

ROTARY RAMBLE

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Meetings

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

Thursday 10th April

Sarah Carter~Companion Animals

Wednesday 16th April

Ron Fyfe~NZ Shelterbox Area
 12 Meeting with Moana at Dixie Browns

Thursday 17th April

Easter~NO MEETING

Thursday 24th April

Committee Meetings

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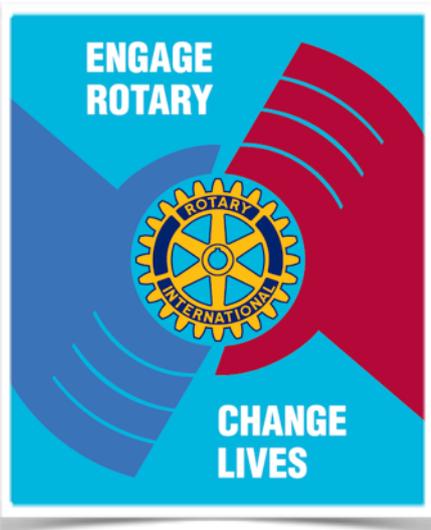
Companion Animals

Research supports what most of us already know, that animals are good for our mental and physical health.

Often companion animals are our best friends, confidants, and help make the family complete. Pets not only provide love and affection - they help keep us well. Recent studies have linked pet ownership to lower blood pressure, reduced stress, less incidence of heart disease, and lower overall health care costs. In short, companion animals make us happier and healthier.

Pets are often life savers for the elderly, they offer affection, unconditional love, fight loneliness, and can help ease the loss of a loved one.

Sarah Carter is a small animal vet with VETPlus for the past five years. Originally from London Sarah spent time in Wanaka before settling here in Taupo with her husband and two young girls. I understand they live on a lifestyle block and neglected to ask how many and what type of animals they have. No doubt we will find out what kind of a menagerie Sarah has on Thursday night!



President's Roundup

A marvellous weekend out at the Oxfam Check Point 6 which Rotary share with Community Patrols. A very big thank you to Sylvia who co-ordinates the whole procedure, not an easy task and a very big thank you to all of the members that gave their time to support a fantastic event. I think we have it running very well especially the very busy shift between 2.00am and 7.00am. The weather was very kind to us this year which certainly helped during the wee hours.

Congratulations to Phillipa who was part of the BNZ Team and they completed it in 26.5 hours. 100 km walk is certainly not for the faint hearted. Oxfam this morning said that \$760,000 has been raised so far, but teams have until June to complete their fund raising so hope it will top \$900,000.

Sixteen of our members and partners thoroughly enjoyed the breakfast meeting with Prime Minister John Key as the guest speaker, he certainly made a big impression on those in attendance, we were privileged to hear some quite funny stories of life in general for him and then on a more serious note, he was very informative on a wide range of topics. If you wish to read more of his speech please let me know and I can forward you the rather comprehensive Moana newsletter.

Next week Wednesday 16th is the Area 12 meeting hosted by Moana Rotary at Dixie Browns Restaurant 6.00pm for 6.30pm, just our normal \$20 so nothing to pay. No meeting Thursday of course.

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened"-Anatole France



Duty Roster

Thursday 10th April

Hospitality: Kirste Byloo

Steward: Tom Gould

Introduction: Mary Legg

Grace/Parting Thought: Ray Perry

Wednesday 16th April

Hospitality: Sandy Pearce

Thursday 24th April

Hospitality: John de Lautour

Steward: Chris Wallis

Grace/Parting Thought: Tom Gould

Apologies

Please let **Dave McAlley** know by 9pm Tuesday night if you **will not** be attending Rotary. You will be recorded as coming and charged accordingly if you don't if you don't apologise: **07 333 8345** or email:

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"You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him"

-James D. Miles