

POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 9 December 2016

Our next meeting is on

Monday 12th December • 12 noon for 12.30 start – please note the later finishing time of 2.00 pm.

Our next meeting is at

James Cook Hotel, Level 17, 147 The Terrace

And it's our Christmas lunch!



Rev Allister Lane, St John's in the City
Xmas lunch with Jen Little's choir

Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Sir Anand Satyanand, Lady Susan Satyanand
- **Christmas lunch with Jenn Little's Choir** (minus Jenn's glorious voice, so the more singers the better)
- **Meeting recording** Murray Milner

Last Monday



Judge Becroft showed via data the problems children face as a result of a very daunting range of problems. Statistics show that while we talk about New Zealand as a great place in which to grow up, 20% of our children do as badly as anywhere in the western world. Common patterns include substance abuse, disrupted families, domestic violence, sexual abuse and inadequate state care. As Commissioner for Children, Judge Becroft has set three priorities:

1. Prevention – intervention in approaches such as Oranga Tamariki
2. Raising the upper age limit for the Youth Justice System
3. Focusing on Maori issues

Despite the depressing statistics, Judge Becroft gave a speech that was in places amusing, poignant and gave many reasons for hope.

We collected

in the \$505.90 in the Sunshine Box from 63 members as a result of Mark Woodard's session on the Darwin Awards.

We welcomed

Nine visitors – Beatrice Siu (Helen Hancox), Lynn McKenzie (Lee Wilkinson), Roger Blakely (Helen Algar), Selby Reeves (William Somerville), Peter Barker, Chair of Samaritans, (Jane McCann), Ed Tregidga (Richard Norman), Caitlin Veneer (Denise Church) and Aida Tarassoli (Ramsey Margolis).

Pack the Bus

Thank you to all our members who brought goods or gave a financial donation for the City Mission Christmas Pack the Bus initiative.

We heard a five minute report



About the Forest at the Heart of Wellington from Richard Norman and Ed Tregidga of Conservation Volunteers. We plan to ramp up our tree planting to reach our goal of 100,000 trees by 2021. This will require a big gulp in terms of increasing the resourcing of this project. Specifically, it requires a large injection of money via fundraising.

There are plans to sell pieces of 'real estate,' such as park benches, picnic tables and weta hotels, with a good proportion of the money going to the project. Business sponsorship will be crucial. If anyone has good links to sources of business sponsorship, please contact Richard Norman. The club appreciates the partnership we have

with Conservation Volunteers that makes our goal achievable.

Social enterprise LearnCoach update

– from Deborah Lambie of LearnCoach, the social enterprise that won the Kickstart award on October 26



Dave and I are still on a bit of a high after winning your Rotary-Akina Kickstart Award evening. We really appreciate your support, and everything you do for social enterprise in Wellington and NZ. I thought you might be interested to hear about progress at LearnCoach over the NCEA exam period.

During the last five months (July–November), Google analytics showed that we helped 77,000 students – that's just over 50% of the entire NCEA population. Part of the 2016 growth came from the release of level 3 material: 75 new tutorials for level 3 Chemistry, Physics and Biology were released in the lead up to exams.

We have a number of students working for us on the summer, and it's great to see how much progress we have made already with a few extra hands. We are currently running a Givealittle campaign to help us deliver more free tutorials in 2017: <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/learncoachcharitabletrust>. If you know anyone who would be keen to make a koha please share the link to the page.

– Get a copy of the LearnCoach quarterly update from deb@learncoach.co.nz

Club business

- With more research required, it looks like the rotavirus vaccination programme is likely to be adopted as the Joint Founding Clubs' Centennial Project.

- If you are interested in helping to establish a Wellington Central Probus club, let Mark know.

- District levies will rise by 55¢ next year to cover the GST paid on those levies.

- Time to start selling those Jumbo Tennis raffle tickets – remember, this event is both a major fundraiser for the club and one that has such a great atmosphere that it attracts new members.

AGM

- Our club donated \$120,000 last year, with the money coming from both the club and the Trust.

- We have an overall surplus of \$4,558 and are ahead of our budget, mainly because of the success of Singers to Listen For.

- Club numbers are slightly lower so that is affecting finances – look around for potential new members during the break!

Our new website

Is now well into the testing phase and we are looking for members to be one of the website user testing team. If you are interested in doing this, contact Rebecca for a logon. User testing will begin in late January. Once testing begins, please provide any feedback to Michaela.

Michaela will provide an overview of the new website layout to members at our February 13 meeting, demonstrating some of the more common membership functions. Members will be encouraged to ask questions as the demonstration progresses.

Other interesting possibilities

- The Winemakers Lunch has been cancelled, sadly.

