

WHAT HAS YOUR BOARD BEEN UP TO

We had our first board meeting of the year last Monday and here are some of the topics we discussed.

Financial Report

Dave Morris presented his report for the last 3 months and as usual it was very accurate, and he explained it well, so we all understood.

One thing we did discuss was the way we pay for our meals. Dave said the present system was not working. We all need to be on the same page and after Dave explained what was happening, we all agreed something had to change. Dave will talk to the club in the next couple of weeks.

You will all be pleased to know that subs will be staying the same as the US dollar has not gone down as it was expected to.

We also agreed to cancel our PO Box number as it was a cost of \$180 a year and most mail comes on the internet. We are able to use Robert Sinclair's box number.

Presidents Report

2021 marks 100 years of Rotary in New Zealand. Dr Stephen Clarke a profession historian, has been commissioned to research and write a landmark publication on Rotary in New Zealand 1921 – 2021. Dr Clarke started working on the book last year and will be formally launched later this year. DG Marion has asked all clubs to assist where they can. I have offered our history disc.

Robert is off to PPETS at the end of the month - it is a great weekend and we hope he learns heaps.

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| LOA – Dave Comparini | 1 March – 1 September |
| John Cole | 28 January – 1 April |
| Mike Fackney | 17 June – 19 August. |

Club Services

They are trialling some extra soft drink range and chippies etc.

The refrigerator in the back room needs replacing and Robert will report back with some prices.

We need to reorder the gifts we give to our speakers and Ron is looking into that.

Special Projects

Brian and his team are flat out sorting the Te Omanga Golf Tournament on 22 March. Still a lot to do but they seem to be on track.

There will a debrief of the Christmas Trailer Raffle at the next committee night.

Education and Employment.

Jaye has a group of Rotarians from Derbyshire visiting our club on 25th February and it was suggested we could have our Pride of Workmanship award presented that night.

There is an off-site meeting on 11 March at the Events Centre and a meal at the Forbidden City Restaurant after.

We will again help out at the Weetbix TRYathlon on the 14 March.

Environment and Amenities

There are still some areas to be mulched around the trees we planted before Christmas and Dave will let us know when the mulch is onsite.

Entertainment books made \$200, Christmas Puddings made \$300, the Pantomime made \$440 and wine sales made \$300. Great effort.

Their 'Open Door' fundraiser is a few steps closer to happening and there will be more said about this in the weeks to come.

Health and Wellbeing

Shelley and her team are working towards their Pink Ribbon Breakfast and all is on track for 16 May.

They are also well into their planning for Healthy in the Hutt on 22 June

Membership.

Jan and her team are working to establish a 3-year membership plan.

Brian is meeting with Maricel Malinao with regard to setting up our own Satellite Club.

We had the resignation of Helen Thomas last Monday which was sad but with work and grandkids commitments she felt she could not do Rotary justice at the moment. When her commitments change, she can come back.

Brian Klee will talk to the club in the next few weeks about the survey on the Bulletin.

International.

Looks like the Rotahome project in Fiji has finally started. They are now building 10 houses and the \$8,000 we donated last year will pay for half a home. They get more takers by selling them in halves and the more they sell the easier it is to get others on board.

Dave's team is looking at a movie night in the next couple of months and they are still looking into the Wainuiomata book sale.

They have their Guess Who is Coming to Dinner this coming weekend and next. These events are always an enjoyable event.

Our meeting closed at 9.45pm

President Pat