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Monday 19/5/2025

Speaker Katherine Gillespie
Topic "Grow Forte"- Mental Health Specialties

Intro/ Thanks Stu Schwartz
Attendance Martin Townend
Sergeant PP Dave Gaynor
Corporal Ron Schalkwijk
Parting though Nick Kaspers
Bulletin Editor Steve Parsons

Monday 28/5/2025

TBA

Club Info_

Attendance 12th May 2025 13 members and 1 guest. = 14 total.

4 x cash -- B Bendall, M Charles, R Dobson, B Wilson.
6 x Internet - A Ford, A Linsley, S Parsons, S Paterson, M Townend, N Withell.
3 x prepaid - B Donnelly, D Gaynor, S Schwartz.

3 Apologies - L & P Boulton, J Freebairn.

Guest - Kane Parsons.- no charge.

Banking - Meals \$ @ \$30.00 = \$120

Sergeant Cash = \$46.



New Members

Progressive discussions are ongoing with the Manawatu Chamber and joint membership .Please support the club as you can.

Parting thought Brian Donnelly 12/5 (to be advised)

Awapuni Rotary Club(reminder)

Good news to share.

After a meeting with Norelle Ward, President of the Awapuni Rotary Club. The following was decided.

Awapuni members would like to attend our Rotary meetings on Mondays fortnightly. Their numbers have dropped to 15 with 8-9 regularly attending their fortnightly meetings. We naturally welcomed this initiative which started on Monday 14 April 2025

Both Rotary Clubs will remain as separate Clubs.

This will improve the meeting and Rotary experience for everyone.

It will also help us achieve our minimum catering requirement of 20.

Some of their members may wish to attend more frequently than fortnightly.

We don't see any major issues in achieving this.

The meetings will remain unchanged except for the addition of Awapuni Rotary News. Dave and Norelle are working through the details.(Published again to ensure all are aware)

President Role. 2025/2026



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Dave Gaynor is the President Elect for 2025/2026 year

DNA Journey-talk Monday 12th May 2025.

Steve Parsons delivered a talk and powerpoint presentation on his DNA journey to find out more about his family roots, stories and history. His DNA shows his makeup as 67% Irish 27% Germanic European & 18% England & Northwestern Europe. His Irish ancestry comes from the Cork & Munster areas.

It can be a fascinating journey which can take you in different directions if you're not disciplined about how to manage information. Steve also tells the story of DNA identifying a second cousin in Australia the immediate family knew nothing of, another family member to add to the list.

This DNA concept could be applied to our Rotary project of the last 100 years

From Incoming President Dave Gaynor

Change Over

Change Over will be at lunchtime on 30 June 12-1.30 pm.

Same venue. Please bring your partner. Please RSVP to Dave Gaynor so he can advise the caterer.

Contact dave@davegaynor.co.nz

Nominate a Potential Member

Dave Gaynor asked members to nominate any person they feel is a potential member for Rotary.

This has been the traditional way of recruiting members. Choosing people who are likely to be interested.

Dave will make the approach, or members can bring a potential member for free to a meeting to check Rotary out. It takes a team effort to make a difference. Please send your nominations to Dave.

Next Keynote Speaker

Our next keynote speaker will be Dr Victoria Hatton, CEO of Food HQ on Monday 7 July 12-1.30pm.

Invites will go to the Manawatu Business Chamber, other Rotary Clubs, and the Rotary District.

Please invite partners, friends, colleagues and other guests.

Kahuterawa Bush

I attach the photos I showed of Nigel Withell and myself.

Sergeant Fines

Easy to pay Sergeant's fines!

02-0727-0025858-000

OR buy some vouchers to have on hand!

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> available from Dave Gaynor

Circus Quirkus

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Mike Charles reported that Circus Quirkus was

held on Friday May 9.

Despite the rain attendance was good with 200 in the afternoon and 250 in the evening. The Circus Quirkus performers had just arrived after holding 2 shows at Tauranga the day before.

The audience of less privileged really enjoyed the performance. The funds raised will help fund our other youth projects. There was a good muster of members helping.



Board Meeting

Dave Gaynor mentioned that a Board meeting was to be held at Freebairn Hehir 5.15pm Monday May 19.

Kahuterawa Bush



Nigel Withell and Dave Gaynor spent a couple of hours at Kahuterawa Bush on May 9.

The work involved chopping up a fallen tree, tidying up an overgrown picnic area by the stream and clearing tracks.

Dave is keen to organise a regular working bee on the last Friday of each month 10-12 (weather permitting).

The current focus is keeping the park tidy and reducing the weeds.

Long term we want to create an ecological park by naming the native plants, installing picnic tables, and improving the tracks

Music Festival – 24th May 2025- from Steve Paterson

Hi all

Thanks for volunteering to help with the festival.

We have performances scheduled for 6 venues at 10am and 4 venues from 11 am as follows:

10am	11 am
Joes Garage (Princess St)	Joes Garage (Princes St)



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The Plaza (near Muffin Break)	Youth Space (Coleman Mall)
Café Express (The Square)	The Plaza (near Muffin Break)
The Verdict Café (The Square)	Café Express (The Square)
Café Brie (Broadway Ave)	
Café Cuba (Cuba St)	



Café Brie should be very straightforward as there is just a soloist from Longburn Adventist College.

The others involve groups. I am one helper short at this stage for 10am unless one couple is prepared to split up and perhaps one go to the Café Express and the other to the Verdict which is nearby.

In the past we have sometimes used two signs at each venue but I propose we use only one this time except perhaps in the Plaza (where I think its best I station myself). I will find a way of getting the signs to you once we allocate venues. Perhaps we can quickly do this following Monday's meeting.

I do not have publicity signs printed yet nor the programme. I'm heading to the printer first thing tomorrow morning.

In recent years some of the helpers have met during the afternoon at Joes Garage. We have a small number and I know Dave has a Rotary training commitment but if anyone else would like to gather (maybe for lunch) at one of the venues can you let me know.

Any queries or suggestions please let me know.

Thanks
Steve

Steve Paterson