

# POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



## Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 23 September 2016

### Our next meeting is on

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

### Our next meeting is at

**James Cook Hotel**, Level 17, 147 The Terrace. Don't go to the Wellington Club!

### Our speaker will be

**Dame Suzie Moncrieff on The World of Wearable Art** Using the human body as a blank canvas, designers create works of wearable art to be exhibited in the annual Awards Show. Designs are brought to life in this spectacular stage performance, a world where theatre, fashion and art collide. From a tiny amateur start in Nelson, WOW is staged each year in September in Wellington and its uniqueness attracts an audience of over 55,000.

### Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Helen Hancox, Peter Halsted
- **5-minute talk** Island Bay Marine Centre, Autism NZ
- **Sergeant** John Gibbons
- **President's Table** John Gibbons, TBC (I&T)



### Starting time for duties is 12 noon

If you're unable to do your duty, please find someone else to fill in for you and let Rebecca know so she can update the roster.

Please don't just email Rebecca telling her 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



**British High Commissioner, Jonathan Sinclair** who updated us on progress as the UK moves towards Brexit. He expects the process to take probably 2–2½ years because the UK has to both work the whole process of leaving the EU and develop relationships with the EU post-Brexit.

To keep Britain global, it also has to create trading relationships to replace the 53 relationships currently covered by EU agreements. The UK is receiving valuable advice on this from NZ's trading relationship experts, who are very highly regarded internationally.

Jonathan noted that, so far, the impact of the Brexit vote on the UK economy has not been as severe as expected, and Britain is intending to remain a global player. In NZ, we can expect the UK to be keen to continue with investment here, to want to foster trade between the two countries, and to remain open for immigration from NZ.

He also assured us that Brexit won't alter the impact of the 2017 Lions Tour, so isn't that a relief!

### We welcomed

Gillian Jones' guest, Graham Pomeroy. Until recently, Graham was Head of Procurement at Inland Revenue.

### We donated \$578.00 into the Sunshine Box

By dint of humour related to food and age, Tony Hassed raised the \$578.00 and there were 57 members present.

### We sang

Happy Birthday to Hewitt Humphrey for his 70th. You may have missed the opportunity to see Hewitt blow out the candles on a birthday cake to mark not only his own big birthday, but also to mark that regular, Christmas/New Year related glut of birthdays in September – 12 for this week alone.

### Pity you missed Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Geoff Eades organised our second Guess Who's Coming to Dinner last Saturday and what a fun and stimulating evening it was. Neither the hosts nor the guests knew who was among their group of eight until they get to the front door. It's a tremendous way to get to know other Rotarians, especially in such a big club. Do try to come next year – of course there have to be hosts for each group of eight, but you don't absolutely have to host. Thanks to Geoff from all the happy participants.

### Have you met ... Alexandra Hare?



A new club member, Alexandra is the Group Manager Environmental & Water at Opus Consulting where she manages a very wide range of experts, including hydraulic and environmental engineers, hydrologists, landscape architects, ecologists and archaeologists.

An environmental practitioner, Alex has worked on a wide range of energy and water projects in NZ, Australia and even southern Iraq. She was recently a featured speaker in Women in Energy and Resources Leadership Summit.

Alex was brought up in rural South Taranaki. Her father was a Rotarian and the family had a big commitment to community service. In her spare time, she is involved in Project Tongariro a group of volunteers who work on a number of projects related to the park's history and natural heritage, and which provides educational and research opportunities.

### Our next meeting will be at the James Cook



We're in the middle of our experiment with venue and food options.

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

- **26 Sept: James Cook** with different food and lower cost options from the usual buffet

Towards the end of the month, or early next month, we'll be sending out a follow-up survey for your views.

### Vocational visit: Red Cross & social enterprise



Thursday October 6 • 5:30–6:30pm • NZ Red Cross HQ, 69 Molesworth St

'Growing social enterprise income creates financial sustainability so we aren't relying on donations. It means that if we're running a special appeal or there's a disaster, we need to raise money and that 100 per cent of the donations go directly to the cause,' says Garth Dawson, General Manager Society Enterprise at Red Cross.

This is your opportunity to hear and quiz Garth Dawson on what social enterprise means to Red Cross. Register on the club's website.

