

# POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



## Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 2 September 2016

### Our next meeting is on

Monday 5 September • 12 noon for a 12:30 start

### Our next meeting is at

Wellington Club, Level 5, 88 The Terrace – *go to the James Cook and you will be awfully miserable*

### Our speaker will be

**Derek Nind – An Update on Centreport**



Derek has a strong port and commercial background. He was appointed Chief Executive of Centreport late last year, bringing a background of 25 years in the shipping industry.

Centreport has major shipping and property interests and this is your opportunity to hear how Centreport will do its part in keeping Wellington and central NZ competitive.

### Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** John Gibbons, Derek Gill
- **5-minute talk** Richard Westlake – introduction
- **Sergeant** Helen Algar
- **President's Table** Denis Kirkcaldie (I&T), Helen Algar



Starting time for duties this week is 12 noon.

If you're unable to do your duty, please find someone to fill in for you and let Rebecca know so she can update the roster. Please don't just email Rebecca saying you can't do it; she does a superb job for the club but doesn't have time to find a substitute for you.

### Last Monday you missed

**Five candidates for Mayor** vying for our vote at the Wellington Club. We had a great turnout and atmosphere. Well-chaired by Russ Ballard, candidates each spoke about why we should vote for them. There were wide ranging questions from the audience and each candidate got a chance to answer the questions. The meeting wasn't recorded but you can watch videos from previous meetings [here](#)

### We welcomed

Members, relatives and friends galore. Who can you bring along on Monday?

### We donated

Nothing at all into the sunshine box, so come prepared to give twice as much on Monday.

### We certainly enjoyed Singers to Listen For on Friday last week

What a tremendous success! The singers sang superbly from a range of well and lesser known arias, then finished with some lighter numbers. The auction was really successful, possibly because the auctions of the various items were interleaved with more lovely music from the singers. Looks like we made \$24,500, which includes \$12,000 from the auction and \$3,250 from the pledge cards for the Gillies McIndoe Research Institute. This success was because a lot of people worked very hard, in particular John Boshier, Rodney McCann, William Sommerville and Andrew Miller.

## Our next three meetings will be at the Wellington Club



We're experimenting with a change of venue and/or food options.

Make sure you come to as many meetings as possible so you can give an informed opinion on the options.

- **5 Sept: Wellington Club** and a light lunch with coffee or tea at \$18 plus \$5 for RCW
- **12 & 19 Sept: Wellington Club** and a hot lunch at \$23 plus \$5 for RCW
- **26 Sept: James Cook** with different food and lower cost options from the usual buffet

In late September/early October, we'll send out a follow-up survey for your views.

### Other interesting possibilities

- **8 Sept** Eureka Symposium at Massey University 12:30–6pm
- **17 Sept** –Guess Who's Coming to Dinner – we all love mysteries and dinner parties, so the club is combining them into one marvellous event; register on the club's website at <http://rcw.org.nz/calendar/>
- **21 Oct** – Rotary Forum 2016: Good to Great for Wellington
- **21–23 April 2017** – Rotary District 9940 Conference, New Plymouth

## Rotary beyond our club



### Mt Victoria Club helps refugees arriving in Wellington

When we think about refugees arriving in NZ, most of us have little idea about the ongoing organisation required. Following a recent talk from the Dean of the Anglican Cathedral, members from Mt Victoria Rotary Club joined a big group of volunteers to help the church equip houses for 18 refugee families in Wellington.

The refugees arrive with nothing; the church provides everything required from donated goods. The Mt Vic club provided all the pantry items required by two families. They then joined volunteers to sort the goods into house lots, check that the required items were all there and then pack them up into house lots. Car loads were taken to the various houses and volunteers set up each house so it was completely ready for the refugees to arrive, even including made up beds.

– Take a look at the [District 9940 newsletter](#) to get an idea of what's happening out there

### The last word from me this week is

Be proud of our club. Two standout events in the last week: Singers to Listen For which raised over \$24k for Gillies McIndoe & the Kiri Foundation and the Mayoral Debate. Thanks to all involved. Now exploit these events for fellowship and membership: the next three Mondays at the Wellington Club with great speakers, our 2016 Eureka Symposium on 8 September, and Guess Who's Coming to Dinner on 17 September.

Mark Wheeler

President

## Speakers at upcoming meetings

Monday 12 September • 12 noon for a 12:30 start

*Note the venue:* this meeting will be at the Wellington Club, level 5, 88 The Terrace

**Chris Whelan – Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency**

Monday 19 September • 12 noon for a 12:30 start

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**Jonathan Sinclair – United Kingdom, European Union relationships**

Monday 26 September • 12 noon for a 12:30 start

*Note the venue:* This meeting will be at the James Cook Hotel, with a different food option again

**Dame Suzie Moncrieff – The World of Wearable Art**

**Duty rosters**

Starting time for duties is 12 noon – please arrange a substitute if unable to attend

Monday 12 September

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Nigel Gould, TBA
- **5-minute talk** WRCT - update
- **Sergeant** Janice Wilson
- **President's Table** Janice Wilson, Rhys Barlow (I&T)

Monday 19 September

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Both the Halls - Graeme and John
- **Sergeant** Jenny Button
- **President's Table** Jenny Button, Murray Milner (I&T)

Monday 26 September

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Peter Halsted, Helen Hancox
- **5-minute talk** Island Bay Marine Education Centre, Autism NZ Wellington
- **Sergeant** Joan Smith
- **President's Table** Joan Smith, Donna Dentice (I&T)

## Latest News

## Upcoming Events

### **2016 Eureka! Symposium**

**Thursday, 8 September 2016** - The 2016 Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka Symposium - the fifth - national event will be held at Massey University. A stellar group of young science and technology communicators will vie for the Premier Award Trophy and total prize money and scholarships of more than \$50,000. Open to the public. [MORE](#)

### **'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**

**Saturday, 17 September 2016** - We all love mysteries and dinner parties, so we are combining both, as a repeat of last year's popular event. Please register as a host or guest, and we will arrange a series of dinner parties - you won't know who else is coming until the actual dinner. If you are prepared ... [MORE](#)



### **New Members Evening**

**Monday, 26 September 2016** - New Members Orientation Evening: 26th September. 5.30 - 7.00 pm at ManpowerGroup Boardroom Level 10, City Chambers 142 Featherston Street. [MORE](#)

### **Rotary Forum 2016: Good to Great for Wellington**

**Friday, 21 October 2016** - Rotary Forum 2016: Good to Great for Wellington. More details to follow. [MORE](#)

### **Akina Social Enterprise Awards**

**Wednesday, 26 October 2016** - The annual Rotary Club of Wellington Akina Social Enterprise Awards will be held on 26 October at the Wellington Club. Further details coming soon [MORE](#)

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