

Rotary Bulletin – 13 April 2026



Brew Union 27 March 2026

Next Brew Union

24 April 2026, Friday 5.00 pm.

Youth Music Festival

23 May 2026. Contact Steve Paterson.

Circus Quirkus

28 May 2 shows at PNBHS. Contact Mike.

Red Tulip Walk in the Manawatu

11 April, Support World Parkinson's Day.



Winning Rotary Cruisers team – well done Lesley, Mark, Steve and Brian!!

Rotary District Assembly

Members are welcome to attend the Rotary District Assembly on Saturday 2 May, 10 am-3.15 pm at The Quakers Settlement, 76 Virginia Road, Otamatea, Whanganui. Let Dave know if you wish to go.

Monday lunchtime 20 April 2026

Guest Speaker: Aaron Tait

“Agriculture adds up.”

Intro/Thanks	President Dave
Sergeant	John Freebairn
Corporal	Norelle Ward
Parting Thought	Alan Ford
Bulletin Editor	Dave Gaynor
Attendance	Martin Townend

Summary of the Speech by Maria Bayley, CEO AllTrain Limited

“Training tomorrows workers”



Maria Bayley, CEO of AllTrain Limited, spoke about her personal journey, the evolution of her business, and her strong commitment to training, community development, and workforce shortages in the Manawatū and wider regions.

She shared her diverse background, beginning as a chef trained at London's Savoy Hotel, followed by roles in sales, customer service, and real estate in both the UK and New Zealand. After moving to Palmerston North nearly 20 years ago, Maria's career path was shaped by resilience, adaptability, and a passion for people. She spoke openly about challenges such as dyslexia and personal change, emphasising how these experiences ultimately contributed to her leadership style and determination.

Maria explained how she took over AllTrain during COVID-19 after the passing of Lily’s grandmother, who had founded the business. Initially unsure about the technical aspects of heavy machinery and driver training, Maria grew AllTrain significantly from a small, home-based operation into a large, diversified training provider. The business now operates from Rangitikei Line in Palmerston North and recently expanded into Levin to meet growing regional demand.



AllTrain delivers a wide range of training, including driver licensing (Class 1–5), forklift operation, cranes, dangerous goods, wheels, tracks and rollers, elevated work platforms, and working at heights. Maria highlighted the importance of creating a safe, non-judgemental learning environment, especially for young people, neurodiverse learners, and those facing barriers to employment.



A key theme was workforce development and equity. Maria described her work with schools, MSD, community organisations, and the Driver Change Network, advocating for driver licensing to be embedded in the school curriculum so all young people leave school with basic employment-readiness skills.

She also spoke about AllTrain’s international work in Niue and Kiribati, delivering on-island training funded by the New Zealand Government. These experiences reinforced AllTrain’s values of community, sustainability, and culturally respectful training.



In closing, Maria emphasised that AllTrain’s purpose goes beyond business growth—it is about building confidence, skills, and opportunities for individuals and communities, both locally and internationally.

Parting Thought:

Aaron Tait:

“The only thing worse than training employees and losing them is not training them and keeping them. Zig Ziglar.”

