

POSITIVELY BRIEF

The week ahead for the Rotary Club of Wellington



Rotary Club of Wellington newsletter • Friday 26 May 2017

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

Mon 29 May • 5pm for a 5:30pm start

You must register for this – the venue is the Wellington Club, and refreshments will be provided for our specific number. Please register by 8pm Friday, 26 May.

PLEASE NOTE Our next meeting is at

The Wellington Club, Level 4, 88 The Terrace – this is a 5th Monday, **early evening** meeting

Our meeting will feature



John Milford, Chief Executive of Business Central. Former Managing Director of the iconic Kirkcaldies store, John has extensive experience in business and retail in NZ and Australia as well as membership organisations. A former member of this club, John will be speaking on 'New Zealand, the exporter'.

Do you have a job to do?

- **Visitors & guests** Rebecca Maresca
- **Greeters** Andrew Austin
- **Introducer & Thanker** Sir Anand Satyanand
- **Meeting recording** Rebecca Maresca

And the speaker at our last meeting was



Nicky Riddiford speaking about the skilled migrant programme and introducing the latest participants. This programme is now a very long-standing club project and one that is frequently mentioned as members' most favourite Rotary contribution. Nicky's approach is a big reason for the programme's success, and with each intake she gains fascinating insights into participants' cultures and the challenges they experience with our culture.

Five minute talk

Anthony Scott spoke to a resolution to submit a new draft District Constitution to clubs for discussion. If adopted, the resolution would require the draft constitution to be sent to all 9940 clubs for discussion. In a show of hands, the resolution was supported by members. The proposal document will be available on the club website [here](#).

The key concepts of the proposal are:

- Visibility and transparency of District matters
- Accountability and responsibility
- Flexibility to enable change
- Use of modern technology to reduce cost and increase member engagement

The sergeant's session collected

*Make
generosity
part of your
growth strategy*

\$627.00 following sergeant **Sir Anand Satyanand's** exploration of the meeting date (22 May) throughout history. Older members may have been offended by the idea that they might have been around on 22 May in the year 335 BCE to witness certain major events.

Our visitors included

The Skilled Migrants, Kathleen Wright (Youssef Mourra) from Sub Urban (second place in the club's Social Enterprise Awards, and providing mentoring for one of the Skilled Migrants), Rebecca Prebble (John Prebble) Claudia Gonzalez from The Johnson Group, and Lazar Nikolic (Patrick McArdell).

If you sit with Mark Woodard, ask him about these five things



1 • The value he places on **community**, moving here in 2005 because he liked the sense of community in New Zealand, a contrast to the anonymity of many big American cities. Lee can vouch for Mark and community – he joined Saturday morning post-yoga communal coffees without coming to the classes!

2 • **PHARMAC**, where he is CFO. Mark's proud of PHARMAC's analytic rigour and willingness to make hard choices to benefit the country.

3 • **Yoga** – He famously did a handstand at Rotary during a sergeant's session.

4 • **Handling complaints** relating to challenging situations with vulnerable children, in his role as CE of Presbyterian Support Central and more recently as chair of the external complaints tribunal at Child, Youth and Family. Some complaints related to events back in the 1960s.

5 • **The Rotary Forum**, because it uses the club's Influence for Good to promote important discussions across the community.

Club business

- The first meeting of Wellington's **Probus Club** took place on Friday May 19 – thank you Anthony Scott for all your efforts in getting this new club off the ground.

- The Club has signed a memorandum of understanding signed with [Rotary New Zealand World Community Service](#) to operate Disaster Aid serving communities in developing countries, Rotary New Zealand World Community Service was established to facilitate the international aid and development work undertaken by New Zealand Rotarians and their partners.

- Our club features in the latest Rotary Down Under – the article briefly covers the history and the current focus of Crippled Children's Society (now CCS Disability). Interestingly, the early impetus for the CCS was to help children with the effects of polio. You can read the article [here](#).

- The club extended our condolences to John Irwin on the death of his wife, Pauline.

What is meant by the Rotary term 'changeover'?