- 11 Feb (Sat) a **Kapiti Island visit** is being planned – \$75, meet at the boat club in Paraparaumu, let John Rowe know if you'd like to go

- 3 Mar (Fri) **Nonsuch Consulting Jumbo Tennis** – now's the time to put together your teams of four to enter this very popular tournament, the club aims to attract 48 teams to the 2017 event at Renouf Tennis Centre

- 17–19 Mar **worldwomen17 Conference** in Auckland initiated by Theresa Gattung – <http://www.worldwomen.org.nz/event/worldwomen17>

- 21–23 April **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth

Tell your friends about the club

Be sure to give them one of the club's business cards, which will direct them to this page on our website – <http://rcw.org.nz/join> – and invite them to a meeting



Rotary beyond our club

Partnerships are key to successful Rotary projects. The Rotary clubs in Accra, Ghana, partner with Street Girls Aid – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xIEiRkVcifA>. As part of the organisation's efforts to provide the street girls with other means of financial support, the clubs provide vocational training and have helped start a laundry

business, the organisation's first attempt at a commercial social enterprise. You can see more on <http://ojairotary.org/stories/street-girls-in-accra-ghana/>

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

And the last word from me this week is that

For the last one hundred years, our club has been a leader in thinking and action at local, national and zone level. Last week's AGM highlighted that – not counting the trusts – we spent over \$120K in 2015–16 on a wide range of worthwhile projects.

2017 is already shaping up as a big year. We will drive **social enterprise**, which our likely next Prime Minister Bill English is passionate about, through activities like the Akina awards.

We will progress **A Forest at the Heart of Wellington** with Conservation Volunteers, and take **EUREKA!** to a new level. We will progress a range of initiatives with the young executives of **SCOPE**, and by sponsoring a new **Wellington Central Probuss** club that is due to start in February, we will ensure a complete Rotary life cycle.

Along with Sydney, Melbourne and Auckland clubs, we will launch a **centennial project to reduce rotavirus deaths** in the Pacific, and maybe even dengue. We will also drive our own **Pacific water projects**.

We intend to develop a **new fundraiser** to complement **Jumbo Tennis** and **Singers to Listen For**. Jumbo Tennis, the first of our major fundraisers, is coming up early next year. Please find teams and sell raffle tickets.

We can do more, we will do more. I ask that you bring more passionate members into the club to give us the people power that will truly make a difference.



Mark Wheeler
President

Speakers at upcoming meetings

Starting on **Tuesday 24 January**, an exciting range of speakers is planned for next year's meetings – keep your eye on the newsletters that will be coming your way next year.

Duty rosters

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

Monday 23 January

Wellington Anniversary Day (No Rotary)

Tuesday 24 January

- **Greeters** Andrew Miller & Murray Milner
- **Meeting recording:** TBC

Monday 30 January (evening meeting – 5th Monday)

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Kate Mitchell, Lesley Moffatt
- **Sergeant** Martin Matthews
- **President's table** Derek Gill (I&T), Martin Matthews
- **Meeting recording:** TBC

Monday 6 February

Waitangi Day (No Rotary)

Latest News

Upcoming Events



Wairarapa Winemakers' Lunch

Saturday, 10 December 2016 - Join us on December 10th at the White Swan in Greytown for a delicious lunch and a Gladstone versus Martinborough wine experience. Three courses including wine for \$80 a head. An option to travel by train, rather than have to drive over the Hill. The train leaves Wellington at ... [MORE](#)



Christmas 2016

Monday, 12 December 2016 - The annual RCW Christmas lunch is always very popular. Enjoy special Christmas fare, a glass of wine and great company whilst taking time to reflect on the year of 2016. Seating is limited to 130, so early registration is advised to avoid missing out. [MORE](#)

Evening Meeting

Monday, 30 January 2017 - Join us for a less formal style of meeting held at the Wellington Club, 88 The Terrace. We will start at 5:30pm with nibbles and a cash bar before moving through to hear our speaker at 6:00pm. Please register for catering purposes. [MORE](#)



Kapiti Island visit

Saturday, 11 February 2017 - We will be visiting Kapiti Island on 11 Feb 2017, setting off from Paraparaumu Beach at 8.45, 9.30 or 10.15 (to be confirmed) The cost is:
Adult \$75 Children 5-17 \$40 Student \$60 Under 5 Free [MORE](#)



Nonsuch Consulting JUMBO TENNIS 7s Tournament 2017

Friday, 3 March 2017 - This is a fun and fund-raising tournament. Join in the action at the Renouf Tennis Centre!! Follow lead-up progress on Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RCWJumboTennis7s> Register your team of four to experience this high spirited, fun and exciting event, first introduced to Wellington in 2008 by the Rotary Club of ... [MORE](#)

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