



The Rotary Club of Tawa Inc.

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Upcoming Programme :

July is Literacy Month

20 July : Hon Phil Goff, Leader of the Labour Party

27 July : Visit to Tawa College Music Department

03 August : Geoff Bascand, Chief Executive and Government Statistician, Statistics NZ

Our speaker this week is Hon Phil Goff, Leader of the Labour Party, MP for Mt Roskill and Spokesperson for the SIS. Mr Goff will talk to the Club about the challenges facing New Zealand, where we can lift our performance, and what Labour would do differently. Mr Goff would welcome plenty of questions.

"I want Labour to connect with people, to engage with people and communities throughout the country to help us develop policies that reflect the needs and aspirations of all New Zealanders."

Please NOTE : As Mr Goff has to depart by 7pm for another engagement, there will be a change to the meeting arrangement schedule. The speaker will commence at 6.15 followed by the other meeting introductions and meal at 7pm. Partners are also welcome to attend but please let Steven Pettigrew know of the extra numbers by Monday evening.

Upcoming Duties :

	20-July	27-July	03-August
Attendance	John Connolly	Malcolm Andrews	Euan Patchett
Greetings	Dave Alexander	Graeme Conijn	Malcolm Sparrow
Setting Up	Ken Pearson/Malcolm Sparrow	Ken Pearson/Tom Humphries	Karen Searle/Ken Pearson
Clearing Up	Elaine Thomsen/Bill Sommer	Mark Carroll/Malcolm Sparrow	Peter Dallas/Gaylene Lines
Grace / Parting Thought	Ken Woodgate	Bill Russell	Ian Pettigrew
Members View Point Max 2 mins	Martin Garcia	Ann Dale	Paul Mears
Speaker Introduction	Martin Garcia	Nick Roche-Kerr	Bill Sommer
Speaker Thanks	Bruce Phillips	Ngairé Best	Malcolm Andrews
Raffle	Peter Chisholm	Allan Todd	Tom Humphries
Top Table Attendant	Mark Carroll	Karen Searle	Nick Roche-Kerr
Sergeant	Robert Armstrong	Robert Armstrong	Bill Russell
Longview Roster		25 July - Gaylene Lines and Tony Heyward	

NOTE: Some duty tasks have changed for 2010-2011. If you are unsure of your duty please see Ken Pearson.

Upcoming Events :

Thursday 22 July Book Fair Wine & Cheese evening, 7pm

Friday 23 July: **The Stadium** – Phoenix FC vs Argentinean giants Club Boca Juniors (7.30pm kickoff)

Saturday 24 and 31 July : **The Tawa Rotary Book Fair**

Monday 23 August : RI President Ray Klingensmith, Mayoral Conference, Ilott Theatre, Wellington Town Hall, 5.45pm – 8.30pm (replaces normal Tuesday meeting this week)

Director's News : Martin Garcia: District 9940 International Coordinator

Martin, a member of our Club, also has a District role as the District International Coordinator and has oversight of all international humanitarian activities undertaken by District Clubs to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. Martin was keen to take up this role, as he is aware of how Rotarians can make a huge difference to the reduction of poverty and improvement of living conditions throughout the world and particularly in our Pacific neighbourhood.

Martin is District Chair of the World Community Service District Committee which:

- promotes the uptake of world community service projects (such as water, health and literacy projects) by all Clubs in the District;
- encourages groups of Clubs to develop or contribute to international projects;
- attempts to demystify some of the apparent obstacles, such as how to find or develop projects and how to fund them; and
- encourages Clubs to support disaster relief activities by funding Emergency Response Kits and ShelterBoxes.

Martin is also a Director of RNZWCS Ltd, which is a charitable company that is recognised by the New Zealand Government as an Aid Agency Non-Governmental Organisation. RNZWCS Ltd is the channel through which Clubs seek funding from the New Zealand Aid Programme for sustainable community development projects. The company also seeks funding for Rotary's humanitarian disaster relief efforts.



