

Plimmerton Rotary

Weekly E -Update



Tuesday 8 August 2023

Meeting Update

President Tania welcomed everyone and especially the partners who had come along to add mental spice to the quiz night.

The PPSLAs 2023 are commented more fully later on but Tania expressed the view on how moving and impressive the event was and how much joy the children showed and how special each was made to feel. She thanked Colin Whyte for his leadership in this 9th year of the awards and all those that helped.

Special thanks to the social team who organised the Quiz event yet to come.

Club Notices

Pre-school Clothing Project

Donna Reed gave an update on this project noting that costs are rising dramatically however like all good projects unexpected connections can often be beneficial. A member of the donor's project family lives in Hong Kong and will investigate shipping shoes directly from the manufacturer.

Donna maybe looking to park a container on someone's front lawn!

Items Of Special Interest

> 15 August 2023 is
Committee night

Speaker Programme

> 22 August Luke Malpass
Political Editor from Stuff
will be the speaker.

>29 Ferry Terminal/ New
Ferries will be the topic from
Rose Northcott of InterIslander

Social Programme

Melbourne Cup Night

Bowls Night

Taupo Swamp Planting Day

Rotary  Planted 19,000 trees
porirua city  Plimmerton Domain



Where
Southern end Plimmerton Domain
Parking
Between Palmers and the railway line.
Bring
Solid footwear, water, your favourite gloves and spade
however we can provide some.

Questions: contactplimrotary@gmail.com



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Bill McAulay provided a reminder for this work on 19th August 2023 starting at 9.00am at Plimmerton Domain, south end by the railway station behind Palmers.

There are jobs for all! *Tree Angels* are required as the target is 1400 trees.

Short term leave is available to those who want to attend the Recognition event at 10.00am.

You are invited to a function to recognise the joint projects undertaken by Rotary and Porirua City across 50 years



19 August 2023 at 10.00am
South end of Plimmerton domain by the Railway Station behind Palmers.
Wet or fine.

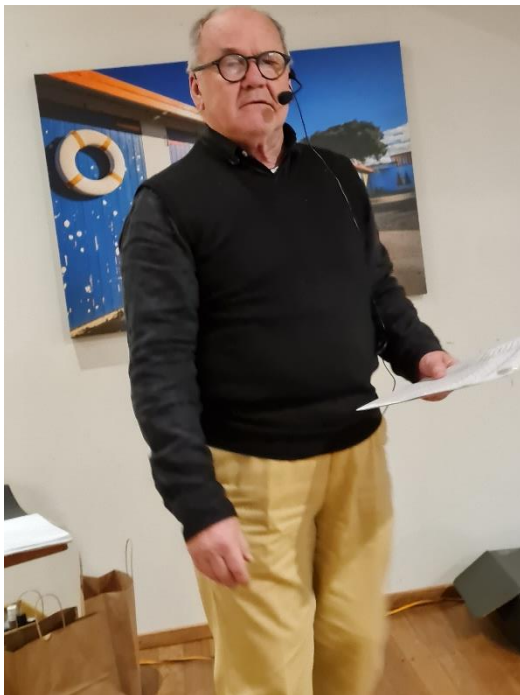


Recognition Project Invitation

You are invited to attend this event marking our 50-year relationship with Porirua City

10.00am at Plimmerton Domain 19 August 2023

Quiz Night



Bryan Waddle and his team did a great job organising a night of mental stimulation. Where on earth did he get those questions from? There were not only questions for Africa, but they covered every imaginable topic.



It was a very well organised and fun night with staggering prizes at the end.

The winning teams (there were two) comprised President Tania, Mr & Mrs Jones and Mr Walmsley for one team and Mr Whearty, Mr McEwen and Mr Doig for the other.



We all tottered home exhausted and while I put in for mental exhaustion leave the next day it was rejected as silly.



Doesn't a quiz night make you realise that while you might be brilliant there is a lot you do not know?

Congratulations to the winners and especially to Bryan and his team.



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Primary School Leadership Awards 2023

Summary from Mike Doig

Another great event for the club: well organised, well-attended, inspirational and a splendid showcase for what Rotary can do.



This was the ninth Awards ceremony, and the attendance was the largest yet. Many of the parents and supporters arrived an hour early.

The Elim Church again proved to be an excellent venue, everything



worked as it should, and the audience of parents, teachers, school students, councillors, officials, Rotarians from the Porirua and Tawa Clubs and our own, and other friends, was vocal and engaged.

Unlike last year, the weather was kind to us.

The Awards celebrate the achievements of primary school students who have been selected for their leadership and contributions to school life. This dovetails with the strategic priority of our Council, and the 'service above self' mission of Rotary.

