

POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 17 March 2017

Our next meeting is on
Mon 20 March • 12 noon for a 12:30pm start

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



Our meeting will feature

The Chief Human Rights Commissioner, **David Rutherford**, speaking on Human Rights Challenges for New Zealand. When we think of this topic, we often focus on the lofty heights of the United Nations. While this is a major priority for the Commissioner, human rights begins at home. The Commissioner brings to the role his work on the Ministry of Education's Bullying Prevention Advisory Group and in organisations such as the Paralympics and Special Olympics. The prevention of bullying in schools and the rights of disadvantaged people in health, housing and welfare form important parts of the Commission's priorities.

Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Joan Smith, William Sommerville
- **Five minute talks:** Ian Robertson – Victory over Vermin!
- **Introducer & Thanker** Stephen Brown
- **Sergeant** Robert Fisher
- **President's table** Ian Robertson, Robert Fisher, Stephen Brown
- **Meeting recording:** Murray Milner

On Monday, we collected

Make generosity part of your growth strategy

\$552.50 from 63 members and three guests. Sergeant, Peter Lawson, focused on marriage (since his son gets married this weekend). Surprise, surprise – there were a lot of members who've been married a very long time! Peter highlighted the huge change in the demographics in relation to marriage and divorce in our lifetimes.

We welcomed

William Sommerville's guests Jackie Sommerville, Christine Henderson and John Henderson (once a member of our club), and prospective member Helen Finn, who has moved here from Australia.

And the speaker at our last meeting was



Brian Lynch who spoke on *The times they are a'changin'* in which he focused on the huge range of changes in international relations taking place now. He pointed out that things have changed fast and fundamentally and that, Trump or no Trump, we won't be able to go back to the way things were before. These changes bring international relationships that are not bound by existing rules and institutional architecture. Ways in which this total shift affects New Zealand include:

- We cannot assume we can easily create international partnerships based on shared interests and values.
- We may have to repeat the fundamental search for new major trading partners that NZ had to do in the '70s, following Britain's entry into the EU.
- New Zealand needs to see itself as having a portfolio of opportunities within which it has to find what fits us.

This was followed by a focus on the club's strategy

Some committee chairs spoke about the direction for their committee and members were given a simple and interesting questionnaire to complete. If you weren't present, or have yet to answer this questionnaire, contact Jane McCann super pronto and she will send you one – 029 721 7210 or jane@mccannconsulting.co.nz. **You'll need to get the survey in TODAY, Friday**, for it to be included in discussions at Saturday morning's Strategy Session.

Please come to the Club's Strategy Session this Saturday from 9:30am at Aviation Security headquarters on Level 15 in the Asteron Centre on the corner of Bunny and Featherston Streets.



If you sit on the same table as John Nimmo

Ask him about Senior Net. John is a member of the Executive of SeniorNet and has been involved

for 19 of its 25 years. It is interesting how much the organisation has had to evolve its approach to keep up with technological change.

- First 10 years: Very few people joining had any knowledge of computer technology. SeniorNet provided course in basic word processing, email, Excel and internet searches. Tutors ran group courses and members practised between classes.
- Second 10 years: Change had sped up, needs varied more and members wanted to learn about digital cameras, more advanced email and using the internet for such as TradeMe.
- Last five years: Members now want to know about the many features in the wide range of mobile devices, how to use them effectively, and there is constant demand for programmes to keep up with new concepts like TV streaming. Tutors now have to be able to manage individual problem solving, one-on-one tuition and designated practice sessions.

Club business

- **TOMORROW** 18 Mar (Sat), 9:30am–12pm **RCW Strategy Session** AVSEC, Level 15 Asteron Centre, 55 Featherston St. Facilitated by Jane McCann & Peter Cornish – ALL WELCOME.
- 10 April (Mon) There will be a presentation on the club's new website.
- 17 May (Wed) Billiards evening at the Wellington Club.

Five definitions not yet in the dictionary

- 1 • Negligent (adj.), absentmindedly answering the door in your nightgown
- 2 • Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp
- 3 • Percycution (n.): giving your child a name he will hate for the rest of his life
- 4 • Ignorial (n.): a monument nobody visits
- 5 • Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk

– courtesy of the *Washington Post*

Other interesting possibilities

- **TODAY** 17 Mar (Fri), 10:15am – **Meeting to discuss a new Probus club for Wellington** Wesley Hall, 75 Taranaki Street. Probus is Rotary's most successful community service project with 300,000 members in 4,000 clubs.
- **THIS WEEKEND** 17–19 Mar – WorldWomen Conference 17 in Auckland, organised by Theresa Gattung, Barbara Gabler and Chris Woodwiss, will focus on women's role in health, wellbeing, education and commerce – more on this [here](#).
- 21–23 April – **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth
- June/July – Forum 2017 **Wellington Region Good to Great**

Tell your friends about the club

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

Rotary beyond our club

Yes, a Rotary Fellowship group focused around beer – **BREW : Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide** – now how's that for a hardworking acronym! BREW is an international community of Rotarians who enjoy the fine art of brewing, tasting and drinking of beer.

Since water is a primary ingredient of beer, BREW works with WASRAG – the Water Rotary Action Group that aims to improve access to clean water. 25% of BREW fellowship dues go to WASRAG projects, plus BREW members use their influence to get major brewers to support water projects. More on BREW [here](#).

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

And the last word from me this week is

That your club needs you to turn up to the strategy session tomorrow, Saturday, if at all possible, in order to share our collective future.

President Mark Wheeler

Speakers at upcoming meetings

- 27 March **Professor Greg Coster** – *Health and Wellbeing in Wellington: Can we do better?*
- 3 April **Project Hope** – *The club's centennial project along with clubs in Auckland, Melbourne and Sydney, in partnership with UNICEF and Asian Development Bank, to fund three new vaccines to prevent rotavirus, pneumococcal disease and types of cervical cancer throughout nine Pacific nations.*
- 10 April **Michaela Draper** – *Introducing the club's new website*
- 17 April Easter Monday – no Rotary

Duty rosters

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

27 March

- **Visitors & guests** Johnny Johnson
- **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, Graeme Hall (I&T)
- **Meeting recording:** Michaela Draper

3 April

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Lynn McKenzie, Neil Taylor
- **Five minute talks:** Christine Hurley – Rotary Club of Rarotonga + Nick Hurley NZ High Commissioner to Cook Islands

Cook Islands

- **Introducer & Thanker** David Henderson
- **Sergeant** TBA
- **President's table** David Henderson, Ramsey Margolis
- **Meeting recording:** Michaela Draper

10 April

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Karen Thomas, Grant Uridge
- **Five minute talk:** Rachel Tilghman – Introduction
- **Introducer & Thanker** Gillian Jones
- **Sergeant** Rhys Barlow
- **President's table** Gillian Jones, Rhys Barlow
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Upcoming Events



Strategy Review Session

Saturday, 18 March 2017 - The Rotary Club of Wellington strategy review session is scheduled for Saturday 18th March, between 9.30am and midday at Aviation Security Headquarters, L15, Asteron House on the corner of Featherston and Bunny Streets. We will be examining what is working well at the Club, what isn't and needs to change or ... [MORE](#)



Wild Ideas - Wellington Zoo

Wednesday, 5 April 2017 - Wellington Zoo brings you Wild Ideas: A two-day conservation symposium. Join both our international and local conservation partners as we showcase the big steps we're collectively taking for global change. It's an event for anyone who cares about conservation, wildlife, people and our planet. And you'll leave with new know-how ... [MORE](#)

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