

# LAKE TAUPO ROTARY RAMBLE



Paul, our guest from Holland, talked about some of his club's projects which could merit further investigation:

- Yellow ribbons on a Remembrance Tree (earning \$130,000/yr)
- Three houses in Cambodia
- A day out for special needs children
- Building a high school and exchanging teachers.

Gaye Vartiainen gave us a very clear understanding of the role of ADDI in our community, its structure, and funding model. At present they receive no funding from the Ministry of Education. They have put a case to be a Designated Character School to the Minister. This would give them access to funding towards their 26 staff but at the cost of losing much of their independence.

Robyn and Michelle from Life Education trust gave us an overview of their organisation and the mobile classroom that visits 50 – 60 schools in our region every year. Some schools contribute \$5 per child leaving a shortfall of \$140,000/year to be raised by the trust. All this is possible thanks to funding from local communities. There is no government funding.

Three key messages are incorporated into lessons after consultation with the teacher. They are: You are unique and special; your body is magnificent; and, the person next to you is as unique as you are (relationships).



Michelle & Robyn (Life Ed.)      Gay Vartiainen (ADDI)

## Poppy day collectors needed

RoseMary needs 8 volunteers to work in pairs for the Poppy Day collection on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April.

A District Outward Bound Scholarship is available for a local 16 – 18 year old as at July 2018. The candidate should need development in one of the following areas: self-confidence, self-esteem, personal responsibility, personal motivation, or social awareness. This 21 day course is NOT aimed at high achievers. See John Williamson if you have a suitable applicant in mind. Closes 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### Next meeting

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**Guest Speaker** – Emma Cairns (Bluelight Driver Programme.)

Conference report.

**Speaker Host** – Ian Dykes

**Room Steward** – Tom Gould

**Meet & Greet** – RoseMary Chrisp

**Opening/Parting Thought** – Lianne Fraser

**Inductions** – Jo Burch, Kathy Guy, Jackie Robinson

### Apologies -

Call Margy by 11am Sunday prior to meeting – 0276999639

[Lucy44@gmail.com](mailto:Lucy44@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> April - Club Forum & Board meeting

8<sup>th</sup> April – Donovan Bixley (Author & illustrator)

### Upcoming Events

15 – 17<sup>th</sup> March – District Conference @ Claudelands, Hamilton.

25<sup>th</sup> March – Area 12 Rotary Foundation Workshop

27<sup>th</sup> March – 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of John de Lautour

Paul from Holland – A man full of project suggestions.



## The Free Rotary Community Van



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