



Rotary Club of Wanganui North

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We Meet:

Every Wednesday 5.30pm
At the Cossie Club
Off Rutland Street
Wanganui

Other Wanganui

Rotary Clubs meet:

Club: Wanganui
Venue: The Avenue Motor Inn
Victoria Avenue
Time: Monday 12 noon

Club: Daybreak (fortnightly)
Venue: The Kingsgate Hotel
379 Victoria Avenue
Time: Monday 6:50am

Please note:

*Apologies or additional guests
are to be phoned or emailed to*

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or

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Vicki Flight-Foxley	UFN
Des Wink	UFN
Graeme Carey	UFN



Meeting

Welcomed to the meeting were our guest speaker Marc Kilmister, Exchange Student Ludi Berclaz, Ludi's host and Wanganui Club member Kate Smith, and Brenda Carter.

President Graeme -

* Thanked the Club and Board for portraying the Club so honestly and positively to DG Mitch last week.

* Last week he and DG Mitch signed off the relative documentation for the formation of the Rotary Community Corps of Whanganui.

* Miles Bockett, former President of the Wanganui Rotary Club who also helped with the formation of the Daybreak Rotary club and subsequently became a member of that club is leaving Wanganui to become closer to his family. A farewell luncheon for Miles will be held on Sunday 5 November at the Wanganui East Club at 12.30pm. Any member wishing to attend should contact President Graeme.

* Rotariannes Coffee Morning is to be held at the Element Cafe on Saturday 4 November at 10am.

* Sadly the Rotariannes Movie night on 9 November has had to be cancelled as the tickets (In aid of the Cancer Society) have been sold out.

* Congratulated Terry and his team for the huge effort put into the Food Bank drive.

Mike -

* The sale of raffle tickets are going well with only about 1,500 to sell. Members of the Life Education Trust will help sell tickets.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was Marc Kilmister a corrections dog handler at the Whanganui Prison.

Marc has spent 30 years in the prison service in both Australia & New Zealand, 14 of which has been as a dog handler. His beat includes other prisons including Waikereia and also doing raids on homes.

The biggest success was a raid that netted \$500,000 of drugs and \$1.5 million in cash.

During his time as a dog handler he has worked 3 dogs and is currently training a fourth.

It cost about \$100,000 to train dogs.

Dogs now start training at a younger age, some before they are 5 months old where as previously they did not start the training until the dogs were 12 to 18 months old.

He indicated that the best thing about working with dogs is they don't answer back, they are loyal and they don't lie. But this does not mean that they do not "try you out" if the opportunity presents.

He and his dog must be alert at all times as prisoners associates are always trying new ways to sneak drugs into the prisons. In mail, on people, by them being thrown over the fence, in vehicles and even in the library bus.

Safety of the dogs is important as they cannot risk a dog ingesting drugs after sniffing them out.

Synthetic drugs will become a real problem because their make up is never the same and the smells, as a result, confuse.

Gangs have been known to put a bounty on drug dogs. One that Marc had, had a \$5,000 bounty on its head.

The presentation concluded with our being shown Marc's dog in action easily sniffing out drugs that had been placed on Mark Kennedy who was standing alongside 5 other club members.



Calendar

Saturday 4th November
Rotariannes Coffee Morning
Element Cafe @ 10am

Saturday 18th November
Rotary Rowing Stakes

Saturday 25th November
Rotariannes Dinner Evening

Wednesday 6th December
Club Christmas Party
Wanganui Golf Club Rooms

Sunday 10th December
Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 12th May 2018
District Conference

ROTARIANNES MOVIE NIGHT
CANCELLED UNFORTUNATELY
THE "MURDER ON THE ORIENT
EXPRESS" MOVIE NIGHT
PLANNED BY THE ROTARIANNES
FOR 9 NOVEMBER HAS HAD TO
BE CANCELLED AS THE SPECIAL
SHOW IN SUPPORT OF THE
CANCER SOCIETY HAS BEEN SOLD
OUT.

Duties

Meeting	1 st November	8 th November	15 th November
Speaker		Nigel Allan	Ludi Berclaz
Topic	Committee Meetings	Life as Area Commander of NZ Police (Wanganui - Ruapehu District)	Swiss Exchange Student.
Host		Evert Van Reenan	Sue Gardner
Thanks		Matt McLay	Rosemary Hovey
Reception	Brian Smith Bevan Chilcott	Brian Smith	Brian Smith Allan Mailman
Sergeant	Mike Green	Mike Green	Mike Green
Bulletin Editor	Malcolm Jansen	Malcolm Jansen	Malcolm Jansen

If you are not able to attend please arrange a replacement

Rosters

Trailer Raffle Roster

	9:30am – 11:30am	11:30am – 1:30pm	1:30pm – 3:30pm
Saturday 28 th October Countdown Trafalgar Sq	Malcolm Jansen ** Peter Kamstra	Garth Barlow Mike Green	Lucy Dunlop Gerry Hardie ##
Sunday 29 th October Countdown Victoria Avenue	Deon Hazlehurst Gerry Hardie **	Phillip Walker Mark Keelty	Terry Coxon Graeme Carter ##
Saturday 4 th November Centre Court Trafalgar Sq	Lynn Larsen Colin Slaughter **	Jane Hickey Lucy Dunlop	Graeme Prince ## Allan Mailman
Sunday 5 th November Centre Court Trafalgar Sq	Phillip Walker Mark Keelty	Maree Langford Brian Smith	Maurice Mildenall Brad Percy ##

**** Pick-up**

Take Back

Instructions: Will be provided to the first shift to Pick-up and the final shift to Take Back.

River Market Parking

Saturday	9:00am – 11:00am	11:00am – 1:00pm
28 th October	Mike Green Evert van Reenen	Graeme Prince Tony Hodge
Pick up/return gear from/to President Graeme		

Income from the first 2 weeks of car parking duties has been –

07 October \$123,

14 October \$214,

21 October \$287,

Total to date \$624.

Reports

Cranleigh -

* Reported that separately from the Bushy Park committee a small group of club members and Bushy Park Trustees were seeking funding for upgrading the Stables and Homestead. A contract for the Stables upgrade had been let for a little over \$300,000 and work is expected to start in November. Work on the Homestead is reliant on lotteries money being received but if it comes through as hoped will include

* A new roof, strengthening the Chimneys, veranda maintenance and a full paint of the homestead.

* He attended the Bushy Park AGM where the club was thanked for its assistance.

Tony -

* Reminded everyone that the Rowing Stakes is to be held on Saturday 18 November with finger food available from 6.30pm until 7pm. Over 55 local businesses were being approached for sponsorship.

The aim to sell 200 tickets is looking ambitious. **MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BUY TICKETS FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FRIENDS NOW.**

Other –

* Iain Macleod will be in Wanganui from Friday 17 November until Sunday 19 November staying at the Prestigious Riverside Motel. It is hoped that Iain may arrive early enough to attend our November Club Pub Night. In the meantime Iain and Mary send their regards to all members.

* Sadly Vince Hart has found that his health is not good enough for him to remain a member and so has reluctantly decided to resign. He would be pleased to receive a visit from any member.

* Tony won the raffle and in partnership with Mike proceeded to relieve us of \$57.50 in fines.

* The Club Christmas Party is on Wednesday 6 December at the Wanganui Golf Club Rooms. Cost still only \$35 pp.

* The Financial Reports for both the Club and the Clubs Charitable Trust for their years ended 30 June 2017 will be presented next week - 1 November.

Presidents Parting Thought -

"Living on earth is expensive.....but it does include a free trip around the sun".

