



Meetings

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

Monday 5 September 2016

Cath Oldfield Bike Kids Taupo

Monday 12 September 2016

Public Meeting—Meet the Mayoral
Candidates

Monday 19 September 2016

Public Meeting—Meet the Taupo
Ward Local Body Candidates

Monday 26 September 2016

Club Forum & Board Meeting

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Mondays meeting was called to order and President Kathryn welcomed our guests Abbie Dean [guest speaker], Reggie Galliona and Nicolieen Lourens. Hayden Baker then offered the following opening thought from Albert Einstein.

**“Life is a chemical reaction all that is required is to
keep it in balance”**

Dinner was enjoyed and when all was in readiness President Kathryn asked Sergeant Dennis to conduct a slightly different fines session.

With the upcoming meet the Local Body Candidates evening Dennis invited members and guests to take part in bit of 'democratic engagement'. Each table was presented with a list of local community topics and asked to rank the importance of each. The feedback from the room would be used to develop the questions that will be posed to the candidates on the evening. Members and guests were also asked to list any other topics that they felt should also be canvassed with the candidates. Each table was fined \$1 per person for the privilege of taking part while any anyone who opted out was to be "dobbbed in" by their table and charged a \$2 fine. After a few minutes of animated debate and discussion the suggestion sheets were collected with a decent sum in fines gathered.

Mary Lockwood was then invited to introduce our guest speaker— Abbie Dean.

Abbie works for Contact Energy as a Geo-Chemist and Mary let Abbie tell us the rest

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Abbie began her presentation with a brief background on herself. She has been in Taupo for about 5 years. Abbie left school with a great interest in design and fashion and completed a Bachelor of Design Degree. Her learning did not stop there and she went on to study science which has led her to where she is today.

Abbie is a geothermal geochemist at Contact Energy's Wairakei Power Station. The only female geothermal geochemist at the site, she one of only half a dozen female technical experts in the site's overall team of 17 females and 150-odd employees.



Inspired by a quote from Hillary Clinton which reads "Women are the largest untapped reservoir of talent in the world" Abbie has taken on the predominately male domain of the geothermal power industry to become an active member in that industry. She is the New Zealand Ambassador for WING [Women in Geothermal] an international body whose the aim is to "promote the education, professional development, and advancement of women in the geothermal community". WING has an international membership of around 600 representing 130 companies in over 48 countries. With approximately 1/3 of the membership being male WING is an inclusive support network and provides a strong conversation platform for all participants in the geothermal industry.

Abbie is also a board member of the New Zealand Geothermal Association [NZGA]. The NZGA is a scientific, educational and cultural organisation established to encourage research, development and use of geothermal energy in New Zealand along with ensuring that legislation, regulation and standards in the industry are appropriate for the sustained development and utilisation of the geothermal resource.

Abbie's day to day responsibilities at the Wairakei, Te Mihi and Ohaaki Power Stations are to monitor and manage the chemical balance of the geothermal fluid being extracted from the wells for power generation. Maintaining a good balance is needed to minimise the build up of calcium silicate and other elements in the geothermal fluid to allow the wells to continue to flow freely.

During her presentation Abbie played an animation of the various wells in the Ohaaki steam field which graphically illustrated the numbers, depths and variety of wells in the field. It opened many members eyes to the tasks needed to extract steam from the ground to generate electricity.

At the conclusion of her presentation Abbie answered a couple of questions and was thanked for her presentation by Mary Lockwood.



Duty Roster

Monday 5 September 2016

Room Steward: Stu Mulvay
Meet and Greet: Stu Pickmere
Speakers Host: Margy Price
Opening/Parting Thought: Ann Robertson

Monday 12 September 2016

Set up for Meet the Mayoral Candidates meeting.

Monday 19 September 2016

Set up for Meet the Taupo Ward Candidates meeting

Monday 26 September 2016

Room Steward: Doug Simmons
Meet and Greet: Bruno Stutz
Opening/Ptg Thought: Kathryn Uvhagen
3 Minute Speaker: Ray Toms

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. Thanks

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:

President Kathryn reminded members that on Mondays the 12th and 19th of September Rotary is hosting two public meetings at Rotary House. On these two nights there will not be an official Rotary meeting. On the 12th Espresso will be managing the 'Meet the Mayoral Candidates' gathering. Lake Taupo members are asked to make themselves available from 4pm to assist with the set up of the hall [and later in the night the clean up]. The set up will be followed by Pizza and Wine and then the option of attending the meeting [starts at 5.30pm] or not.

On the 19th Lake Taupo is hosting the 'Meet the Taupo Ward Candidates'. Again there is the need for members to assist with the hall set up [and later in the night the clean up]. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

A reminder to push the sale of tickets for the Film Premier on Thursday 1st September. 7.45pm for an 8.15pm start. Contributions etc to RoseMary.

John Williamson reported that the Youth team had interviewed a candidate for the National Science Forum and having found her to be suitable have sent her application to the organising committee.

Maureen Bailey reminded members of the Motor Neuron Disease Charity Walk and Auction on the Tongariro North Domain on Sunday 25th September. Maureen requested at least 4 male members to assist with the erection of the Rotary tent at 9.00am and then to assist with dismantling it again at around 12.30pm. Several hands were raised and noted.

The next social gathering will be on Sunday 25th September at the Sunnycourt Homes Show Home, 19 Noumea Drive, Huka Falls Rise from 4.00pm

PARTING THOUGHT: Hayden Baker offered the following quotes

"What is now proved was once imagined" - William Blake

"The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them and do nothing" - Albert Einstein

NEXT WEEK: Cath Oldfield, Bike Kids Taupo

The Free Rotary Community Van



From the Cycle Challenge Office

Anybody who might have any contributions/memorabilia for the 40th Anniversary Museum exhibition please get in contact with either:

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