



President's Post

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

What a great speaker Casey organised for the last meeting. Matt Reid from the Hutt City council was enthusiastic and passionate about the role he plays and it was good to see a good attendance from our members.

This coming Tuesday is the 5th for the month of August so we are back at the Pavilion two weeks running. Our speakers are from the Te Omanga Hospice and they have also asked if we could support their charity shops with donations of clothes or any other items to be dropped off at the charity shop.

I look forward to seeing you all again this week, please remember to contact Russell if for any reason you are unable to attend.
Cheers

Peter Chaney

President

Rotary Club of Hutt River Valley

Meeting Tuesday 22nd Matt Reid, Hutt City Council

Matt Reid, Community Manager for the Hutt City Council gave us his views on what he saw around the Hutt that he thought was good, bad and ugly.

Matt started with a tribute to Angus and then noted that his three great driving passions were for the Hutt, New Zealand kids and Hutt's Public Facilities.

Matt then gave us some examples of things around that Hutt that came into:



The Bad – Avalon Park building, skateboard park by motorway and Naenae library.



The Ugly – a high proportion of “high deprivation” in community.

The Good – Walter Nash Centre which led to a 90% reduction of tagging in the area, Fraser Park construction started, SV Hub and Huia pool development.

Matt also touched on the social programs in operation and starting in the Hutt Valley that among other

things will focus on libraries, literacy and arts. Matt noted some of these programs such as the Northeast Pathways Project with Avalon Intermediate, the Youth Inspire Trust helping young people who have dropped out of the system and have placed over 330 kids in jobs and he suggested that everyone should check out their website.



Matt is very close to a lot of these social programs and he said that the City is doing more than ever.

Parting thought

Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, your right.

Henry Ford

Promises and pie-crust are made to be broken.

Jonathan Swift

Upcoming programme

August 29th – Lesley Sliker from Te Omanga Hospice

September 5th – Club Forum, venue TBC

September 12th – Karen Morgan, Principal Taita College

September 19th – Dowse Museum

September 26th – Pita Pit night

October 3rd – Huia Poole visit

October 17th – DG Visit

October 24th – Ten Pin Bowling

October 31st – Quiz night

November 7th – Hub Visit

November 14th – John Anderson

November 21st – BBQ Belmont Domain

November 28th – Christmas Parade preparation night

December 5th – Christmas Party

Duties

	29-Aug	5-Sep	12-Sep	19-Sep	26-Sep	3-Oct
Guest Speaker & Topic	Lesley Sliker, Te Omanga Hospice	Club Forum. Venue TBC	Karen Morgan. Taita College Principal	Away visit - Dowse Museum	Pita Pit night	Huia Pool visit
Host	Richard Beaufort		John Anderson (T)			
Set Up	Richard Stephen		Alan Thorburn			
Grace	Joe Howard		Ron Wainwright			
Thanks	Phil Hankinson		Graham Smeaton			
Parting Thought	Russell Poole		Leole Malama-Prasad			
Stewards & Tidy Up	Ron Wainwright Raj Prasad		Casey Diver Keith McKenzie			

Taita College

About four months ago the Club received an approach from the Rotary Club of Upper Hutt to ask if we would like to assist with a project to provide computers for music study to Taita College.

The proposal was that Taita College, the Rotary Club of Upper Hutt and our club would put in \$3000 each and Upper Hutt would apply for a "District Matching Grant".

At a Club meeting it was agreed that the Club would support this project.

Below is the message just received from the Chair of the District Grants Committee.

We now have the money available for distribution from the District Grants allocation from Rotary International.

As you were made aware we had more clubs requesting funds for projects than we had money allocated to us. In your case the final amount allocated for your Computers in Schools project is \$9000

Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species



Rotarians, pigmy elephants, the rescue team and Fonterra milk!

This Rotarian Action Group is dedicated to the protection of Endangered Species initially with a special emphasis on the plight of African Rhinos, Elephants and Mountain Gorillas. Their website at <http://www.endangeredrag.org/> contains interesting information about their work to date including a TVNZ News item featuring our very own District 9940 "Kiwi Rotarian" Debbie Mair working with orphaned Borneo Pygmy Elephants in the Malaysian jungle. This project will see the local community gain from the support of the Rotary Action Group for endangered species project with community economic support with animal sustainability welfare benefit for the future betterment of the local pygmy elephants.