

POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 30 September 2016

Our next meeting is on

Monday 3 October • 12 noon for a 12:30 start

Our next meeting is at

James Cook Hotel, Level 17, 147 The Terrace. Don't go to the Wellington Club or we will fine you!

Our speaker will be

Greg O'Connor, who is leaving the Police Association after 21 years as its head. Greg is in an ideal position to talk on his topic: Reflections on Policing in New Zealand. He started out as a uniformed police officer, spent 18 months under cover and is still a Senior Sergeant in the Police. As head of NZ's largest union, he has said that his 8600 members give him eyes and ears on a huge range of police activities.

Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Brian Hasell, Gray Hughson
- **5-minute talk** Robert Armstrong - Introduction
- **Sergeant** John Boshier
- **President's Table** John Fletcher (I&T), John Boshier



Starting time for duties is 12 noon

If you're unable 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 superb job for the club but doesn't have time to find a substitute for you.

Last Monday you missed

Dame Suzie Moncrieff tracing the fascinating story of WOW and her goals for the future WOW. The seeds of this unique show began with an event aimed at publicising a new art gallery in an historic cob cottage, where it attracted 200 people during torrential rain and fielded official complaints were made about the noise. Suzie took us through the massive obstacles and wonderful joys to the present day where WOW attracts 60,000 people and brings \$30 million into the Wellington economy each season. Presumably there are no noise complaints. As Suzie tantalisingly said – 'Then the whole show is packed up and put away'.

WOW has been described as: 'WOW makes Lady Gaga look like a librarian'. The exhibition of costumes has been to Australia and Hawaii; it is currently in Seattle and will move on to Boston. Dame Suzie intends for the show to go worldwide but to always reflect who we are as New Zealanders. The Kiwi ambiance is perhaps summed up by the winner of the 2015 Supreme Award who, when his daughter pushed him to explain what he was doing so secretly in his workshop, said: 'I'm building a bloody frock for that WOW thing'. Dame Suzie was accompanied by Gisella Carr, the new CE of WOW who was appointed to focus WOW on its international expansion.



A lot of guests came to hear Dame Suzie Moncrieff:

Margie Peterson (Patrick McCardle's partner), Sally Hasell, Brian Hasell's partner and Peter Cornish' partner, Carolyn. Anna Wooster came with Alex Hare, Helen Hancox brought her staff member Beatrice Siu - in line with Helen's brand of The Flying Filing Squad, Beatrice's job title is Squadron Leader! Judy, Victor and Marina were there from the Island Bay Marine Centre and it was great to see Sara Owen back at the club.



We donated \$496.80 into the Sunshine Box

John Gibbons built his Sergeant's Session around the medals won by NZ at the Olympics and Paralympics. In case you didn't know - NZ was 3rd of all countries in the ranks of numbers of medals won per capita. At the Paralympics, NZ was first both in Gold medals won and in all medals per capita. So if, like most of us, you were sitting stolidly on the couch admiring these wonderful athletes, you should have got some exercise leaping about in the reflected glory.

New and 'old' members attended the New Member Orientation Evening last Monday

It is always a good way to get to know members and it was heartening to see the enthusiasm of newer members. Rotary has a lot of complexity behind its simple world-wide meeting structure. You can help newer members build their understanding by doing as Anthony Scott suggested and talk with them about your active involvement. Our thanks to the ManPower Group for providing the central venue for the evening.

Our next meeting will be at the James Cook



We're in the middle of our experiment with venue and food options. Make sure you come to as many meetings as possible so you can give an informed opinion on the options.

• **3 October: James Cook** with different food and lower cost options from the usual buffet.

Towards the end of the month, or early next month, we'll be sending out a follow-up survey for your views.

Vocational visit: Red Cross & social enterprise



Thursday 6th October • 5:30–6:30pm • NZ Red Cross HQ, 69 Molesworth St

'Growing social enterprise income creates financial sustainability so we aren't relying on donations. It means that if we're running a special appeal or there's a disaster, we need to raise money and that 100 per cent of the donations go directly to the cause,' says Garth Dawson, General Manager Society Enterprise at Red Cross. This is your opportunity to hear and quiz Garth Dawson on what social enterprise means to Red Cross. Register on the club's website.

