



Bonnie's Brief

Christmas and New Year are almost here again

But before that, we have the changes in our political leadership which are particularly important given the election next year.

Here in Cromwell, we have had a very busy spring with popular projects underway. Following from the Lakeside Clean-up and wonderful Ride the Lake, the Fishing Classic again showed its worth as a popular community project. Highlands and Blood Pressure Testing were successful projects again. Successful collections were held for the Cancer Society, Blind Foundation, Parkinsons and SPCA.

Craig and Nick have been particularly busy with RYE, and RANZSE, and we have two successful outbound candidates. Both Emily White and Sarah Hurdle are excellent ambassadors for our club.

We have been discussing whether to run the Book Exchange again this holiday, but due to the unavailability of space have now decided to upgrade it to a short Book Sale scheduled for 6-7 January. Hopefully that can become a regular feature and fund-raiser.

Andrew has recommenced the salmon sales, and Sandy has started a new project at the sale-yards, which could earn substantial funds for us.

On District matters, we have funded three wonderful grants - \$12,900 to Dunstan Hospital, \$500 to Aparima Rotary Taramea Bay project, and Bill & Marie Roxburgh will again be funded for their Samoa Swimming project next year. We have recommenced our contributions (\$2,000 pa) to Cromwell College. Helen and her social team have been particularly busy with a number of social activities and planning for the Christmas party next week.

Monday Meetings

- 12th Dec** Xmas Break-up - 6.00pm The Stables, Goldfields Mining Centre.
- 30th Jan** First Meeting after New Year followed by Directors meeting
- 6th Feb** No meeting - Waitangi Day

Looking to the New Year, Donald Young and Bill Wilson have been busy planning for the 4WD Rally to be held on 8 January. The new risk management requirements have meant that we are re-wording the entry form to provide further protection to the club.

So far, a busy six months! I have adopted the philosophy that matters are best discussed at club meetings rather than by a small group of directors. I still believe that our club is small enough to *continued next page*

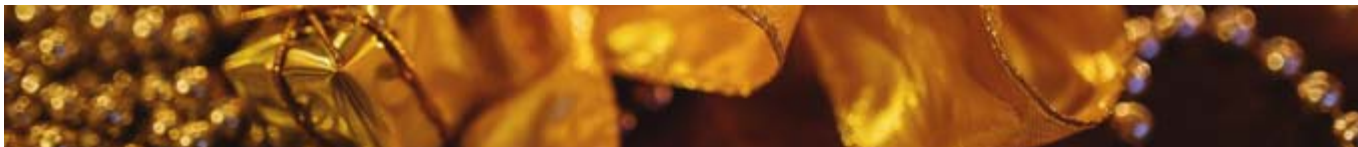
Tis the Season

We would like members to think of families less fortunate this Christmas and bring an item for the Cromwell food bank to the Christmas party.

Food bank organisers are not looking for chocolates or party hats.

What they WOULD really appreciate are shampoo, soap, toothpaste and instant coffee.





Reports on Recent Meetings

Mon 28 Nov - Jennie and Euan Nicol explained how their involvement with RYE and the various student outdoor activities such as tramping 24 years ago had grown into their walking/tramping holidays in Europe.

Between each, they gave us an account of the seven Caminos they had completed.

The Camino de Santiago originated as a pilgrimage to the tomb of St James. The Camino (pilgrimage) is a network of trails/routes which leads to Santiago (Saint James in Spanish).

The French Way starting in St Jean Pied de Port is the most travelled by far with nearly 80% of the people on the Camino using it.

In recent years the Camino Portuguese has become the second most popular route leading to Santiago de Compostela with less than 10% of pilgrims.

Recently a Coastal Route along the Portuguese Way has been developed with breath-taking landscape and easy walking days by the coast.

The various Camino ways are:

- The Original Way • The French Way • Via de la Plata
- The Northern Way • The English Way
- The Finisterre Way • Le Puy Route • The Portuguese Way

This year Jennie and Euan took on the 180km alpine route in Corsica, The Grand Randonnees GR 20

GR 20 - the toughest long distance trail in Europe

GR 20 is a long distance trail that traverses Corsica diagonally from north to south. It is considered to be the most difficult of all the GR routes and one of the most beautiful mountain trails in Europe.

GR 20 is a long distance trail that traverses Corsica diagonally from north to south. It's 180km long with variation in height of about 10 000 metres and can be walked in 15 days. Even though the GR20 doesn't require any climbing techniques, perfect fitness level and confidence in walking over a variety of rugged terrains is necessary.



