

POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 7 October 2016

Our next meeting is on

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

Our next meeting is at

James Cook Hotel, Level 17, 147 The Terrace – meeting in the Piano Bar, we'll have a light lunch

Our speaker will be



Nicky Nicky Riddiford on the Skilled Migrants Programme,

Victoria University. Since 2005, this twice-yearly intensive programme has been helping skilled migrants develop communication skills appropriate for professional workplaces.

The programme is designed for recent migrants with a Bachelor's degree or higher whose first language is not English, and who are unemployed or underemployed.

Nicky will introduce the current participants in the programme and acknowledge the support of club members. After Nicky's short talk, a member of the class, Anna Maria Rossi, will talk about her career as an archaeologist. Come along and be sure to talk to one of the participants – members often say this project is their most satisfying form of Rotary community service.

Do you have a job to do?

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



Starting time for duties is 12 noon

If you are 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

President of the Police Association since 1986, Greg O'Connor is well known to many club members. With 8,600 members, the Association he represents not only looks after the interests of Police but also runs the Police Welfare Fund, the country's fifth largest healthcare provider.

Police reflect their communities, said Greg, and the NZ Police are without doubt one of the world's most efficient police forces. They're nimble, he told us, and police forces from around the world are beating a path to our door wanting to know how we do it.

According to Greg, Police are in the 'fear of crime' industry. How is crime affecting the electorate?, he asked. The Cabinet ranking held by a Police Minister really matters – when Police Ministers are lower ranked, funding falls behind and Police become understaffed. He reminded club members that Police deal with victims first and criminals second.

We welcomed

William Sommerville's guest Raymond Newnham – a pearl trader from Rarotonga, for the past 15 years Raymond has supplied the club with black pearls that we auction for charity. Also with us was Duncan McDonald's daughter, Heather, who works for speaker Greg O'Connor and club member Heather Verry at the Police Association.

We donated



\$560.30 into the Sunshine Box after John Boshier in his Electra Trust jacket regaled us with questions about the Ombudsman, Standards New Zealand, and more. And, of course, how much Elektra Trust had returned to the community (answer = \$159m).

And Rob Armstrong gave his 5 min introduction

Growing up in Miramar, Rob spent most of his life in Tawa. Until now that is. After getting a Law and Commerce degree, he spent 30 years at Chapman Tripp and 12 years on the city council. 'Chairing council committees,' he told us, 'is like herding cats'.

A member of **Rotary Club of Tawa** from 1975–2016, Rob served on the district committee for 10 years. He let the meeting know that there are 50 fellowships in Rotary, and that because of his membership of the **International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians** he has travelled worldwide and that the fellowship has raised more than a half million dollars for charity. You can find out about the 2017 World Cricket Festival that will be taking place in Christchurch [here](#).

Not just about turning up for lunch

Owen Gibson joined the club in June at the suggestion of Geoff Shaw. A partner at PwC for the past 11 years, he spoke with Ramsey Margolis.

Influence for good means, for me, making the community better. My father was a long term Rotarian, a Paul Harris Fellow in fact. Rotary was his passion, and that triggered me to join. My brothers and I grew up with a connection to Rotary. We were taken to Rotary father and son events, and helped to fundraise for Special Olympics.

The club has so much great stuff going on so growing our membership, regenerating it, ensuring we continue to be relevant, interests me. I put up my hand to go on the strategy committee so I could use my skills to help the club. It's what I do for clients. Also, I felt this would improve my understanding of the club.



I'm passionate about sport, and of course my family. Having two children who are 6 and 9, and being a partner of a firm, puts huge pressure on my time. I'm involved in my kids' sports, as their taxi driver. These priorities will change as they grow up.

I used to play rugby and cricket, but the body has given up. I was involved in St John's for 20 years as well. I've been an advisor to and involved with a couple of different charities, partly voluntary and sometimes professionally. I'm also on the board of Central Pulse netball team.

I read the club's newsletter to get up to speed. What is fantastic – but equally a challenge – is there's lots going on. Being more directly involved in some of the activities is my aspiration. At the lunches, my buddy Roger Miller comes across and says hello. We've known each other professionally for years.

It's really motivating to see how much is being done, and the diversity is fantastic: Rotary scholarships to the Eureka! competition, opera singers, Jumbo tennis as a way of engaging with the commercial community, and use that to raise money. Tremendous!

Thinking about tree planting, my father's club built the cycle paths around Hawke's Bay; things like this produce tangible differences that actually last for years.