At every level of Rotary, the President is elected for one term. Changeover is when a President steps down to allow the new one to take over. The Rotary year runs from July 1 to June 30, so Changeover occasions are usually late June/early July. For those of us from dairy farms, it's the intriguing equivalent of Gypsy Day when sharemilking contracts end and bring and herds of cows can be seen being driven across the land!

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?src=nav>, or you may wish to invite them to a club meeting.

Interesting events



- May 27 (TOMORROW) – **Alex Sails the Atlantic** – Club member Alex Hare is the first to admit she has limited sailing experience, but this August, she'll sail from the UK to South America and then South Africa, as part of the Clipper Round the World Yacht race and to raise awareness for UNICEF. Join Alex at her first fundraising quiz night at Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club on Oriental Parade from 5pm. Info alex.hare@makeyourbed.org or 021 240 5713.

- 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. Assisted by Prefab owner, Jeff Kennedy, People's Coffee founder Matt Lamason has organised a charity fundraiser three-course dinner and silent auction. 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 Ramsey Margolis 021 97 3531 or ramsey@3531.nz.



- June 18 (Sun) – **Working bee at the Lock Hut**, Brookfield Scout Camp, Wainuiomata – they're looking forward to getting more volunteers as they push on to get the hut completed; more info Grant Uridge 021 448 8689 or grant@plus4.co.nz

- June 9 (Fri) **Corporate Tree Planting** on Mt Victoria – info Richard Norman 04 934 3279 or richard.norman@vuw.ac.nz
- July 1 (Sat) **Forest in the heart of Wellington** tree planting on Mt Victoria – info Richard Norman 04 934 3279 or richard.norman@vuw.ac.nz
- July 31 (Mon) – **Social enterprise Kickstart Awards** evening at the Wellington Club
- August 1 (Tue) – Forum 2017 **Wellington Achieving the Impossible Dream** – 12 local and international, established and emerging leaders will debate the future of our city and region
- September 7 & 8 (Thu & Fri) - **Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka Awards**

Rotary beyond our club

While the polio vaccine has meant the world is getting very close to eliminating polio, many people still suffer the effects of the disease. Here is a beautifully produced [video](#) giving us a sense of what this means for a young person in India. Despite her difficulties, the young girl in the video focuses on the need to prevent younger people contracting polio.

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

And the last word from me this week is that

At this week's club cocktail party the Prime Minister, an honorary member, helped us celebrate our club's considerable success in our 96th year. Congratulations to eight new Paul Harris Fellows – three Community PHFs (Rodney Macann, Nicky Riddiford and Rebecca Maresca), three first time club PHFs (John Emanuel, Joan Smith and Helen Algar) and two Sapphire Pins (Susan Satyanand and James Austin). Also, on the night we announced Marion Cowden (with Geoff Eades' support) as President Elect for 2018–19, which is a very strong succession plan. Rotary Club of Wellington is in good shape. Now to increase our membership – that's a task for you!



President Mark Wheeler

Speakers at upcoming meetings

- 5 June – No meeting for Queen's Birthday
- 12 June – Howard Broad on The National Security System
- 19 June – Robert and Charlotte Fisher on Iran/Persia Paradox
- 26 June – To be confirmed

Duty rosters

Starting time for duties is 12 noon, except evening meetings (4:50) – please arrange a substitute if unable to attend

29 May (evening meeting) at the Wellington Club

- **Visitors & guests** Rebecca Maresca
- **Greeters** Andrew Austin
- **Introducer & Thanker** Sir Anand Satyanand

05 June – Queens Birthday, No Rotary

12 June – lunch meeting at the James Cook

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

19 June – lunch meeting at the James Cook

- **Visitors & guests** Bob Stannard
- **Greeters** Bice Awan, Rachel Qi
- **Five minute talk** Tony Hasted "Tawa - A youth Silicon Valley".
- **Introducer & Thanker** Robert Fisher
- **Sergeant** Susan Satyanand
- **President's table** Robert Fisher, Susan Satyanand

Latest News

[Rotary Forum 2017 date announced for Tuesday 1 August](#)

[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

[Evening Meeting - 29 May 2017](#)

[Forest in the Heart of Wellington Tree Planting 10 June 2017](#)

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