

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> May • 12 noon for 12.30 start

Please note our meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May is a lunch meeting at the Wellington Club. Registrations are essential and close 5pm Friday, 19 May 2017. [Register here.](#)

## Our next meeting is at

James Cook Hotel, Level 17, 147 The Terrace

## Our meeting will feature



**David Cameron** from LearnCoach, last year's winner of our Social Enterprise Awards. One of the founders of LearnCoach, David was a maths teacher who saw students struggling with study skills; they didn't know how to do it, or how to help themselves when studying at home. David decided there must be a better way. At [learncoach.co.nz](http://learncoach.co.nz), students find tutorials, old exam questions with model answers and, if a student is stuck, they can submit a question to tutors for feedback. Since 2012, LearnCoach has provided 1.7 million tutorial sessions for 10,000 students – and all for free.

## Do you have a job to do?

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



## And the speaker at our last meeting was

Ross Teppett, Director of Union Development at the NZ Council of Trade Unions Te Kauae Kaimahi, it being Mayday which is celebrated in other countries as International Workers' Day. Starting off by fessing up that Francis Wevers was his union organiser at NZ Broadcasting Corporation, Ross let us know that his father was a Foxton GP and keen Rotarian who lived Service Above Self every day of his life.

With Pike River back in the news, Ross spoke on the importance of workplace safety and the overwhelming social and economic costs of workplace deaths. He drew our attention to the 12 percent pay differential between men and women, and what he termed the 'obscene wealth inequality' in this country that the NZCTU intends to put right. Unions, he said, promote more than their own members, having the good of the whole country in mind.

He spoke on the CTU's international development arm, Union Aid[[unionaid.org.nz](http://unionaid.org.nz)] that works in Myanmar and South India assisting people develop small business opportunities. From the floor, Stephen Brown asked Mr Teppett how he thought New Zealand could get out of being a low wage economy, to which the response was that the engineering union E tū[[etu.org.nz](http://etu.org.nz)] was pushing for more high value engineering, and observed that we need a national conversation on this.



### The sergeant's session collected

\$481.60 from 55 people including three guests: Ross Teppett's partner Kirsty Ferguson, Kerry Prendergast's guest Chris Llewelyn and Dennis Kirkcaldy's guest Joy Tracey.

Murray Milner was the sergeant and he amused everyone at the meeting with a series of photos of signs taken around the world.

### SCOPE is planning to grow this year

Tony Hasted reported on progress with SCOPE and the 3D printers and Chrome notebooks that they are putting into Tawa schools. He told us that SCOPE is looking for more \$150 to help fund another 10 Chrome notebooks this year – call him on 021 374 592 to discuss this. RCW member Rachel Tilghman ran a very successful strategic session for SCOPE, Tony said, pointing out that their membership of 25–25 year olds is a pipeline of future Rotarians.

### And we heard a 5 minute talk from



The founder and former President of Pursat Rotary Club in Cambodia, Phalla Orn, who focussed on the club's Building Bridges for Children programme which provides clean water, education in hygiene and school bikes. The Pursat club collaborates with clubs in Japan. Phalla was welcomed by the Chair of our International Committee, Laurie Wilson.

### Club business

- 6 May (Sat) – **Club strategy session** – 9:30am–1:00pm, Level 15 Asteron House, cnr Featherston and Bunny St. For more information, phone Peter Cornish 021 417 418 or send him an [email](#)
- 12-14 May **Rotary Stand** at Home and Gardens Show, Westpac Stadium. Volunteers needed for a two hour slot. Let Rebecca know if you can help.
- 17 May (Wed) – **Billiards** evening at the Wellington Club
- 24 May (Wed) – Annual **Presidents Cocktail Party**, at Wellesley Boutique Hotel from 5:00pm. Register [here](#)
- 31 July (Mon) – an evening meeting, the **RCW Social Enterprise Kickstart Awards** at the Wellington Club
- 7 & 8 September - **Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka Awards**

### The club's new website is live

- **Our new website is mobile friendly** – you no longer need the RCW app, so please delete it as it will not be updated
- **Apologies for non-attendance at meetings** – we ask that you no longer email Rebecca, instead submit your apologies through the website
- **If you have any questions about the website** direct them to Rebecca

### 5 Observations on Olivier Lacoua and his Marathon des Sables achievement



**1** • Olivier was a very impressive 196th out of 1,200 runners, completing the 6 day ultra marathon in 35 hours. The Moroccan who came first completed the 251 km in 19 hours – strewth!

**2** • The scenery was extraordinary with amazing views over Saharan sand dunes and jebels (mountains, or hills) with ... surprise ... lots of sand everywhere.

**3** • One of the NZ team did not finish, collapsing on the final day just 11 km from the finish.

**4** • On the first day, Olivier cut his air mattress so he had to sleep on the ground for the rest of the race.

**5** • On the last day of the race, Olivier was so dehydrated he had to stop every five minutes to pee and his pee was blood.

If you're not feeling too exhausted from all this, take a look at event videos [here](#). Olivier is very thrilled by the support for his fundraising for Red Cross. To contribute to his Red Cross fundraising goal, click [here](#).

### Interesting events

- 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



The [Rotary Action Group Against Slavery](#) has a project called Schools4Freedom which focuses on debt bondage and forced labour in India. There are no effective sanctions against people using these systems, so the project has two frontline workers who educate villagers about their basic human rights. Believing that education is a major piece in the battle against slavery, they have built a school, funded two teachers, school supplies and pledged three years of hot lunches for each student. They have introduced solar lighting to the village to protect children against snake bites, and women against sexual assault. Find out more [here](#).

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

Through **Service Above Self** we always strive to make a difference. Kiwis and Rotarians, especially Kiwi Rotarians, are poor at celebrating the difference we make and getting our message out. Help this by uploading articles, photos and blogs to our new website and come to our annual cocktail party.



President Mark Wheeler

### Speakers at upcoming meetings

- 15 May **Sir David Carruthers**
- 22 May **Nicky Riddiford** – lunch meeting at the Wellington Club. Registrations are essential and close 5pm Friday, 19 May 2017. Please register [here](#).
- 29 May **John Milford** of Business Central, an evening meeting at the Wellington Club
- 5 June No meeting – Queen's Birthday

### Duty rosters

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

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 – lunch at the Wellington Club

- **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

29 May (evening meeting)

- **Visitors & guests** Rebecca Maresca
- **Greeters** Robert Armstrong, Andrew Austin
- **Introducer & Thanker** Sir Anand Satyanand

## Latest News

[World Environment Day Tree Planting Challenge](#)

[Getting Ready for 2021](#)

[Sue Paterson: The arts administrator extraordinaire's battle for a good life](#)

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

[Singers to Listen For - a showcase for our New Zealand Opera Stars of the Future](#)

## Upcoming Events

[Thirsty Third Thursday 18 May](#)

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

[RCW Lunch Meeting - 22 May 2017](#)

[Presidents Cocktail Function – Wellesley Boutique Hotel 24 May 2017](#)

[Evening Meeting - 29 May 2017](#)

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

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