



## President's Post

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

We had a good muster for the film night last Tuesday and raised \$274.50 for club projects and events.

I found the film enjoyable but felt it was more of a travelogue than a story. However as in the past I spent a month working in Paris I found the French attitude towards food that was depicted in the film was typical of the many Frenchmen who entertained me at that time.

I hope you all are able to attend our meeting this coming Tuesday as our speaker Prue Lamason is always very informative on all Wellington regional issues.

Peter Chaney

President

Rotary Club of Hutt River Valley

## Meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Movie Evening

Unfortunately due to some miscommunication our speaker, Karen Morgan, was unable to attend so we ended up with a social gathering. Karen has been rescheduled for next month.

With no photos from the evening I have added some photos featuring Leole, the young AG from our Club.



## *Parting thought*

“The whole of life is just like watching a film. Only it's as though you always get in ten minutes after the big picture has started, and no-one will tell you the plot, so you have to work it out all yourself from the clues.”

Terry Pratchett

## *Upcoming programme*

August 8<sup>th</sup> – Prue Lamason

August 15<sup>th</sup> – Butcher and Brewer Petone

August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Matt Reid, HCC

August 29<sup>th</sup> – Jimmy Ballentyne, HCC/TBD

September 5<sup>th</sup> – Club Forum, venue TBC

September 12<sup>th</sup> – Karen Morgan, Principal Taita College

September 19<sup>th</sup> – Dowse Museum

September 26<sup>th</sup> – Pita Pit night

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Huia Poole visit

October 17<sup>th</sup> – DG Visit

October 24<sup>th</sup> – Ten Pin Bowling

October 31<sup>st</sup> – Quiz night

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Hub Visit

November 14<sup>th</sup> – John Anderson

November 21<sup>st</sup> – BBQ Belmont Domain

November 28<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Parade preparation night

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party

## Duties

	8-Aug	15-Aug	22-Aug	29-Aug	5-Sep
Guest Speaker & Topic	Prue Lamason	Away TBA	Matt Reid HCC	Jimmy Ballentyne HCC	Club Forum. Venue TBC
Host	John Anderson (G)		Richard Bridge	Richard Beaufort	
Set Up	Alan Thorburn		Alan Thorburn	Alan Thorburn	
Grace	Richard Stephen		Keith McKenzie	Joe Howard	
Thanks	Leole Malama-Prasad		Casey Diver	Phil Hankinson	
Parting Thought	John Anderson (T)		Stuart Blake	Russell Poole	
Stewards & Tidy Up	Phil Hankinson Peter Wright		Graham Smeaton Leigh Sutton	Richard Stephen Raj Prasad	

## District Governor Mitch's August Message

### **The start of the year Focus - Membership and New Club Development Month**

Fiona and I have been fortunate to attend a number of Club Changeovers - in fact we have attended 16 Club changeovers and also hosted the District Changeover at the Palmerston North Fire Station as well as welcomed my own Club President Don Searle into the fold in my own Club with the presentation of the Presidential Chains !!

Membership Matters and we need to invest in members having knowledge of Rotary and the ability to talk about Rotary with prospective new members. The District Chairs of Rotary Leadership Institute and Club Development and Membership have committed to 8 workshop sessions through late July, August and in to September. Please encourage your new members and club leaders to attend these sessions which will invest Rotary knowledge into your Club.

Great work in the Naki has culminated in the chartering of the New Rotary Satellite Club for Stratford. Whilst this Club will not be formally chartered to September, it demonstrates a template of engagement with the community and engagement with a new generation of Rotarian's. This will ensure a contemporary style of Rotary will be available for our new Rotary Club membership. A preliminary interest meeting has been held to establish a New Rotary Generations Club of Palmerston North Square. This club is targeted at young professionals who will meet with connection through social media and enjoying the opportunity to work together to support Rotary Clubs

and projects in Palmerston North where the objective of Doing Good in the Community is achieved.

### **Rotary International Youth Exchange In-bounds Arrive!!**

Along with our returned Rotary Australia New Zealand Exchange Students and their Australian twins is a very warm and special welcome to our recently arrived 6 inbound Rotary International Youth Exchange students. I was so pleased to have the opportunity to meet three of the students as they arrived in Palmerston North. I look forward to meeting the full team at the Induction Weekend coming up soon. A great program that is ensuring we engage our Clubs with youth and international relations with Rotary on the world stage. Thank you to Chair Lynne Phillips and her team for creating great momentum with this youth program and I encourage all Clubs to consider getting involved in the program, even if to offer a weekend or time to host a student in your part of the District. Contact the RIYE Committee to seek out opportunities to meet and host these amazing students.

