

# POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



## Our next meeting is on

**Mon 30 Jan • 5:30pm for a 6pm start – please note the different time**

## Our next meeting is a fifth Monday meeting, so it's at

**The Wellington Club • Level 4, 88 The Terrace** – for catering purposes, book for yourself and your friends at <http://rcw.org.nz/calendar/#s>

## Our speaker is



### **Judge John Walker, Principal Youth Court Judge.**

Judge Walker was a Wellington District Court Judge.

He developed the Christchurch Youth Drug Court and played a leading role in improving how family violence cases are handled and in how courts handle drug and alcohol dependent people.

## Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Rebecca Maresca
- **Greeters** Kate Mitchell & Lesley Moffat
- **Introducer and thanker** Derek Gill

## The speaker at our last meeting was

[Kirk Hope](#), Chief Executive of [Business NZ](#), and he highlighted the current pluses in the NZ economy, including growth in manufacturing, services and exports.

The growth in exports is partly coming from expansion in the technology sector, with products that are cheap to export, he told us. The longer term outlook will be helped by New Zealand being rated highly on contextual aspects, such as ease of doing business and transparency.

While he clearly values data on economic trends, Hope pointed out we can no longer use facts and figures about economic success to prove to people they are better off; we have to make them feel better off.

## We welcomed

Roger Blakeley into membership of the club – he had been nominated by Helen Algar – and Richard Norman's guest, club historian Julia Kennerly. Back home from overseas and about to transfer into this club from Rotary Club of Raratonga, we welcomed Christine and Nick Hurley.

## We collected

\$425 from 43 people in the sunshine box following Martin Matthews' final sergeant's session for at least five years. 'Dob in your colleagues' was his theme. Very well, we will! Martin, who recently set up the New Zealand's first trial of an driverless electric vehicle at Christchurch Airport, is a self-confessed petrolhead with seven cars in the garage.

## Club business

- You will notice a small increase your Rotary levy of 55¢ from 1 Jan. This is no get-rich-quick scheme; the increase is to cover GST on district levies which we hadn't been charging.
- Work on a new website is going well and the launch is getting close. Come to the 27 Feb meeting where all will be explained. Our thanks to Michaela Draper and Rebecca Maresca for their sterling work.
- Progress on potential new meeting venue and lunch options  
Following next Monday's evening meeting at the Wellington Club, the club will survey members' views.
- Progress on our club centennial
  - 1 – Julia Kennerly is back from overseas and will do some more work on tracking the club's history.
  - 2 – The Rotavirus project is likely to be the choice. Further work is being done on fleshing out the project details. The next meeting of the four clubs involved will be in Wellington.

## Other interesting possibilities

- 11 Feb (Sat) **Kapiti Island visit** – \$75 per head, meet at the boat club in Paraparaumu – let John Rowe know if you'd like to go AND bring a good friend who might be interested in joining the club too – register for this event [here](#).



- 21 Feb (Tue) 5:30pm–7pm **Vocational visit to the Embassy of Mexico** at level 2, 187 Featherston St. Hosted by club member, His Excellency, Ambassador José Gerardo Traslosheros Hernandez – register your interest on the club's website [here](#).

- 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. If you would like to help out, the event needs:

+ more baking + more umpires + more teams

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

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

## 5 reasons to get involved in Nonsuch Consulting Jumbo Tennis

- 1 • Use your skills to make a club event even more successful.
- 2 • Collaborating with other club members, you learn a lot more about service before self.
- 3 • Meet, talk with and get to know lots of Rotarians you may not otherwise have spoken to.
- 4 • Interact with the teams involved in playing jumbo tennis and make sure some of them join the club.
- 5 • Learn new skills: to chill a carton of wine in a hurry, remove bottles from carton, insert thick plastic bag, replace bottles, fill with ice, pause.

## Outward Bound

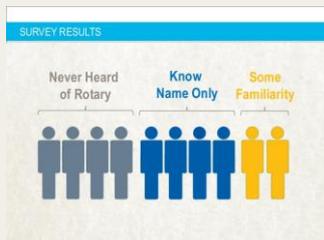
Applications are now being taken for the Outward Bound course [Mind Body Soul](#). This course is run once a year in July for 21 days and is for 16–18 year old school students. If you know a young person who is interested in this transformational experience, please contact Grant Uridge on [grant@plus4.co.nz](mailto:grant@plus4.co.nz) or 027 448 8689 for further information and an application form.

