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Rotary Club of Katikati New Zealand

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N.B. — Covid Lockdown Level 4

Our 30 August meeting will be an online Zoom meeting (similar to the meetings we held in April/May last year). [Instructions](#) on how to join the meeting are included below.

Programme:

30 August - Chris Morley will talk about bio-security matters and the epidemiology work he has been doing with MPI dealing with the *Mycoplasma bovis* crisis. He is leading authority on veterinary epidemiology matters. He is a resident of Waihi Beach.

To Join the Online Meeting:

It is recommended that you prepare for the meeting by ensuring that the Zoom “App” is installed on your device. This will probably give you the best & easiest experience. **But it is possible** to join without downloading the App(lication). (Sandra has emailed you about downloading).

The meeting will begin at **6:30pm** for members, with our speaker Chris Morley joining us at just before 7pm.

To join in click on this [link](#). You may then be prompted to:

- Click on a “button” labelled “**Join Meeting**”
- Enter the **Meeting ID**: 810 5371 6164
- Enter the **Passcode**: 201556

Is your mental wellbeing affected by the COVID Lockdown?

Click [here](#) to find resources that could help

News from Abbeyfield Western Bay of Plenty Inc



We are delighted to announce that we have now **purchased land** for the Katikati Abbeyfield House. The vendor has been extremely generous in selling the land to *Abbeyfield WBoP* for a greatly discounted price. This is a major step forward and next, along with fundraising, we will be developing a **concept plan** for the house. This will enable people to see what the Katikati Abbeyfield will look like and assist us with sourcing funding.

Our big focus now is on **raising funds**. We plan to do this through several avenues; we have established a fundraising team, and they have numerous fundraising plans in the pipeline. Our first event is a Golf tournament in September. if you know **anyone that plays golf**, you might like to talk to him or her about participating. **Contact** Natasja on [fundabbeyfieldwbop@gmail](mailto:fundabbeyfieldwbop@gmail.com) if you would like to join the tournament.

We have been overwhelmed by the support of local companies and businesses who have provided sponsorship for the event. It is greatly appreciated.

Our strategic team has met with several Philanthropic Trusts who have been most encouraging. They have indicated they would be prepared to come on board, however we need to raise a portion of the funding first. Abbeyfield NZ, our National office is also looking at funding options for us.

We are currently looking for **someone who has Health and Safety experience** who would be willing to volunteer to look after the H & S side of our events. You would not have to commit to monthly meetings just help us put plans in place for our events to ensure safety. If you were looking for a volunteer position that would be interesting and a bit different, we would love to chat to you.

We are keen to talk to **anyone who shares our commitment** to building a Abbeyfield **house catering for 14 people in Katikati to ensure older people can enjoy a safe, supported, affordable retirement.**

If you know of anyone who would like to contribute in some way towards achieving our goal, please don't hesitate to give them my contact or let me know and I can get in touch with them.

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Who was Rotary's Paul Harris??

Click [Here](#)

Our Partner Clubs in California

Our club has partnered with **Mendocino** to help the **Victory School of Hope in Vanuatu** achieve its objectives of providing a toilet block for its staff and students, and a security fence for the school grounds. The base of this fence doubles as a barrier against run-off from the adjacent road that would regularly flood the school grounds and then move on to flood the nearby community.

The additional document attached to the email with this Bulletin gives an excellent presentation of what the Mendocino and Fort Bragg clubs have been able to achieve with their various international projects, and is an inspiration as to what can be achieved to help the underprivileged who have far less access to government aid than those who live in developed countries.

In the first 20 slides, some helpful information is provided on Vanuatu and other countries such as Fiji. The outline of the need of Victory School of Hope in Vanuatu, and what is being done to address this need, begins on **page 21**. Please note that dollar amounts are quoted in \$USA.

You will recognise some of our club members on **page 23**. They travelled to Vanuatu to explore potential projects which our club could assist with. The following pages show the school grounds and progress made on the toilet block.

Beginning on **page 31** is a comprehensive outline of the rationale and the costs involved for the security fence, followed by several informative photos. I firmly believe that this project merits our compassion and practical assistance so that the Victory School of Hope can have a healthy and safe environment in which these children can achieve a better life through education.

The members of the **International Committee** have recommended that **\$4500 of Rotary Katikati club-funds** should be allocated to this project. In addition, three of us from Rotary Katikati have donated \$4500 from our personal funds towards this project, and would like to invite other club members to make a personal contribution with the hope that it can be completed this year.