Above: Euan and Jennie Nicol - Camino walkers

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achieve optimal results by discussing them with membership as a whole, and I thank you all for your feed-back and debates. The membership survey showed that ours is a strong club, with a welcome diversity of opinion! Thank you all for your suggestions.

I have asked members to suggest worthy charities so we can widen those that we collect for – I am still waiting for suggestions!

It is still an on-going concern that members are slow to step up to project leadership roles. A small number of dedicated members continue to carry the load on important projects, and it is urgent that we bring others into those roles. As Nick rightly says, ours is a service club, not a dinner club.

Thank you all for your dedication in this busy six months. I wish you all a happy Christmas and holiday season, and a safe start to the New Year 2017.



Above: Craig Lunn - Youth Service Director and Sarah Hurdle, RYE Student - Sarah is outbound for Belgium

Mon 5 Dec - RYE Student, Sarah Hurdle addressed the club about the procedures she and fellow students had to go through in order to be chosen as a RYE candidate.

Sarah started her address in very fluent French, one of the main languages in Belgium.

She is going to be living in a village of approximately 100 people near the town of Manhay

Manhay is a Walloon municipality of Belgium located in the province of Luxembourg. On 1 January 2007 the municipality, which covers 119.81 km², had 3,185 inhabitants.

Sarah was presented her Blazer by Craig Lunn, Youth Service Director in preparation for her year in Belgium. Sarah leaves for Belgium - 10 Jan. Well done Sarah.



Twenty Third

4WD

THE HEARTLAND

SAFARI



**Pisa – Mt Michael Traverse
Sunday 8th January 2017**

(Fall back day 15th January 2017)

- Assemble 9.30am at the Golden Gate car park for Itinerary & Briefing
- \$100 per vehicle – number is limited so register early
- Bring own lunch – sausage sizzle and liquid refreshments at the Te Oma Station farmhouse at end of rally compliments of Cromwell Rotary
- All vehicles must be 4WD with genuine off-road capabilities
- Open to members as well as the general public

For further information please contact the organisers:
Bill Wilson P: 445 0913 or Fin White P: 445 0085

Online Registrations will be open from 1st December at www.cromwellrotary.club

Combined

New Year

BBQ

for Rotarians and Lions

Combined New Year BBQ for Rotarians and Lions. Davis Moreton, President of Cromwell Lions Club and our President Bonnie have agreed that this is a great idea to meet, socialise and generally have a good time.

Dave outlines the idea:

I have reserved the Lowburn Hall from 4:00pm on Sunday 22nd January so that we may use the area for a combined New Year BBQ for Rotary and all Lions.

The format is not yet confirmed, but will be BYO refreshments and pot luck salad or desert. For meat, it will be either bring your own or a small charge per head to cover purchasing of meat. Cromwell Lions Club will provide our large BBQ trailer for the event.

Any other suggestions or offers of assistance are welcome – prime objective is a social family gathering of us all to start the year.



Forthcoming *events!*

Book Sale

Fri-Sat 6-7 January

4WD drive

Sun 8 January

Combined New Year BBQ, 4pm

Sun 22 January

Combined New Year BBQ for Rotarians and Lions at the Lowburn Hall
Format to be confirmed. BYO refreshments and pot luck salad or desert.

RYE final orientation weekend

The 9980 RYE team hosted the final orientation weekend on 3rd and 4th Dec for the outbound students here in Cromwell, Sarah who is sponsored by our club and 6 other students from our district attempted to make pavlovas with varied success but a lot of fun was had by all. These young adults are all set to begin their adventure in January spending 12 months in Europe and South America.





ROTARY CLUB OF ROMWELL INC.

MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 5 December 2016 at 7.15pm

Held at The Moorings Events Centre, Perriam Place, Pisa Moorings

Present:

Sally Angus, Sandy Black, Sarah Bond, Pam Broadhead, Richard Broadhead, Andrew Burton, Maureen Butcher, Jackie Dann, Allan Derrick, Susan Dickie, Bill Dunbar, Ross Hansen, Charlie Hughes, Georgia Jackson, Paula Jackson, Richard Jackson, Murray Kennedy, Craig Lunn, Chantal McCarthy, Denis McEntyre, Bruce McMillan, Maureen Mitchell, Bonnie Miller-Perry, Jean Morgan, Keith Morgan, Euan Nicol, Jennie Nicol, Marie Roxburgh, Alan Smith, Tony Streeter, Amanda Vivian, Stephanie Walker, John Wekking, Anne White, Fin White, Lindsay Wilkie, Bill Wilson, Nick Wood, Helen Wreford-Dunbar.

