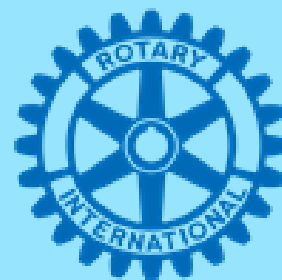




Rotary Club of Katikati New Zealand



Bulletin

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17 September 2024

Programme:

24 September - Committee meetings at The Hub

(Food platters provided, B.Y.O. drinks)

8 October - Presentation from Community Committee at The Hub

B.Y.O. food & drink

15 October - Speaker to be confirmed **Partners night dinner at Fairview**

Greeter*

Sandra Haigh

Robyn Walker

Martin Hawke

Club Notices:

The Board has decided that members who fail to submit an apology for meetings at The Hub will be charged \$5 to help pay for the room hire.

Apology ?

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

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Speaker

Coroner Donna Llewell

Donna gave us a comprehensive overview of the work carried out by the [Coroners Court](#). She was appointed to the Coroners Court in April 2020, is based in Rotorua and serves the Bay of Plenty and Waikato regions. Previously she was the Legal Counsel for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.



There are more than 20 coroners in the country and a small team of Clinical Advisors. The Court is a 24 hour, 7 days a week operation whose task includes “speaking for the deceased”.

Each year there are some 38,000 deaths, of which 86% are certified by a doctor, 14% referred to the Court, and 10% investigated. Of the latter 3,800:

- 2000 are found to have died of “natural causes”
- 650 have died accidentally
- 550 are suspected to have died of “self-inflicted causes” (including suicide)

Like a judge the job is relatively stressful and work/life balance, personal security and a restricted social life must be managed carefully.

Member's Talk

Laurie Donald

Laurie told us about some significant trees that were in danger of dying out in our region. Swamp Maire is a large tree growing in increasingly smaller restricted areas such as the Waitekohekohe Recreational Park. It now appears that all the mature trees have succumbed to myrtle rust and that there are no smaller trees or seedlings to replace them.

The chances of finding a way to regrow seedlings from seed from the few known remaining live trees elsewhere, let alone protecting these from myrtle rust seems slim, if not impossible.

Parting Thought from Laurie Donald

Those who have never made a mistake never tried anything new