



President's Post

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

We had an interesting tour through the Huia Pool complex and all were impressed with the facilities that are now available.

This coming week we have the visit from our District Governor. We need the board to meet with him at 5pm at the pavilion. We then have the meeting at our normal time of 6 for 6.30. It is important that we remember to invite our partners and remember to wear **pink** or **purple** to celebrate World Polio Day. I look forward to seeing you all there.

This will be my last meeting as Graham will be taking over the reins for the next three months.

Cheers

Peter Chaney

President

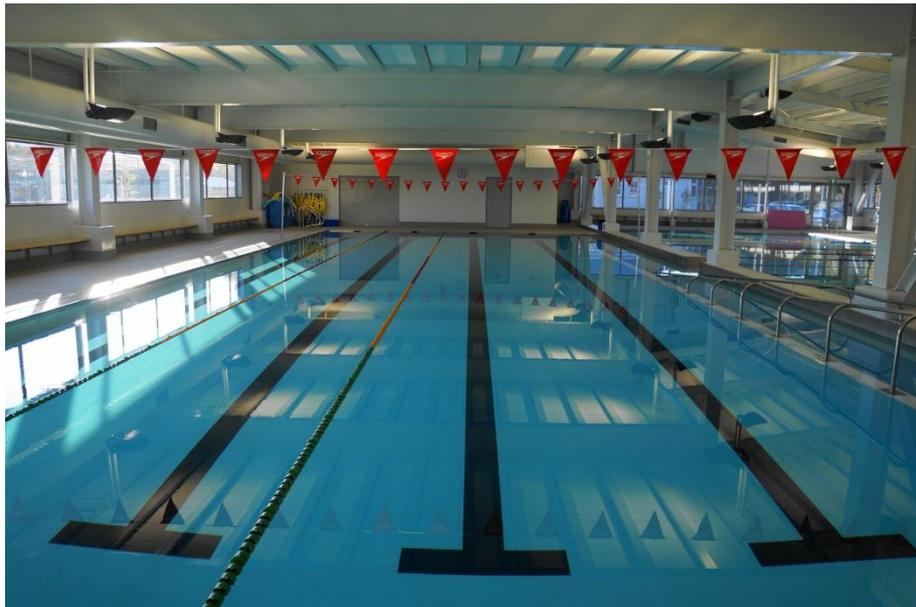
Rotary Club of Hutt River Valley

Meeting Tuesday 3rd October - Huia Pool Visit

A small group of about ten members had a quick tour through the Huia Pool Complex. During the visit we saw the new



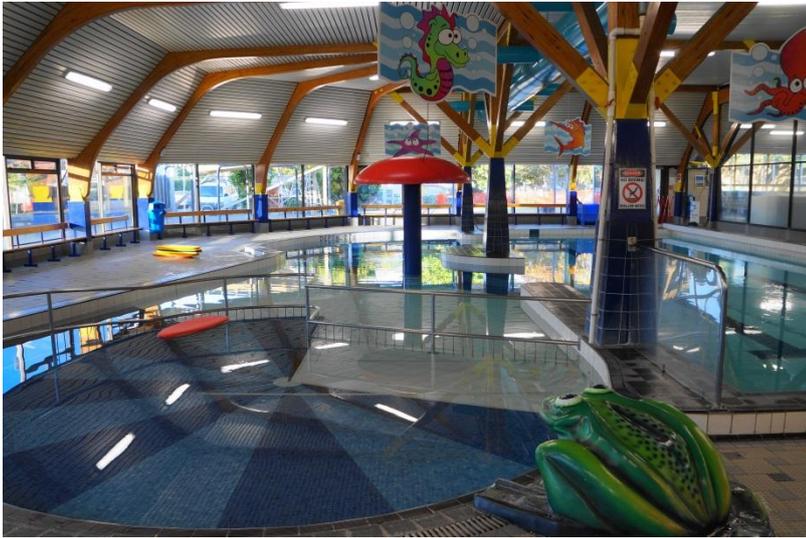
Hydrotherapy pool seen below and the gym area, also a bit can be seen below.



We also had a quick trip into the older pool areas covering the main pool and the kids pool area.

Again only a small number of Rotarians attended and seven of those attending went to Taste Amazing for a meal and a most enjoyable evening of fun and fellowship.





Parting thought

Swimming is a confusing sport, because sometimes you do it for fun, and other times you do it to not die. And when I'm swimming, sometimes I'm not sure which one it is.

Demetri Martin

Many people cycle or swim to keep trim. But if swimming is so good for the figure, how do you explain whales?

Charles Saatchi

Upcoming programme

October 10th - DG Visit, Remember this is a partners evening with a **PINK** or **PURPLE** themed evening for Polio.

October 17th – Ten Pin Bowling

October 24th – No Meeting

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

	10-Oct	17-Oct	24-Oct	31-Oct	7-Nov
Guest Speaker & Topic	DG Club visit	Ten Pin Bowling	No Meeting	Quiz Night	Visit to Stokes Valley Hub
Host	Peter Chaney				
Set Up	Alan Thorburn				
Grace	Richard Bridge				
Thanks	Leole Malama-Prasad				
Parting Thought	Peter Wright				
Stewards & Tidy Up	John Anderson(T) Ron Wainwright				

Presidential theme 2017-18 | Rotary: Making a Difference



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Clubs will make a difference this year through their own decisions, but it will take teamwork on a global scale to move Rotary forward and secure its future. “We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone,”

In 2017-18, we’ll answer the question “What is Rotary?” with RI President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley’s theme, Rotary: Making a Difference. “Whether we’re building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people’s lives — in ways large and small — for the better.”

Our President has challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

“It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring,” Riseley said. “I believe the greater

result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself.”

In his address to 2017-18 district governors, Riseley also urged clubs to improve their gender balance and lower the average age of their members.

Only 22 percent of Rotary’s members are women, up from 13 percent 10 years ago. At that rate, Riseley said, it will take another three decades for Rotary to achieve gender parity. “Three decades is far too long to wait to achieve a Rotary that reflects the world in which we live. We need to make it a priority now,” he said.

Riseley also believes it is imperative that clubs find ways to attract and engage younger members. Today only 5 percent of reported members are under 40, and a majority of members are over 60, Riseley told the audience.

“Consider what Rotary stands to look like 10 or 20 years from now if we don’t get very serious, very soon, about bringing in younger members,” Riseley said.