



Rotary Club of Dargaville (Inc.) Bulletin



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Apologies: Bruce Wade, Mike Gardner, Rob Wade, Roger Allen.

Visitors: Tore Kronqvist

Birthdays: Nina Massey 6th

In Rotary: none

Notices:

Bill still has a number of *phone books delivery rounds unallocated*. Has anyone not yet got one?

The phone books/Yellow Pages are *expected to arrive later this week*. Bill will advise when this happens.

The *rescheduled Directors meeting* is Tomorrow (December 3) at Peter and Raewyn Garelja's.

Community Service Committee will not meet again in 2020 unless a pressing matter arises.

A reminder that, to avoid confusion, only Bill and Bruce Crawford should *liaise with our caterers*.

President Peter says interviewing of an impressive line-up of DHS applicants for *the President's Grant* is underway.

Bruce Crawford advises that the *raffle has been selling well*, with only 14 (of 75) books unsold as of Tuesday night. However, sales will probably slow as we draw to a close.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Northland Regional Council Education Officer and Enviroschools Regional Co-ordinator Susan Karels outlined the Enviroschools programme in Northland and its 2020 focus: "Water for Life."

She explained that the programme, which caters for kindies to high schools, focuses on a holistic approach to getting children a greater understanding of their environment and working in harmony with it. Children, staff, parents and others in the community are also involved.

About 70 percent of Northland schools are involved, with more waiting to join. Projects work through three stages: Bronze, Silver, Green-Gold.

Susan outlined the "Water for Life" focus chosen for 2020, saying it included such topics as water quality and the impact of factors like droughts and farming. Workshops included a dairy farm visit, Ruawai's filtration plant and its flood



protection, Paparoa's Lions walkway and a community planting programme to improve water quality in a Pouto dune lake.

Feedback from the youngsters has been very positive.

Is this something Rotary can assist? Susan says while most funding is provided by the regional council there is a definite need for outside help to pay for "teacher release" – about \$250 per teacher per day - and also to help with transport costs.

This week's wisdom: Birthdays are good for you: Statistics show that people who have the most, live longest.

NEXT WEEK, December 9

Paul Brienne, chemist, about the issues with medicinal cannabis et al. This is a very different issue to the recent referendum question to which most (all) of us, our Programme Director suspects, voted NO.

Speakers Host: Ben
Stewards: Roger Allen and Stuart

Thanks: Corin

COMING EVENTS

16/12 Annual Christmas Message. The last lunchtime meeting of the year. Wives invited also to hear the Good News.

The Club will resume 14th January, 2021 with an evening social occasion. Details later.

28/1 SPUD NIGHT at Corin's, in the presence of the DG, with much laughter and the usual pizza and chips and BYO.

Please lodge an apology or notify extras to BILL 021 106 3635 by the evening before. PLEASE also arrange a substitute if you are rostered for a job and cannot do it.

A trip to see the spectacular birdlife on Tiritiri-Matangi Island might be worth Rotary considering sometime, although it would be a long day and the ferry is pretty expensive

