a member of the Tauranga Sunrise Rotary Club, and involved in the creation of the new Ōmokoroa Rotary.

Florence Young Christian School was named after a New Zealand missionary, who carried out work in the Solomon Islands beyond spreading the Christian faith. She also focused on education, providing medical assistance and helping improve the living conditions of the community, which is a beautiful parallel to the work we do at the WBOP PHO. 🌱

Parting Thought from Allan Sole

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.