



Presidents Post

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

Hope everyone had an enjoyable week with all the changeable weather we have been having lately.

This past Tuesday a select few members had an informal dinner at Brew'd (formally the Hardware) in Stokes Valley. The meal I had I found very tasty and I also enjoyed the fellowship. I was pleased to see honorary member Howard Anderson also attend.

This coming Tuesday we are back at the Pavilion, hosting the Petone Rotary Club while we have Gaelle Ibarguen (current Belgium Rotary exchange student with Tawa Rotary) and Gaylene Lines (chair of youth committee, with Tawa Rotary) talking to clubs. It is an Irish theme so come in Green and it is also a partner's night.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Pavilion on Tuesday.

Joe Howard

President

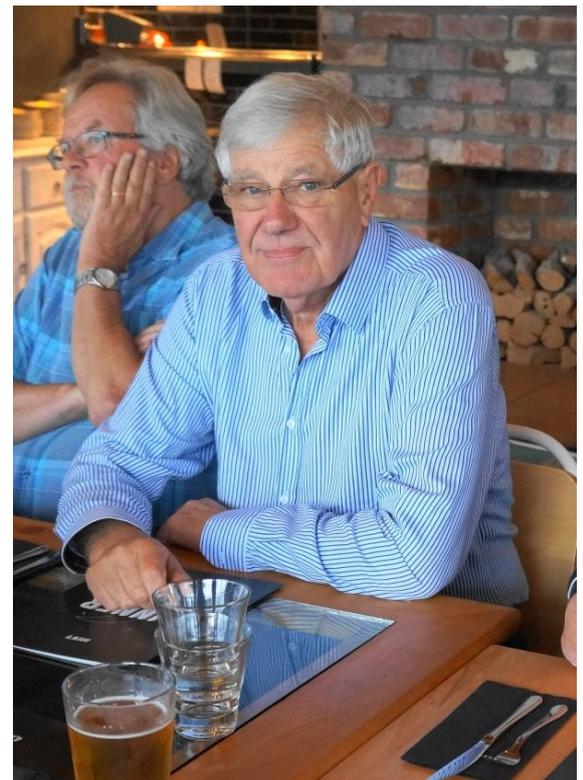
Rotary Club of Hutt River Valley

Meeting Tuesday March 21st Brew'd

A group of eighteen members, partners and a honorary member had a most enjoyable evening at the newly refurbished "Hardware Bar", now "Brew'd"

It was a fantastic evening of good fellowship combines with good food and service. From the comments I heard the change noticed by all was favourable with very nice meals at a reasonable price.

The new facility has made an impression on all and from what I have noticed it is well patronised, a definite asset to the Valley.



Parting Thought

"A fruit is a vegetable with looks and money. Plus, if you let fruit rot, it turns into wine, something Brussels sprouts never do."

-- P. J. O'Rourke"

If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world.

J. R. R. Tolkien

Upcoming Events

March 28th – A visit by Rotary Club of Petone to our Club. Note that this is a partner's night with a "GREEN" theme so come prepared.

April 4th – Away TBA

April 11th – Caroline Martin Police

April 18th – Away TBA

April 25th – Anzac Day – No Meeting

Duties

	28-Mar	4-Apr	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr
Guest Speaker & Topic	Petone Rotary Club visit	Away TBA	Caroline Martin Police	Away TBA	Anzac Day No Meeting
Host	Joe Howard		Stu Blake		
Set Up	Alan Thorburn		Richard Stephen		
Grace	Richard Beaufort		Ron Wainwright		
Thanks	Joe Howard		Phil Hankinson		
Parting Thought	Raj Prasad		Keith McKenzie		
Stewards & Tidy Up	Peter Chaney Casey Diver		Russell Poole Peter Wright		

Making a splash on World Water Day! - March 22nd

Today, World Water Day is a wonderful opportunity to take a look back at the goals Rotary members have achieved in the Wash, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector. Founded in 2007, the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (Wasrag) strived to reach the Millennium Development Goal's target of reducing the number of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by 50% by the year 2015. Rotary members around the world played a significant role in meeting that ambition goal, five years ahead of schedule.

But, nearly 663,000 million people lack access to safe water.* There is still much work to be done. The new Sustainable Development Goal 6 is calling for action to ensure everyone has access to water and sanitation by 2030.

Join WASH-minded Rotarians in meeting the water challenge, providing sanitation and most importantly – adopting proper hygiene practices. Rotary is leading the charge in many areas, including:

- [Rotary's WASH in Schools Target Challenge](#): a pilot program to develop sustainable WASH and education projects in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, India and Kenya.
- Partnering with the [U.S Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#) to implement sustainable, long-term projects to improve water supply, sanitation, and hygiene in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and the Philippines.
- Providing clean, safe water to [every public school in Lebanon](#), so students can be healthier and be able to focus on their education.
- A [major program in Mali](#), one of the world's poorest countries, to rehabilitate old water points and build new ones. The project also includes construction of a number of public latrines in schools, markets and health centers.





These are just a few examples of the many Rotary projects focused on WASH! Make this World Water Day the day you commit to joining Rotary's water team by taking action. Contact us at info@wasrag.org or learn more at www.wasrag.org.

WGM Update



As of **March 10, 2017**:

- There have been **3,608** events registered in **73** countries.
- More than **203,700** participants worldwide
- USD **\$2,431,390.60** has been raised (a total of USD **\$7,294,171.80** with matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)

This translates to **enough funds to buy more than 12,156,000 polio vaccinations!!**

- See more at: <http://rotary9940.org/stories/wgm-update/#sthash.tNREzpAA.dpuf>