



## Meetings

**Weekly meetings are held on  
Monday, 5.30pm at Rotary  
House, 12 Story Place, Taupo.  
Visitors Welcome**

**Monday 24 October 2016**

Labour Weekend Monday

**Monday 31 October 2016**

Club Forum/Board Meeting & 3  
Minute Speaker

**Monday 7 November 2016**

Quiz Night for Members and  
Partners

**Tuesday 15 November 2016**

Area 12 Meeting at the Tongariro  
Lodge, Turangi.

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## Apologies

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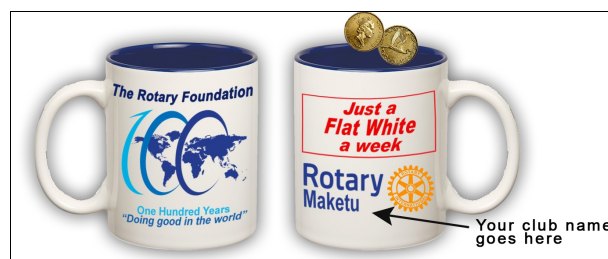
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Our meeting was called to order and Bob Jollands offers the following Paraproductian:

**"To be sure of hitting your target - Shoot first and call  
whatever you hit, the target!"**

President Kathryn welcomed our guests AG John & Olwyn McNickle, and Abdul Nishar [of Contact Energy and prospective member]. Mary Lockwood was welcomed back from her overseas trip which we were to hear more about shortly. John McNickle introduced

### Just a "Flat White a Week"



The "Flat White a Week" programme is simple. Maketu Rotary will provide a coffee mug for every member in every club. All that clubs have to do is to agree to participate in the programme. Rotarians are asked to toss \$4 a week into the mug, probably from loose pocket change ... just the cost of "A Flat White a Week". The first \$12 collected goes to cover the cost of the mug, and then every subsequent dollar collected goes to the Rotary Foundation. That can add up to \$200 a year! How fantastic is that! How simple and easy is that! Maketu Rotary isn't making a cent from this project. It's just the club's way of supporting the Rotary Foundation. The "Flat White a Week" programme is being presented to every club in our district. A sample coffee mug has been created for every club and AG John presented the Lake Taupo mug to President Kathryn. Each club is encouraged to get behind this approach.

Acting Sergeant Hayden conducted a fine session which consisted of a 'political quiz' that related to the recent local body elections. Members were fined for their lack of knowledge. One or two members took the opportunity to 'dob' themselves in which topped up the fine collection ....page 2



President Kathryn then introduced Mary Lockwood freshly returned from her latest overseas adventure to give a brief overview of her experiences.

Mary undertook a Scenic Tours package holiday of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. The tour group consisted of mostly Australians and Mary was the only [and oldest] kiwi in the group. Mary commented that Vietnam and Cambodia appeared to be unkempt with many roads and waterways littered with a lot of rubbish [mainly plastics] while Laos was in contrast very tidy and well kept.

There were various activities available on the tour including kayaking, and 'Vespa' tours where you ride pillion while the guide navigates the teeming traffic where the road rules are non existent and it appears to be survival of the quickest. While on foot you need to have your wits about you and you cross the roads at your peril. Apparently the best way to cross is to put your head down and go for it.



Mary was intrigued by the Monks and how the whole community contributes to their upkeep by providing food as they pass.

One of the constants of the tour was the daily procurement of food from local markets.



Mary enjoyed the process and the resulting menus even the more dubious offerings of various types of protein including tarantula spiders [very hairy legs], crickets and a variety of other insects and offal.



The tour included a river cruise on the Mekong, visiting many monasteries and wondering at the gold Buddha when so many go without. Water hyacinths abound in the rivers and tributaries and are used in many ways from food to furniture.

Mary enjoyed her time and her travelling companions made the experience both memorable and safe.

Robert Burrow reported on the volunteer work day at the new Lake Taupo Hospice house. Seven Rotarians turned out to supervise the work undertaken by the Contact Energy Volunteers and a great amount of work was accomplished. This including 160 metres of fence being painted, around 200 trees being planted and 160 square metres of mulch being laid down. Robert expressed thanks for the support and work that was done.



## Duty Roster

**Monday 24 October 2016**

**Labour Day**

**Monday 31 October 2016**

Room Steward: Jeff Marshall [ID]

Meet and Greet: Mary Legg

Opening/P'ting Thought: Jenny Johanson

**3 Minute Speaker: Dave McAlley**

**Monday 7 November 2016**

Room Steward: John McNaughton

Meet and Greet: Kate MCBreen

Speakers Host: Deb McCarthy

Opening/P'ting Thought: Vera McIvor

**Tuesday 15 November 2016**

**Area 12 Combined Meeting in Turangi**

**Monday 21 November 2016**

Room Steward: Stu Pickmere

Meet and Greet: Stu Mulvey

Speakers Host: Kathryn Uvhagen

Opening/P'ting Thought: Margy Price

Please note that if you are unable to fulfil your role on the duty roster please make arrangements for someone else to cover for you and advise Sergeant Dennis or Corporal Hayden.

## OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:

President Kathryn advised members of the following items:

Rotary Youth Exchange—the district is looking for host families for an incoming student from Brazil for the 2018 year. Application close 31 March 2017. Any interest please let Kathryn know.

The Cycle Challenge Exhibition is nearing completion—invitations being sent out shortly, see the advert below.

### Reminders:

Friday October 28th—TGIF at the Mole & Chicken

Friday November 5th—Espresso Guy Fawkes Fireworks Display at Owen Delany Park.

Tuesday November 15th—Area 12 Joint meeting in Turangi. Those wishing to attend record their intentions on the list being circulated. NOTE: there is no Club meeting on Monday November 14th.

Sunday December 4th—Seniors Christmas Afternoon Tea.

Friday December 9th—Carols in the Park being run by Taupo Espresso.

Monday 12th December—Lake Taupo Rotary Christmas Function at the Taupo Yacht Club. [NOTE the change of date]

Look out for other calendar changes in the near future.

### Parting Thought:

Another Paraprosookian

**I'm supposed to respect my elders. But its getting harder and harder for me to find one**

NEXT WEEK: Club Forum/Board Meeting & 3 Minute Speaker

## The Free Rotary Community Van



We are grateful to the local business listed for their support of our Community Van. Please support them!

## LAKE TAUPO CYCLE CHALLENGE

### CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Exhibition Opening

5.30pm - 7.00pm

Friday 4 November 2016

Taupo Museum, Story Place, Taupo

Drinks & nibbles supplied

Please RSVP by Tuesday 1 November 2016 to [kay@cyclechallenge.com](mailto:kay@cyclechallenge.com)