Editor's thoughts for the week :

Our thoughts are with Brian Mexted and family following the passing of his wife June at Wellington Hospital on Sunday morning. Details of the funeral arrangements will be announced at Tuesday's meeting.

We are also thinking of Gordon and Irene Mygind this week as Irene has been in Kenepuru Hospital. We understand that Irene is now making steady improvement.

Carol, our International Youth Exchange student has made it home to Brazil and sends her thanks once again to the club members. "Thank you so much for the incredible year that I had in New Zealand, you guys were outstanding for me!!"

Don't forget, our meeting of 27 July is an off-site meeting at Tawa College new Music Room.

Club Anniversaries :

8 July Laura Sommer
 15 July Russell Smith

Birthdays :

7 July Carol Armstrong
 15 July Lyn Andrews

Last Weeks Meeting Notes : Wellington City Libraries

Speakers Kim Clayton and Rose Barker gave us an update on our own Wellington City Libraries, the current offering and a look into the future. Rose is the manger of our own local Tawa Library.

A feature of the current libraries is the vast online offering via the main website <http://www.wcl.govt.nz/> or via EasyFind <http://www.wcl.govt.nz/easyfind/>

Looking at the future, libraries will be where people congregate and they will be come more people friendly with cafes where people will come to share experiences. Librarians will still be around and will evolve into "Information Navigators" helping people obtain the necessary information and/or select the item or piece of news needed.

A particularly interesting piece of information is that "Google" only searches about 2% of databases and that 80% of that 2% is most likely porn related; i.e. adult content. The Reason – Google does not pay for the searches it makes, hence a large number of databases not available to Google, are available via Wellington City Libraries online. Included in these databases are most of the newspapers around the world so if you want to keep in touch with what is happening in a place you have previously lived or visited, then you may be surprised to find that you can access a newspaper even before it is delivered to the local population.

Phil Harland closed with a vote of thanks for a "wonderful evening".

Raffle : \$29.00

Sergeant : \$67.00

Shrapnel : \$12.50

Parting thought : "If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything"

Mark Twain

Last Weeks Meeting Notes : Wellington City Libraries (continued)



Our speakers Kim Clayton and Rose Barker, along with President Tony and our new Rotary display stands on view.

Book Fair Up-Date : Following the working bees last Tuesday and Thursday and a good turnout of helpers this Saturday morning, all the books were sorted and put out on display despite 5 carloads of books being delivered. Yet another carload turned up just as we were closing up! Since it is very likely that our drop-off points will get even more books during the week, Doug is planning another working bee at 9.30 am on Tuesday morning 20 July, plus a follow-up on Friday morning 23 July, to tidy things ready for sale day.

Traditionally we have had a Wine & Cheese evening on the Friday before the Book Fair, but several of our members will be away that night on stadium duty. We will bring the event forward to 7.00 pm on Thursday 22 July, as Wednesday 21 July is the night of the Inner Wheel meeting and a lot of partners would not be able to come to our event. Thursday is choir practice night and not very convenient for Tom, Richard and Allan, but as all three have been regular helpers during the setting up, they have had a chance to pick out any books they particularly want to buy.

Thanks to Chris Reading, who is organising the supplies. The usual \$5 per person applies to cover the costs. Please let Chris know if you plan to go along so he can estimate how much wine and cheese to bring.

Thanks also from Doug to those Rotary members who have been helping out, especially to the "partners" (Davina Alexander, Frances Burrus, Ellanor Henry, Margaret Herbert and Lois Mexted), all of whom have been down to the store several times and made a big contribution to the project.

Sale Days : As many members as are available are asked to come along at about 8.45am on Saturday 24 July to deal with the hoped-for big rush. Feeding more books onto the display trays, helping at the cash desk, sorting new deliveries and keeping an eye on things in general all add to Rotary showing a big presence at the Book Fair. This is our biggest single project for the year and an opportunity for Rotary to show the local community what we can do for them.

The morning of the second sale day (Saturday 31 July) is generally a bit quieter, but more help will be needed for the packing up, which starts around 4.00 pm. Malcolm Andrews has offered to help get the trestle tables back to Heretaunga on Sunday 1 August, but Doug would like to also have another couple of cars and trailers available as there are 35 tables to be returned.

