

# POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



## Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 31 March 2017

**Our next meeting is on**  
**Mon 3 April** • 12 noon for a 12:30pm start

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



### Our meeting will feature

**Our three potential joint centennial projects** – presented by representatives of the other 3 Joint Centennial Clubs who are in Wellington for a Joint Centennial Club meeting. The vaccination project is likely to be the chosen project, but each one has a very interesting background and excellent potential. Clubs are interested in any suggestions and useful connections in relation to their projects.

**1 • Project Hope** – three new vaccines to prevent rotavirus, pneumococcal disease and some cervical cancers. The project will fund vaccinations and set up suitable infrastructure in nine Pacific countries. It has been developed by Rotary Club of Sydney in partnership with UNICEF and Asian Development Bank.

**2 • Eliminate Dengue Project** – a project that targets the vector mosquito for dengue fever, by seeding it with a naturally occurring bacterium, Wolbachia. The project idea comes from the Melbourne Club, but the University of Monash is the research institution and it has successful similar projects in Brazil and Vietnam.

**3 • Longer term shelter for those made homeless in disasters** – Rotary Club of Auckland's project to design and fit out containers for accommodation, as a second level response to disasters in the Pacific. These semi-permanent dwellings could fill the usual one year gap between temporary shelters and permanent homes.

### Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Lynn McKenzie & Neil Taylor
- **Five minute talks** Christine Hurley (Rotary Club of Raratonga) + Nick Hurley (NZ High Commissioner to Cook Islands)
- **Introducer & Thanker** David Henderson
- **Sergeant** Rachel Qi
- **President's table** David Henderson & Rachel Qi
- **Meeting recording:** Michaela Draper

### On Monday, we collected



\$508.08 from 57 members – an average of \$9 per person – following Helen Algar's session displaying her love affair with cars.

### We welcomed

Prospective member, Helen Finn, but again we didn't have any guests at last Monday's meeting. Do please give some thought as to who you could invite to next week's meeting. Helen's PhD, incidentally, has the title, 'Insights into Terrorism'!

### And the speaker at our last meeting was

**Professor Gregor Coster** who spoke 'in camera' about **Health and Wellbeing in Wellington**. We cannot do a speech summary and there was no video recording, but you can read about some of what the Professor outlined from [this Government document](#)





### Five minute talks

**Alexandra Hare** described her involvement in this year's Clipper Fleet Round the World Ocean Race. This event comprises 12 matched clippers, racing in the world's longest yachting race and raising 400,000 UK pounds for UNICEF. Alex will be part of the crew for two legs: 33 days UK to South America leg, and the 20 day South America to South Africa leg. Having been accepted, Alex has undergone one gruelling training camp so far, and has four remaining. In the race, she will be one of 20 crew. The crew hotbeds, so we presume her father's transformational advice to 'Always make your bed' will come in very handy.

**Andrew Austin** updated us on the RCW Trust. Replacing Peter Lawson as Chair of the Trust, he thanked outgoing members, Peter Lawson and Tricia Walbridge. The Trust holds \$1.3 million in funds which have mainly come from individual bequests and fundraising. Rather than one of providing one-off grants, Andrew intends to gradually shift the policy of the Trust towards funding projects for 2 or 3 years. He brings a strong background to this role - he is Private Portfolio Manager and Investment Advisor with First NZ Capital.

### Club business

- **9 April** (Sun) Matiu/Somes Island visit – let Geoff Eades know you're going or turn up for the 10am cross harbour ferry
- **10 April** (Mon) Presentation of the club's new website
- **17 May** (Wed) Billiards evening at the Wellington Club
- **Sometime between September and November** – Singers To Listen For, in planning

### Five outcomes from the survey



- 1 • Lunch meetings will continue to take place at the James Cook Hotel
- 2 • We're going to trial a lighter lunch for three months, costing less than \$20
- 3 • Evening meetings on 5th Mondays of the month will stay at the Wellington Club
- 4 • Sergeants sessions will be retained as fundraisers and as a way to get to know each other

better

- 5 • Rather than adding \$1 to each meal charge, we'll be adding 50¢ per month to membership fees

### Other interesting possibilities

- 5 April (Wed) **Wild Ideas Wellington Zoo** – a conservation symposium
- 21–23 April – **Rotary District 9940 Conference** New Plymouth
- 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>, or perhaps even invite them to a club meeting.

