

POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 18 November 2016

Our next meeting is on

Monday 21st • 12 noon for 12.30 start

Our next meeting is at

James Cook Hotel, Level 17, 147 The Terrace

And our speaker is

Kirsten Smith – Evolving to meet the growing needs of Wellington’s young people



Kirsten manages Evolve, Wellington’s youth service. Evolve aims to enhance the health, development and wellbeing of young people aged 10–24, offering a range of services, activities and events that make it easy for them to get support when they need it. These include general, sexual and mental health care services, counselling, social support and youth development activities and groups, and everything is free and confidential.

With a focus on fostering resilience and supporting young people to make positive decisions, Evolve works from a youth development model that emphasises the importance of young people’s connections to their communities, families, schools and peers. If you know someone who would find what Kirsten has to say of interest, why not bring them along.

Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors and guests:** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters:** Martin Lenart, John Luxton
- **Five minute talks:** Andrew Jackson & Tracy Brown (Youth Committee)
- **Sergeant:** John Rowe
- **President’s table:** Janice Wilson (I&T), John Rowe



Starting time for duties is 12pm

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

We hope all club members are getting back to normality after the earthquakes and the deluge of rain. The people of New Zealand swung into action for good after the earthquakes that started at two minutes past midnight. Rotary’s input is summarised in this piece on rotaryoceania.zone.



Congratulations to Kerry Prendergast

For her well-deserved award as Wellingtonian of the Year in the Governance category. Kerry is, of course, a former Mayor of Wellington and remains very busy in our community. She chairs Tourism NZ, EPA, NZ Film Commission and, until recently, the NZ Festival of the Arts.

She is also on boards like Wellington Free Ambulance ... and yet the media somehow missed the fact that Kerry is immediate Past President of Rotary Club of Wellington!

A new look for the new year

More than a few club members have noticed changes in our newsletter in recent weeks. We know this because you’ve told us. We’re not sitting back though, glass of merlot in one hand and cigar in the other, resting on our laurels. Well, we may, on xmas day.

There’s more to be done before we can be sure the majority of members will make time to read this. Our newsletter needs to be more readable, more engaging and more relevant to the work of the club – and that’s where you come in.

Positively Brief

THE WEEK AHEAD FOR YOUR CLUB

If you are involved in a Rotary event, do please write a short piece on it and send it to Lee Wilkinson (lee@communicate.nz) or Ramsey Margolis (ramsey@3531.nz) with an interesting photo. We also welcome suggestions as to what you'd like to see in this newsletter, and any other improvements we could make.

Importantly, in the new year, the club's newsletter will have a new look. It will be a lot easier to read on your phone as well as looking better on your computer screen and your tablet. We will also be able to track who opens the email and which links were clicked, giving us a good idea of what you as members want from your newsletter.

With help from Rachel Tilghman, who was to have been the club's newest member this week (had the earthquake not happened), we will further develop the newsletter. Your input is vital.

• *The newsletter team for Mark's year as president consists of Lee Wilkinson, Ramsey Margolis and Leanna Dey, with invaluable input from President Mark Wheeler, Lady Susan Satyanand, Rebecca Maresca and Nadja Reich.*

Queenstown Rotary elects transgender president



Here's one for diversity: the Queenstown club has elected Monica Mulholland as NZ's (and possibly the world's) first transgender Rotary president. Monica lived as a man until her early 50s. This year she decided she wanted to live her last years as a woman.

While most club members had only known her as a man, she said the club has been very supportive. Monica's words truly encapsulate the spirit of Rotary: 'The people in Rotary clubs are there because they want to help the community, so of course they wanted to support me.'

Even with this amazing step towards greater diversity, Rotary still has some way to go to develop a modern image. The *Gay Express* headline on this story read: Conservative NZ Institution Elects First Transgender President.

