

# POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



## Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 17 February 2017

**Our next meeting is on**  
**Mon 20 Feb** • 12 noon for a 12:30pm start

**Our next meeting is at**  
**James Cook Hotel**, Level 17, 147 The Terrace

### Our speaker is



**Rachael Holderness on Red Cross and the Power of Humanity.** Rachael is Community Fundraising Coordinator at New Zealand Red Cross, focusing on profile building, income generation and engaged supporter development.

Red Cross is the largest humanitarian network in the world and has operated in New Zealand for 100 years. In recent years, Red Cross here has been involved in refugee resettlement, Christchurch recovery and teaching humanitarian laws to teenagers.

### Do you have a job to do?

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### We welcomed

Anne Gilbert (Suzanne Snively), Lyn Provost (Helen Algar), Geoff Dangerfield (Helen Algar) and Kelly Silva (who has recently moved to Wellington from Los Angeles for her partner's job at Weta Workshop). Two visiting Rotarians were Graham and Lorraine Park from the Rotary Club of Ellon, Scotland (Colleen Singleton).

### We collected

Murray Milner's sergeant's session encouraged us all to back up our computers and be more aware of not falling for ransomware traps and other cybersecurity issues.

### We heard a five minute talk

About the Youth Committee from Tracy Brown, new chair of that committee. Tracy talked about the group SCOPE for 25–35 year olds with its focus on environment and education issues. Also, she is looking for volunteers to work on a replica DoC hut being built by the Scouts in Brookfields, Wainuiomata. Anyone with carpentry or project organisation skills, or even just time to provide labour, please phone Grant Uridge who is leading the project for the Scouts on 027 448 8689.

### And the speaker at our last meeting was

#### Million Dollar Original Fundraiser Gerry Forde



An infectious exuberance emanated from Gerry. Before we knew it, we were standing on chairs, one member gave a stirring haka and you really must look at the video to truly get the story of the Auckland Island pigs, conveyed by four lucky club members!

Gerry hilariously gave us an experience of his highly successful fundraising programme called The Flyer. His responses to questions revealed his very real knowledge and experience about the nuts and bolts of making fundraisers succeed. The next step is to consider using it here as another major fundraising activity.

He recounted his surprise at learning that Invercargill's four Rotary clubs had never worked on a project together before he brought them together.

### Club business

- **New website:** this will be introduced to the club at our meeting on Monday 13 March

- **New Probus club:** formal interest meeting on Monday 20 March at 00pm at Taranaki Street Methodist Church
- **Club Centennial:** we are receiving interest from the Rotary District, Zone and Rotary International about our club history project

### Other interesting possibilities



- 21 Feb (Tue) 5:30pm–7pm **Vocational visit to the Embassy of Mexico** at level 2, 187 Featherston St. Hosted by club member His Excellency Ambassador José Gerardo Traslosheros Hernandez – register your interest on the club's website [here](#). You know how much you like Mexican food – and so does that friend you've been wanting to bring to Rotary.
- 3 Mar (Fri) **Nonsuch Consulting Jumbo Tennis** – Talk with your colleagues and put together your teams of four to enter this popular tournament, the club aims to attract 48 teams to the 2017 event at Renouf Tennis Centre. If you'd like to help, the event needs more baking (ask You-Know-Who for recipes, if you need one), more umpires and, of course, more teams.
- 8 Mar **Walk the new Commonwealth Walkway** - The walk is being led by George Fairbairn who leads tourist walks and knows Wellington well. Register for free on the club's website [here](#)
- 21–23 April **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth

### The Rotary Foundation needs your support now

For the past 100 years the Rotary Foundation has been assisting Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

This year's Rotary Foundation grants supported clubs in our district enabling them to improve young people's literacy in Porirua, support people suffering from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, and provide surgical equipment for a New Zealand-based surgeon to carry out ear, nose and throat operations in Samoa.

If you have not yet made a donation to the Foundation this year, please do so before Feb 20th. To make a donation from your club account simply advise Rebecca that you wish to do so. Don't wait – remember the one who hesitates is lost.

### 5 things to talk about if you get time with Dean Blair

- 1 • **Financial literacy for kids:** Dean's firm, Fox Plan, is introducing Financial Fitness for Kids Bootcamp as community service for schools
- 2 • **Financial planning for young professional sports players:** Dean sees this as a form of empowering young men to take control of their lives
- 3 • **Life literacy:** Dean has discovered that financial decision making reflects people's good and bad habits for life decisions; the two are closely entwined
- 4 • **Mountain biking:** even though it nearly cost him his life a few years ago! Dean says it is an amazing family activity that is inexpensive and accessible. Their family has joined up with several others to share mountain biking adventures
- 5 • **The challenges of succession planning:** Fox Plan is in its third year of specifically addressing this, but it is something they know they have to keep working on to get the three new young people (yes, this does include Dean!) groomed to take over the firm. Their chief operations manager is only 27.

