

# POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



## Our next meeting is on

Monday 5th December • 12 noon for 12.30 start

## Our next meeting is at

James Cook Hotel, Level 17, 147 The Terrace

## And our speaker is

**Judge Andrew Becroft – Better outcomes for NZ's under 18 year olds: some nip and tuck, or is radical surgery required? PLUS President Mark Wheeler & our AGM**



Married with three children aged 20, 19 and 15, Judge Becroft is a keen sports watcher but – he confesses – merely an average (but enthusiastic) participant. Strongly committed to a specialist approach to dealing with youth offenders, he is an advocate for youth issues. Before becoming appointed to his current role, he had been Chief Youth Court Judge of New Zealand for 15 years. In 2009, Judge Becroft received an award from the Public Relations Institute of New Zealand as Communicator of the Year.

Bring a colleague or friend you'd like to interest in the club's work to hear Andrew speak.

## Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors and guests:** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters:** Brian McKeon, Roger Miller
- **Five minute talks:** Richard Norman - Treeplanting
- **Sergeant:** Katy Anquetil
- **President's table:** Lee Wilkinson (I&T), Katy Anquetil



## Starting time for duties is 12pm

If you are not able 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 tremendous job for our club but doesn't have the time to find a substitute for you.

## Last Monday



Francis Wevers, Russ Ballard and Scots College year 12 student Andrew Tang showed us the success that is EUREKA! It is now five years since the programme was set up as a club committee following a visit from Hadleigh Frost, initiating a simple national competition in 2012. Regional workshops were run in 2013, and the RCW Eureka Trust was set up that year. From 2014 regional competitions were run by other Rotary clubs, and national events run by a committee led by John Emanuel.

Total annual sponsorship is now almost \$190,000, and prizes and scholarships valued at \$60,000 are on offer to participants. Scholarships were introduced in 2014, Vice Regal patronage gained in 2013 and renewed in 2016, and an alumni trust was set up in 2015 with 60 eligible members.

Science NZ, Ministry of Education, MBIE, Treasury, Ministry of Health and universities are among the key sponsors with additional sponsorship from Beca, Zone Law, Weta, Magritek, Federated Farmers and others. Important support has been received from Chris Parkin and the Parkin Foundation, Jim Greenhough and Execam, and Mark Stephens and Capiche.

The speakers outline the club's key strategies for the project, examined its goals and governance and looked at new initiatives, key to which is the interest from the Ministry of Education. Four goals were set out: an activities goal, an awards goal, an alumni goal and an administration goal.



## We collected

\$616.20 in the sunshine box from 53 members as a result of an off-the-cuff session from Grant Uridge. He improvises so well he should be a jazz musician!

## We welcomed

**Hewitt Humphrey** as stand in for President Mark Wheeler, who was in Auckland along with Lee Wilkinson, Marion Cowden and Geoff Eades to vote on zone centennial projects. Our pitch was to

provide potable water to every child in the Pacific, in partnership with Disaster Aid NZ. (Disaster Aid NZ is about to be established as a new Rotary organisation to facilitate disaster aid projects by Rotary Club of Wellington.)

We also welcomed **Rachel Tilghman** into membership. A recent arrival in Wellington from the USA, Rachel works in communications and stakeholder engagement.

### **We heard a five minute report**

From Karen Coutts, chair of the Community Services Committee, in which she looked at projects the club can develop, recommendations for two club trusts, appeals, and how we respond to other possibilities. She also gave us a quick and very inspiring run through the club projects that have grown up and left home.

### **Club business**

- A survey will be going out this week to members, the outcome of which will enable to club to finalise location, meal and cost options for future meetings.
- The board has agreed to sponsor a Wellington Central Probus club.
- It has also agreed that a new website would be created next year.

### **Joint Centennial Project Committee**



On Monday, representatives of the four 1921 clubs met to discuss proposals for a joint centennial project.

Each club presented its proposal and after discussion it was clear that the two projects supported by all clubs were:

1. Melbourne's elimination of dengue fever, using science developed at Monash University, and
2. Sydney's introduction of rotavirus vaccine to routine immunisation schedules in Pacific countries not currently offering them.

