

POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



Friday 3 March 2017

Our next meeting is on

Mon 6 March • 12 noon for a 12:30pm start

Our next meeting is at

James Cook Hotel, Level 17, 147 The Terrace

Our meeting will be



Brian Ensor, Director of Palliative Care, Mary Potter Hospice, speaking on '*Living and dying – the pros and cons, and who wants to know*'. Dr Ensor started out as a GP before specialising in the field of palliative care.

Over the last couple of years, he has spoken on the need for advanced care planning in New Zealand, so there can be as positive experience as possible for the dying person, and their family and friends.

Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Kerry Prendergast, John Rowe
- **Five minute talk:** Jose Gerardo Traslosheros Hernandez introduction
- **Introducer & Thanker** Colleen Singleton
- **Sergeant** Peter Cornish
- **President's table** Colleen Singleton (I&T), Peter Cornish
- **Meeting recording:** Michaela Draper

On Monday, we collected

\$485.10 from 58 members and 7 guests from Rotary District 9940. Peter Bushnell had obviously been doing his nordic walking around Wellington because he'd created an interesting quiz on local points of interest.

We welcomed

District Governor Martin Garcia and his wife, Denise Garcia, District Governor Elect Mitch Brown, Past District Governor Deb Gimlett, Assistant Governor for our club Rick Hughes, along with Louise Evans of the NZ Rotary Recruitment Campaign and her photographer, Lindsay.

We heard a five minute talk

From **George Fairbairn, Chair of the Advisory Committee to the John Ilott Trust**. Last year the committee reviewed 162 applications for funding and gave grants to 99 organisations or between \$1,000 and \$2,000.



These grants are aimed at providing seeding funds for organisations in early stages of development, when it might be difficult for organisations to attract funding.

And the speakers at our last meeting were



District Governor, Martin Garcia, who highlighted the many connections between our club and the district, both in the past (right back to the District Governors' Chain of Office being donated by the first President of our club, Sir Charles Norwood) through to the present day when many of our members are involved in a wide range of district activities. As well as being a part of contributing service, District involvement is an excellent means of building Rotary networks and friendships.

Martin also spoke about two important events:

- 1 • District Conference in New Plymouth, 21–23 April
- 2 • National Membership Seminar, 18 March, 10am–6pm at St John's in the City, Wellington

Club business

- **Wellington Free Ambulance** – A new ambulance was received on Thurs 23 Feb. Wellington's Rotary clubs collaborated to buy the vehicle in 2009–11, and then in 2015–16 raised \$65,000 for the fitout. The size of the combined amount we raised resulting in getting the Rotary logo on the back of the ambulance – a great PR spot.
- **The club's new website** – Introduced to members at our Mon 13 March meeting.
- **Eureka in Rotary Down Under** – Read the article about our Eureka Awards in the latest issue [here](#):

Other interesting possibilities

- **TODAY!** 3 Mar (Fri) **Nonsuch Consulting Jumbo Tennis** – Willing workers wanted! If you have the time to help, please go to the Renouf Tennis Centre at midday and report to Bice or Hannah.
- 8 Mar (Wed) **Walk the new Commonwealth Walkway** – Led by George Fairbairn who leads tourist walks and knows Wellington well. Register for free on the club's website [here](#). We meet at 5pm at the Bucket Fountain and the walk will remind us of the many Wellington Commonwealth connections that we may often overlook, such as the Mahatma Gandhi statue and Te Aro Pa.
- 11 Mar (Sat) **Suburban gardening for wildlife tour** – support the March of the Rifleman @ 24 Fox St, Ngaio. From 1.30–4.30pm, Zealandia guide Des Smith and his partner John will be hosting a 'suburban gardens for wildlife' experience in their garden, which is a mixture of natives and exotics with colourful herbaceous borders. For more information, check the website [here](#).



A trained Zealandia guide, Des will offer tours on the half hour during which you will learn how to use natives in the garden, and what is suitable for our fauna. The \$10 entry fee will be shared between Zealandia's latest restoration project – translocation of the titi pounamu (rifleman) – and an LGBT project.

