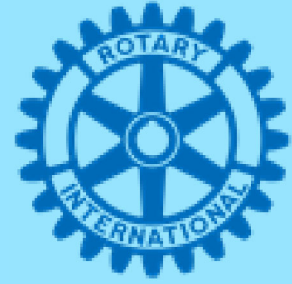




Rotary Club of Katikati New Zealand



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Editor: [Nigel Williams](#)

Programme:

9 July - Jenie Strongman on New Leadership in Rotary

16 July - Peter Mackay on New Club Development

23 July - to be confirmed

Greeter*

David Owen

Jerry Payne

Martin Hawke

***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:

Congratulations to our [Omokoroa Club](#) who put on a highly successful **First Responders Midwinter Xmas Bash** and raised some \$8,500 to buy a training dummy for the *Omokoroa First Responders* team at the fire station. A great achievement for an embryonic club with just nine members!



Apology ?

Members— If you are unable to attend a meeting please contact **Martin Hawke** by **3.45pm** the previous Friday night.

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Member's Talk from John Dallimore

John gave us an overview of the increasing rate of change in the insurance industry. Several relatively recent damaging earthquakes (Christchurch, Kaikoura) has resulted in commercial cover now being “rationed” by major insurers and underwriters.

More recent cyclonic storms (Auckland, East Coast & Hawkes Bay) has served to alert international underwriters that New Zealand is no longer a geographically insignificant outlier in terms of potentially large claims. Climate change and terrorist disruption of shipping (Red Sea) add to a changing insurance landscape which will see domestic home insurance premiums rise 15-20% in the near future.

John also spoke about his love of sport (not mentioning his enjoyment of insuring contact with internationally touring teams) going back to school days in Timaru and more recently interschool rowing and rugby tournaments.

Speaker Laurie Donald on [Waitekohekohe Recreational Park](#)

Laurie gave us a very personal view of the features of this new park “on our doorstep” for which he is a strong champion. It is a council owned reserve in the upper hill slope catchments of the Kaimai-Mamaku Forest Park, covering an area of 88 hectares and includes an estimated 5 km of the main Waitekohe Stream margins. From the Waitekohekohe Reserve to the coast is just 5.5 km.

The aim of the reserve is the enhancement of the biodiversity and habitat of the reserve in particular the riparian and indigenous areas. A further objective is to enhance the area for endangered bird life that struggles to survive in the area. Equestrian, Mountain Bike and Walking Trails have been created along with car parks, toilets and signage. Created and managed by The Katikati Recreational Park Development Groups (KKRPDG), the major partner is the Western Bay of Plenty District Council which is not only contributing staff expertise but a budget of just under \$1m million over five years for development.

Laurie also mentioned his dream of creating a local “Great Walk” involving a circuit including Thompsons Track over the Kaimai Range to near Te Aroha and returning via the Tuahu Track to Hot Springs Rd. International tourist walkers could be accommodated at a lodge located on nearby private land.



Parting Thought from John Dallimore

The only safe ship in a storm is Leadership