

# Plimmerton Rotary

## Weekly E -Update



Tuesday 26 September 2023

### Meeting Update

There is no meeting Update this week as I was away and Ann Scannell who would have written it for me was, very sadly, unable to do so.

A very somber Update and our thoughts are very much with Ann's family.

### Club Notices

There are still spaces available to work on Election Day, so it is not too late to volunteer. Let Phillip Reidy know if you want to add your name to the list.

### Viewpoint

Here is an apt Viewpoint from Donna Reed:

I've been listening to an audiobook 'Lost and Found' by Pulitzer Prize winner Kathryn Schultz.

She starts off with the loss of someone close dying and I reflected on the death of 2 classmates and a friend's mother, my first experience of Assisted Dying.

The verb is to lose- to mourn, to separate.

In the thirteenth century loss was the misplace of an object, the sixteenth century was the loss of one's mind.

The nineteenth century was the loss of our heart.

We have all lost a toy, a childhood friend, a favourite shirt, a book, a collection or other things that have gone missing.

Sometimes being lost is a good thing. Lost in thought, lost in a book or lost in Paris.

But the loss of \$2000 on my credit card, the loss of my working life, the loss of my partner with dementia is a very unhappy place. The feeling of loss walking through my hometown of Christchurch post-earthquake and not finding my landmarks of favourite shops and cinemas.

Recently my grandson Tyler lost his cell phone from his building site. He had it beside his lunchbox because

he was up scaffolding. He was still paying it off, so he had insurance. He reported the loss to the police so he could put in his claim. That night at a random time he spotted his phone had come back on Find My Phone. They quickly drove up to the address. No phone here said the lady and no you can't come in.

Leave or Ill phone the police. Yes, please do, says Tyler and back he goes to the police station. No, we can't go to that house because we haven't got a search warrant. If you read the insurance fine print, no you can't make a claim if your phone is left unattended on a work site. Is this loss of dignity or loss of faith in

Fairness?

### Items Of Special Interest

#### Speaker Programme

< 3 October

Dane Ambler

NZ Made

< 17 October

Sir Ron Young

Parole Board

#### Social Programme

Melbourne Cup Night

Bowls Night



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I went to the doco film festival and saw documentaries of Mariupol and Beirut. Loss becomes more abstract and permanent such as war, famine the pandemic.

Others are the loss of ecosystems, glaciers, species.

As a descendant of Ngai Tahu, or Kai Tahu there is the grief of loss of land, the loss of language, the loss of mana with broken promises.

Have you struggled to find a lost word? As a nation, the loss of a favourite sports team, or a leader, or election???

Recently with another bout of flu and coughing I struggled with the loss of breath, and of my health and fitness.

The loss of misplacing my belongings. As a teenager I left my cello on the train. Now where did I park my car, the loss of my wallet, my book and in a household of 6 the loss of my phone and phone charger and the tv remote.

This leads to loss of time, daily, weekly, monthly looking for things. Fortunately, technology can help me find my phone and sometimes my passwords, but time mounts up to at 70 years I've lost 6 days a month looking for lost items.

My Viewpoint is Life is Complicated. The older we get, the more we have to lose. But we have abundance. After Loss comes Recovery and Found.

Did I lose you during this? How can we make better use of our time?

**Nga mihi**

## Speaker Programme

October	November	December	January 2024
	7 <sup>th</sup> Melbourne Cup	5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Recess
10 <sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting	14 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Function	9 <sup>th</sup> Recess
17 <sup>th</sup> Sir Ron Young Parole Board	21 <sup>st</sup> Committee Meeting	19 <sup>th</sup> Recess	16 <sup>th</sup> Social Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> John Huston Water Project In South India	28 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> Recess	
31 <sup>st</sup> Social meeting			



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# Duty Roster

## DUTY ROSTER 3 October 2023 to 24 October 2023

	Viewpoint	Thanks	Speaker Host/Intro	Speaker Thanks	Parting Thought	Door
3 October 2023	Allan Nichols	Les Callear	Phillip Reidy	John Barber	Bill McAulay	John Gillon John O'Connell
10 October 2023	Mike Scott	Bill McAulay			Barry McEwen	Brett Jones Colin Whyte
17 October 2023	Mike Doig	David Knight	Graeme Blick	Joe Perera	Leigh Corner	Chris Garrett Bryan Waddle
24 October 2023	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Couch	Donna Reed	Graham Wallace	Rhondda Sweetman	Phillip Reidy



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