

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

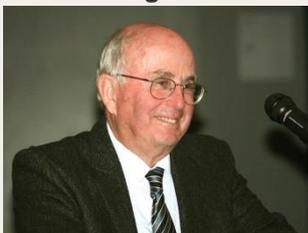
Monday 15th May • 12 noon for 12.30 start

Please note our meeting on 22nd 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



Sir David Carruthers, Chair of the Independent Police Conduct Authority, offering some thoughts on 'Police, People and Possibilities'. Sir David has been in this role since 2012. His career includes an extensive justice background – Sir David was Principal Youth Court Judge, Chief District Court Judge, and Chair of the NZ Parole Board.

Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Andrew Miller, Helen Hancox
- **Introducer & Thanker** Robert Fisher
- **Sergeant** Derek Gill
- **President's table** Robert Fisher & Derek Gill
- **Meeting recording** TBC

And the speaker at our last meeting was



David Cameron from LearnCoach, who outlined about the development of LearnCoach from his early desire to help more students than possible in a classroom environment. Last year, LearnCoach provided online tutorials for over 100,000 students in over 1 million tutorial uses.

LearnCoach won our Social Enterprise Awards in 2016 and used the money to expand into tutorials in chemistry and biology. LearnCoach is currently working towards enabling students to sit NCEA assessments online, when they choose.

David spoke about the appeal to students of online tutorials. Feedback shows that students like to control their own pace of learning, compared to a classroom, where while some will find the pace far too slow, others will feel it is too fast. This sense of control of the pace appears to build students' sense of mastery.

David confessed that when he combined his own video tutorials with his classroom teaching, his students seemed to prefer to listen to him on video rather than in person! Here's an interesting short [video on LearnCoach](#)

*Make
generosity
part of your
growth strategy*

The sergeant's session collected

\$505.50 from 49 members, following Roger Drummond's eclectic questions and comments ranging through the Duke of Edinburgh, the Wakatu Corporation case and ending up in rugby head territory.

Our visitors included

Janine McGruddy and Mark Nicholas (Suzanne Snively's guests), Sam Collins, a founder of the Wellington Student Volunteer Army (Andrew Miller's guest), and Emma Fletcher (William Somerville's niece). Emma is one of the founders of a social enterprise called [Alamandria](#), an initiative using meditation, artistic process and aesthetic experiences to relieve the stresses and challenges of daily life and to awaken personal insight. The business uses profits from courses and retreats to fund social empowerment programmes for women, senior secondary school students and prison inmates.

Tracy Brown let us know about the club's Youth Committee



Responsibilities of our Youth Committee include:

- Support for Youth initiatives – the committee is planning to expand this aspect of its work
- Grants and scholarships to individuals, such as young people coming and going on the Rotary International Youth, RYLA, RYPEN and Outward Bound programmes. RYLA and RYPEN are very effective youth leadership programmes, and you can find out about them by clicking here for [RYLA](#) and here for [RYPEN](#)
- Liaison with SCOPE, which is a group of people in their early '30s who are loosely associated with the club and who focus their voluntary activity on programmes for young people and the environment.

And we heard a 5 minute talk from



Ed Tregidga on [Wellington Conservation Volunteers](#) who are helping us with our **Forest in the Heart of Wellington Project**. With the help of Bunnings, they have set up a tree nursery where they plan to grow 5,000 trees a year. These will be added to the 5,000 donated each year by the local Forest and Bird and the City Council.

As well as helping with tree planting, the group will organise weekday tree planting with local schools, corporations and community groups. On June 9 they are organising a **Corporate Tree Planting Challenge**. If you know any organisations who would be interested, please email [Ed](#). Tree planting dates this year are 10 June, 1 July and 5 August. There will also be projects for tree weeding and vermin control.

Club business

- A very valuable **club strategy session** was held last Saturday. The refocus developed from that and other inputs will be polished, discussed by the Board, and put to the club as a later point. Mark quoted Sir Anand's remark that the meeting, 'was a real compass adjustment' for the club. Our thanks go to Peter Cornish and Jane McCann for such an effective session.
- 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. Register [here](#).
- 7 & 8 September - Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka Awards

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.

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

Interesting events

- June/July - Forum 2017 **Wellington Region Good to Great**
- May 21 (Sun) – **Working bee at the Lock Hut**, Brookfield Scout Camp, Wainuiomata – more info from Grant Uridge 021 448 8689 or grant@plus4.co.nz
- June 8 (Thu) – **A Winter Feast** – With the motto Jobs Not Jails, the [Trade School Industries Trust](#) is a hospitality-inspired charity. Its goal is to set up a social enterprise which provides hope, training and support for previously incarcerated women and men, allowing them to redirect their lives and become contributing members of our community. With help from Prefab cafe owner, Jeff Kennedy, People's Coffee founder Matt

Lamason is organising a charity fundraiser three-course dinner and silent auction at Prefab. Hosted by Martin Bosley, it should be a great night. **A Winter Feast** takes place on Thursday 8 June from 7pm at Prefab Hall, 14 Jessie St, Wellington, and costs \$150 per person. Buy your tickets online from [Ticketek](#). More info from Ramsey Margolis 021 97 3531 or ramsey@3531.nz.

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 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.

Rotary beyond our club

Some very valuable projects focus on quite simple solutions. In Indonesia, concrete bathtubs, commonly used in poorer homes, attract breeding dengue-carrying mosquitoes. Rotary Club of Solo Kartini in Indonesia, in partnership with a US club, are working on reducing these poorer Indonesian homes. The project lines the concrete tubs with white ceramic tiles, so the mosquitoes are more visible. It trains residents to check for larvae and to empty and scrub the tubs when they find them.



Take a look at the **District Governor's May newsletter** [here](#):

And the last word from me this week is that

Individuals really do make a difference. David Cameron from LearnCOACH, our 2016 Akina social enterprise award winner, clearly showed us this on Monday. It was reinforced in a May *Rotary Down Under* article on CCS Disability Action, which tells us that 'Journalist and Rotary Club of Wellington member PDG T.C. List began the Crippled Children's Society ... in 1935'. During last Saturday's productive strategy session, we drafted a future for our club as 'Leaders of Positive Social Change' – if you want to become more engaged with your club, pick a committee where you can make a real difference.

President Mark Wheeler

Speakers at upcoming meetings

- 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. Please register [here](#).
- 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

22 May – lunch at the Wellington Club – [PLEASE ENSURE YOU REGISTER BY 19 MAY](#)

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** José Gerardo Traslosheros Hernandez, Siah Hwee Ang
- **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

05 June – Queens Birthday, No Rotary

12 June

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Roger Blakely, James Austin
- **Five minute talk** Kathleen Wright -People's Coffee (social enterprise)
- **Introducer & Thanker** Youssef Mourra
- **Sergeant** Stephen Brown
- **President's table** Youssef Mourra, Stepehn Brown
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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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