

Rotary Club of Palmerston North (1924)

President Dave Gaynor, Secretary Steve Paterson, Treasurer Ron Schalkwijk, Past President Nigel Withell

Monday 15th April 2024

Speaker	Brian Donnelly
Topic	The Trades Report
Intro/ Thanks	President Dave
Attendance/Cashier	Bruce Wilson
Sergeant	John Freebairn
Corporal	Phil Burt
Parting Thought	Nick Kaspers
Bulletin Editor	Chris Klein

Monday 22nd April 2024

Speaker	
Topic	TBA
Intro/Thanks	
Attendance/Cashier	Martin Townend
Sergeant	Nigel Withell
Corporal	John Brunsdn
Parting Thought	Malcolm Hopwood
Bulletin Editor	Phil Burt

From Monday 8th April 2024

Total present: 15 members and 3 guests.
Sergeant's session \$36.50 and 2 vouchers.

President Dave welcomed our three guests, Norelle Ward and Peter Grey (Mana Whaikaha), and Jon Bowen (Ministry of Education).

President Dave advised members that he had been advised that Bill Bendall suffered a fall yesterday, and had received surgery for a broken hip this morning, and expressed the hopes of all Club members that his recovery would be total, prompt, and straightforward.

Ron Schalkwijk introduced our speakers and briefly explained the origins of Mana Whaikaha. Peter Grey

(Community Development, Mana Whaikaha) expanded this by reminding members that the large custodial institutions (think Kimberley, near Levin) were closed during the late-1990's and the residents were transferred to live in community settings. Over the next decade the disability community developed a voice culminating in a move to persuade the Government to 'Enable' better lives. 'Pilot' trials were started in rural Waikato and urban Canterbury, and after the initial lessons were learned, a DHB-sized trial commenced with the MidCentral DHB selected for this step, starting before Covid arrived.

Mana Whaikaha is the MidCentral DHB creation for managing the funding decisions in relation to individual disabled people. Because the disability sector was seen as a 'health' issue the Government funding previously came through the 'Health' vote. With the establishment in July 2022 of Whaikaha, the Ministry of Disabled People, funding has moved to the 'parent' Ministry of Social Development.

Peter explained that historically the funding was a 'health-based' approach, and followed an assessment going to 'this is what you get'. Now Mana Whaikaha (local) and the Whaikaha Ministry are using a socially-focused model based on "Enabling Good Lives" (EGL). This approach seeks to enable each disabled person to access/enjoy chosen activities (eg flatting, or bowling) agreed with their Mana Whaikaha Connector with funding allocated to cover the extra costs arising because of their disability. (The 'ordinary' costs of the activity have to be met from the disabled person's ordinary budget.)

Jon Bowen (Principal Adviser, Secondary Transition, Ministry of Education, and a former secondary school Principal) expanded on the challenges and opportunities involved in tapping into a significant number of local disabled people



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who can show (and for some who have shown) enduring loyalty and competent service to an employer.

The focus of this visit to our Rotary Club was to then tell us about the typical first preference of the 15-21-year-old disabled students at the High Schools, and how the local Rotary Clubs could assist in achieving this goal. The disabled students are very determined to get into meaningful employment, and the speakers hoped to open doors to jobs through contacts supported by Rotary Club members. Peter, Jon and Norelle are hoping to create practical and accessible opportunities for school learners to transition into the workforce.

They cited several situations where several people with disabilities jointly fill a fulltime ordinary employment role. Such employment is not meant to be a charitable gesture by the employer. It only requires a preparedness to have a normal part of the work effort provided in a new way. The EGL funding process can supply resources to have the disabled workers equipped and trained to deliver the same outputs in appropriate tasks as non-disabled staff, so that costs to the employer remain unchanged.

Norelle Ward (Community Development, Mana Whaikaha) has sent us some web addresses which describe/illustrate Rotary-linked employment of disabled people in Alberta, Canada, and members are encouraged to visit this information. These are as follows:-

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/385/stories/rotary-employment-partnerships-overview>

https://youtu.be/NdrIm-F_I8I?si=NKiXq2rDAYG0EJJ

<https://youtu.be/tBqw92ofS3g?si=kSudrYNPtnxmvxDn>

<https://www.facebook.com/InclusionAlberta>

There were many questions and capable answers before Ron Schalkwijk thanked our guests for bringing the information and opportunities for local businesses to our attention.

Club Business

President Dave advised that the Board had approved a 12 month leave of absence for Mark Buxton. Mark has agreed to continue with the Youth Music Festival (18 May) and attend the Centennial Dinner.

Nigel Withell seeks another volunteer for RYDA on Wednesday 15th May.

Youth Music Festival 18th May (contact Mark Buxton to log your assistance offer)

Circus Quirkus 23rd May (contact Mike Charles to log your assistance for either or both to the 4pm and 7pm shows.)

Centennial Dinner 25th May.

Parting Thought from Ron Dobson:

“I like my new telephone,
My computer works just fine,
My calculator is perfect,
But Lord I miss my mind.”

Sergeant Fines

Easy to pay Sergeant's fines! 02-0727-0025858-000
OR buy some vouchers to have on hand!

Apologies and Club Duties:

Please apologise if you are unable to attend a weekly meeting.

If you have a duty rostered and are unable to attend, then please arrange a substitute. 😊

Apologies to Olga Barrett 358-8798 or recorded on our website...

This is important for ordering lunches. Please arrange a substitute if you have a duty rostered for a day you are apologising.

Useful web links...

District # 9940 <http://rotary9940.org/>

Club # 18626 www.pnrotary.co.nz

Link to our Facebook page

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Guest Speaker?

If you see or hear of a good speaker, please let Martin know so we can invite them along.

New Member Form

Here is a link to the form that can be used to propose a new member. Just click on the link:

<https://www.pnrotary.co.nz/ProposeNewMember.pdf>

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