

Duties	16 th Apl	7 th May
Host:	David E	John M
3 min talk	Don	Lew
Sunshine	David H	Trevor
Thanks + Parting shot	Di	Lynne



Bulletin

4th April 2025

John G informed us that 2025 is UN Year of Cooperatives and that they play a vital role in building a better world. In NZ prior to 1935, dairy farmers were at the mercy of British companies taking the profits. Legislation creating co-ops assured farmers of their share. And the same can be said of the fertiliser industry cooperatives.

Lynne was quiz master for a six round general knowledge quiz, originally intended for a visit by the Feilding-Oroua club and won by a team of "silver foxes"!

Marilyn reported on the great success of the club sponsored event rewarding pupils of Te Kura o Wairau for good attendance with a trip to the movies, ice-cream & popcorn. Speaking to them on the value of education were **Dame Farah Palmer** and **Jason Tahiri** (*more details next bulletin*)

Parting Thought (**David H**) "we should strive to be the best **for** the world, not the best **in** the world."

At the recent fireside meeting, a passionate discussion produced the following comments:

- Members would like more updates on where the fundraising money goes to
- In fact, have we grown tired of all the fundraising?
- Are we asking too much of our members considering their age?
- The meeting felt the club was not being transparent enough regarding the money it held
- The feeling of the meeting was that the trust money should be given away more freely to good causes and without having to do more fundraising.

It is timely then that the Rotary Down Under magazine landing in your in-box this week contained the following from Rotary International President, Stephanie Urchick:

Consider these ways to reinvigorate engagement within your club.

- **Identify emerging needs:** stay attuned to the evolving challenges in your communities. Engage with local organisations to understand where your club's support can make the most difference.
- **Mobilise resources quickly.** Leverage the skills and networks within your club to gather resources, from financial contributions to equipment to volunteer time.
- **Foster collaboration.** Encourage members to take initiative and collaborate on projects.
- **Commit to ongoing involvement:** Beyond initial contributions, pledge continued support. Regular service keeps members connected and reinforces the club's commitment to sustained impact.

See this as an opportunity to revitalise our efforts, making a positive difference in this world.

The Club Board meets again next Thursday. As usual if you have anything you think they should consider please contact Raewyn.

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