

POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



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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 1st May • 12 noon for 12.30 start

Our next meeting is at

James Cook Hotel, Level 17, 147 The Terrace

Our meeting will feature



Ross Teppett. It being 'May Day', we have succeeded in securing a member of the CTU to make a presentation on Monday. Ross Teppett is the Director of Union Development of the NZ Council of Trade Unions Te Kauae Kaimahi. An engaging personality, Ross's role is to work with unions on ways to augment their growth and development to enable more effective representation and advocacy for working people.

Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Mark Woodard & Francis Wevers
- **Five minute talk** Phalla Orn of Rotary Club of Pursat in Cambodia on Building Bridges for Children
- **Introducer & Thanker** Tony Hassed
- **Sergeant** Murray Milner
- **President's table** Murray Milner & Tony Hassed
- **Meeting recording** Michaela Draper

At the Monday 24 April meeting, we collected

\$448.80 from 40 members and 5 guests. The sergeant, Ramsey Margolis, focused on members' knowledge of the Nuremberg trials that followed World War 2, and the rule of law. Guests were: Suzanne Zammit (RC Footscray, Melbourne, and her two friends Liz Walden and Jan Duncan), also John Fisher (Andrew Miller), Winton Higgins (Ramsey Margolis), and Helen Finn (prospective member).

And the speaker at our last meeting was



The well-known Wellingtonian and one-time Australian, **Phillip Meyer**, speaking on the topic of Contemporary Reflections on the ANZAC Spirit. Phillip's grandfather fought at Gallipoli and was saved from a bullet by (in order!) a Bible, a cigarette tin, and a sixpenny piece. Phillip showed slides of modern scenes at Gallipoli, including a statue commemorating the act of mateship shown by one Turkish soldier who, as both sides halted firing, picked up a fallen Australian and carried him over to the Australian trenches. Pointing to the strong strand of mateship that runs through both Australian and New Zealand cultures, his involvement as Chair of the R&SA is motivated by the belief that since those young people gave their lives for their country, in return, we should provide true care to those injured in such service.

Club business

- Apologies for non-attendance at meetings – do not email Rebecca, please submit these on the website
- If you have any questions about the website, please direct them to Rebecca
- Entertainment books are here again. If you'd like one, [buy one here](#) or let Rebecca know.
- 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 in November – **Singers To Listen For**, in the planning stage

Five reasons to attend the Saturday 6 May strategy session

This is your chance to have a real say in what our club looks in 5–10 years' time, and how we get there. We have some important questions to address, including:

- 1 • We know that the mix of members in the club has changed over the years. For example, there are now fewer CEOs, but more consultants, mid-level executives and business owners. What does this mean for the next generation of potential members?
- 2 • There were conflicting responses to the club's recent questionnaire on club location, food and costs. How do we decide on the way forward over these aspects?
- 3 • As New Zealand's largest (and oldest) club we need to be seen as dynamic in the wider community, but our profile remains low. How do we improve our community engagement and become a magnet for those wanting to contribute to society, whether they initially want to be Rotarians or not?
- 4 • Where should the club be looking to build new or strengthen existing strategic partnerships (for example, VUW for skilled migrants or Akina Foundation for social enterprise)?
- 5 • How do we fund all of the things we want to do?

This is an opportunity for experienced strategists to contribute their expertise, as well as complete novices to do some blue sky thinking in a participative environment. Each of our members has a view on what they want the club to do – and to stop doing. This is your chance to voice those thoughts and be part of the solution.

We need a good cross section of ages, experience and length of membership in Rotary to develop the best plan of action for our club. Please contribute to this important process – it's challenging, and a lot of fun.

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](mailto:claudia.gonzalez@johnsongroup.co.nz) asking for profiles of the interns.

District Conference April 21–23

The conference was an opportunity to hear a stimulating range of speakers, including Dame Susan Devoy on opening night, Daniel Gamboa of the NZ National Refugee Youth Council, and Jamie Tuuta of Te Tumu Paeroa – Maori Trustee, Brian Bourke 'A Great Education' who spoke about surviving polio, and ending on Sunday with Sir Bruce Ferguson on *Lest we forget – Return of the Unknown Soldier*. There was an interesting range of local tours and activities available in stunning weather.

Good progress at the Lock Hut

The Lock Hut is a replica DoC tramping hut designed to give children the experience of tramping in a controlled manner. Progressing steadily, the interior lining is now in place and the next step is to install the roof lining as the insulation has now been fully installed. After that, we will do the exterior flashings. If this sounds too highly skilled fear not – there's plenty of other unskilled work to do around the site.

If you have an interest in tramping and the development of youth, then a few hours of your time would be greatly appreciated. The next working bees are on Sunday 21 May and Sunday 11 June. If you can help, let Grant Uridge know on either 027 448 8689 or grant@plus4.co.nz. If you just want to come and have a look, let him know as he is very happy to show you around. You'll find the Lock Hut at Brookfield Scout Camp at the back of Wainuiomata.

Interesting events

- 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**

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



Deforestation has been rapid in Sri Lanka, with forest cover declining from 53% to 29% in 20 years. To combat this, Rotary District 3220 and the RC of Ibagamuwa, in partnership with local and central government agencies, plan to grow five million trees over the next five years and to plant one million each year. Each tree costs \$US1 and this covers maintenance. Trees will be geotagged, so donors can keep an eye on their tree's progress and an exhibition of people's tree stories is planned. To find out more look at [this](#).

And the last word from me this week is that

This week has been about honouring our national past, while planning our future. The next edition of Rotary Down Under will feature an article on how this club helped start CCS New Zealand. As the article outlines, visionary individuals with an ethic of service above self can truly make a difference. I am asking you to come to our next strategy session, and bring along to our club like-minded individuals who also want to make a difference.

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

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** Andrew Miller, Murray Milner
- **Five minute talk**
- **Introducer & Thanker** Robert Fisher
- **Sergeant** Derek Gill
- **President's table** Robert Fisher, Derek Gill
- **Meeting recording** TBC

22 May

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** José Gerardo Traslosheros Hernandez, Siah Hwee Ang
- **Five minute talk**
- **Introducer & Thanker** John Prebble
- **Sergeant** Anand Satyanand
- **President's table** Anand Satyanand, John Prebble
- **Meeting recording** TBC

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

[Skilled Migrant Programme 2017 Placements Needed](#)

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Upcoming Events

[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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