



AHURIRI ARGUS



The weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of Ahuriri

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Club Stuff

This month is Rotary Foundation month.

Note for all members - Board meetings 2nd Monday each month, Fireside/Committee meetings 4th Monday each month (no speaker).

Raffle this week was won by #11, Roy Clement. Congratulations Roy.

Anniversaries past week - Vivian Stephens birthday 8th, wedding anniversaries Max and Liz Patmoy 11th, Alister and Anne 12th, congratulations all.

9930 District Conference takes off in Wairakei on 18 - 20 May 2018. All info is at <https://www.9930conference.org/>, reservations are open, so visit this site now, make your bookings and save \$50 at a special early bird rate.

Christmas party is at Linden Winery, Esk valley, on 11 December. \$42 per head. As the Christmas Dinner has a different format please note that Marcia would like someone to pick up the sound system, help her put up decorations and sell raffle tickets. Please give Marcia a call on 8447963 if you can help.

Mim's Membership note: A notice went out recently to members re the nomination of Phil Cooper. As the required time has passed without any objection we warmly welcome Phil as a full member.

What is your vision for our club in 2020, 2025, 2030? Remember the fireside meetings are an opportunity for all members to ask questions, present ideas and share thinking looking forward to maintain and develop our club of fun, influence and energy. Please bring solutions to any problems you notice for members and the Board to consider.

Finally did you share your story this week?

YIR Mirriam

From Marcia again, here is a list of children's gift suggestions for Xmas function attendees to bring on the night should they wish.

The Salvation Army would appreciate any unwrapped gifts. However, they are often short on gifts for teenagers (13-18years). It could be...

Something to wear (e.g. pyjamas, T shirt, socks)

Something to play with (e.g. bubbles, play dough, small toys, soccer or rugby ball)

Something for school (e.g. colour pens / pencils and a pad, pencil case etc)

Something to love (e.g. teddy bear)

Something for personal hygiene (bubble bath, smellies, brush and comb)

Something that has 'wow factor' item"

PLEASE NOTE
There are three pages to this Bulletin.

DUTY ROSTER	20 November	27 November	04 December	11 December
Guest Speaker	Ian Findlay special	Fire side meetings	Annual General Meeting	Christmas Dinner
Set up & Cashier	Lynne Anderson	Sue Page	David Anderson	
Set up & V host	Bob MacFarlane	Peter Allan	Jim Gaudin	
Intro & Thanks	Don Alexander	N/A	N/A	
Grace, Raffle, Closing thought	Roy Clement	John Lightfoot	Phillip Anderson	Alister Irwin
5 minute speaker Microphone	Peter Ball	Stuart Claridge	John Lightfoot	Alister Irwin
Sergeant	John Sarten	John Hennessey	Peter Ball	
Bring a friend	N/A	John Sarten	N/A	
Student Host	Jim Taylor	David Anderson	Wayne Zaloum	

What every Rotary meeting should look like!



What a wonderful evening was had by all tonight. Our guest speaker was Gordon Russell, the senior winemaker at Esk Valley Wines. After turning his hobby into a job, he has been making wine for the last 25 years - and loves it.

He brought 3 wines to taste, Verdelho (which has been a runaway success and is derived from Sauvignon Blanc), a Chardonnay and a Shiraz. I must admit that the Verdelho was my favourite. He gave an interesting history of the Gimblett Gravels, an area that not so long ago was just wasteland but which now grows what are recognised as some of the best red wines in the world because of its shingly river bed formation which drains exceedingly well. It is said to be equal to the Hill of Hermitage, above the Rhone Valley in France and which is one of the wine worlds most famous appellations. In broad terms the poorer the soil the better the wine!

We all enjoyed our tasting session as seen above , and thank Bob MacFarlane for bringing Gordon to the meeting with his wines for us to savour.

Some of our members have trouble at times knowing exactly what to do when rostered for the various duties required to enable the meeting to run smoothly. I repeat them here for the benefit of all members. They are available on the club website at http://www.ahuriri-rotary.org.nz/ourclub/duties/meeting_duties.pdf for you to download and print.

MEETING PROCEDURES October 2017

CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES If for some reason you are unable to carry out your rostered duties, it is YOUR responsibility to find some-one who can.

SET UP All of the equipment is held in a small ante-room in the front entrance of the hotel. Please ask for the key from the bar. Note that the "set up" duty is shared between the two persons listed. They also do the "cashier" and "V-host" duties.

Set out: sound system (black instrument case and portable speaker, refer to instructions in the instrument case for detailed setup instructions), lectern and microphone stand.

Set up the video projector if necessary. Hang up: Four-way Test, Charter and Queen/flag.

Set up Badge Box (members and partners) at the entrance to the dining room.

Set up Sergeant's Bell, fine boxes and shrapnel box.

After the meeting put away all of the above. Please be at the venue by 5.15pm at the latest.

