



President's Post

Greetings Fellow Rotarians

I hope you are all safe and well and enjoying your weekend. I look forward to seeing you this week at our first fireside for a little while at Richard Stephens's home at 10B Marina Grove Lower Hutt. Thanks in advance for hosting our meeting.

Firstly our condolences to the Smeaton family with the passing of their mother last week. Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this sad but also a joyous time remembering her long and fruitful life.

At our last meeting we had a great fellowship meeting at Naenae which went off pretty well with good attendance and lots of discussion.

Thanks in advance to Graham S & Peter W for interviewing our student from Taita College for the Innovative Young Minds program.

Be in quick for tickets to "The vicar of Dibley" on the 10th July as we now have presold 39 tickets with a further 41 to go. I will re-circulate the attendance sheet Tuesday; tickets are on a first come first served basis.

See you all on Tuesday at Richard's.

Phil

President

Rotary Club of Hutt River Valley

Meeting Tuesday 22nd May

A small group of members enjoyed a social gathering with good fellowship and all round general discussion.

I guess all are relieved, I was not present last week so no new photos.



Notices

June 26th – Changeover

July 6th to 7h – Assistance with a collection for Women’s Refuge on the Friday & Saturday of that weekend. Collection will be outside Stokes Valley New World and will run from 9am to 6pm

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Parting Thought

Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive.

Elbert Hubbard

Yield to temptation. It may not pass your way again.

Robert A. Heinlein

Upcoming programme

May 29 - Meeting is a fireside meeting at Richard Stephen’s home 10B Marina Grove.

June 5 - Dave Appleyard - team lead - Rata St, Amy Taylor - Rata St, Rose Campbell - Avalon Intermediate and Jan Stephen - Naenae College – speaking about their China experience.

June 12 - Leole & Raj - their Japan holiday

June 19 - Malcolm Bell “Being a white, grey haired male over 50 - the new disability.”

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Meeting Duties

	29-May	5-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun
Guest Speaker & Topic	Fire Side Meeting. 10B Marina Grove	District Team - China Experience	Leole and Raj - "Japan Holiday"	Malcolm Bell "Being a white, grey haired male over 50 - the new disability."	Changeover
Host		Richard Stephen	Graham Smeaton	Peter Chaney	
Set Up		Alan Thorburn	Alan Thorburn	Alan Thorburn	
Grace		Peter Wright	Joe Howard	John Anderson (T)	
Thanks		Stuart Blake	Casey Diver	Richard Bridge	
Parting Thought		John Anderson (G)	Keith McKenzie	Raj Prasad	

If you are unable to do your duty would everyone please make an effort to get another member to do it for you.

RANZSE IN ACTION

RANZSE STUDENT, Ariana Davis flew to Australia starting her 12 week **Exchange** with Tahlia Barwick, in Tamworth, on Saturday 21 April



A very excited Ariana, sponsored by Rotary Club of Waikanae, flew to Sydney and was met by her 'Match' Tahlia and her Mum who were delighted to meet her in person.

After a day in Sydney seeing the sights they flew to the Sunshine Coast to meet the rest of Tahlia's family for a week before heading home to Tamworth where Ariana and Tahlia will be attending school together.

What a delight to see 2 happy girls enjoying each other's company and looking forward to sharing their time together in Australia. They have been in touch on Skype for the last 3 months getting to know each other.

Ariana and Tahlia will be returning to New Zealand on 30 June where they will be both attending Paraparaumu College.

Both families are not Rotarians, and the only involvement with Waikanae Rotary Club is providing a Mentor, families attending at least 2 meetings and doing presentations, and \$500 to cover Ariana's Badge, Jacket, Shirts, and a travel bag.

If you are aware of a suitable Year 9 2018 student please do not hesitate to make contact with me to apply. This is a programme for 14-15 year olds to spend time away from home by themselves, and also gaining confidence to make them realise that they **could** do a 12 month exchange.