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The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



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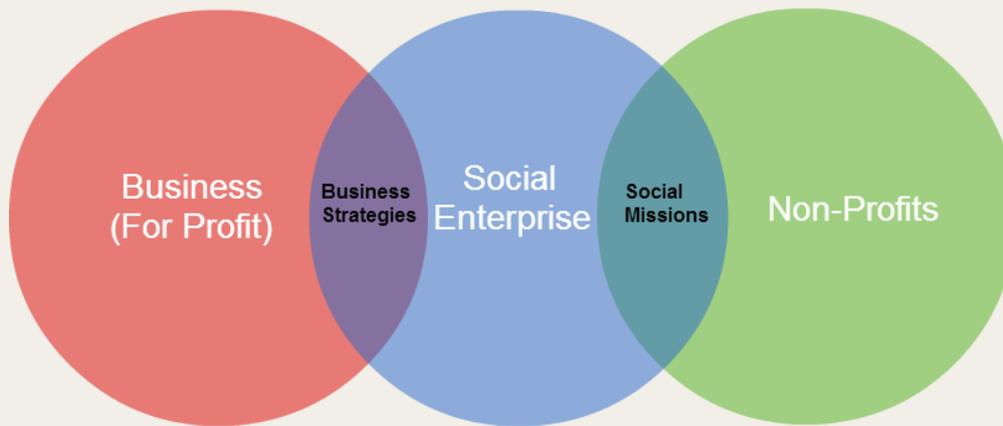
Our next meeting is on

Wednesday 26 October • 5.00pm for a 5.30pm start

Our next meeting is at

The Wellington Club, Level 5, 88 The Terrace

And it's our Second Annual Social Enterprise Awards evening



There's a fascinating lineup of presenters from:

- **Healthy AZ** – developing a health savings card that aims to reduce financial barriers to health care
- **Learn Coach** – offering free tutorials and videos to NCEA students
- **Mo Money** – providing online courses tackling real life money problems
- **Sub-Urban** – creating, in Johnsonville, a work and to-go place for enterprising people of all ages and interests

You'll have the opportunity to talk with each of the finalists and be part of the process of selecting who wins the award. Last year's event was great fun, and tremendously stimulating, so bring someone you think will 'get' Rotary membership and want to join the club.

Do you have a job to do?

- **Introducer and thanker:** Andrew Miller



Starting time for duties is 5pm

If you are 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



Sport New Zealand's main focus is high performance sport, with particular goals for the Olympics and Paralympics. Peter Miskimmin talked about NZ's success in these competitions and the challenge of finding 'margins of greatness'. We must be finding some of that margin because our medal tally is increasing: we do well in the medal rankings and we gain those medals across a wide range of sports (nine in the last Olympics), whereas many other countries focus on just a few.

Sport New Zealand also puts resources into community sport and the data shows that although there are concerns about dropping rates of participation in sport, New Zealanders are physically active relative to other countries and the rate of decline is slower here. Interestingly, as NZ's cultural diversity broadens, we are likely to see a reduction in physical activity, because other cultures often see sport as a luxury, rather than a rite of passage.

You also missed

James Austin filling in for Mark Wheeler. What he lacked in military demeanour, he made up for with his unique charm.

We welcomed



Graham Pomeroy, hosted by Gillian Jones, and **Josephine Serrallach**, hosted by Suzanne Snively.

And 51 club members



Donated \$513 into the Sunshine Box, while John Fletcher quizzed us about the Rio Paralympics. John looked surprised at our knowledge, until the quiz got on to 'who won what' that is.

Oliver Ibbetson writes



[As you may recall, I spent a year in Taiwan on a Prime Minister's Scholarship learning Mandarin Chinese. There, I met a girl, Grace Chuang, who came back to New Zealand with me. On Saturday 1 October, I proposed to her, and she accepted my proposal. We have not discussed dates or details yet as things are still in a state of excitement.

I should add that Kerry did drop by the Village Goldsmith as I was buying the ring, almost catching me in the act! This might be of particular interest to my Rotary friends as Grace's father is currently the President of a central Taipei Rotary Club, in Taiwan.

More on membership



Roger Miller outlined the buddy system that is important to helping new members become fully involved in our large club. If you are assigned to be a buddy, make sure you contact your new member as soon as possible after they join and stay in touch with them, introducing them to people at lunches and specifically inviting them to club events. If you don't see them for a while, give them a call.