Other interesting possibilities

- 1 Oct **NZ Blood Pressure Campaign** street appeal – contact Sue Elsworth if you can help
- 6 October **Vocational Visit: Red Cross and social enterprise** 5:30–6:30pm 69 Molesworth St
- 21 Oct **Rotary Forum 2016: Good to Great** for Wellington
- 26 Oct (Wednesday) **Akina Social Enterprise Awards** at the Wellington Club
- 1 Dec **Kapiti Rotary Annual Charity Golf Tournament** Paraparaumu Beach Links Course info Doug Hooper Smith 027 454 5754 or grenaby@xtra.co.nz
- 21–23 April 2017 **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth

Interest a colleague or friend in the club

By inviting them to a club meeting, and show them this page on our website: <http://rcw.org.nz/join>.

Rotary beyond our club



There's a small school outside Kampala, Uganda. Three years ago it was tiny, cramped, no doors and no windows. The 16 pupils had to be taught with no books or educational materials. The local Kajjansi Rotary club raised funds to build 3 new classrooms.

Combining with the local Rotaract Club, members provide mentors for all the students and students were each given a backpack and basic school materials. With this example in place, the government has committed to more teachers, school textbooks and other educational resources. The school has grown from 16 to 96 students.

+ take a look at the [District 9940 newsletter](#)

The last word from me this week is

Dame Suzie - WOW, inspiring! What struck me is that passion and belief can change the world. So it is with Rotary visions like End Polio Now or a Forest at the Heart of Wellington, Eureka or our embryonic centennial project of potable water to every child in the Pacific. Like Dame Suzie, let's continue to harness our passion and change the world.

Mark

Mark Wheeler
President

Speakers at upcoming meetings

Monday 3 October • 12 noon for a 12:30 start

Note the venue: we meet at the James Cook

Greg O'Connor – Reflections on policing in New Zealand

Monday 10 October • 12 noon for a 12:30 start

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Nicky Riddiford – Skilled Migrants Programme

Monday 17 October • 12 noon for a 12:30 start

Note the venue: we meet at the James Cook

Peter Miskimmin – Sport NZ

Wednesday 26 October • 5pm for a 5:30pm start
Note the venue: we meet at the Wellington Club, Level 5, 88 The Terrace
Annual Wellington Akina Social Enterprise Awards

Monday 31 October • 5:30pm for a 6pm start
Note the venue: we meet at the James Cook Hotel
James Shaw – Green Party co-leader

Duty rosters

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

Monday 3 October

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Brian Hasell, Gray Hughson
- **Introductory talk** Robert Armstrong
- **Sergeant** John 'Mr-Singers-Event Boshier
- **President's Table** Two Johns: Fletcher (I&T) & Boshier

Monday 10 October

- **Visitors & guests** Johnny Johnson
- **Greeters** David Henderson, Tony Hasted
- **5-minute talk** TBC
- **Sergeant** TBC
- **President's Table** Karen Thomas (I&T), TBC

Monday 17 October

- **Visitors & guests** Johnny Johnson
- **Greeters** Hewitt Humphrey, Siah Hwee Wang
- **5-minute talk**
- **Sergeant** John Fletcher
- **President's Table** William Sommerville (I&T), John Fletcher

Monday 24 October

No Rotary because Labour Weekend
 31 October: Evening meeting for fifth Monday

Latest News

Upcoming Events

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Rotary Forum 2016: Good to Great for Wellington

Friday, 21 October 2016 - A Rotary Forum Interactive Dialogue Wellington is a vibrant city and we are proud to live in here. The Good to Great 2016 forum is an exciting opportunity for Wellingtonians. Established and emerging leaders will debate the future of our city and provide ... [MORE](#)

Akina Social Enterprise Awards

Wednesday, 26 October 2016 - The annual Rotary Club of Wellington Akina Social Enterprise Awards will be held on 26 October at the Wellington Club. Further details coming soon. [MORE](#)

Fifth Monday - James Shaw, New Zealand Green Party

Monday, 31 October 2016 - 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 James Shaw of the New Zealand Green Party speak at 6:00pm. Please register for catering purposes. [MORE](#)



Melbourne Cup

Tuesday, 1 November 2016 - THE MELBOURNE CUP 2016 - The Race that stops two nations TUESDAY 1st November. Race starts at 5.00pm NZ time. There will be an exclusive RCW Birdcage set up in the 1815 Bar at the Wellesley Boutique Hotel. Exciting prizes for the best shirt tie combination and the best hat. ... [MORE](#)

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