## Tell your friends about the club

Hand them one of the club's business cards, which will direct them to <http://rcw.org.nz/join> and invite them to a meeting. You could, as well, forward this newsletter to them.

## Rotary beyond our club

- What are your thoughts on the future of Rotary? The International Strategic Planning Committee has sent out a survey to find out members' visions of Rotary's future. It only takes about ten minutes to fill out and uses interesting approaches via choices of images. The survey closes at the end of January.



If you don't find the survey in your inbox, [click here](#):

Also, take a look at the December District 9940 newsletter [here](#).

## New Probus Club for Wellington



Last year, Andrew Jackson and our Youth Committee designed a Rotary Life Cycle, which helps address how we make Rotary sustainable. We tabled it with our District Rotary Cluster and it received great support.

The lifecycle starts off with Interact (12–18 years old), Rotaract (18–24); SCOPE (25–35 for young professionals), Rotary (30+, with 54 clubs in our District), and Probus for friendship, fellowship and fun in retirement.

By coincidence, Rotary Club of Wellington was recently approached to sponsor a new Probus club – Probus Club of Wellington Central, and we escalated this request to Rotary cluster level. Preparations are well down track, with the first interest meeting likely to be Monday 20 March and the first full meeting about a month later.

Probus grew out of Rotary Support. In 1965, Rotary Club of Welwyn, just north of London, formed the Campus Club and in 1966, the first Probus club was established by Rotary Club of Caterham. Now 130,000 retirees across Australia and New Zealand are involved in Probus, and it operates in 23 countries.

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

Tuesday was a lovely start to the Rotary year, and bodes well. Our speaker set the scene with his upbeat outlook for growth and success in 2017, we welcomed two members back from foreign 'service before self' and inducted a new member. Our fifth Monday evening meeting at the Wellington Club next week will be followed by a survey on future locations and costs – do please come on Monday so you can have an informed opinion when you vote.



President Mark Wheeler

#### **Speakers at upcoming meetings**

- 13 Feb **Gerry Forde** – *Million Dollar Original Fundraiser*
- 20 Feb **Rachael Holderness** – *Red Cross and the Power of Humanity*
- 27 Feb **Michaela Draper & Rebecca Maresca** – *Introducing the club's new website*. District Governor Martin Garcia will be visiting that day as well as Assistant Governor Rick Wells, and we'll have a discussion on club costs and venue

#### **Duty rosters**

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

Monday 6 Feb

**Waitangi Day** – no Rotary

Mon 13 Feb

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Youssef Mourra, Keith Newell
- **Five minute talk** Tracy Brown – Youth Committee
- **Sergeant** Murray Milner
- **President's table** Andrew Austin (I&T), Murray Milner
- **Meeting recording:** TBC

Mon 20 Feb

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Richard Norman, Wayne Nyberg
- **Five minute talk** Karen Coutts – Bernie Knowles and Salmon Trusts
- **Introducer & thanker** John Boshier
- **Sergeant** Nigel Gould
- **President's table** John Boshier (I&T), Nigel Gould
- **Meeting recording:** TBA

Mon 27 Feb

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Sue Paterson, John Prebble
- **Five minute talks** Rachel Tilghman's introduction + District Governor Martin Garcia
- **Introducer & thanker** Siah Hwee Ang
- **Sergeant** Peter Bushnell
- **President's table** Siah Hwee Ang (I&T), Peter Bushnell
- **Meeting recording:** TBA

## Latest News

## Upcoming Events



### 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, Judge John Walker at 6:00pm. Please register for catering purposes. [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](#)



### Mexican Embassy Visit

**Tuesday, 21 February 2017** - Come and see behind the scenes at the Mexican Embassy courtesy of our new member, Sr José Gerardo Traslosheros Hernandez. This vocational visit will be held on Tuesday 21 February from 5:30–7pm. The embassy is on level 2 at 187 Featherston Street. [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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