Thirty-one primary and intermediate schools in Porirua City and Tawa took part.

After a warm welcome by Rotary District Governor Wayne Gordon, we had the first of two spine-tingling performances by the Holy Family School singing group. This was greeted with huge enthusiasm by the audience.



Izzy Ford took over as MC and performed this duty with great panache. She welcomed the various dignitaries and then handed over to Mayor Anita Baker who gave a warm speech recognising the work Rotary does in the city.

The major part of the proceedings was the presentation of certificates and Rotary badges to fifty-eight deserving students, by Mayor Baker and DG Wayne Gordon. This was only slightly hampered by the Mayor's arthritis,

which had put her right arm in an awkward sling.

The students came in all shapes and sizes, some wearing striking outfits, and girls outnumbering boys. Pleasingly, it was evident from



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the citations that the awardees were often not the most academic, but those who had made their mark in other useful ways.

We were then treated to an engaging address by a winner from four years ago, Tiahorangi Keepa, from Te Kura. She remarked on the challenges of leadership and gave some advice to this year's awardees. Tiahorangi has a strong personality and wicked sense of humour.

The proceedings concluded with more singing from Holy Family School, and a photo session for the children and their whanau.

All in all, a very successful occasion which ran smoothly and on time, thanks to Colin Whyte and the team.

A final thought- as this event is nine years old, there must be past winners who have started to achieve great things. Can we track some of them down?

Some feedback

Kiaora

I'm not sure to send this but want to express my utmost gratitude for the young leaders' awards.

Our whanau and kura are very proud and honoured for Liam Neal. We certainly will work hard to contribute back to our community!

Nga mihi nui to all those involved in the day.

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Ngā mihi,

Richard Neal

Director Titoko – Student Success

Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington

In Summary

Real kids doing real things for which they are recognized.

Already planning is underway for next year's event on 5 August 2024 so mark your diary's now. If you do not come, you miss something special in the Porirua City's year.

Help Needed



Bruce Phillips is leading the International Committee this year and has some interesting work on his programme.

Unfortunately, he is the only one on the team, so he is looking for volunteers to move to his committee this year. Have a chat to him if you are interested as the projects are interesting.



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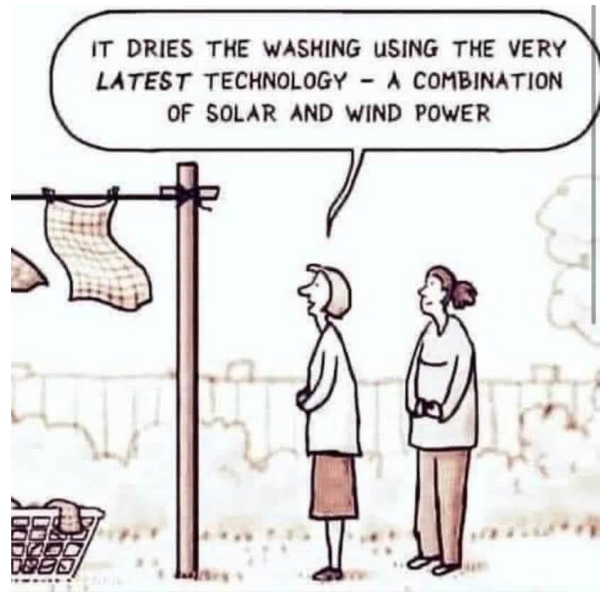
Chatter Box



This is a new feature where items of interest as they relate to members might be put. If you have something you would like to include let me know.



Who saw this Post on Facebook this week? Seems like the beauty of Te Aro Piko has been captured by a rooster, who seems reluctant to return to his chicken making duties. Members of the public are advised to approach with care.



Saw this in a Flick newsletter and thought what a way to come to Rotary! Beats a Tesla any day.

On a mission to decarbonise the commute is Wellington start-up FTN Motion and their epic urban electric motorcycle, The Streetdog. It sports a simple, timeless design that's inspired by the motorbikes of London's 1960s cafe era, and its body is made from hemp composite instead of fibreglass. Classed as a moped, it has a max of speed of 50km/h, an 80km range and a handy 30L of secure storage.

Bryan Waddle pointed out that all the quiz contestants on Tuesday were in a better place as Rhondda and Les had fled the country, so prizes were within reach! Didn't Bryan look smart sporting the new Peter Sinke microphone?

Wendy Betteridge has long extolled the virtues of project documentation and so it proved with the PPSLA this week. However, the documentation never pointed out you should distribute it and so the seat ladies had to improvise despite there being an undistributed plan!

Parting Thought

From Dexter Trill

If at first, you don't succeed don't become a skydiver.



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