

# POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



## Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 24 March 2017

**Our next meeting is on**  
**Mon 27 March** • 12 noon for a 12:30pm start

**Our next meeting is at**  
**James Cook Hotel**, 147 The Terrace on level 17

### Our meeting will feature



**Professor Gregor Coster** will be speaking on **Health and Wellbeing in Wellington: Can we do better?**

Professor Coster is a former GP and Professor of General Practice and head of department at the University of Auckland. He has served on five crown agency health-related governance boards.

Greg is currently Professor of Health Policy at Victoria University and Chair of the Victoria University Theme: Improving health and well-being.

### Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Johnny Johnson
- **Greeters** Rachel Tilghman, Kate Mitchell
- **Five minute talks** Alexandra Hare (yacht race) + Andrew Austin (Wellington Rotary Charitable Trust)
- **Sergeant** Helen Algar
- **Introducer & Thanker** Helen Algar
- **President's table** Helen Algar
- **Meeting recording** Michaela Draper

### On Monday, we collected



\$466 from 47 members and 0 guests – an average of \$10 per person – following Rhys Barlow's sergeant session on the prison system.

'Had we ever been inside a prison?', Rhys asked, and talked about visiting Alcatraz and meeting an 82-year-old author signing books who had spent almost his entire life in prison – from 16 to 80 years old.

### We welcomed

No-one. Aside from our two speakers, no guests were at last Monday's meeting. Who might you bring to next Monday's meeting?

### And the speaker at our last meeting was



The Chief Human Rights Commissioner, **David Rutherford**, spoke on Human Rights Challenges for New Zealand, traversing the areas of work, sport, school and our individual lives, expressing concern about the unacceptable and pervasive level of violence and bullying in New Zealand society.

He indicated that in the global context of governments retreating from human rights issues, corporate sector leaders are moving towards modelling respect and understanding in their corporate cultures – concepts that are core to societal change.

David reminded us that bullying and violence is everybody's business, regardless of where and to whom it happens. He was very clear that there is much we can do as individuals to effect change. What we hold in our hearts and minds matters. In particular, he asked: Are we prepared to consistently express our belief in inclusiveness? This, he feels, is how we will promote respect and understanding in New Zealand society. David left us with the sobering perspective of what is most heard from those bullied at school - 'No one stood up for me.'

## Club business

- 10 April (Mon) Presentation of the club's new website
- 17 May (Wed) Billiards evening at the Wellington Club

## Five reasons you need to run a sergeant's session



- 1 • It's a key fundraiser for Rotary clubs worldwide, not just ours
- 2 • Lift your profile within the club
- 3 • It's good for the club to have a variety of sergeants
- 4 • The survey reported that members want to keep the sergeants' sessions
- 5 • Help develop your public speaking abilities

## Other interesting possibilities

- 21–23 April – **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth
- June/July – Forum 2017 **Wellington Region Good to Great**

## Tell your friends about the club

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

## If you sit with Hewitt Humphrey, ask him what he's doing in Rimutaka Prison



### • What's his role?

Visiting Justice (VJ), conducting disciplinary hearings when an inmate is charged with committing an offence in prison. If a not guilty plea is entered, the VJ hears the case which is put together by a prosecutor, with evidence from Corrections Officers who can be cross-examined by the accused. The VJ makes a decision based on the evidence presented. Hearings involve a mix of the adversarial and inquisitorial systems. The VJ has the power to sentence prisoners to a combination of cell-confinement and/or loss of privileges, and sometimes loss of earnings.

### • What impresses him?

The efficiency of the prison system and that prisoner welfare and safety are taken very seriously.

### • What surprises him?

Prisoners with apparently genial and friendly manners can turn out to be the most violent of inmates.

### • What worries him?

The destructive power and influence of gangs in the prison system.

## Rotary beyond our club



The bell tolls for polio – Rotary Club of Sooke, British Columbia has a handbell that passes from club to club. The club holding the bell pays End Polio Now \$1 for every day it has the bell in their possession, so each club *has* to pass the bell on. The bell has so far raised \$3,000 and has travelled 19,000 miles, going as far as a club in Thailand when a Sooke club member visited his son.

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

## And the last word from me this week is

That, by any measure, our club has been an amazing influence for good for over 96 years, and this year has been no exception. Yet last Saturday's strategy session and our recent Board meeting recognised that we have the potential to achieve even more. This is both ambitious and exciting. Our new website will be launched at the 10 April club meeting. Come along and together we can learn how to exploit its potential. Also, we will be hosting a second strategy session, and I encourage you to come to that as well to help shape our future.

President Mark Wheeler

## Speakers at upcoming meetings

### • 3 April **The three potential joint centennial projects**

1. *Project Hope* – This project will fund, in nine Pacific countries, three new vaccines to prevent rotavirus,

pneumococcal disease and some cervical cancers. The project has been developed by Rotary Club of Sydney in partnership with UNICEF and Asian Development Bank.

2. *Eliminate Dengue Project* – developed by Rotary Club of Melbourne which will spread a natural bacteria infection that prevents mosquitoes from transmitting dengue.

3. *Longer term shelter for those made homeless in disasters* – Rotary Club of Auckland's project to design and fit out containers for accommodation as a second level response to disasters in the Pacific.

• 10 April **Introducing the club's new website** – Michaela Draper

• 17 April Easter Monday – no Rotary

• 24 April TBA

#### Duty rosters

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

3 April

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Lynn McKenzie & Neil Taylor
- **Five minute talks** Christine Hurley – Rotary Club of Raratonga + Nick Hurley NZ High Commissioner to Cook Islands

Cook Islands

- **Introducer & Thanker** David Henderson
- **Sergeant** Rachel Qi
- **President's table** David Henderson & Rachel Qi
- **Meeting recording:** Michaela Draper

10 April

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Karen Thomas & Grant Uridge
- **Five minute talk** Rachel Tilghman – Introduction
- **Introducer & Thanker** N/A
- **Sergeant** Peter Cullen
- **President's table** Michaela Draper & Peter Cullen
- **Meeting recording** Murray Milner

24 April

- **Visitors & guests** Johnny Johnson
- **Greeters** Heather Verry & Helen Algar
- **Five minute talk** TBA
- **Introducer & Thanker** Anthony Scott
- **Sergeant** Ramsey Margolis
- **President's table** Anthony Scott & Ramsey Margolis
- **Meeting recording** Michaela Draper

## Latest News

## Upcoming Events



### Wild Ideas - Wellington Zoo

**Wednesday, 5 April 2017** - Wellington Zoo brings you Wild Ideas: A two-day conservation symposium. Join both our international and local conservation partners as we showcase the big steps we're collectively taking for global change. It's an event for anyone who cares about conservation, wildlife, people and our planet. And you'll leave with new know-how ... [MORE](#)



### Matiu/Somes Island visit

**Sunday, 9 April 2017** - Visit to Matiu/Somes Island on 9 April Join us for a visit to Matiu/Somes Island. Our plan is to catch the 10am ferry from the waterfront and spend 2 hours on the Island before continuing on to Days Bay for lunch, returning to Wellington by bus or ferry. Matiu/Somes Island is a ... [MORE](#)

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