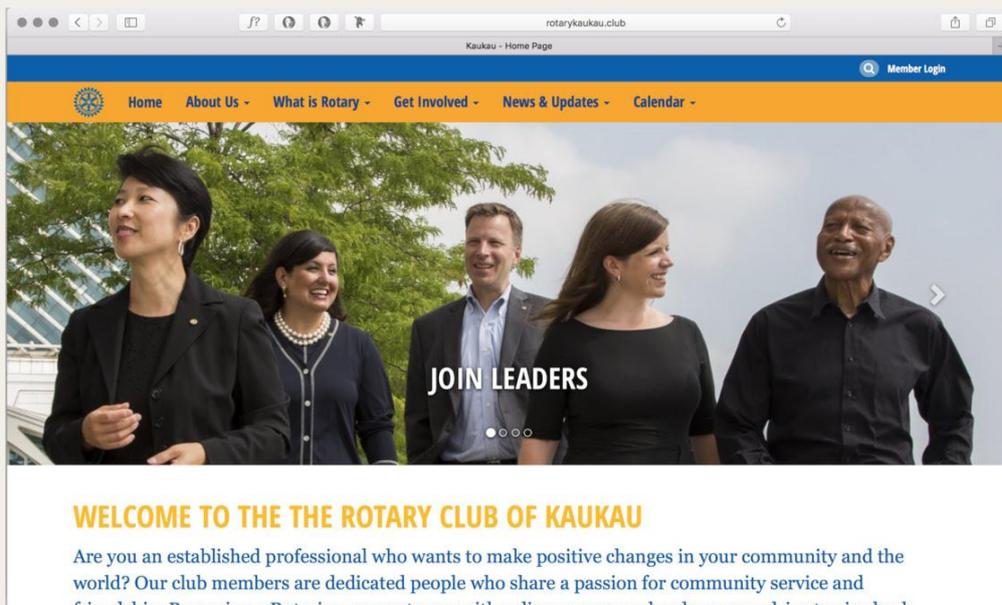
The diversity and the quality of members is really impressive. How, I wonder, can we communicate what Rotary Club of Wellington has achieved in the last 50 years to people outside the club? I didn't know about some of this, and for 10 years I have been working 100m away from where the meetings have been held! How can the media be informed about what the club is doing? How many people know about our tree planting? We have so much to talk to potential members about.

As you can see, for me, Rotary is not just turning up for lunch!

Rotary out there

You might like to check out the new Rotary Kaukau club which chartered in June. Aiming to provide more flexibility and diversity than other Rotary clubs, they will have one formal and one social meeting each month, either at a pub or in someone's home. These will be at 7pm on a Wednesday to give people time for sorting kids and other activities after work. To reduce time and cost, there will be no meal.

Other ad hoc meetings will be held related to specific projects and members will get together for social events in the intervening weeks. One younger member said she likes the flexibility, the reduced cost and the social nature of the club, plus the opportunity for her and her partner to join at a reduced fee.



Check out their attractive and project-focused website: <http://rotarykaukau.club>. Could this perhaps be the future of Rotary?

Other interesting possibilities

- 21 Oct (Fri) **Rotary Forum 2016**: Good to Great for Wellington at the Michael Fowler Centre – register [here](#)
- 26 Oct (Weds) **The Second Annual Rotary Club of Wellington Social Enterprise Awards** at the Wellington Club – register [here](#)
- 1 Nov (Tues) **The 2016 Melbourne Cup** 1815 Bar at the Wellesley Boutique Hotel – the race starts at 5pm NZT with prizes for the best shirt and tie combination, and the best hat
- 1 Dec (Thu) **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

Second Annual Social Enterprise Awards



Join us on Wednesday 26 October for the annual Rotary Club of Wellington Social Enterprise Awards. Like last year, it will be an exciting and fun meeting in which people from existing and would-be social enterprises pitch for our support and club members vote for their preferred choice.

Register for catering purposes please on the club's website [here](#).

Inform a colleague or friend about the club

By giving them one of the club's business cards, inviting them to a club meeting, and pointing them to this page on our website: <http://rcw.org.nz/join>.

Rotary beyond our club

Take a look at the most recent [District 9940 newsletter](#)

And the last word from me this week is

That Greg spoke about agility. We need as a club to be agile, so I urge you to come to as many meetings as you can over the few weeks and give us your views in the survey that will be going out at the end of the month.

Mark

Mark Wheeler
President

Speakers at upcoming meetings

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

Note the venue: James Cook Hotel

Peter Miskimmin – Sport NZ

Monday 24 October **NO MEETING**

Wednesday 26 October • 5pm for a 5:30pm start, ending around 7pm

Note the venue: Wellington Club, Level 5, 88 The Terrace

Second Annual Rotary Club of Wellington Social Enterprise Awards

Monday 31 October • 5:30pm for a 6pm start – it's a 5th Monday

Note the venue: Wellington Club, Level 5, 88 The Terrace

James Shaw – Green Party co-leader

Monday 7 November • 12 noon for a 12:30 start

Note the venue: James Cook Hotel

Shelagh Magadza – A Sneak Preview of the 2017 International Arts Festival

Duty rosters

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

Monday 17 October

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

Monday 24 October

No meeting because of Labour Weekend

Wednesday 26 October: Evening meeting @ The Wellington Club

- **Introducer and Thanker** Andrew Miller

Monday 31 October: Evening meeting for 5th Monday @ The Wellington Club

- **Visitors & guests** Rebecca Maresca
- **Greeters** Andrew Jackson, Gillian Jones
- **Introducer and Thanker** Martin Lenart

Monday 7 November

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Denis Kirkcaldie, Tuku Kururangi
- **5-minute talk** Rachel Qi's introduction
- **Sergeant** Joan Smith
- **President's Table** Sue Paterson (I&T), Joan Smith

Latest News

Upcoming Events

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

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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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