

# POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 21 April 2017

*We're in the process of moving our newsletter from the old platform to a new one, so for the next couple of weeks it may arrive a little later than usual.*

## Our next meeting is on

Monday 24th April • 12 noon for 12.30 start

## Our next meeting is at

James Cook Hotel, Level 17, 147 The Terrace

## Our meeting will feature



The well-known Wellingtonian and one time Australian, Phillip Meyer, speaking on the topic of Contemporary Reflections on the ANZAC Spirit. Phillip is well-placed to speak on this because one of his present high profile roles being that of being chairman of the New Zealand RSA, a position he has held for two years. This gives him a worldview which will make his address interesting in the context of Anzac Day.

Phillip, as a number of our members will know, has an extensive commercial background which commenced with him training and then working as a merchant banker in Sydney. In later years, he moved to governance roles in the financial area, as well as others such as being a director of Southern Cross Medical Care Society for more than a decade.

## Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Heather Verry & Graeme Hall
- **Five minute talk**
- **Introducer & Thanker** Anthony Scott
- **Sergeant** Ramsey Margolis
- **President's table** Anthony Scott & Ramsey Margolis
- **Meeting recording** Michaela Draper

## At the Monday 10 April meeting, we collected

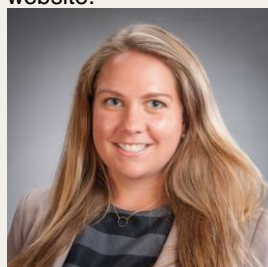
\$453.00 from 48 members following Grant Uridge's string of lawyer jokes.

## And the speaker at our last meeting was

Fraser Carson from Flightdec, who introduced the [club's new website](#).

Go in and take a look around, and sort out your profile. The Flightdec approach is based around creating websites that enable us to communicate, connect and collaborate – obviously with our members, but through a Wellington hub, with other Rotary clubs, as well as a variety of community groups. This means that information on our site may be picked up by other sites, and vice versa, enabling us to communicate with a wider group in Wellington beyond our members.

Our gratitude goes to those who worked on the new site: Michaela Draper, Rebecca Maresca and of course Fraser Carson. Mark also thanked Francis Wevers for the huge amount of time, energy and effort he put into our previous website.



## Our five minute talk was from

Rachel Tilghman who used a quiz approach to her introductory talk. This enabled us to discover that she was brought up in the US and has been involved in two interesting community organisations that are not well-known here – [Humane Society's Food Forward programme](#) and the US system of Court [Appointed Special Advocates](#). ASA volunteers speak up for abused and neglected children when they are in courts, foster homes and transitioning to new schools. Rachel is currently working in the communications side of Fulbright NZ. She has a horse, and together they are involved in cross-country and jumping events.

## Club business

- 6 May (Sat) – **Club strategy session** – more on this from Peter Cornish 021 417 418 or send him an email
- 17 May (Wed) – **Billiards** evening at the Wellington Club
- 31 July (Mon) – an evening meeting, the **Akina Kickstart Awards** on the 6th floor at the Wellington Club, more details to come
- Sometime between September and November – **Singers To Listen For**, in the planning stage

## Internships for skilled migrants needed



Four interns in this intake of the Skilled Migrants Programme are unplaced, and the internships start next week on Wednesday – though there's a little room for flexibility in the start date if needed. You could get for free for several weeks - a person expert in data bases and financial software, or someone skilled in all aspects of recruitment, or a business analyst who has worked for Goldman Sachs, or someone who is expert in QA in pharmaceuticals. If you have space in your organisation for supporting an intern or if you know of another organisation that may be able to help, email [Claudia Gonzalez at The Johnson Group](#) asking for profiles of the interns.

## Interesting events

- 25 April (Tue) - **ANZAC Day lunch and service** – Ataturk Memorial. Register on the [Events Calendar](#)
- 18 May (Thurs) - **Thirsty Third Thursday Café** 1812
- 21–23 April - **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth
- June/July - Forum 2017 **Wellington Region Good to Great**

## Five questions with Dean Blair on his financial literacy school boot camps

### 1 • What was your motivation to set up the programme?

After many years' work working on finance with clients, I realised there is a lack of financial literacy in NZ and we need to teach children so they are better financially prepared.

### 2 • How have students responded to the boot camps?



They love the programme. The students participate freely and particularly enjoy the estate planning and insurance session. The scary thing is how much they know about deferred payments, interest free terms and how easy it is to get a line of credit; we have normalised debt in NZ.

