

POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



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Our next meeting is on
Mon 13 Feb • 12 noon for a 12:30pm start

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

Our speaker is

Gerry Forde – Million Dollar Original Fundraiser



Gerry has been an MC for 26 years, combining that with his skills as a comedian in his role as brand and event manager for 'Southland Spirit of a Nation'. This is a community-focused, unique blend of stage challenge, using entertainment and comedy to go beyond *Stars in Your Eyes* and *Dancing with the Stars*. Communities compete with one another during an event which is also an auction, so for example, 'The War of the West', which pitched Otautau against Ohai/Nightcaps in 2014, raised \$125,000 in one night.

Do you have a job to do?

- **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

The speaker at our last meeting was

Principal Youth Court Judge Judge, John Walker. Make sure you watch Judge Walker's address on [the club's website](#) or [our vimeo channel](#). He focused on the complexity of factors causing young people to turn to crime. As well as the social and economic causes commonly covered in the media, the judge pointed out the impact of family violence on a child's brain, even when in utero, as well as when the child directly experiences the horror.



As 'a merchant of hope', Judge Walker talked about how the protective factors of employment, mentoring and community programmes, can increase resilience and contribute to better life courses. He stimulated a desire in the audience to be part of potential solutions to this very sad and challenging issue.

How can Rotary in general, and Rotary Club of Wellington in particular, contribute to ameliorating family violence? Judge Walker suggested two potential project areas:

- 1 Providing role models/mentors for young people who have very negative role models;
- 2 Getting and maintaining young people into some sort of job with a committed employer.

We welcomed

Denise Church's guest - Caitlin Veneer, Helen Algar's guest - Geoff Dangerfield, Martin Matthews' guest - Heather Baldwin, Lee Wilkinson's guest - Lynn McKenzie, Ramsey Margolis' guest - Despina Margolis and Suzanne Snively's guest - Janine McGruddy.

We collected

\$000.00 as it was a 5th Monday, so if you're coming this Monday, expect the sergeant to ask you to put in twice your normal amount.

We farewelled Martin Matthews with a five minute talk

Martin talked about his new role as Auditor General and the challenges he sees ahead for Rotary, and our club. Here are some of Martin's thoughts on the club:

'Rotary Club of Wellington has an enormous legacy from almost 100 years of giving to the community and New Zealand. As the current stewards of the club, we have a responsibility to position it to do that for a further 100 years. The future, though, will require new and different thinking.'



'The club has great prospects, especially if it focuses first and foremost on its purpose – to be a force for good in Wellington. However, people and businesses are changing, and the practices of Rotary are becoming increasingly outdated. Newer generations want to give back to their'

communities but in ways that don't necessarily involve the practices and traditions of Rotary.

'And yet, Rotary values – putting service above self and the four way test – remain relevant and consistent with the intent of these newer generations.

'Can the club redefine what it means to be a Rotarian and accept that people may contribute as Rotarians in a range of ways, with less of a focus on weekly meetings? The club needs an operating structure that attracts those who may only have time for specific projects; it will need to operate very differently. I encourage you all to be open to such thinking, and to be ambitious for what the club can be at the start of its second century of being a force for good in Wellington.'

Club business

- Progress on potential new meeting venue and lunch options:
Following the recent evening meeting at the Wellington Club, the club will survey members' views.

Other interesting possibilities



- 21 Feb (Tue) 5:30pm–7pm **Vocational visit to the Embassy of Mexico** at level 2, 187 Featherston St. Hosted by club member His Excellency Ambassador José Gerardo Traslosheros Hernandez – register your interest on the club's website [here](#). Entry is easy, no deserts to cross or walls to climb.

- 3 Mar (Fri) **Nonsuch Consulting Jumbo Tennis** – Talk with your colleagues and put together your teams of four to enter this popular tournament, the club aims to attract 48 teams to the 2017 event at Renouf Tennis Centre. If you'd like to help, the event needs more baking (ask You-Know-Who for recipes, if you need one), more umpires and, of course, more teams.

- 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

If you meet new member, Rachel Tilghman, you could talk with her about...

- **Horse riding, both jumping and cross country** – Rachel has a horse in Owhiro Valley and has ridden once since she was a kid in Richmond, Virginia.

- **Moving big distances** – She's lived in Virginia, South California, Chicago, and now NZ.



