

POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



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Our next meeting is on
Mon 27 Feb • 12 noon for a 12:30pm start

Our next meeting is at
James Cook Hotel, Level 17, 147 The Terrace



Our meeting will be a Club Day

- **Brian Lynch** will speak on 'The times they are a-changin' – focusing on how current international changes will affect NZ trade and on how we need to manage international engagement.
- District Governor, **Martin Garcia** will also speak, and Assistant Governor Rick Hughes will be present – board members are asked to stay behind at the end for a catchup.
- Also, there will be a discussion on potential change of meeting venue and meal options. The outcomes from this discussion will have a huge impact on our ability to attract new members and on the future of the club.

Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Brian Steele, Youssef Mourra
- **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
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On Monday, we collected

\$447.70 from 48 members and 0 guests (yes – zero guests!) during Grant Uridge's last minute Sergeant's Session, which sounded very much like a President Trump media conference. Someone had to do it! Why, he asked at the end, don't they want to build a wall between the USA and Canada, and make Canada pay?

We heard a five minute talk



From new member, Roger Blakeley, who covered the features of the five most liveable cities in the world: Vancouver, Copenhagen, Vienna, Melbourne & Auckland. His conclusion was heartening: there is no reason why Wellington cannot be the most liveable city in the world.

This was Roger's recipe for success:

- a thriving economy
- good transport and urban design
- more and better housing
- vibrant arts and culture
- a resilient city.

And the speaker at our last meeting was Rachel Holderness from Red Cross



who talked about the broad range of services provided by New Zealand Red Cross. We are probably all aware of their main programmes, but surprises include refugee programmes such as resettlement and reconnecting families, training programmes in first aid and lifesaving in schools and with young adults (Save a Mate and People Saver).

Recent earthquakes have made us all aware of the Red Cross emergency response teams. Continuance of this very wide range of important programmes depends upon donations to cover 50% of the organisation's budget.

Red Cross have a Hazard App to help you get through emergencies and to get disaster alerts. Get it from the Google Playstore or the iTunes app store, and check it out [here](#):

Club business

- **Wellington Free Ambulance** received a new ambulance on Thurs 23 Feb. Wellington's Rotary clubs collaborated to buy the vehicle in 2009–11, and then in 2015–16 raised \$65,000 for the fitout.

- **The club's new website** will be introduced to members at our Mon 13 March meeting.

Congratulations to Sue Paterson, Senior New Zealander of the year



Sue's well deserved award was for services to culture, particularly through her roles in managing the Royal New Zealand Ballet and the New Zealand Film Festival.

Other interesting possibilities



- 26 Feb (Sun) Rotary Courtenay Place's **Big Dig** 11am–1pm on Freyberg Beach – take your children and grandchildren. Only \$5 per head and lots of prizes to be won. Get more information [here](#).



- 3 Mar (Fri) **Nonsuch Consulting Jumbo Tennis**

Talk with your colleagues and put together your teams of four to enter this popular tournament, the club aims to attract 48 teams to the 2017 event at Renouf Tennis Centre.

If you'd like to help, the event needs more baking (ask You-Know-Who for recipes, if you need one), more umpires and, of course, more teams.

- 8 Mar (Wed) **Walk the new Commonwealth Walkway** – Led by George Fairbairn who leads tourist walks and knows Wellington well. Register for free on the club's website [here](#).



- 11 Mar (Sat) **Suburban gardening for wildlife tour** – support the March of the Rifleman @ 24 Fox St, Ngaio. From 1.30–4.30pm, Zealandia guide Des Smith and his partner John will be hosting a 'suburban gardens for wildlife' experience in their garden, which is a mixture of natives and exotics with colourful herbaceous borders. For more information, check the website [here](#).

Des, who is a trained Zealandia guide, will offer tours on the half hour and on these you can learn how to use natives in the garden and what is suitable for our fauna. Entry to the garden is \$10. Proceeds will be shared between Zealandia's latest restoration project – translocation of the titi pounamu (rifleman) – and an LGBT project.

Denise Church, who is both a member of this club and Chair of Zealandia, invites you to join her at the garden between 2pm and 4pm. It will be a great chance to learn about making your garden more bird and wildlife friendly, and catch up with Rotary friends in an enjoyable setting. She is happy to answer any questions about the titi pounamu project which will bring New Zealand's smallest bird back to Zealandia and our western suburbs. [Send her an email](#).

- 20 Mar (Mon), 10:15am **Meeting to discuss a new Probus club for Wellington** Wesley Hall, 75 Taranaki Street
- 21–23 April **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth

If you didn't go to the vocational visit to the Mexican embassy

You missed a truly interesting evening. The ambassador and his staff made us very welcome and plied us with excellent Mexican wine. Mexico's challenges with the Trump presidency added a strong interest level to this visit. Ambassador (and new club member) José Gerardo Traslosheros Hernandez briefly covered the history of Mexico, particularly in relation to the USA and then traversed some of the key issues arising from the current situation. There was a wide range of questions and the ambassador fielded each one thoughtfully, with evidence, and with a good touch of charm and humour.

