



Rotary Club of Palmerston North (1924)

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

Rotary Club of Palmerston North

*100 Year Celebration
25 May 2024*

Register NOW for the event!

*If you have friends or
past members you know –
Please invite them to come –*

CELEBRATE the CLUB !

Monday 13 May 2024

Speaker	Malcolm Hopwood
Topic	Something of interest
Intro/ Thanks	President Dave
Attendance/Cashier	Martin Townend
Sergeant	John Freebairn
Corporal	Nick Kaspers
Parting thought	Ramola Duncan
Bulletin Editor	Phil Burt

**Monday 20 and 27 May 2024
NO MEETINGS**

**MEETINGS CANCELLED DUE TO
OUR VERY BUSY MAY**

From our meeting 6 May
16 Members + 2 guests
Sergeant Session: \$70

President Dave greeted the Members and our two guests, Debra Wynn and Leana.

President Dave led a short discussion of upcoming projects (RYDA), the Rotary Youth Music Festival, and our 100th celebration. RYDA has enough volunteers as does the Rotary Youth Music Festival RYMF – but RMYF still needs **you** for the audience! Programmes available on Monday the 13th at our meeting Our 100th Celebration seems on track to have more than 100 people on the festive night.

After being introduced by Martin, Debra Wynn spoke about Community Fruit Harvest Mnawatu – active in Palmerston North and Wanganui. Volunteers pick fruit 5 days a week from 9:00 – **2:30** and happily harvest more than 9 months per year.

Oranges, lemons, persimmons, pears and apples are just some of the fruits they harvest. Within the same day, the fruits are gifted to schools and such community groups as: Just Zilch and Salvation Army Plant to Plate, Highbury Whanau Centre, Paatikitiki Library, Manchester House, Whanau Ataahua, Shannon Foodbank, Levin Foodbank and churches that provide community meals.

Last year saw the group having only 4 weeks rest. Each volunteer works one day a week and the group travelled 4,800 km and harvested 15,000 kg last year. Some fruit is gifted fresh, some is given to groups like SuperGrans for their preserving classes. What isn't gifted is preserved by Debra.

As a charitable trust, the group is now pushing for outside funding and has a van for transport due to Debra's efforts. Harvests also include pumpkins and a variety of vegetables.

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

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



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Upcoming Events:

Rotary Youth Music Festival

18 May all around our town
from 10:00 a.m.

Volunteers are set and ready!

Please come and support the Club
and all the students and cafés

You can pick up a programme on
Monday 13 May at our meeting!

20 and 21st May RYDA – Volunteers,
please meet at the Russell Lounge, CET
Arena at 8:30 a.m.

23 May -- Circus Quirkus for two
performances.

25 May –Celebrate 100 years of our Club

Parting Thoughts from Steve Parsons:

Steve Parsons gave two pertinent parting thoughts:

Trees that are slow to grow bear the best fruit.

*Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how
beautiful,' and sitting in the shade. --
Rudyard Kipling*

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.

Guest Speaker?

If you see or hear of a good speaker, please let Martin or Mark 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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