Did you know? Each week the an aspect of Rotary will be included in this slot that will be new to some of you and thus expand your knowledge of the Rotary organisation and what it does, both regionally, nationally and world-wide.

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PolioPlus and Polio Awareness. The PolioPlus and Polio Awareness District Sub-Committee promotes and supports both the PolioPlus / Gates Challenge and raising awareness of the importance of immunisation in New Zealand.

PolioPlus, the most ambitious programme in Rotary's history, is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. For more than 20 years, Rotary has led the private sector in the global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease. Today, PolioPlus and its role in the initiative is recognised worldwide as a model of public-private cooperation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal. Since the programme's inception in 1985, more than two billion children have received the oral polio vaccine.

In addition to providing financial and volunteer support, Rotary works to urge support from other public and private sector partners. This includes the campaign to End Polio Now, inspired by the extraordinary challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge is the Rotary Foundation's response to the two grants totalling US\$355 million from the Gates Foundation to help eradicate polio. Every dollar given to PolioPlus will be counted toward the US\$200 million match, which must be completed by 30 June 2012.

Clubs have been urged to make a pledge to assist meeting the Gates Challenge, in addition to their regular annual contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Additionally, Rotary in New Zealand is working with National Public Health Authorities to raise awareness in the community of the importance of continuing the immunisation of children in New Zealand against the threat of poliomyelitis.

The RI President Ray Klingensmith's monthly message - July 2010 - *Winds of Change*

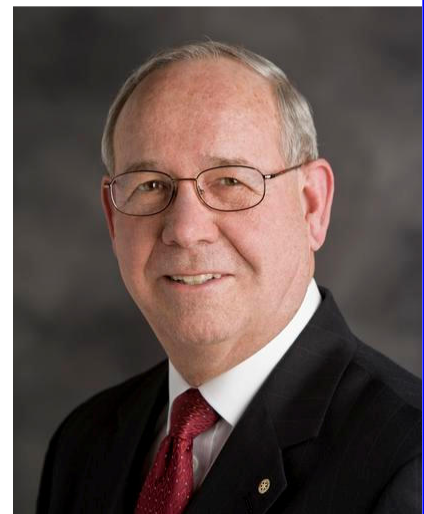
What an amazing world! Advances in technology are happening so quickly that they cause constant changes in our businesses and professions. About one-third of the world's population is still living at a subsistence level with little change in their lives. It is a stark contrast and a cause for concern.

Rotary has both a distinguished heritage and a bright future. My primary task as president is to enhance the vitality and viability of Rotary clubs and to enable them to succeed in the midst of societal changes. This is an important task because it is the clubs that address and alleviate the root problems of society and thereby make the world a better place.

Wind of change was a new and significant phrase when I was a Rotary Scholar in South Africa in the early 1960s. It is serendipitous that the phrase that was first publicized in my host city of Cape Town is now applicable to Rotary as we contemplate the changes in society that dictate some corresponding changes in our organization. The phrase is now better known as *winds of change*.

We are currently enjoying a culture of innovation at Rotary International. We have the ability to look at all of our programs and practices to see if they can be improved, even as we steadfastly maintain our core values. I hope many Rotarians will take advantage of this opportunity to identify and implement improvements in their clubs and districts as well.

Rotary lives and breathes in our 33,000 clubs, and it is the clubs that improve lives by *Building Communities – Bridging Continents*. If we succeed in helping clubs to become Bigger, Better, and Bolder in the next year, then it will be clear that the best days of Rotary are still ahead. We are fortunate to be Rotarians! Together, we can make the world a better place!



The Rotary Club of Tawa holds its regular meetings at the Tawa Bowling Club, Davies Street, Tawa. 5.45pm for 6.15pm. **For guest attendance and apologies for non-attendance**, please contact Steven Pettigrew prior to 10:30am Tuesday; phone 232 5001, or email tawa@takenote.co.nz.