Five reasons Rhys Barlow can perform a vibrant haka on demand

- 1 • He learnt the haka at age 22, when he was selected for the NZ Universities rugby team to tour Japan in 1970
- 2 • Rhys' Maori heritage means that the haka feels very natural to him
- 3 • The NZ Universities team was taught by a member of Ngati Poneke who was passionate about the haka – his mantra was that 'if you are going to perform it then you should do it with feeling'
- 4 • The NZ Universities team performed the haka before every game they played in Japan and it was well received by the Japanese crowds

5 • Rhys says while he is a bit rusty, the words have stuck in his memory banks and he's normally better after a couple of beers.

Outward Bound

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

Tell your friends about the club

Give them one of the club's business cards, send them to <http://rcw.org.nz/join>, invite them to a club meeting, or forward this newsletter to them.

Rotary beyond our club

This probably did not pass the Four Way Test – a past president of Rotary Club of Kelvedon in the UK was convicted of causing criminal damage when he scratched a V into a neighbour's classic Bentley. The scratching was the result of a year-long feud about issues in the management company of the apartment building where the scratchee and the car's owner both lived. Read about it [here](#).

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

And the last word from me this week is

That it's been a busy week with our normal meeting, a Board meeting, a vocational visit to the Mexican Embassy hosted by Ambassador Gerardo, committee meetings, a Probus Club of Wellington Central foundation meeting, and a John Illot Charitable Trust meeting. Thanks to all involved – the driving force behind *all* our major projects comes from *your* participation on our committees.

Next Monday will also be busy – a club day meeting in two key parts: engaging club members and their thinking on a range of club topics, and the District Governor Martin Garcia and AG Rick Hughes will addressing us on their views on Rotary. These will be useful to get your views on our future as part of the strategy session we are planning for 11 March.



President Mark Wheeler

Speakers at upcoming meetings

- 6 March **Brian Ensor** – *Director of Palliative Care, Mary Potter Hospice*
- 13 March **Michaela Draper** and **Rebecca Maresca** – *Introducing the club's new website*
- 20 March **David Rutherford** – *Chief Human Rights Commissioner on Human rights challenges for New Zealand*
- 27 March **Professor Greg Costner** – *Health and Wellbeing in Wellington – can we do better?*

Duty rosters

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

6 March

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Kerry Prendergast, John Rowe
- **Five minute talk:** Jose Gerado Trashlosheros Hernandez' introduction
- **Introducer & Thanker** Colleen Singleton
- **Sergeant** Peter Cornish
- **President's table** Colleen Singleton (I&T), Peter Cornish
- **Meeting recording:** Michaela Draper

13 March

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Anthony Scott, Colleen Singleton
- **Five minute talk:** Michaela Draper – website presentation
- **Introducer & Thanker** Colleen Singleton
- **Sergeant** Peter Lawson
- **President's table** Michaela Draper, Peter Lawson
- **Meeting recording:** Michael Draper

20 March

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Joan Smith, William Sommerville
- **Five minute talks:** Christine Hurley, Rotary Club of Raratonga + Nick Hurley, NZ High Commissioner to

Cook Islands

- **Introducer & Thanker** Stephen Brown
- **Sergeant** Robert Fisher
- **President's table** Christine Hurley, Nick Hurley, Robert Fisher
- **Meeting recording:** Murray Milner

27 March

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Rachel Tilghman, Mark Stephens
- **Five minute talks:** Alexandra Hare – Yacht race + Andrew Austin – WRCT
- **Introducer & Thanker** Graeme Hall
- **Sergeant** Raewyn Hailes
- **President's table** Alexandra Hare, Andrew Austin, Raewyn Hailes
- **Meeting recording:** TBA

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Upcoming Events



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](#)



Wellington Commonwealth Walkway

Wednesday, 8 March 2017 - You may know that the final roundel in this Wellington walkway was formally unveiled last October by Dame Patsy Reddy and our own Sir Anand Satyanand. The walkway connects 32 places of interest throughout the Wellington CBD. We plan to walk at least some of this on Wednesday 8th March, led by ... [MORE](#)



Suburban gardening for wildlife tour

Saturday, 11 March 2017 - Suburban gardening for wildlife tour: support the March of the Rifleman @ 24 Fox Street Ngaio on 11 March On Saturday 11 March, 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm, Zealandia guide Des Smith and his partner John will be hosting a "suburban gardens for wildlife" experience at their garden ... [MORE](#)

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