### Other interesting possibilities

- 26 Sept **New Members Evening** 5:30–7pm in the Manpower Group boardroom, level 10 City Chambers, 142 Featherston St – who can you bring?
- 1 Oct **NZ Blood Pressure Campaign** street appeal – contact Sue Elsworth if you can help
- 6 October **Vocational Visit: Red Cross and social enterprise** 5:30–6:30pm 69 Molesworth St
- 21 Oct **Rotary Forum 2016:** Good to Great for Wellington
- 26 Oct (Wednesday) **Akina Social Enterprise Awards** at the Wellington Club
- 1 Dec **Kapiti Rotary Annual Charity Golf Tournament** Paraparamu Beach Links Course info Doug Hooper Smith 027 454 5754 or [grenaby@xtra.co.nz](mailto:grenaby@xtra.co.nz)
- 21–23 April 2017 **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth

### Interest a colleague or friend in the club

By inviting them to a club meeting, and show them this page on our website: <http://rcw.org.nz/join>.

### Rotary beyond our club



Plimmerton and Porirua Rotary Clubs combine every year to present their Young Achiever Awards to two students chosen from almost every primary and intermediate school in their area. This is a very heartwarming ceremony as the audience hears about the students' leadership often when facing great personal challenges. An extra plus was the wonderful speech given by a Year 11 Porirua College student, 'Being a leader isn't easy'.

+ take a look at the [District 9940 newsletter](#)

### The last word from me this week is

That although Service Above Self is the key philosophy of Rotary, the reasons many of us remain in Rotary is for fellowship, networking and friendship. This week, our thoughts are with Donna Dentice as she comes to grips with the loss of her long term partner, Malcolm.

Mark Wheeler  
President

## Speakers at upcoming meetings

Monday 3 October • 12 noon for a 12:30 start

*Note the venue:* we meet at the James Cook

**Greg O'Connor – Reflections on policing in New Zealand**

Monday 10 October • 12 noon for a 12:30 start

*Note the venue:* we meet at the James Cook

**Nicky Riddiford – Skilled Migrants Programme**

Monday 17 October • 12 noon for a 12:30 start

*Note the venue:* we meet at the James Cook

**Peter Miskimmin – Sport NZ**

Wednesday 26 October • 5pm for a 5:30pm start

*Note the venue:* we meet at the Wellington Club, Level 4, 88 The Terrace

**Annual Wellington Akina Social Enterprise Awards**

Monday 31 October • 5:30pm for a 6pm start

*Note the venue:* we meet at the James Cook Hotel

**James Shaw – Green Party co-leader**

## Duty rosters

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

Monday 26 September

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- **Greeters** Helen Hancox, Peter Halsted
- **5-minute talk** Island Bay Marine Centre, Autism NZ
- **Sergeant** John Gibbons
- **President's Table** John Gibbons, TBC (I&T)

Monday 3 October

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Brian Hasell, Gray Hughson
- **Introductory talk** Robert Armstrong
- **Sergeant** John Mr Singers' Event Boshier
- **President's Table** Two Johns: Fletcher (I&T) & Boshier

Monday 10 October

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** David Henderson, Tony Hassed
- **5-minute talk** TBC
- **Sergeant** John Emanuel
- **President's Table** Karen Thomas (I&T), John Emanuel

Monday 17 October

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Hewitt Humphrey, Siah Hwee Wang
- **5-minute talk**
- **Sergeant** John Fletcher
- **President's Table** John Fletcher, William Sommerville (I&T)

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## Latest News

## Upcoming Events

### **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](#)

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

**Friday, 21 October 2016** - A Rotary Forum Interactive Dialogue Wellington is a vibrant city and we are proud to live in here. The Good to Great 2016 forum is an exciting opportunity for Wellingtonians. Established and emerging leaders will debate the future of our city and provide Wellingtonians the opportunity to engage ... [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](#)

### **Fifth Monday - James Shaw, New Zealand Green Party**

**Monday, 31 October 2016** - Join us for a less formal style of meeting held at the Wellington Club, 88 The Terrace. We will start at 5:30pm with nibbles and a cash bar before moving through to hear James Shaw of the New Zealand Green Party speak at 6:00pm. Please register for catering purposes. [MORE](#)



### **Melbourne Cup**

**Tuesday, 1 November 2016** - THE MELBOURNE CUP 2016 - The Race that stops two nations TUESDAY 1st November. Race starts at 5.00pm NZ time. There will be an exclusive RCW Birdcage set up in the 1815 Bar at the Wellesley Boutique Hotel. Exciting prizes for the best shirt tie combination and the best hat. ... [MORE](#)

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