Apologies:

Donald Young, Stuart Heal, Bill Roxburgh

In attendance:

Sarah Hurdle (outbound RYE student)

Minutes of previous meeting (7 December 2015):

The draft minutes previously circulated to all members were approved as a correct record of proceedings. (Bill Wilson/Jennie Nicol, carried).

President's Report:

Members accepted the report by IPP Nick Wood and thanked him for his service as President during the year. (Nick Wood/Bill Wilson, carried).

Financial Report:

Murray Kennedy presented the financial report and audited accounts for the year 2015-16 which had been previously circulated. He also tabled corresponding financial reports for the Charitable Trust so they were available to members.

Accepted. (Murray Kennedy/Nick Wood, carried).

The meeting recorded its thanks to Murray Kennedy for his work over several years as Club Treasurer and his work as District 9980 Treasurer.

Election of Officers for the year 1 July 2017-18:

President: Andrew Burton

Treasurer: Richard Broadhead

Nominated Murray Kennedy/Seconded Chantal McCarthy, carried

Secretary: Jean Morgan

Nominated Andrew Burton/Seconded Euan Nicol, carried

President-Elect: Craig Lunn

Nominated Nick Wood/Seconded Andrew Burton, carried

Foundation Chair: Stuart Heal

Nominated Andrew Burton/Seconded Bill Dunbar, carried



Rotary Club of Cromwell Charitable Trust:

The meeting noted that at the Trust's AGM held earlier the same evening Richard Jackson had been appointed Chair. Marie Roxburgh and Maureen Butcher had been appointed as Trustees and Tony Streeter would be appointed during the coming year. The Trustees are: Richard Jackson (Chair), Helen Wreford-Dunbar, Bruce McMillan, Jennie Nicol, Marie Roxburgh, Maureen Butcher.

Strategic Plan:

It was agreed by the members that the current Strategic Plan with its focus on Youth and Community and International assistance should continue.

Lend A Hand Foundation:

Keith Morgan, the Lend a Hand Foundation Trustee gave some background to the LAH Foundation together with a breakdown of grants that had been made during the past year. The meeting thanked Keith for his work.

General Business:

The following motion had been received from Donald Young, seconded by Bill Dunbar:

The annual meeting must be held no later than two months from change over night. The financial reports can be passed subject to review.

The Secretary reported that under the Club's Constitution and Bylaws the annual meeting shall be held in the first or second week of December in each year at which time the election of officers to serve for the ensuing year shall take place, together with consideration of annual accounts.

Murray Kennedy reported that up to date accounts for both Rotary Club of Cromwell Inc. and Rotary Charitable Trust are circulated to Directors prior to each Directors' Meeting, giving year to date figures and previous year figures.

A vote was taken and members did not support the motion.

The following motion was put to the meeting:

That the draft annual Financial Reports, subject to review, be presented to the Club at a meeting within 2 months from the end of the Rotary year, 30 June.

Proposed Murray Kennedy, seconded Bill Dunbar, carried.

Meeting closed at 7.38 pm.



<p>Dec 12 Christmas Break-Up At The Stables, Goldfields Mining Centre at 6.00pm</p>	<p>Jan 30 Duties roster to be advised Directors meeting following club meeting</p>
<p>Feb 6 Waitangi Day - No meeting</p>	<p>Feb 13 Duties roster to be advised</p>
<p>Duties Roster - Dear Rotarians, please check the roster above - if you are on a rostered duty you must show up or organise a replacement and notify Pam or Nick of who the replacement is.</p> <p><i>*Remember that the Meet and Greet slot on our roster also includes proposing the International Toast!</i></p>	<p>Apologies <i>Your apology is now required by MIDDAY EACH FRIDAY at the latest so if you are using the website to register it, or a Leave of Absence, then please keep doing this at Cromwell Club Site cromwellrotary.club - it is the best way.</i></p> <p><i>If you don't have access to the website, OR if you are bringing a guest, please contact Sally 0274 479 338 / 445 3385 or sally.angus@xtra.co.nz - again by midday Friday.</i></p>

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