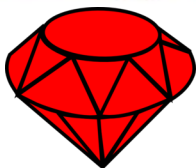


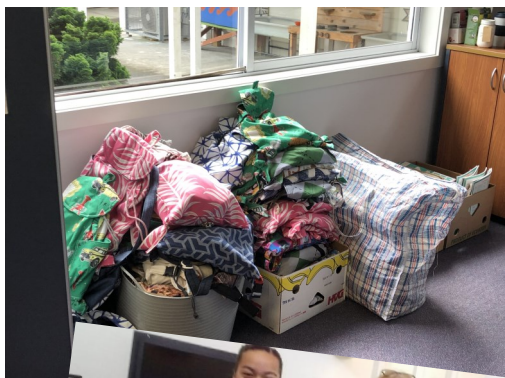
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September 2024



BACKPACK PROJECT

Shirley delivered a carload of backpacks to Swanson School last week, along with a number of pencil cases. The teachers plan to continue using the backpacks for their literacy programme, and the pencil cases will be used for their conservation week activities next month: the kids have to read and learn about conserving energy to earn one.

The lower school is about to embark on a 50-day reading plan and the teachers have asked for 60 more in a couple of months. Shirley reports her ladies are keen, so watch this space.



GUEST SPEAKERS

Our programme of speakers continues to impress. Recently we have had Rod Bell talking to us about Blue Light and how we can get involved. On a similar note, Ross McCook from Heart for Youth impressed us with his passion for helping young people.

Mark Adams, the father of two young men with special needs, came to us for some assistance to get his son to the Special Olympics, for which we gave a donation.

Did you know the difference between Special Olympics and Paralympics? The latter is for elite athletes with physical disabilities; the former more for intellectually disabled that is more about inclusivity and being involved than winning. (incidentally, begun by the Kennedy family)

And then there was Robert Tighe who told us how to get started on writing our life story...one day!

And the always-entertaining Larry Robbins, OBE. (He missed telling us that bit; it was for his rescue of 8 people during that yacht race in the Pacific.) What an interesting life that has been.

This year, the RBB Board has agreed to make a donation to each speaker's charity of choice.

Something is complete when you can let it be as it is

CANS FOR A CAUSE

Did you know that 1/5 New Zealanders are experiencing food poverty? That's why Rotarians across NZ are participating in our first ever NATIONAL campaign. Not only will we help feed hungry Kiwis but we will raise our profile of Rotary up and down the country.

The goal: To collect over 1 million cans or food items for local food banks next March.

Now is the time to start thinking about how you will collect, local schools/businesses to be involved and where you will donate your cans/food items.

Dates: Friday 21st March - Sunday 30th March

WED 25th SEPTEMBER

Drag Queen Bingo at Caluzzi, K Road. Join District 9910 for a fabulous fundraiser hosted by the famous Anita Wig'it (from Ru Paul's Drag Race). \$35 + booking fee and limited to 70 people.

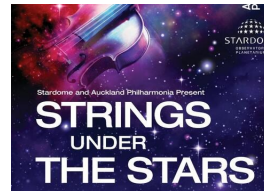
All proceeds will go to Rainbow Youth supporting young people in our rainbow communities. Tickets can be purchased [via Humanitix website](#)

DIARY DATES

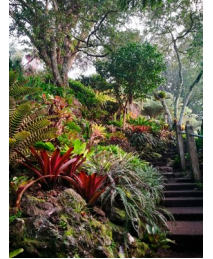
- Thu 5 Sep 6pm Ten Pin at Wairau followed by dinner at Narita. Names to Frank please
- Fri 6 Sep 10am Coffee @ Bark & Brew
6.30 MERC quiz at Long Bay College
- Fri 13 Sep 10am Coffee @ Bark & Brew
- 14-17 Sep Tauranga Garden festival, names to Frank
- Tue 17 Sep 7am Breakfast meeting, Chair Paul Evitt, speaker is Sydney from MERC, our RYLA candidate
- Thu 26 Sep 9am Board meeting, at the library
- Fri 27 Sep 10am Coffee @ Bark & Brew
- Tue 1 Oct 7am Breakfast meeting, Chair Mehran, speaker is
- Mon 14 Oct 6pm Jubilee dinner; please pay \$45 pp into RBB account to confirm your attendance
- Fri 24 Oct: Polio bbq TBC
- Sat 30 Nov 12pm Mairangi Bay Christmas carnival; bbq duty
- Sat 7 Dec: 4pm Browns Bay Christmas parade; bbq & marshalling
- Tue 10 Dec: Last breakfast meeting for 2024

SOCIAL DIRECTORS 2025/25

Frank & Ann are coming up with all sorts of great ideas for social gatherings. PLEASE when you receive an email from Frank, reply Y or N so he knows he is connecting with you.



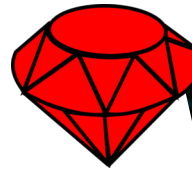
Sep 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 28
Symphony Under the Stardome:
Frank is trying to put a party together; let him now your preferred dates.



Frank is also keen to organise a visit to Eden Gardens if there is sufficient interest

RUBY JUBILEE

Remember our dinner is on October 14 at the Bays Club. RSVP via a deposit into our account. Catch up with old friends as we reminisce about the good old days.



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