

POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 20 January 2017

Welcome to your Rotary 2017

Our next meeting is on
Tuesday 24th January • 12 noon for 12.30 start – please note the different day

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

Our speaker is



Kirk Hope, Chief Executive of Business New Zealand, New Zealand's largest business organisation.

Kirk will be speaking on the outlook for growth and success in New Zealand in 2017.

Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Ramsey Margolis and Peter Lawson
- **Five minute talk** TBA
- **Sergeant:** Martin Matthews
- **President's table** James Austin (I&T) and Martin Matthews
- **Meeting recording** TBC

Our last meeting was

A very convivial Christmas function with many guests. Our speaker, Rev Allister Lane of St John's in the City, gave a warm, thought provoking address. A big thank you to the choir: led by Richard Norman on the clarinet with his friend Don Franks on the piano and club member Geoff Shaw on the guitar. Singers were Duncan McDonald, Gail Milner, Geoff Eades, Gillian Jones, Janice Wilson, Lesley Moffat, Mark Wheeler, Michaela Draper, Susan Satyanand, Suzanne Snively and William Sommerville.

We collected

After the Christmas lunch we've not been able to collect anything! If you weren't one of the people who generously contributed towards the \$659.50 collected at the Christmas lunch, how about taking up President Mark Wheeler's suggestion that club members donate generously for Christmas? Mark suggested \$1 for each of the 12 days of Christmas, or \$5 for each of the non-Rotary weeks over the holiday break.

Club business

• Congratulations go to John Luxton and Mary and family on the award of Companion of the Order (CNZM), and to Hewitt Humphrey and Jo and family on the award of Member of the Order (MNZM), in the New Year's Honours List. Both awards are great recognition of lives dedicated to service. President Mark passed on our club's congratulations to both families, saying that the awards were no surprise to club members, and mentioned our pride in their achievements.

• We offer a farewell with our best wishes to Martin Matthews who resigns from Rotary on February 1st to take up his new role as Auditor General. All the best, Martin.

• Those who went to the excellent documentary 'Le Ride' over the break, will have recognised Hewitt's very professional voice reading the 'news' in the movie. Watch the trailer [here](#)

Other interesting possibilities



• 11 Feb (Sat) **Kapiti Island visit** – \$75 per head, meet at the boat club in Paraparaumu – let John Rowe know if you'd like to go AND bring a good friend who might be interested in joining the club too

• 3 Mar (Fri) **Nonsuch Consulting Jumbo Tennis** – now's the time to put together your teams of four to enter this very popular tournament, the club aims to attract 48 teams to the 2017 event at

Renouf Tennis Centre

- 17–19 Mar **worldwomen17 Conference** in Auckland, initiated by Theresa Gattung – <http://www.worldwomen.org.nz/event/worldwomen17>
- 21–23 April **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth

Tell your friends about the club

Hand them one of the club's business cards, which will direct them to this page on our website – <http://rcw.org.nz/join> – and invite them to a meeting. You could, as well, forward this newsletter to them.

Rotary beyond our club



If you plan to travel this year, take a look Rotary's [International Travel and Hosting Fellowship](#). ITHF promotes and facilitates regional, national and international connections between members. Members share cultural experiences, which can range from simply having a meal together through to accommodation, food, sightseeing and entertainment. ITHF members can take part as they travel to different parts of the world and host members from other places. For more information, check out www.ithf.org.

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

And the last word from me this week is that

Through our 97 years as a club we have always had an ambitious agenda to make a difference to Wellington and New Zealand, and are rightly proud of our history and our achievements. Rotary's global values of service and friendship will be needed in 2017.

As a club we have an ambitious agenda to make a difference, and I look forward to working with all of you over the coming months. Please do bring new people along. The more energy we have, the more we can do.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Wheeler".

President Mark Wheeler

Speakers at upcoming meetings

Starting **Tuesday 24 January**, an exciting range of speakers is planned for this year's meetings so keep your eye on the newsletters coming your way. Speakers include:

- 30 January **Judge John Walker**– Principal Youth Court Judge • **Fifth Monday**
- 13 February **Gerry Forde** – *Million Dollar Original Fundraiser*
- 20 February **Rachael Holderness** – *Red Cross and the Power of Humanity*
- 27 February **Michaela Draper & Rebecca Maresca** – *Introducing the club's new website*

Duty rosters

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

Monday 23 January

Wellington Anniversary Day – no Rotary, however the year's first meeting, with a focus on the coming business year, is the following day, Tuesday 24 January

Monday 30 January – 5th Monday evening meeting

- **Visitors & guests** Rebecca Maresca
- **Greeters** Kate Mitchell, Lesley Moffatt
- **Introducer & thanker** Derek Gill

Monday 6 February

Waitangi Day – no Rotary

Monday 13 February

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Youssef Mourra, Keith Newell
- **Five minute talk** Tracy Brown – Youth Committee
- **Sergeant** Murray Milner
- **President's table** Andrew Austin (I&T), Murray Milner
- **Meeting recording:** TBC

Monday 20 February

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Richard Norman, Wayne Nyberg
- **Five minute talk** Karen Coutts – Bernie Knowles and Salmon Trusts
- **Introducer & thanker** TBA
- **Sergeant** Nigel Gould

- **President's table** John Boshier (I&T), Nigel Gould
- **Meeting recording:** TBA

Latest News

Upcoming Events

Evening Meeting

Monday, 30 January 2017 - 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 our speaker at 6:00pm. Please register for catering purposes. [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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