Other interesting possibilities

- 21 Oct (Fri) The **Rotary Forum** has been **POSTPONED**
- 26 Oct (Weds) The **Second Annual Rotary Club of Wellington Social Enterprise Awards** at the Wellington Club – register [here](#)
- 1 Nov (Tues) The **2016 Melbourne Cup** 1815 Bar at the Wellesley Boutique Hotel – the race starts at 5pm NZT with prizes for the best shirt and tie combination, and of course the best hat
- 1 Dec (Thu) **Kapiti Rotary Annual Charity Golf Tournament** Paraparaumu Beach Links Course – info Doug Hooper Smith 027 454 5754 or grenaby@xtra.co.nz
- 10 December (Sat) **Winemakers' Lunch** at the White Swan, Greytown. 3 course lunch plus the wines which will be Martinborough wines vs Gladstone wines. \$80 per head, minimum of 40, maximum of 80 people, so bring your friends – travelling by train means you won't have to drive home.
- 21–23 April 2017 **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth

Tell your best friend about the club

With one of the club's business cards – invite them to a meeting, and point them to our website: <http://rcw.org.nz/join>.

Rotary beyond our club

How our diets have changed – Porirua Rotary, in conjunction with the local Lions Club, do a cleanup after the Porirua Market. Interestingly, the most common type of rubbish they pick up is kebab sticks – hundreds of them, apparently.

- Take a look at the most recent [District 9940 newsletter](#)

And the last word from me this week is

That one of the privileges of being a Rotarian is that we can support social enterprise and make a difference to society. One of these opportunities is next Wednesday, 26 October, at the Wellington Club, when we vote on the distribution of the Annual Social Enterprise Akina Awards. Please come along and make a difference to your community – as this grows over the next few years it will make a difference to our country.

Mark

Mark Wheeler
President

Speakers at upcoming meetings

Monday 24 October **NO MEETING because of Labour Day – however we have a meeting on:**

Wednesday 26 October • 5pm for a 5:30pm start, ending around 7pm

Note the venue: Wellington Club, Level 5, 88 The Terrace

Second Annual Rotary Club of Wellington Social Enterprise Awards

Monday 31 October • 5:30pm for a 6pm start – it's a 5th Monday

Note the venue: Wellington Club, Level 5, 88 The Terrace

James Shaw – Green Party co-leader

Monday 7 November • 12 noon for a 12:30 start

Note the venue: James Cook Hotel, level 17

Speaker – tbc

Monday 14 November - 12 noon for 12.30 start

Note the venue: James Cook Hotel, level 17

Andrew Becroft – The work of a Children's Commissioner

Duty rosters

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

Monday 24 October

No meeting because of Labour Weekend

Wednesday 26 October: Evening meeting @ The Wellington Club

- **Introducer and Thanker** Andrew Miller

Monday 31 October: Evening meeting for 5th Monday @ The Wellington Club

- **Visitors & guests** Rebecca Maresca
- **Greeters** Andrew Jackson, Gillian Jones
- **Introducer and Thanker** Martin Lenart

Monday 7 November

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Denis Kirkcaldie, Tuku Kururangi
- **5-minute talk** Rachel Qi's introduction PLUS Andrew Jackson on the Youth Committee
- **Sergeant** Joan Smith
- **President's Table** Sue Paterson (I&T), Joan Smith

Monday 14 November

- **Visitors & guests** Johnny Johnson
- **Greeters** Olivier Lacoua, Peter Lawson
- **5-minute talk** Wayne Morgan Treasurer
- **Sergeant** John Luxton
- **President's Table** John Luxton, Lee Wilkinson (I&T)

Latest News

Upcoming Events

Akina Social Enterprise Awards

Wednesday, 26 October 2016 - The second annual Rotary Club of Wellington Akina Social Enterprise Awards will be held on 26 October at the Wellington Club. Arrive at 5:00pm for nibbles and a cash bar, the formal part of the evening will start at 5:30 and is expected to run for approximately 1.5 ... [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](#)

Wellington Skyline walk

Saturday, 5 November 2016 - The Rotary walkers are planning to do the Wellington Skyline walk on 5th November. The whole walk takes us from Makara to Johnsonville, via Mount Kaukau and takes an estimated 5 hours. Public transport is available from Johnsonville or for those wanting a shorter walk, at several other points ... [MORE](#)



Wairarapa Winemakers' Lunch

Saturday, 10 December 2016 - Join us on December 10th at the White Swan in Greytown for a delicious lunch and a Gladstone versus Martinborough wine experience. Three courses including wine for \$80 a head. An option to travel by train, rather than have to drive over the Hill. The train leaves Wellington at ... [MORE](#)

Kapiti Island visit

Saturday, 11 February 2017 - We will be visiting Kapiti Island on 11 Feb 2017, setting off from Paraparaumu Beach at 8.45, 9.30 or 10.15 (to be confirmed) The cost is:
Adult \$75 Children 5-17 \$40 Student \$60 Under 5 Free [MORE](#)

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