



## President's Post

Greetings Fellow Rotarians

I hope you all are continuing to enjoy our record breaking summer and more recently Waitangi Day.

This coming week sees us back to the Avalon Pavilion on Tuesday 13 February for the first more formal meeting of the year. This follows January activities including the night at the Naenae Bowling Club on 23 January and the fun bowls night at the Stokes Valley Club. Our thanks must go to Russell Poole for his arrangements on the bowls night ; great commitment despite his recent resignation due to his unavailability on Tuesday nights - and not forgetting his Xmas parade organisation as well as his rsvp catering liaison duties. We know he will continue to be involved with the Club as his other commitments permit..

This week we are due to discuss whether the Naenae Bowling Club might be a future permanent meeting venue for the club. Those that visited and dined there in January will have first hand knowledge and views to share. Since then John Anderson (Transport), Alan Thorburn and myself have met with both the Club's Manager and Caterer to get more detailed information (including costs and likely arrangements). It is proposed that we discuss these on an issue by issue basis on Tuesday to see if we can all reach consensus on these and the likely way ahead. So it is an important meeting so please make it if you can.

Also don't forget Richard Stephen is looking for volunteers for the Petone Fair on Saturday 17 February for our usual shelter box promotion and fund raising.

That's all for now. See you Tuesday.

Graham

President

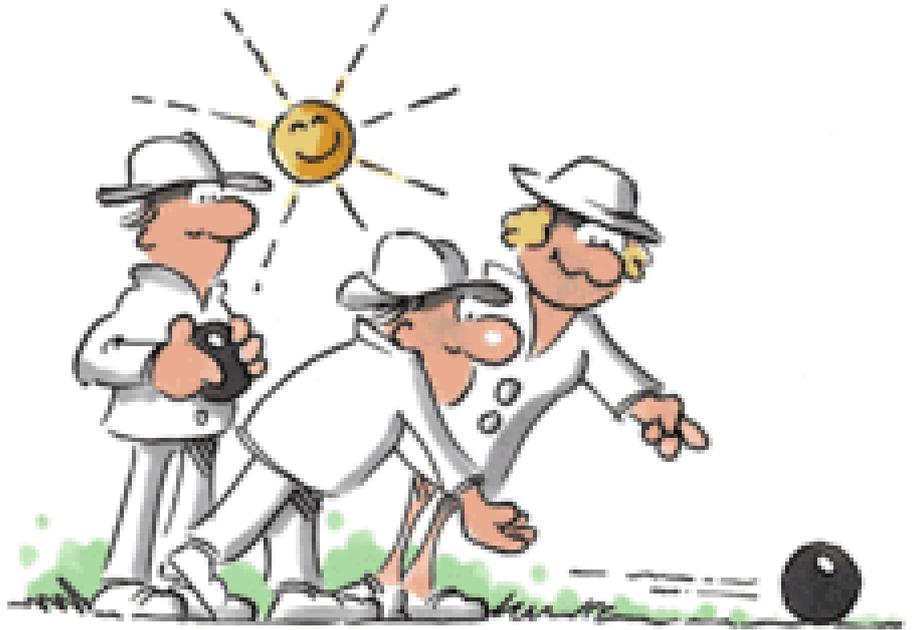
Rotary Club of Hutt River Valley

## Meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Informal Meeting

This meeting was held at the new “Naenae Bowls” facility, partly as our first informal meeting for the year and secondly to enable those that attended to check out the place as a possible new meeting venue.

About seventeen or eighteen members and partners turned up and we had a visiting Rotarian from Christchurch join us.

The venue I think is a good prospect and as President Graham noted we will be discussing it this Tuesday so it would be great if we could have a big turnout of members.



I seem to have deleted all the photos I took of this meeting so nothing to show for the meeting. I can hear big sighs of relief from all.

## Parting thought

“In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is strength, in water there is bacteria.”

David Auerbach

## Upcoming programme

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** – No Meeting – Waitangi Day

**February 13<sup>th</sup>** – First formal meeting for the year where our own Peter Chaney will be talking about recent trips

**February 17<sup>th</sup>** – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> is the day for the Petone Fair and we will again be collecting for Shelter Box. Again anyone who can help will be appreciated, please put in your diaries.

