



## *Presidents Post*

Greetings Fellow Rotarians

I hope you are all safe and well and enjoying your weekend. I look forward to seeing you this week at the Naenae Bowling club.

At our last meeting our speaker was Alison from EarthLink assisted by Brittany; this proved a very interesting and fun filled evening. Fantastic use of interactive games, which I hate to admit none of us in attendance could solve. Maybe next time. Thanks to Pam, Lesley and Lorraine who attended as well.

We have no speaker this week, but we are still meeting at the bowling club for a fellowship night accompanied with a nice meal from the ladies in the kitchen. Your attendance at these informal get-togethers is appreciated. The following week is a fireside meeting with the host venue confirmed on Tuesday.

As I write this I would like to send get well wishes to Thorb who is undergoing surgery today. Hope to see you soon.

Thanks to those who have volunteered for the Te Omanga Hospice annual street appeal on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May and also to the four students from Taita College.

Be in quick for tickets to “The vicar of Dibley” on the 10<sup>th</sup> July as we now have presold 37 tickets with a further 43 to go. I will re-circulate the attendance sheet Tuesday; tickets are on a first come first served basis.

See you all on Tuesday.

Phil

President

Rotary Club of Hutt River Valley

## Meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May:

At last Tuesday's meeting we were addressed by two representatives from Earthlink; Alison and Brittany Hobcraft. Earthlink is involved in many different areas. Alison is employed as trainer in the area of pre-employment and is involved in work such as health and safety and job experience. Many of those people that they help do have some form of mental disability that ranges from the mild to very severe. The program involves initial classroom work then on the job work in as many jobs as possible.

Earthlink do in house recycling work and here some trainees find work in areas involving their recycling program or their horticulture program. Here they will deconstruct electronic gear to recycle what can be reused or and work with equipment that can be repaired.

With respect to horticulture they may repair and recycle equipment like lawn mowers and they do send workers out to do contract work.



Alison conducted exercises to demonstrate the difficulties involved where you attempt to do a task without training in the task.

Exercise one was a block of wood with hole in and thirteen nails. The task was to suspend all nails in air not touching anything except one nail, needless to say all failed until shown how it was done.

Exercise two involved looped cords around two people's wrists and looped and also crossed over each other, that is the two were linked together and the exercise was to part company without removing a loop from anyone's wrist. Again, all failed but there were some interesting contortions noticed while it was attempted.



### *Information Reminders*

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** – Changeover

**July 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>h</sup>** – Assistance with a collection for Women's Refuge on the Friday & Saturday of that weekend. Collection will be outside Stokes Valley New World and will run from 9am to 6pm

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** – Hutt Repertory visit to see "Vicar of Dibley"

## Parting Thought

No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.

## Upcoming Program

May 22 Meeting an Informal gathering

May 29 Meeting is a fireside meeting at home TBA

June 5 Jan Stephens plus Rose (from Avalon Intermediate) - their China experience.

June 12 Leole & Raj - their Japan holiday

June 19 Malcolm Bell "Being a white, grey haired male over 50 - the new disability."

## Duties

	22 May	29 May		
Guest Speaker & Topic	Informal Meeting Naenae Club	Home Meeting TBA		
Host				
Set Up	All as required			
Grace	John Anderson (G)			
Thanks				
Parting Thought	Leigh Sutton			