### How would you like to host a Rotary exchange student?

We need four club members who can have one international student each (year 13 equivalent) stay for three months, from July onwards. You don't need teenagers at home, but you will need to be prepared to get involved and show them *your* New Zealand. The club will provide a mentor for the student and they will be taking part in several national exchange student events, including a three week tour of the South Island in November.

For more info and to volunteer, [email Tracy Brown](mailto:Tracy.Brown@rcw.org.nz) or phone her on 027 626 6595.

### Rotary beyond our club



For those of you who hunt, Rotary Club of Petoskey Sunrise, northern Michigan, shows how to turn that to Rotary service. In their project, Venison for Manna, hunters who bag a deer can take it to any of four meat processors to get the kill processed (mandatory in the USA). The hunter can opt to donate all or part of the meat to the local Manna Food Bank. The meat is broken down into 500g packets of mince for easy distribution. If a hunter donates a whole animal, the processing is free and the club retains the eye fillets. Once a year, a fundraising dinner is held to raise money to cover the cost of processing. The dinner includes a raffle (being the USA, of course, the prize is a

gun) and anyone donating meat during the season gets a free raffle ticket. Read more about it [here](#):

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

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

On Monday, I outlined the collective decisions made by the club in our survey on the future of location and costs. We will implement a 3-month lunch trial at the James Cook from Monday 24 April. Please support our collective decision.

The next two Mondays are also important: As the four Centennial clubs meet this coming week, it is worth reflecting that collaboration among Rotary clubs lies at the core of the organisation's success. Beyond the founding club, every one of 33,000 Rotary clubs around the world began as a collaborative process. The exciting 'Project Hope' being proposed for our Centennial focus is a reminder that, as Helen Keller said, 'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much'.

Then on 10 April, our new website to support the club into the future will be launched. Please come along and support these important meetings.

President Mark Wheeler

#### Speakers at upcoming meetings

- 10 April **Introducing the club's new website** – Michaela Draper
- 17 April Easter Monday – no Rotary

#### Duty rosters

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

10 April

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Karen Thomas & Grant Uridge
- **Five minute talk** Rachel Tilghman – Introduction
- **Introducer & Thanker** N/A
- **Sergeant** Peter Cullen
- **President's table** Michaela Draper & Peter Cullen
- **Meeting recording** Murray Milner

24 April

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Heather Verry & Helen Algar
- **Five minute talk** TBA
- **Introducer & Thanker** Anthony Scott
- **Sergeant** Ramsey Margolis
- **President's table** Anthony Scott & Ramsey Margolis
- **Meeting recording** Michaela Draper

## Latest News

## Upcoming Events



### Wild Ideas - Wellington Zoo

**Wednesday, 5 April 2017** - Wellington Zoo brings you Wild Ideas: A two-day conservation symposium. Join both our international and local conservation partners as we showcase the big steps we're collectively taking for global change. It's an event for anyone who cares about conservation, wildlife, people and our planet. And you'll leave with new know-how ... [MORE](#)



### Matiu/Somes Island visit

**Sunday, 9 April 2017** - Visit to Matiu/Somes Island on 9 April Join us for a visit to Matiu/Somes Island. Our plan is to catch the 10am ferry from the waterfront and spend 2 hours on the Island before continuing on to Days Bay for lunch,



### **Clayton Style Billiards Cup 2017**

**Wednesday, 17 May 2017** - A night of great fun, food, and friendly competition open to all members and friends, whatever your experience.  
5:45pm, Wednesday 17 May 2017, The Wellington Club Programme:  
5:45pm: Drinks at the 5th floor - own account (Wellington Club or Rotary)  
6:30pm: Informal buffet - fish & chips & sausages  
7:00pm: ...  
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