CASHIER (also does setup) An attendance list of members and apologies is brought to each meeting by the Treasurer. Many members pay for the meal by invoice (this is the preferred method, contact the treasurer) whilst others pay cash. Tick each member as they arrive and also receive the cash from those who pay by that method as marked on the sheet. Give the cash and completed attendance sheet to the Treasurer at the start of the meeting. Advise Club Administration Director or President of any problems

VISITOR'S HOST (V-host, also does setup) Welcome members and issue name tags. Welcome all visitors and issue temporary name tags. Introduce visitors to other members and ensure that they are not left to themselves.

INTRO & THANKS Meet the Guest Speaker; introduce them to the President and other club members. Inquire if they have a PowerPoint display or similar, inform the member handling the audio-visual that night. Organise a drink for them. Accompany the guest speaker to the reserved table and generally make the evening a pleasant occasion. Sit with the Guest speaker during the meal and obtain some background

information you can use during your concise and informative introduction when requested by the President. Propose the Vote of Thanks to the Guest Speaker on behalf of our Members and present them with the Rotary pen obtained from the President.

OPENING THOUGHT / RAFFLE / CLOSING THOUGHT Give an opening thought (e.g. Grace if you want to) at the beginning of the Meeting. Speak loudly and clearly into the microphone.

Our Club raffle is based on all members participating. An alphabetical master list from the Treasurer shows all members of the Club. Ask the Guest Speaker (or another appropriate person) to draw the raffle. Visitors may purchase a ticket at \$2.00 each.

Closing thought - provide a relevant closing thought and give the bulletin editor a copy.

FIVE MINUTE TALK & MICROPHONE Make a 5-minute speech - preferably on an interesting aspect of Rotary that you have experienced - or on a subject about your vocation, hobby, or any other subject that will be of interest to members. Ensure you keep to time.

Microphone – At question time for Guest Speaker use the second microphone to provide for Members questions.

SERGEANT – Members are fined for misdeeds imagined or real, canvass members at fellowship time to find some good stories, the more amusing the better. The usual fine is a gold coin, the proceeds going to charity.

FRIEND INTRO - Try to bring a friend or acquaintance to Rotary that week in order to introduce them to Rotary.

STUDENT HOST – Our Rotary exchange student will be attending almost all of our meetings and it is your duty to make sure that they are not left to themselves. During the week that you are rostered try to engage our student in some activity, be it a meal, coffee at a café, the movies, a drive in the country, anything to ensure that they continue to have a close association with our club and its members.

MEETINGS The Club meets every Monday (Except Public Holidays) at the West Shore Beach Inn, 85 Meeanee Quay, West Shore, Napier. Social networking starts at 5.30pm. Meeting concludes at 7.30pm.

APOLOGIES As a Rotarian, it is YOUR responsibility to attend Club meetings. Unless you are apology exempt, members who are unable to attend must apologise to For meal apologies or extra guests phone David Anderson, phone 06 876 2618 before 11.00 am on the day of the meeting, or by email to apologies@ahuriri-rotary.org.nz You are urged to “make up” your attendance at another club.

Extra visitors – if you are bringing a visitor with you please advise through the “apologies” email address above. This one email address sends messages to those concerned in advising the caterer of the correct number of those attending.

NOTE:- 1. If an apology is received by the proper time the meal cost will be credited back. 2. If an apology is tendered but not received by the proper time the member will be classed as a "late apology" and will be billed as if the member has attended because the Hotel will have to be paid for the meal. 3. If an apology is not offered at all then the member will be classed as "Silent" and will be billed as above for the same reason. In questionable cases, the President has the right to make a final decision.

EARLY LEAVERS If you have to leave early, introduce yourself to the Guest Speaker during socialising and make your apology to him/her. Inform the President that you will be leaving early.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (More than three consecutive meetings) All applications for leave of absence must be presented to the Board with specific dates. A member on leave of absence has an obligation to make up except in the case of ill health.

NEW MEMBERS (see Friend Intro above). It is every Rotarian's responsibility to propose new members. Some -one shared Rotary with you; it is your duty to share Rotary with others. The Club will pay the meal cost for the first night that you bring a potential member to a meeting. There is a nomination procedure and this must be followed, as per Rotary International and Club By-Laws.

SOCIAL NETWORKING/FELLOWSHIP This is a very important part of any Rotary Club. It is up to every member to ensure that networking time is very rewarding for members and visitors. All members are asked to arrive early to promote acquaintance and friendship with others. Make a special effort to welcome visiting Rotarians and Guests. Make them feel at home. At dinner sit with different members each week. If you are sitting with visitors keep them informed during the meeting so that they feel part of our club. Encourage them to come back again.

MOBILE PHONES and PAGERS Please turn off (or switch to silent) your mobile phone or pager during the meeting.

PLEASE STAND and use Portable Microphone for any questions for the Guest Speaker.