



Presidents Post

Greetings Fellow Rotarians

A short message from me this week as I just want to give a few updates on the week.

Firstly, thank you to all those who came along to our meeting on Tuesday with our guest speaker Melama who we sent on IYM to talk about her experience. It was encouraging to know that we are contributing to the growth of youth in the valley whether it be through science or leadership.

Secondly for our upcoming meeting we have Clare Ennis this week from the Wellington Hospitals Foundation and my hope is that we have a good turnout for the speaker. Any apologies please send them to Graham.

Finally, an update from Hutt Women's Refuge; they will be purchasing the electronic gate they talked about in their presentation. I was told from Philippa Wells that our drive helped get them over the line and purchase the gate for additional security for their clients and staff. It's been a massive effort and the team at Hutt Women's Refuge is incredibly thankful for the time we took out in Stokes Valley.

That's all from me for now see you on Tuesday night.

Kind regards Casey Diver

President

Rotary Club of Hutt River Valley

Guest speaker 17th July

Our guest was Melama, a year 12 student from Taita College who was as an attendee reporting back on her experiences having recently taken part in the Innovative Young Minds programme.



Melama visited local universities, Fraser Engineering and Flight Plastics to view technological developments. Her current curriculum areas include maths and physics

Participation in this programme has expanded her horizons. Prior to participation her future career focus was architecture, but she is now giving serious consideration to an engineering career.

Melama was initially interviewed by Graham Smeaton and Peter Wright.

Summing up the experience Melama said she had gained a valuable insight into the array of career choices in the wider world. Her attitude now;

"If you can't keep up with me I'll move on."



Information and Reminders

President Casey: Vicar of Dibley raised \$480.00. Hutt Women's Refuge street appeal raised \$821.00. We plan to endorse Hutt Repertory by supporting them via attending one of their shows on an annual basis.

A movie evening is planned for October at the Lighthouse in Petone.

Please remember apologies for non-attendance at meetings now go to **Graham Smeaton**.

Richard Stephen: Plans to train a group of club members on website updating via Club Runner tentatively on a Sunday afternoon in the first week of August.

Peter Chaney: Fines from sergeant's sessions will be used to support L.H.C.C. and Hutt Rotary Clubs Innovative Young Minds programme.

August 7th - Dr. Dragos Bratanu - "*The Pursuit of Dreams*." Our mission is to empower people to make their dreams a reality anywhere they start, and to heal from anxiety, depression, and addiction. The side benefits of these include reducing poverty, career advancement, and increasing wellbeing.

September 9th – Bowling for Polio at the Naenae Bowling Club 2-00 to 6-00pm. A number of clubs from around the region will be attending.

Duties

	24 July	31-July	7-August
Guest Speaker & Topic	Clare Ennis (CCDHB)	Fire side meeting at Casey Diver's	Dr Dragos Bratanu The Pursuit of Dreams
Host	Richard Bridge		John A (Trans)
Set Up	Richard Stephen		Thorb
Grace	Peter Wright		Jo H
Thanks	Richard Beaufort		Peter C
Parting Thought	Stu Blake		Graham S