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** – Golf Tournament – an important event for the club, please add to your diaries now because we need all the help we can get. You may need to make arrangements because this day is a Friday.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE FOR OUR GOLF TOURNAMENT HAS CHANGED.**

## Meeting Duties

	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb
Guest Speaker & Topic	Club Forum	Away Meeting	Speaker TBA
Host			Ron Wainwright
Set Up	Alan Thorburn		Alan Thorburn
Grace	John Anderson (G)		Joe Howard
Thanks			Peter Wright
Parting Thought	Richard Beaufort		Dennis O'Grady
Stewards & Tidy Up	Phil Hankinson Raj Prasad		Leole Malama-Prasad Graham Smeaton

## Rotaract

What are Rotaract Clubs, with one being started at Taita College it may be worth finding out.

Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.

In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service. From big cities to rural villages, Rotaract is changing communities like yours.

Rotaract clubs decide how to organize and run their club, manage their own funds, and plan and carry out activities and service projects aligned with causes that are important to your community. Rotary sponsor clubs offer guidance and support and work with the new club they have formed as partners in service.

At present there are 9,522 Rotaract Clubs with 291,06 members in 177 countries.

## Shelter Box

With our Shelter Box collection taking place at the Petone Fair next Saturday some facts may give you a better understanding of the Shelter Box program.

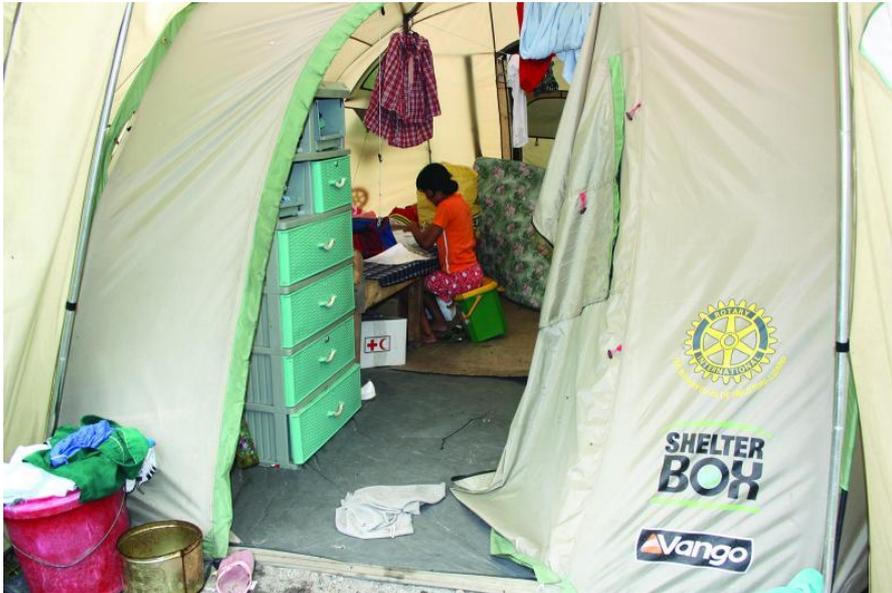
In July, RI and ShelterBox announced the extension of a three-year project partnership to provide emergency shelter, a natural fit according to both organizations.



**Tents have partitions inside that allow recipients to divide space however they want.**

Rotarians, along with Rotaractors and Interactors, have contributed **\$48 million, or 40 percent of ShelterBox's revenue**, from the UK-based nonprofit's inception in 2000 through 2015. (ShelterBox was founded by a Rotarian but is independent of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.)

The signature green boxes feature Rotary's logo and are adapted to fit the emergency before being transported on scant notice. Most boxes include family-size



tents, though the contents differ depending on the disaster and climate. Many are packed with solar lights, water storage and purification equipment, thermal blankets, and cooking utensils. Depending on need, the organization may deliver ShelterKits, smaller aid packages that include tools, ropes, and heavy tarpaulins used to provide emergency shelter and repair damaged structures.

**ShelterBoxes provide people with more than just shelter. Tents also contain items like cooking sets, solar lights, blankets, and activity sets for children.**

“The partnership between Rotary and ShelterBox has provided a place of refuge to people facing some of the most difficult and uncertain moments in their lives,” says RI General Secretary John Hewko. Tapping Rotary’s strengths, not just its funds, has nurtured ShelterBox, adds its chief executive, Chris Warham.

Rotary has been a key player in ShelterBox’s success, beginning with the adoption of the nonprofit by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, England, in 2000.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/shelterbox-and-rotary-help-disasters>

Follow the link for more information.