

POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 07 April 2017

Our next meeting is on
Monday 10th April • 12 noon for 12.30 start

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

Our meeting will feature

Fraser Carson, who will be introducing us to the club's new website. The new website is a big improvement on the old one and will usher in some new ways of doing things in our club. Come along to find out what will be different and what will stay the same.

Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Helen Algar and Grant Uridge
- **Five minute talk** Rachel Tilghman - Introduction
- **Sergeant:** Peter Cullen
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On Monday, we collected

\$523.00 from 51 members and 14 guests. Well done to new member, Rachel Qi, who focused her session around travel scenes, and enabled members to demonstrate the global miles they've clocked up.

We welcomed

Plenty of guests, which, in a small way, makes up for so few guests in the last couple of weeks.

We hosted prospective member **Helen Finn** and guests of club members were **Mia Ryan** (Hewitt Humphrey) **Mary McDonald** (Duncan McDonald), **Claudia Gonzalez** (from The Johnson Group, Skilled Migrants Programme, and guest of Rob Davison).

Visiting Rotarians at the meeting who were here for the Joint Centennial Project Meeting were **Jackie Benseman & John Collinge** (RC Auckland), **Geoff Wilbrow, Gillian Wilbrow, James Allen** (RC Sydney) and **Chris Wang** (RC Melbourne). Also present were District Governor **Martin Garcia** (RC Tawa), **Gaylene Lines** (RC Tawa plus with us to speak about Rotary Youth Exchange), **John Nolan** (RC Wangaratta, Victoria) and **Hazel McGill** (RC Newcastle-on-Tyne, UK).

And the speakers at our last meeting were

James Allen from Rotary Club of Melbourne, who spoke about the project being recommended by the Joint Centennial Project Committee - Project Hope. This initiative will involve funding and project management for the vaccination of Pacific children against three main diseases: rotavirus, pneumococcal disease and some cervical cancers. The clubs will aim to fund vaccinations in at least four Pacific countries, and if funding is available to expand the programme to nine countries.

The project has been developed by Rotary Club of Sydney in partnership with UNICEF and Asian Development Bank. The Founding Clubs' Centennial is also, of course, the centennial of Rotary in NZ and Australia, so the clubs will encourage other clubs to fundraise for the project.

And **Chris Wang** of Rotary Club of Melbourne, who spoke about the *Eliminate Dengue Project*. This project utilises research from Monash University to spread a natural bacterial infection that prevents mosquitoes from transmitting dengue. Much of the initiative relates to utilising Rotary's grassroots networks in the Pacific to build community knowledge and commitment to the initiative, and the founding clubs are keen to foster this, while focusing on the main Rotavirus project.

Finally, **Jacqui Benseman** from Rotary Club of Auckland spoke about the club's project to design and fit out

containers for accommodation as a second level response to disasters in the Pacific. This will provide intermediate accommodation for families and emergency services for a finite period until permanent accommodation is built. Their goal is to have individual clubs around NZ and Australia build the containers. RC Auckland intends to pursue this project, despite it not being chosen as the centennial focus.

If anyone has any relevant contacts or local knowledge valuable to any of these projects, please talk with Marion Cowden (021 142 7993), or Lee Wilkinson (021 455 326).

Five minute talks



Gaylene Lines (RC Tawa) spoke about the Rotary Youth Exchange. Club members who may be interested in hosting incoming students for three months are asked to contact Tracy Brown (Youth Committee Chair) on 027 626 6595 or by sending her an [email](#).

Club business

- 9 April (Sun) – **Matiu/Somes Island** visit – let Geoff Eades know you're going or turn up for the 10am cross harbour ferry – 021 216 8378 or send him an [email](#)
- 6 May (Sat) – **Club strategy session** – more on this from Peter Cornish 021 417 418 or send him an [email](#)
- 17 May (Wed) – **Billiards evening** at the Wellington Club
- Sometime between September and November – **Singers to listen for**, in the planning stage
- 31 July (Mon) – an evening meeting, the **Akina Kickstart Awards** on the 6th floor at the Wellington Club, more details to come

Other interesting possibilities

- 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



Rotary Action Group for Clubfoot, RAG4Clubfoot, was established as a result of two Rotarians attending a breakout session on clubfoot at RI Conference. Every three minutes, a child is born with clubfoot. This condition hugely affects their ability to walk, get to school, join in activities, and to work. It is curable using a method that is low cost, low risk, non-surgical and highly effective. RAG4Clubfoot supports this method and last year, three clubs in Nigeria have donated \$13,000 to provide free treatment to correct clubfoot in 210 children. Learn more about RAG4Clubfoot [here](#).

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

Record of a historic meeting



The historic meeting of the 1921 Rotary Down Under Centennial clubs. Left to right: Mark Wheeler (Wellington), Peter Lawson (Wellington), Marion Cowden (Wellington), Jacqui Bensemann (Auckland), Gillian Wilbow (Sydney), Chris Wang (Melbourne), Lee Wilkinson (Wellington), Geoff Wilbow (Sydney), James Allen (Sydney), Martin Garcia (District Governor, RC Tawa). Absent: John Collinge (Auckland).

And the last word from me this week is

That this week's meeting was an historic occasion, bringing together the 1921 Down Under Clubs – Auckland, Melbourne, Sydney and Wellington. Prior to this club meeting, the Joint Centennial Project Committee had agreed to recommend that their respective boards support in principle the Vaccination Programme, Project Hope, as the Joint Centennial Project of our four founding clubs. Martin Garcia, our District Governor, who was also present, commented on how impressed he was with the boldness of all the four projects that had originally been put forward for 2021. I am positive that the power of the four clubs, working in collaboration, will truly make a difference to the children of the Pacific, and give real meaning to 'Rotary Serving Humanity'.

President Mark Wheeler

Speakers at upcoming meetings

- 17 April Easter Monday – **no Rotary**
- 24 April **Anzac Day Speaker**

Duty rosters

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

24 April

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Heather Verry & Graeme Hall
- **Five minute talk** TBA
- **Introducer & Thanker** Anthony Scott
- **Sergeant** Ramsey Margolis
- **President's table** Anthony Scott & Ramsey Margolis
- **Meeting recording** Michaela Draper

1 May

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Mark Woodard & Francis Wevers
- **Five minute talks** TBA

- **Introducer & Thanker** Tony Hassed
- **Sergeant** Murray Milner
- **President's table** Tony Hassed, Murray Milner
- **Meeting recording** Michaela Draper

8 May

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Lee Wilkinson & Euan Wright
- **Five minute talk** Tracy Brown, Youth Committee
- **Introducer & Thanker** Roger Miller
- **Sergeant** Roger Drummond
- **President's table** Both Rogers
- **Meeting recording** Michaela Draper

Upcoming Events



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](#)



Matiu/Somes Island visit

Sunday, 9 April 2017 - Visit to Matiu/Somes Island on 9 April Join us for a visit to Matiu/Somes Island. Our plan is to catch the 10am ferry from the waterfront and spend 2 hours on the Island before continuing on to Days Bay for lunch, returning to Wellington by bus or ferry. Matiu/Somes Island is a ... [MORE](#)



Clayton Style Billiards Cup 2017

Wednesday, 17 May 2017 - A night of great fun, food, and friendly competition open to all members and friends, whatever your experience. 5:45pm, Wednesday 17 May 2017, The Wellington Club Programme: 5:45pm: Drinks at the 5th floor - own account (Wellington Club or Rotary) 6:30pm: Informal buffet - fish & chips & sausages 7:00pm: ... [MORE](#)

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