Denise Church, who is both a member of this club and Chair of Zealandia, invites you to join her there between 2pm and 4pm. It will be a great chance to learn about making your garden more bird and wildlife friendly, and catch up with Rotary friends in an enjoyable setting. She will answer questions about the titi pounamu project, bringing New Zealand's smallest bird back to Zealandia and our western suburbs. [Send her an email](#).

- 17 Mar (Fri), 10:15am – **Meeting to discuss a new Probus club for Wellington** Wesley Hall, 75 Taranaki Street. Probus is Rotary's most successful community service project with 300,000 members in 4,000 clubs.
- 21–23 April **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth

Five things to talk about with Peter Lawson



- 1 • **What decided him to commit to becoming our President in 2017-2018?** – Peter has been chair of the RCW Charitable Trust for several years and has very carefully aligned the Trust with our strategic direction. As well, Peter has worked hard on other committees.
- 2 • **How he keeps fit** – Walking the dog, going to the gym and cycling – road and mountain bike.
- 3 • **Managing investments** – For the last 16 years, Peter has worked as a financial advisor following 22 years in the corporate world, so he may know a thing or two.
- 4 • **Life on the water** – Peter loves boating, fishing and fly fishing.
- 5 • **His happy family** – He's married to Kate and they have three adult children (is that an oxymoron?).

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>, or perhaps even invite them to a club meeting.



Rotary beyond our club

Rotary is providing skilled work training for people with disabilities in China.

Traditionally, people in China with physical and intellectual disabilities were excluded from education and depended on their families for support. In 2013, Shanghai Rotarians established a production centre which was totally new in China. The centre trains people with disabilities in skilled industrial processes and exports electrical and mechanical assemblies to European high tech companies. Rotary provided the seed funding, loaned equipment, as well as providing advice and help with management, operations, legal affairs and translation. Read more about it [here](#).

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

And the last word from me this week is

What a great club session! Our rich history of making a major difference was added to by DG Martin Garcia's address to our club. I recommend you watch the video as Martin used his chains of office which he was wearing, and which had been presented by our club as the basis of his address. Now, our attention turns to our future and our 2021 centennial. On Saturday 11 March, join us for a few hours at a strategy session as we write a bold future for generations to be proud of.

President Mark Wheeler

Speakers at upcoming meetings

- 13 March **Michaela Draper** and **Rebecca Maresca** – *Introducing the club's new website*
- 20 March **David Rutherford** – *Chief Human Rights Commissioner on Human rights challenges for New Zealand*
- 27 March **Professor Greg Costner** – *Health and Wellbeing in Wellington – can we do better?*

Duty rosters

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

13 March

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Anthony Scott, Colleen Singleton
- **Five minute talk:** Michaela Draper – website presentation
- **Introducer & Thanker** Colleen Singleton
- **Sergeant** Peter Lawson
- **President's table** Michaela Draper, Peter Lawson
- **Meeting recording:** Michael Draper

20 March

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Joan Smith, William Sommerville
- **Five minute talks:** Christine Hurley, Rotary Club of Raratonga + Nick Hurley, NZ High Commissioner to Cook Islands
- **Introducer & Thanker** Stephen Brown
- **Sergeant** Robert Fisher
- **President's table** Christine Hurley, Nick Hurley, Robert Fisher
- **Meeting recording:** Murray Milner

27 March

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Rachel Tilghman, Mark Stephens
- **Five minute talks:** Alexandra Hare – Yacht race + Andrew Austin – WRCT
- **Introducer & Thanker** Graeme Hall
- **Sergeant** Raewyn Hailes
- **President's table** Alexandra Hare, Andrew Austin, Raewyn Hailes
- **Meeting recording:** TBA

3 April

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Sam Stevens, Neil Taylor
- **Introducer & Thanker** David Henderson
- **Sergeant** TBA
- **President's table** David Henderson (I & T) TBA
- **Meeting recording:** TBA

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Upcoming Events



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](#)



Suburban gardening for wildlife tour

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