

Plimmerton Rotary

Weekly E -Update



Tuesday 29 August 2023

Meeting Update

President Tania reminded us that it was a month of two health awareness programmes with these being Cervical Cancer and Prostate Cancer.

While both cancers have high mortality numbers in New Zealand both respond well to early treatment. A timely reminder to us all and perhaps support the programmes when we see them during September.

Both Tania and Denise attended a "High Tea" Rotary event in the Hutt Valley which raised Some \$15,000 towards the purchase of a fixed wing aircraft for Life Flight Trust and in doing so had an enjoyable afternoon.

Club Notices

Viewpoint

Anne Scannell promised much in her opening paragraph but then focussed her attention on Procrastination, which was a talent of abundance. Having recounted that university assignment deadlines always meant a wonderful tidy flat, lots of baking, an immaculate garden and long walks led to her latest deadline of this Viewpoint. Consequently, the lawns are mowed, the house is tidy, and another patchwork quilt is heading towards completion.

The conclusion being that if only she had started earlier, this would have been not only a really good Viewpoint but also much longer!

Items Of Special Interest

Speaker Programme

> 5 September Mike Styles from Dyslexia Consulting will be the speaker.

>12th September Adam Parker Hospitality NZ

Social Programme

Melbourne Cup Night

Bowls Night



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Speaker



Mike Doig has summarised a very informative presentation on a project of national significance:

New Ferries- Yippee!

This week's guest speakers were David Warburton and Massimo Soprano, Programme Director and Ships Director, respectively, for iREX.

iREX appears to be a company set up to manage both the procurement of the new ferries and the complexities of building new terminal facilities at Wellington and Picton. It is a massive project involving numerous powerful stakeholders with 'many moving parts' and a communications programme has been put in place to keep them all on board.

David outlined the importance of the project. It is a key part of the national infrastructure, which currently provides 3500 services each year, ferrying 825,000 passengers, 250,000 cars and \$14Billion of freight.

The present ferries and terminals are obsolete. Two new, larger ferries are on order and both terminals are to be rebuilt, with new wharves and access roads.

Massimo explained that the ships will be built at a Korean yard, from March 2024, at a total cost of \$560M. The first will be delivered in 2025 and the second in 2026. At 50,000 tons they will be much bigger than the present ferries. Propulsion will be diesel/electric hybrid, having a reduced carbon footprint, hopefully carbon neutral by 2050 when diesel is replaced by low carbon fuel. The new ships will cope well with the demanding conditions of Cook Strait and should make the crossing in under three hours. This means each ferry can make three return trips per day, despite having to load more vehicles and passengers than the present smaller ferries.

The total project cost will be 'well over \$1Bn' with a benefit/cost ratio of 2.5 to 4.5. Funding is coming from the Government, directly and through KiwiRail, and the port companies.

David and Massimo's talks were detailed and well-illustrated, but IREX has a comprehensive website for those needing to learn more. (See <https://www.irex.co.nz/>)



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Speaker Programme

Sept	October	November	December	January
5 th Mike Styles Dyslexia Consulting	3 rd Dane Ambler Buy NZ Made	7 th	5 th	2 nd Recess
12 th Hospitality NZ Adam Parker Regional Manager	10 th	14 th	12 th	9 th Recess
19 th	17 th Sir Ron Young Parole Board "Crime, Punishment and Parole"	21 st	19 th	16 th
26 th Nick Jolly NZ Beef & Lamb	23 rd John Huston Water Project South India	28 th	26 th Recess	
	31 st			

Duty Roster

	Viewpoint	Thanks	Speaker Host Introduction	Thanks	Parting Thought	Door
5 September 2023	Brett Jones	Graham Wallace	Mike Scott	John O'Connell	John Barber	Mike Scott Nick Walmsley
12 September 2023	Allan Nichols	Philip Whearty	Barry McEwen	Phillip Reidy	Colin Whyte	Bill McAulay Les Callear
19 September 2023	David Knight	Leigh Corner			Mike Doig	Bruce Phillips Euon Murrell
26 September 2023	Donna Reed	Rhondda Sweetman	Phillip Reidy	Ann Scannell	Bryan Waddle	Graham Wallace Michael Parker



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Parting Thought

David Knight finished the meeting with the following from Mother Teresa:

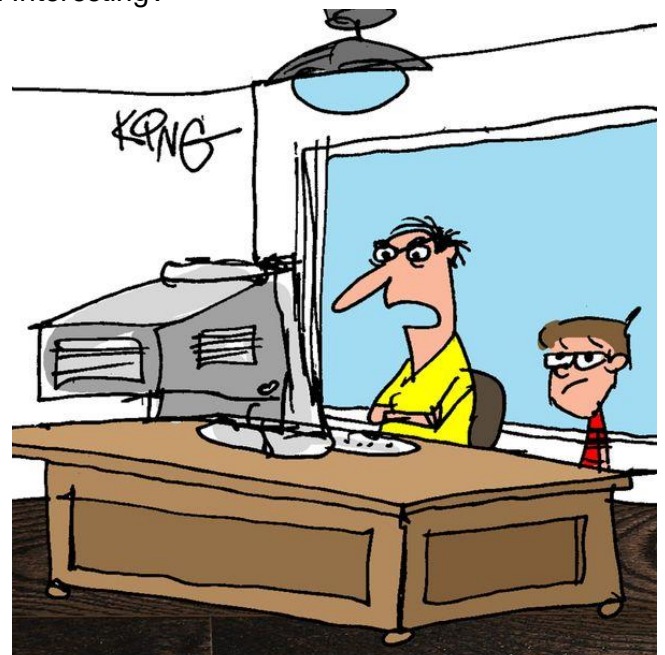
Give the world the best of yourself and if you find you receive a kick, it does not matter, just give the world the best of yourself.

Chatterbox



Remember the hazardous rooster on the Te Ara Piko Pathway? Well it has now been safely re-captured and re-homed to do what roosters do.

The new ferries our guest speaker Massimo Soprano spoke about are bespoke vessels (as are all ferries because of local conditions and needs). He noted some of the design parameters in knots and so the 45 knots mentioned converts to 83 kph (1 knot = 1.85kph). Interesting?



"My computer keeps locking up. I'm thinking about taking it back to that garage sale and get my \$2 back."



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