



## *Presidents Post*

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

Hopefully everyone has been enjoying the Lions tour with Blues being able to beat the lions while the Crusaders were unable to do the same in the weekend. My Rotary year is fast approaching its end, I wish to thank all members for their aid and support for the year and I'm sure the upcoming year will see the club making strides in moving forward.

Due to Queen's Birthday public holiday there was no meeting this Tuesday. There was a board meeting that went well at Leole's and Raj.

This coming Tuesday we will be back at the Pavilion with Barbara Hay as guest speaker.

Hope to see you all on Tuesday.

Joe Howard

President

Rotary Club of Hutt River Valley

*Meeting Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> - No Meeting*

No photographs from last week due to Queen' Birthday so I have included some photos from earlier meetings.



Bowling night

Ten pin bowling night



Belgian exchange student Gaelle Ibarguen and District Chair Gaylene Lines.



Anna Trethewey, our candidate to the Science and Technology Forum with her mother and the Dean of Science at Taita College



## *Parting thought*

The Queen is most anxious to enlist everyone in checking this mad, wicked folly of 'Women's Rights'. It is a subject which makes the Queen so furious that she cannot contain herself.

Queen Victoria

"I myself prefer my New Zealand eggs for breakfast."

Queen Elizabeth

## *Upcoming programme*

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Hay

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Away meeting at Expressions Upper Hutt - TBC

**June 27<sup>th</sup> – Changeover – Due to the Lions/Hurricanes match changer over may be shifted to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Away meeting at Seashore Café Petone

July 11<sup>th</sup> – Electoral Forum

July 18<sup>th</sup> – Away, Movie Night

July 25<sup>th</sup> – Karen Morgan, Principal Taita College

## *Duties*

	13-Jun	20-Jun	27-Jun
Guest Speaker & Topic	Barbara Hay	Away - Expressions Upper Hutt	Changeover
Host	Ron Wainwright		
Set Up	Alan Thorburn		Alan Thorburn
Grace	Leole Malama-Prasad		
Thanks	John Anderson (G)		
Parting Thought	Dennis O'Grady		
Stewards & Tidy Up	Richard Bridge Graham Smeaton		



John and Judy Germ make the "Close" sign in front of The Spirit of Determination as part of the End Polio Now campaign. (Photo: Alyce Henson, Rotary International)



John Germ and Judy Germ

# LOOKING FORWARD, *Looking back*



John Germ with Jordan Fallon, of the Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri, NSW.

In his last month as Rotary International president John Germ reflects on the inspiring stories he has witnessed over the past two years including those from Down Under.



John Germ speaking at Chatterbox, Choc Choc at Nelson Institute, NZ.

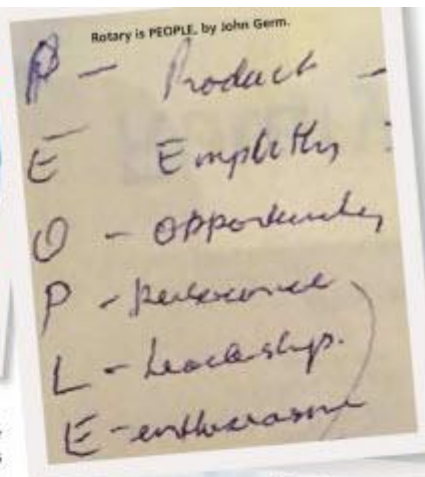
AS Judy and I have travelled the world for Rotary over the past two years, we've been reminded again and again of what motivates us in Rotary: the simple desire to be of assistance, to give a helping hand to



John and Judy Germ at Rotary Park in Melbourne, VIC.



John and Judy Germ at the 2017 International Assembly in San Diego, USA. (Photo: Alyce Henson, Rotary International)



those who need it. Whether it means building a blood bank in Uganda, delivering an X-ray machine to a village in Guatemala, or taking care of refugees in Lebanon, Rotarians are doing what is needed most for the people who are most in need. They're working hard for the communities they care about, helping the people of those communities lead better lives.

During our visits Down Under, we listened to your stories of the projects you are working on, and each month we read *Rotary Down Under* seeing many more.

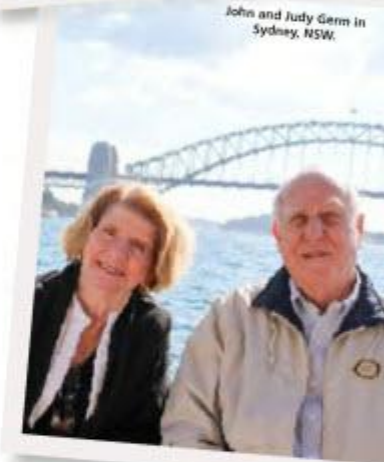
In this, my final month as your Rotary International president, I ask you to keep up your great work, and sometimes – when appropriate – to consider partnering with other organisations. That does not mean go out and fundraise for a charity that is doing what we are doing. What we should be doing is looking for organisations that can add value to projects, where they have skills that Rotary doesn't. We are a powerful force, however, we cannot be everywhere and do everything. By combining our strengths with those of other groups, we can create specific and improved impact in our

local and international communities.

In the following pages, there are some great examples of where this has happened in Zones 7b and 8. In this month's feature on Rotarians working to address health issues, there is the story of Rotarians in Western Australia working with the Earbus Foundation to help alleviate ear infections for the young in remote regions. Another example in Club Confidential is from the Rotary Club of Claremont, Tas, which partnered with their city council and the RSL club to build a walk of remembrance to honour the service and sacrifice of those from WWI, who were trained at the local military camp.

In Rotary, when someone needs help and you can give that help, you don't walk away. You don't turn your back. You say, I'm here for you. I'll do whatever I can. And I know that whatever I do, I'm not doing it alone – I'm doing it with *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

John F Germ  
President, Rotary International •



John and Judy Germ in Sydney, NSW.



John Germ tours the Orange Grove Centre, home to the John Germ Residing Centre, Chattanooga, USA. (Photo: Alyce Henson, Rotary International)



John Germ with past RI president Bill and Lorna Boyd and RI president elect Ian and Juliet Riseley