

ROTARY RAMBLE

Be a Gift to the World

Meetings

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

Visitors Welcome

Thursday 3 September

Mark Taylor - Tenon

Thursday 10 September

Dwayne Cowin- Young Farmer of the Year Contestant

Thursday 17 September

Pat Brown - Geyser Community Fund

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this week

Following his stimulating presentation, **Mark Taylor**(VP NZ

Operations of Tenon), there was a queue of Espresso members lining up to chat to him.Tenon Manufacturing Ltd is a timber processing plant and public organisation founded in 1982.Tenon is an innovative company that runs under the radar and employs 270 people (estimated) .It is one of the largest employers in Taupo, thereby contributing to the local and national economy.

Realising 15 years ago that their business model needed to change, Tenon developed specialist clear wood products that have strong market demand demand in USA AND Europe. A process Mark called" value added vinegar", which makes radiata pine behave like hardwood, has led to 60%growth in Holland. With a legacy from Fletcher Challenge, Tenon offers staff education scholarships for their families and additional care in times of difficulty.Mark firmly believes that adding value to the raw materials before export is the best practice.Tenon announced its first dividend in 17 years after it trebled annual profit with the rebound of US housing market.

Interesting facts: Tenon is the only plant in the world to operate 24/7(They were told it would not work , they made it happen). There is no such thing as waste and all the residue is valued and used; geothermal heat is used to dry timber making considerable saving on gas heating.

Succession planning: Mark would love to meet talented creative young people and show case opportunities to work at Tenon.





Duty Roster

Thursday 3 September

Hospitality: RoseMary Chrisp
 Sergeant: Chris Wallis
 Introduction: Brent Winkelmann
 Grace/PT: Kate McBreen

Thursday 10 September

Hospitality: RoseMary Chrisp
 Sergeant: Chris Wallis
 Introduction: Dave McAlley
 Grace/PT: Tom Gould

Thursday 17 September

Hospitality: Dave McAlley
 Sergeant: Chris Wallis
 Introduction: Graham Clayton
 Grace/PT: Roland Vowles

Saturday 31 October

Garage sale- Please collect items

Apologies

Please phone **RoseMary Chrisp** on **07 378 7286** or email **copy_cat@xtra.co.nz** by 9am Wednesday or email.

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The Future depends on what we do in the present

- Mahatma Gandhi

REPORT FROM THE MERGING COMMITTEE

The committee is made up of three members from Moana and Taupo Rotary clubs. Ian Dykes, Doug Simmonds, Kathryn Uvhagen, Roland Vowles, Chris Wallis, Maureen Bayley.

To date our meetings have been very cordial and both clubs are motivated to merge. We have had good discussions and both clubs have had to give and take on some issues, which we have agreed to do to enable us to move forward.

We have similar member numbers and similar finances. The Cycle Trust will remain as it is, except for a name change. The other Trusts will be closed and a new one formed, after the new club is chartered.

We have had advice from DG Mike Smith and RI as there are certain rules to follow when applying for a new charter. We have to dissolve both clubs and form a new one, Chris Wallis has graciously offered to step down as President and we are grateful to him for stepping up when we needed him.

Below are the points that were put to a motion at our club forum on Thursday night and all were **Moved, Seconded and unanimously carried.**

1. The new name to be Lake Taupo Rotary Club.
2. A liberal style of meeting where grace, national anthem are not mandatory, but the choice of the member on duty to decide.
3. Decision making to be by the whole club.
4. Venue is to be Rotary House.
5. Meeting day is to be Monday. (We did suggest that on Mondays that are a public holiday we could do something social)
6. Officers; Ian Dykes to be the President and Kathryn Uvhagen to be President Elect. (Other officers to be discussed)
7. The member finance contribution is, Members are billed \$50 quarterly for RI dues. A monthly account will be sent to members for each meal they have had. If they do not apologise they will be billed.

Our positive attitude must be....New Club...New Changes....New Beginning....No Looking Back.

We still have some things to work through, but this will enable us to move forward and make our application to RI.

Roland had the final word at our last meeting with the DG. He said "I am 83 years old and I just wish I was thirty years younger....as this is so very exciting for us all.

Yours in Rotary
 Maureen Bayley