The Pacific countries involved in both projects are covered by Rotary Districts 9910 and 9920, so it was agreed that these Districts would be consulted to assess the support for either project and to identify how best to involve both clubs. The committee will next meet in Wellington, probably in March 2017.

The wide ranging discussion about each project was a highly motivating reminder of the way in which Rotary provides an amazing range of valuable expertise and networks for use in our pursuit of service above self.

As part of the Joint Centennial Group meeting, a small RCW group took part in a Rotary Club of Auckland lunch meeting. The meeting felt very special because it was the first time in nearly 100 years that the four founding clubs had been together for a regular Rotary meeting.

Rotary Club of Auckland marked the event by inviting their past presidents along to witness the occasion. From our club were Mark Wheeler (President), Lee Wilkinson (Past President) Marion Cowden (Past President Rotary Club of London – now, that impressed the JAFFAs!) and Geoff Eades.

### **From family farm to IT contractor**

*Michaela Draper joined the club in July, 2015. She spoke with Lee Wilkinson.*

I joined Rotary Club of Wellington to extend my social life within a charitable framework. I had previously been invited to join Port Nicholson Rotary but with exercise and a dog to walk, morning meetings would never work for me. Meeting Colleen Singleton at a function, and given the club's various projects, location, and the day and time of meetings, I was sold.

Brought up in rural Canterbury on a family farm in the earthquake area of Culverden, and then in Hororata where my father farmed alone with the help of his very willing seven children, I left school earlier than most and worked full time on our farm until my father was killed in a car accident.



I then took a job in the Post Office and remained there for a number of years, during which time I married, moved into Christchurch, unmarried, and by my late twenties had saved up enough to attend university. Completing a degree in theoretical education (child psychology and philosophy of education), I had intended to be a child psychologist, but changed my mind.

After a couple of years in Melbourne, I came to Wellington where I entered the IT industry as a Cobol programmer. Two years later I become an analyst, and for the past twenty years have worked as a contractor.

Since the early eighties I have been an IT analyst/consultant, working on assignments ranging from technical roles involved in designing systems and mapping data for system conversions, through software research papers, change management, issue resolution and business cases.

I occupy myself with house and garden, opera and theatre, along with occasional sailing, skiing and hiking and my wide range of interests include nutritional medicine.

My intention is to cut back my hours in the CBD sufficiently to take up golf, a sport I began when I was 8 with a gift from Santa of a set of kid's golf clubs. Both childhood homes had large, well-manicured lawns with a hole placed strategically in the centre, and we spent hours attempting the hole-in-one. My aunt told me there used to be a 3-hole course in the cow paddock of our Culverden farm but Dad never mentioned that. He probably felt one lawn was enough to mow.

#### Other interesting possibilities

- 10 Dec (Sat) **Winemakers' Lunch** at the White Swan, Greytown – a 3 course lunch plus the wines, which will be Martinborough wines vs Gladstone wines @ \$80 per head, a minimum of 40, maximum of 80 people, so bring your friends – travelling by train means you won't have to drive home



- 12 Dec (Mon) Register soon on the website at [rcw.org.nz/calendar/#s](http://rcw.org.nz/calendar/#s) to ensure your place at our **Christmas Lunch**

- 11 Feb (Sat) a visit is being planned to Kapiti Island

- 3 Mar (Fri) **Nonsuch Consulting Jumbo Tennis** – Now's the time to put together your teams of four to enter this very popular tournament. The club aims to attract 48 teams to the 2017 event at Renouf Tennis Centre.

- 17–19 Mar worldwomen17 Conference in Auckland initiated by Theresa Gattung – <http://www.worldwomen.org.nz/event/worldwomen17>

- 21–23 April 2017 **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth

#### Host requests – speak to Rebecca if you can help

- By hosting an international student for the 2017/2018 year – nominations are open for 16–18 year olds in 2018

- Welsh Rotarians in June and July 2017. Likely five couples plus two individuals from Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July for the test match between NZ and the British & Irish Lions. They have four tickets that can be purchased at cost for two host families.

