



Rotary



awapuni club bulletin

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RI message for this year is “Rotary Connects The World”

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Monic and Venky updated the Club on the Dili community library project. After visiting Dili and meeting a number of people from Rotary club of Dili, Rotary club of Dili Lafayak, Rotaract club of Dili and RYLA we understand that books can be better used if we take them to the community instead of the community coming to a particular library.

For example, there are already many volunteers, some RYLA and RYPEN students, Monic's sister Lelia, Betty the past president of the Rotary club of Dili, within the community who run tuition centre in the Patio of their house for 20-25 primary, intermediate and secondary kids, teaching them basic reading and writing skills for no profit. We think it is best to equip them with books and other teaching resources first and then move to equip the libraries in the schools and then to other existing libraries. Rotary club of Dili Lafayak has agreed to take responsibility for local operations.

- Whilst discussing the community library project at SPPETS conference we came across many clubs from Fiji wanting books. There is one club in particular that is willing to organise their own shipment from NZ to Fiji and we have agreed we will help them collect books here for them.
- my contacts in India I am working on getting helmets for a club in Cook Islands. This is a project in progress.

Rotaract Conference : Rotaract club of Massey has put in their interest to host the NZ / South Pacific Rotaract conference at Massey University in September this year. They are expecting 50-60 participants from across the region. Rotary club of Awapuni's role will be to assist Rotaract club in organising the event.

Starlight : Nigel has proposed to do one full payment towards the storage unit. The club has agreed to his proposal. Fraser has sent out the request letters to all the clubs in the cluster for their contribution and Venky is constantly following up with them for the money.

Venky has proposed to the club that we apply for district grants for 2 projects this year. \$2,000 for Plant to Plate and \$1,000 for new Kiwi Club.

We wish to invite the members from Pahiatua and Dannevirke clubs to visit us in Palmy on the 7th of April. 14th is after Easter Monday and not sure if many will turn up. I shall send a mail to their AG to confirm the date before we confirm to our club.

Brave thinkers – We have decided on Rodney's recommendation that we will not commit this year for the 10 students from Christchurch, however, we shall work to get up to 2 candidates sent to the Brave Thinkers Programme. Venky will let David Tweed know about this in a separate email.

We are looking to have write-ups on plant to plate by Craig, Starlight by Fraser and Awesome Awapuni day from David to be published in the district news.

FROM THE PAST

There is an **OPEN DAY** at Awapuni Park in Newberry St on Saturday 21st. from 4pm – 7pm. This will highlight the Community Centre there, and the new Community Gardens. Many many years ago our Club installed what was then a state of the art playground on the Park.



The Club recently lost a former stalwart of the Club – John Kynyn. John was the Bulletin Editor for many years, and also the Sergeant at Arms (those were the days when there was a sergeant’s session) His bulletins often contained recipes – aimed at member’s wives. We will see if we can publish a few!

He was a great story-teller. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1990.

To prove we were there, and it wasn’t raining all the time at The Awapuni Day. Master stirrer (fry) Peter and his trusty helpers.



Quote for the month: A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition.
US writer William Arthur Ward.