### **Club Visits start soon and have your Club information updated and entered into Rotary Club Central**

To ensure all Clubs have a plan noted for the year with goals and targets across the areas of focus set by the Club President and their Board and Club leadership team - Rotary Club Central is the repository of this information. I have asked all Assistant Governors and their Presidents to confirm their plans and goals in the MyRotary - Rotary Club Central site.

The District Governor Club visit will provide me with an opportunity to chat to the Club about your plan in overview and how you plan to be "Going Wild About Rotary".

I would encourage you to have a look through and update your Club information in MyRotary - Rotary Club Central, and if you need a hand with this please contact your Assistant Governor.

<https://rcc.rotary.org/#/dashboard>

For our time together at the Club meeting, I would also encourage you to invite your Rotarian club member partners and your friends in the community who you either currently or will be working with this year. Please also invite potential Club members and Club partners to attend your meeting With the chance to showcase your Rotary Club work. It will be great opportunity to connect with the community and experience what your Club has planned and are delivering this year to your community.

Go Wild About Rotary in August to increase your membership and develop your Club.

## Rotary Emergency Response Kits



ERK's in storage in Raratonga

It's time to fundraise again

With the next cyclone season starting in October, now is the time to get Clubs on to fund-raising for more ERKs.

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for several days. Each kit is purpose-designed for the Pacific. It holds over 60 items packed in a 78-litre container

Every year, the Pacific island countries face the threat of devastating cyclones or tsunamis. We all know about those mega cyclones that struck over the last few years – Cyclone Winston in Fiji in 2016 and Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu in 2015. Thanks to Rotary Emergency Response Kits (ERKs), New Zealand Rotary Clubs have been in the front line of New Zealand's response working closely with MFAT and local governments.

Families can lose everything, but with an ERK, a family is able to construct a basic shelter, clothe themselves and find food for several days. Each kit is purpose-designed for the Pacific. It holds over 60 items packed in a 78-litre container – including a bush knife, fishing gear, a hunting knife, cooking equipment, a folding shovel for digging trenches, a medical pack, clothing and bed covers for warmth. The tarpaulins included are incredibly useful, providing temporary or even longer-term shelter with a bit of ingenuity using the hammer and nails provided. The container itself can be used to capture and store water safely with the purifying tablets provided.

A fellow Rotarian, Nick Hurley, now with the Wellington Club and incoming Chair of District 9940's International Services Committee, has experienced first-hand the real value of the ERKS. Nick was in Samoa during the 2012 Cyclone Evan – as both a member of the Apia Rotary Club and as New Zealand High Commissioner.

“The Cyclone hit with surprising fury, deluging Apia with tsunami-like force,” said Nick. “It caused fourteen deaths and extensive damage in both the Apia, and the southern coast.

“Our Rotary Club was out there delivering much needed Emergency Response Kits on the first day after the disaster,” said Nick. “Fortunately, we were able to use kits that were already pre-positioned just for such an emergency. Families who had lost everything were extremely grateful.”

“I was privileged when in the Cook Islands in 2015 and 2016 to support the ERKs in Rarotonga as both a local Rotary Club member and as New Zealand High Commissioner. Fortunately, the Cook Islands missed any significant cyclone damage during that time. But the Cook Islands is well prepared thanks to Rotary and MFAT.”

Auckland Rotarians do a fantastic job by buying, packing and shipping ERKs. Prepositioned stocks of ERKs are held in readiness by Rotary Clubs in Samoa, Fiji, the Cook Islands and Tonga for immediate distribution when needed, with substantial co-funding by MFAT. And extra supplies are held in Auckland ready to be sent quickly to any disaster areas in the Pacific Islands.

In February 2016 over 1,000 ERK's were distributed after Cyclone Winston devastated Fiji.

With the next cyclone season starting in October, now is the time to get Clubs on to fund-raising for more ERKs. They cost around \$600 and are a very cost-effective way of helping in our region. Every Club is encouraged to make at least one annual \$600 donation.

[And remember, our District 9940 began the ERKS scheme back in 1983.](#)