Other interesting possibilities

- 12 Dec (Mon) Get in early and register to get a place at our **Christmas Lunch**
- 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
- 10 Dec (Sat) **Winemakers' Lunch** at the White Swan, Greytown – a 3 course lunch plus the wines, which will be Martinborough wines vs Gladstone wines @ \$80 per head, a minimum of 40, maximum of 80 people, so bring your friends – travelling by train means you won't have to drive home
- 21–23 April 2017 **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth

Tell your friends about the club

Invite them to a meeting, and give them a club business card which directs them to our website: <http://rcw.org.nz/join>.

Rotary beyond our club



The easiest way to prevent drowning is to wear a lifejacket. With this truism in mind, the Italian members of the Rotary International Yachting Fellowship collected 2,500 unused lifejackets from yacht clubs and the Italian navy. The majority were sent to the Rotary Club of Abidjan to distribute to fishing families on the Ivory Coast.

The rest were sent to clubs in the Philippines and the Great Lakes region of Africa.

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

And the last word from me this week is that

It was humbling and reassuring after the 7.8M earthquake to receive so many offers of help from rotary clubs around the world. It makes you proud to be a member of Rotary International, which we may take up and help coordinate some support. We should also be proud of Past President Kerry Prendergast on winning The Wellys' 2016 Government Wellingtonian of the year award. Kerry is a deserved winner as she epitomises service before self, chairing Tourism NZ, EPA, NZ Film Commission and until recently NZ Festival of the Arts, and is on boards like Wellington Free Ambulance. On Monday we are back at James Cook, see you there.

Mark Wheeler
President

Speakers at upcoming meetings

Monday 28 November • 12 noon for 12.30 start • James Cook Hotel, level 17
Andrew Tang, with Russ Ballard and Francis Wevers – EUREKA!

Monday 5 December • 12 noon for 12.30 start • James Cook Hotel, level 17
Judge Andrew Becroft – Better outcomes for NZ's under 18 year olds: some nip and tuck, or is radical surgery required? + President Mark Wheeler & our AGM

Monday 12 December • 12 noon for 12.30 start • James Cook Hotel, level 17
Rev Alistair Lane, St John's in the City – Xmas lunch with Jen Little's choir

Monday 16 January • 12 noon for 12.30 start • James Cook Hotel, level 17
TBA

Duty rosters

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

Monday 28 November

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Martin Matthews, Duncan McDonald
- **5-minute talk** Update on the club's Charitable Trust
- **Sergeant** Kane Patena
- **President's Table** Geoff Bascand (I&T), Kane Patena

Monday 5 December

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Brian McKeon, Roger Miller
- **5-minute talk** Richard Norman on tree planting
- **Sergeant** Katy Anquetil
- **President's Table** Lee Wilkinson (I&T), Katy Anquetil

Monday 12 December (Christmas Lunch)

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Sir Anand Satyanand, Lady Susan Satyanand

Monday 16 January

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Andrew Miller & Murray Milner
- **5-minute talk** TBA
- **Sergeant** Marion Cowden
- **President's Table** TBA (I&T), Marion Cowden

Latest News

Upcoming Events



Wairarapa Winemakers' Lunch

Saturday, 10 December 2016 - Join us on December 10th at the White Swan in Greytown for a delicious lunch and a Gladstone versus Martinborough wine experience. Three courses including wine for \$80 a head. An option to travel by train, rather than have to drive over the Hill. The train leaves Wellington at ... [MORE](#)

Christmas 2016

Monday, 12 December 2016 - The annual RCW Christmas lunch is always very popular. Enjoy special Christmas fare, a glass of wine and great company whilst taking time to reflect on the year of 2016. Seating is limited to 130, so early registration is advised to avoid missing out. [MORE](#)

Kapiti Island visit

Saturday, 11 February 2017 - We will be visiting Kapiti Island on 11 Feb 2017, setting off from Paraparaumu Beach at 8.45, 9.30 or 10.15 (to be confirmed) The cost is:
Adult \$75 Children 5-17 \$40 Student \$60 Under 5 Free MORE

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

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