### Are you handy with numbers?

As part of the operation towards applying for funds for our wonderful Skilled Migrant programme in association with VUW, John Prebble is currently updating his paper that undertakes a cost benefit analysis of the project. Gerald (Ged) Alloway, a VUW summer scholar, is doing most of the updating work. There is an area where someone within the club might be able to help: if there is a good statistician you know who could review Ged's draft this would be extremely handy. Please let John know – [johnprebble@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:johnprebble@vuw.ac.nz).

### 5 reasons to go to the Feb 21 vocational visit

- 1 • **Visit Mexico without a passport** and without spending hours in the air
- 2 • **Hear the Mexican government view on the new regime to their north**, Chatham House Rule in force of course
- 3 • **Climb no walls**, and you don't even have to speak Spanish

**4 • Invite the colleague who's a perfect fit for Rotary** – this is an opportunity not to be missed

**5 • You know how much you like Mexican food.**

### **Outward Bound**

Applications are now being taken for the Outward Bound course [Mind Body Soul](#), run once a year in July for 21 days for 16–18 year old school students. If you know a young person who may be interested in this transformational experience, contact Grant Uridge on [grant@plus4.co.nz](mailto:grant@plus4.co.nz) or 027 448 8689 for further information and an application form.

### **Tell your friends about the club**

Give them one of the club's business cards, send them to <http://rcw.org.nz/join>, invite them to a club meeting, or forward this newsletter to them.

### **Rotary beyond our club**

Rotary Club of Waterville, Maine, have developed an early childhood literacy programme called **Rhoda Reads**. The programme trains volunteers in early childhood development and how to read to children. Volunteers are matched to early childhood centres and kindergartens which they visit on a regular basis to read to the children, taking a kit of 10 books, a mascot owl (called Rhoda). One of the books is about Rhoda and communicates the Rotary message of service. So far, the programme has trained 40 Rotarians who go to 10 preschools. The plan is to replicate the programme elsewhere. You can find out more about the programme on Vimeo [here](#)

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

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

From writer Jack London – 'You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club.' Our thanks to Lee Wilkinson who shared it at the end of last Monday's meeting.



President Mark Wheeler

### **Speakers at upcoming meetings**

- 27 Feb **Club Day** – *District Governor visit plus discussion on meeting venue and meal options*

This result of this discussion will have a big impact on our ability to attract members and on the future ambience of our club. District Governor Martin Garcia and Assistant Governor Rick Hughes will both be present, and board members are asked to remain after the meeting. PLUS **Brian Lynch** will speak for 15 mins on 'The Times They Are A-Changin'', focussing on possible implications for New Zealand trade and the management of international engagement.

- 6 March **Brian Ensor** – *Director of Palliative Care, Mary Potter Hospice*

- 13 March: **Michaela Draper** and **Rebecca Maresca** – *Introducing the club's new website*

- 20 March: **David Rutherford** - *Chief Human Rights Commissioner - Human rights challenges for New Zealand*

### **Duty rosters**

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

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Mon 27 Feb

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Brian Steele, John Prebble
- **Five minute talks** Rachel Tilghman's introduction + District Governor Martin Garcia
- **Introducer & thanker** Siah Hwee Ang
- **Sergeant** Peter Bushnell
- **President's table** Siah Hwee Ang (I&T), Peter Bushnell
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6 March

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Kerry Prendergast, John Rowe
- **Five minute talks:** Peter Lawson – Rotary Charitable Trust + Jose Gerado Trashlosheros Hernandez' introduction
- **Introducer & Thanker** Colleen Singleton
- **Sergeant** Peter Cornish
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## Latest News

## Upcoming Events



### Mexican Embassy Visit

**Tuesday, 21 February 2017** - Come and see behind the scenes at the Mexican Embassy courtesy of our new member, Sr José Gerardo Traslosheros Hernandez. This vocational visit will be held on Tuesday 21 February from 5:30–7pm. The embassy is on level 2 at 187 Featherston Street. [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](#)



### Wellington Commonwealth Walkway

**Wednesday, 8 March 2017** - You may know that the final roundel in this Wellington walkway was formally unveiled last October by Dame Patsy Reddy and our own Sir Anand Satyanand. The walkway connects 32 places of interest throughout the Wellington CBD. We plan to walk at least some of this on Wednesday 8th March, led by ... [MORE](#)

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