- **Comparisons between wind in Chicago and Wellington** – Having lived in both she suggests Chicago has wind as strong as Wellington's, but icier. Some spots have poles and ropes for people to hold onto in a gale. Being new to Wellington, Rachel is being tactful when she describes Wellington's wind as 'more consistent'!

- **Marketing** – That's Rachel's profession; currently, she's on a six month contract at VUW focusing on attracting prospective students.

- **The attraction of Wellington's easy access to the outdoors** – Rachel describes herself as a water person and her partner obviously loves cycling – he's a bicycle technician at Burkes Cycles, Kilbirnie.

Outward Bound

Applications are now being taken for the Outward Bound course [Mind Body Soul](#), run once a year in July for 21 days for 16–18 year old school students. If you know a young person who may be interested in this transformational experience, contact Grant Uridge on grant@plus4.co.nz or 027 448 8689 for further information and an application form.

Tell your friends about the club

Give them one of the club's business cards, send them to <http://rcw.org.nz/join>, invite them to a club meeting or forward this newsletter to them.

Rotary beyond our club

Interested in the evaluation of service club projects? [The Rotarian Economist](#) is the blog of Rotarian, Quentin Boden, Lead Economist in Education Global Practice at the World Bank. In his blog he discusses challenges and opportunities encountered by service clubs and features stories about successful projects and provides analysis of issues related to poverty reduction and development. He offers this material to help readers make a positive difference in the life of the less fortunate.

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

And the last word from me this week is that

2017 is Rotary Foundation's 100th and our club's 97th year. There is strong interest in ensuring we remain relevant for the century coming up. What won't change is that service above self is a lifestyle choice, and how we

tap into this and draw in younger people is of key importance. District Governor Martin Garcia outlines his thinking on this on 27 Feb. Please make a point of coming.

Creating long term, nationwide projects is one of our club's greatest strengths: Karitane and, currently, Eureka and Jumbo Tennis, are just some of many. Judge Walker's talk was a catalyst for a strong desire to take positive action in the crucial area of reducing youth crime. Please talk to me about how our club might develop an initiative in this area; not only will we 'influence for good' but our projects are vital to attracting and retaining valuable members.

I know you will join me in offering our support to Sue Patterson, Brian McKeon and Karen Thomas as they overcome health challenges..



President Mark Wheeler

Speakers at upcoming meetings

- 20 Feb **Rachael Holderness** – *Red Cross and the Power of Humanity*
- 27 Feb **Michaela Draper & Rebecca Maresca** – *Introducing the club's new website*. Also, District Governor Martin Garcia will be visiting that day, as well as Assistant Governor Rick Wells, and we'll have a discussion on club costs and venue
- 6 March **Brian Ensor** – *Director of Palliative Care at Mary Potter Hospice*

Duty rosters

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

Mon 20 Feb

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Richard Norman, Wayne Nyberg
- **Five minute talk** Karen Coutts – Bernie Knowles and Salmon Trusts
- **Introducer & thanker** John Boshier
- **Sergeant** Nigel Gould
- **President's table** John Boshier (I&T), Nigel Gould
- **Meeting recording:** TBA

Mon 27 Feb

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Sue Paterson, John Prebble
- **Five minute talks** Rachel Tilghman's introduction + District Governor Martin Garcia
- **Introducer & thanker** Siah Hwee Ang
- **Sergeant** Peter Bushnell
- **President's table** Siah Hwee Ang (I&T), Peter Bushnell
- **Meeting recording:** TBA

6 March

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
 - **Greeters** Brian Steele, John Prebble
 - **Five minute talks:** Peter Lawson – Rotary Charitable Trust + Jose Gerado Trashlosheros Hernandez' introduction
 - **Introducer & Thanker** Colleen Singleton
 - **Sergeant** Peter Cornish
 - **President's table** John Boshier (I&T), Nigel Gould
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Latest News

Upcoming Events



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](#)



Mexican Embassy Visit

Tuesday, 21 February 2017 - Come and see behind the scenes at the Mexican Embassy courtesy of our new member, Sr José Gerardo Traslosheros Hernandez. This vocational visit will be held on Tuesday 21 February from 5:30–7pm. The embassy is on level 2 at 187 Featherston Street. [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](#)



Wellington Commonwealth Walkway

Wednesday, 8 March 2017 - You may know that the final roundel in this Wellington walkway was formally unveiled last October by Dame Patsy Reddy and our own Sir Anand Satyanand. The walkway connects 32 places of interest throughout the Wellington CBD. We plan to walk at least some of this on Wednesday 8th March, led by ... [MORE](#)

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