



Presidents Post

Greetings Fellow Rotarians

A big thank you goes to the members who were able to attend our first formal meeting of the year. It was a great presentation by Clare Ennis from Wellington Hospitals Foundation. She has asked me if any members would be keen to volunteer for their appeal on the 24th August by Stokes Valley New World. I have not come back to her with an answer, but my thoughts were if any individual Rotarian was keen that they could join the appeal rather than commit the club so soon after an appeal. My intention is not to have Rotarians running appeals in the cold every month, but I will not stand in the way of Rotarians that may wish to do so.

As mentioned in an earlier communique we have received provision District Funding of \$1000 to go towards the Dictionaries in Schools project. I know this will mean a sizeable portion of our order will not be derived from club funds which will free us up for other new projects. Big thank you to Richard Stephen and Phil Hankinson for their effort on this.

This week we will be at **Richard Bridges House 31 McEnroe Grove, Nanae**. Please get your apologies to Graham by Monday as Richard intends to cook.

Finally, Hutt Women's Refuge will be purchasing the security gate they showed us during their presentation this year. While we were but one of the collection points I was told by Phillipa that our intake made the difference. Everyone who volunteered should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Well that's it from me see you at Richard's.

Kind regards Casey Diver

President

Rotary Club of Hutt River Valley

Guest speaker 24th July

Our guests were Clare Ennis and her colleague Lindsay, community events and fundraising officers for Capital and Coast Districts Health Board. Their role is to fund equipment for care items at Wellington Children's Hospital, Wellington hospital, Kenepuru Hospital and Kapiti Health Centre. 100% funding comes from the community.



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Hospi is the organisation's mascot. He brings great joy to the children in hospital.



Currently a three storey rebuild of Wellington Children's Hospital is underway and this will be completed by the end of 2020. This facility will require a six million dollar fit out and will consequently be a target for future fundraising.

Their foundation's website for further information: whf.org.nz.

The next Children's' Hospital Street Appeal is 24 August.

Information and Reminders

President Casey: Invitations to attend our bowls function in September have gone out to all local clubs. Tawa club will be entering two teams of eight. I will also be looking to book the bowling green on an informal night in August to get some club practice in, in expectation of the Bowling for Polio Tournament in September

I am also on the lookout for guest speakers for the next couple of months if you have one that is exciting and fits the bill for a formal meeting please feel free to get in touch with myself or Graham.

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**. The web page apologies section has been altered to incorporate Graham's email address.

Richard Stephen: The training session for club members on website updating via Club Runner will be held at **Naenae club on Wednesday 1st August 5-00 to 7-30pm**. Please bring your laptops.

Phil Hankinson: Phil is our new treasurer. New accounts have recently been forwarded to all members.

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

	31-July	7-August
Guest Speaker & Topic	Fire side meeting at Richard Bridge's	Dr Dragos Bratanu The Pursuit of Dreams
Host		John A (Trans)
Set Up		Thorb
Grace		Jo H
Thanks		Peter C
Parting Thought		Graham S

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If at first you don't succeed, don't try sky diving!!!