

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 10 September

Dwayne Cowin- Young Farmer of the Year Contestant

Thursday 17 September

Pat Brown - Geysers Community Foundation

Thursday 24 September

Club Forum/ Board meeting

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this week

New Zealand Young Farmers is a non profit social network for rural youth which develops the leadership and personal skills of its members through participation and achievement. ANZ Young Farmer Contest is flagship event for New Zealand Young Farmers and is held in high esteem among the rural community, and every year up to 300 contestants battle it out for the top spot. District Finals are the entry level for the contest. Throughout the country **22** District Finals are held between October and December. Contestants will be put through a diverse range of practical, theoretical and technical farming challenges. The Grand Final is a full-on two-day event including the practical day which includes all the hands on competition plus technical elements such as an interview and an HR challenge. **Dwayne Cowin** took first place at the Waikato/ Bay of Plenty Regional final in Paeroa to enter into the grand finals along with 5 other finalists. It is his second grand final after participating in 2014 grand final. Dwayne also took top honours in the Ravensdown Agri- Skills Challenge.

Yours in Rotary, Nath.



Duty Roster

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

Thursday 24 September

Hospitality: Dave McAlley
Sergeant: Chris Wallis
Grace/PT: Mary Legg

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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Don't make excuses, make improvements- Tyra Banks

TRUSTPOWER COMMUNITY AWARDS 2015

Near the end of July, a phone call was received from the Taupo District Council advising that a member of the public had nominated us for the Community Awards. Although the deadline for submissions was imminent, it was extended for another week, which we could not refuse.

In due course, we received an invitation for two representatives to attend the Awards night so Mary and Maureen were deemed the most suitable people. Maureen, as President, ran with the idea and Mary was the driving force who solicited contributions from the business community. The Awards are all about saying 'thank you' to the awesome volunteer groups in the Taupo community and were presented on Monday night at the Great Lake Centre with Maureen and myself in attendance - substituting for Mary. Taupo Rotary was not included in the long and comprehensive list of worthy groups on the programme so imagine our surprise when we heard mention of Taupo Rotary during the presentation of the first award which was to a Year 13 student from Taupo-nui-a-Tia College.

Ravi Sharma is an outstanding student academically and athletically who likes to volunteer as a helper at all the major events in Taupo. In recognition of this, he was awarded the Trustpower Youth Community Spirit Award which included a cheque for \$250 to be given to a charity of his choice and we were the lucky beneficiaries.

RoseMary Chrisp

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In last week's Ramble we had the opportunity to read a little about Tenon which was the topic of our guest speaker Mark Taylor.

I guess, if you are like me, you have driven past the plant but do not know too much about it. However, after Mark spoke to us it put a complete new light on Tenon and, little did we know just how important to the town this place is; how many millions of dollars it generates; how up to date it is; how big an employer it is. Of course, having it in Taupo is a huge advantage especially being totally surrounded by the product you are using. Most of the staff are low educated people from the town but develop high skills. Mark then told us stories of locals who had done very well in the system and how, with scholarships and their help, children had carried on to tertiary education and successful futures.

He then related many facts about the company, its recent upgrade and future expansion. It showed just how interesting our Speaker was by the number of questions asked and how well he answered. Thank you Mark for a very interesting night - Rotary is very much richer when we have Speakers like this.

Yours in Rotary
Chris