- Rotary Club of Rugby Saturday Breakfast, from District 1060 in the UK – Petra and Tony Meeson request hosting for the Lions' Test
- Taiwan Rotary exchange programme – November 2017, 4–6 couples (~12 persons)
- Rotary Club of Bangalore Cantonment exchange – invite about 5 or 6 Rotarians

#### Tell your friends about the club

Invite them to one of our meetings – and be sure to give them one of the club's business cards, which will direct them to this page on our website – <http://rcw.org.nz/join>



violence free families  
[programme](#)

#### Rotary beyond our club

Australian Rotary initiatives on violence free families are extensive. Rotary Club of Brighton started a foundation to take action on this issue and now many Australian clubs have committed to action. One initiative from the RC of Balwyn involves a 13 week, online behavioural change programme for violence-prone men, as an alternative form of therapy. This has partly been a means of reducing the long waiting list of men seeking a behaviour change programme but the pilot results have been impressive. Check out the [Violence free families programme](#)

Rotary Club of Melbourne, one of our co-founding clubs, is working on a Stop Violence Pledge and an accompanying toolkit which advises what to do if you suspect family violence. They plan to start with persuading members to sign the pledge and then spread the word about the pledge and the toolkit into members personal and working networks.

- A/so, take a look at the November District 9940 newsletter [here](#)

#### And the last word from me this week is that

This week Lee, Marion, Geoff and I were part of history making, when Australasia's four oldest clubs – Auckland, Melbourne, Sydney and Wellington – came together to agree on a project to collaboratively brand our 2021 centennial year. Great progress was made, and Lee and I will update members during our meetings.

Centennial work progresses across a wide range of activities to celebrate and mark the event, including **A Forest at the Heart of Wellington**. While I was in Auckland, Russ and Francis covered the amazing success story that is **EUREKA!** – another outstanding contribution to New Zealand, and the history of this club.

The task our members have – that's you – is to bring others along so they become involved as we gear up for our second century of continuing to make a difference.

Mark Wheeler  
President

**Speakers at upcoming meetings**

Monday 12 December • 12 noon for 12.30 start • James Cook Hotel, level 17  
**Rev Allistair Lane, St John's in the City – Xmas lunch with Jen Little's choir**

*There's an exciting range of speakers planned for next year's meetings - keep your eye on the newsletters next year.*

**Duty rosters**

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

Monday 12 December (Christmas Lunch)

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Sir Anand Satyanand, Lady Susan Satyanand
- **Christmas lunch with Jen Little's Choir**
- **Meeting recording:** Murray Milner

Monday 23 January

**Wellington Anniversary Day** (No Rotary)

Tuesday 24 January

- **Greeters** Andrew Miller & Murray Milner
- **Meeting recording:** TBC

Monday 30 January (evening meeting – 5th Monday)

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Kate Mitchell, Lesley Moffatt
- **5-minute talk** TBC
- **Sergeant** Martin Matthews
- **President's table** Derek Gill (I&T), Martin Matthews
- **Meeting recording:** TBC

Monday 6 February

**Waitangi Day** (No Rotary)

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## Upcoming Events

**Kapiti Rotary Charity Golf Tournament**

**Thursday, 1 December 2016** - Rotary Club of Kapiti Annual Charity Golf Tournament. See attachment for entry form and conditions. Contact [grenaby@xtra.co.nz](mailto:grenaby@xtra.co.nz) for further information [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](#)

**Christmas 2016**

**Monday, 12 December 2016** - The annual RCW Christmas lunch is always very popular. Enjoy special Christmas fare, a glass of wine and great company whilst taking time to reflect on the year of 2016. Seating is limited to 130, so early registration is advised to avoid missing out. [MORE](#)

**Evening Meeting**

**Monday, 30 January 2017** - 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 our speaker at 6:00pm. Please register for catering purposes. [MORE](#)

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### **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

### **Nonsuch Consulting JUMBO TENNIS 7s Tournament 2017**

**Friday, 3 March 2017** - This is a fun and fund-raising tournament. Join in the action at the Renouf Tennis Centre!! Follow lead-up progress on Facebook

page: <https://www.facebook.com/RCWJumboTennis7s> Register your team of four to experience this high spirited, fun and exciting event, first introduced to Wellington in 2008 by the Rotary Club of ... MORE

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