### 3 • How did parents respond?

Parents aren't always so keen! Money is a difficult subject to talk about and often leads to tension in relationships, so it is often avoided. Some are also probably sceptical of who we are and why we were there.

### 4 • What was the involvement of sporting stars?

We involved local sporting stars such as Ben Sigmund and Brad Shields, so kids can listen to their experiences with money. They explain how they grew up and first learnt about money and their challenges in managing money. They emphasise that what you do with money is far more important than how much you earn.

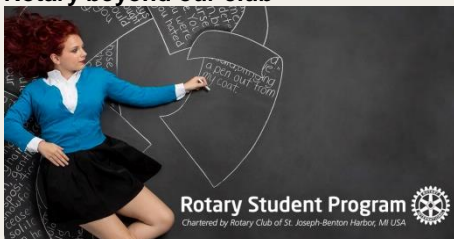
### 5 • Why do you call the programmes 'boot camps'?

Finance and money is a topic we don't often talk about and there is a fear to ask questions about investing and how markets work. I wanted to make it fun to learn about money management, investing, wealth creation, debt management and risk management. There must also be an element of hard work and discipline, which people associate with a boot camp.

## 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+rotary>, or perhaps even invite them to a club meeting.

## Rotary beyond our club



The St Joseph-Benton Harbour Club in Michigan has developed an interesting [student mentoring programme](#). Students in the local high school write a 250-word essay about their dream job. Club members then use Rotary connections to organise 'reverse interviews' so each student gets the opportunity to interview people working in their dream job. Assisted by their Rotary mentor, the student interviews the professional about their typical work day, good and bad parts of the job and any advice they can give the student on how to achieve their goals. The experience helps the students picture life in their dream job on a day-to-day basis and to find out the problems people face in their role. The students then report back to the Club. Any club can set up the programme, using materials available on the [club website](#).

### **And the last word from me this week is that**

Lest we forget, come to Monday's club meeting with its ANZAC day theme and NZRSA Board Chair, Philip Meyer, as our guest speaker – and please bring family or other guests.

Some members will be at the District Conference, where our Club's Board have given PDG Anthony Scott our proxy vote to argue changes to the proposed District constitution.

The Board meeting also adopted the Joint Centennial Project draft resolution: support in principle for the Vaccination Programme (Project Hope) to be the Joint Centennial Project of the four founding clubs. This is very ambitious, which is appropriate for a joint centennial project.

Our new website is live. Members, I encourage you to refresh your details and start using it by uploading your own content, including a photo. If you get stuck, [email Rebecca](mailto:rebecca@nzrsa.org.nz) for help. Thanks to all involved for delivering such an exciting website.



President Mark Wheeler

### **Speakers at upcoming meetings**

- 8 May **David Cameron** of LearnCoach
- 15 May **Sir David Carruthers**
- 22 May **Nicky Riddiford**

### **Duty rosters**

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

1 May

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Mark Woodard & Francis Wevers
- **Five minute talks** Phalla Orn – Rotary Club of Pursat in Cambodia - Building Bridges for Children
- **Introducer & Thanker** Tony Hassed
- **Sergeant** Murray Milner
- **President's table** Tony Hassed, Murray Milner
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8 May

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Lee Wilkinson & Euan Wright
- **Five minute talk** Tracy Brown, Youth Committee
- **Introducer & Thanker** Roger Miller
- **Sergeant** Roger Drummond
- **President's table** Both Rogers
- **Meeting recording** TBC

15 May

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
  - **Greeters** Roger Miller, Murray Milner
  - **Five minute talk** Andrew Jackson
  - **Introducer & Thanker** Robert Fisher
  - **Sergeant** Derek Gill
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## Latest News

[CHOCKS AWAY ON OUR NEW WEBSITE](#)

[2016 Rotary Club of Wellington Science Prizes at Victoria University](#)

[Skilled Migrant Programme 2017 Placements Needed](#)

[Rotary Club of Wellington EUREKA! Trust](#)

## Upcoming Events

[District Training Assembly - New Plymouth 23 April](#)

[ANZAC Day Lunch 25 April](#)

[Thirsty Third Thursday 18 May](#)

[RC Port Nicholson Charity Auction and Dinner 19 May](#)

[Evening Meeting - 29 May 2017](#)

[Forest in the Heart of Wellington Tree Planting 10 June 2017](#)

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