



Rotary Club of Palmerston North (1924)

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

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100 Year Celebration

25 May 2024

5:30 p.m.

Register by Friday for the event!

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

CELEBRATE the CLUB !

Rotary Youth Music Festival

18 May from 10:00 am

10:00 - Joe's Garage, The Plaza (near Farmers,) Café Express, The Cooperage, Verdict Café, Café Brie, Café Cuba

11:00 - Joe's Garage, Youth Space, AWHI Café (Square Edge)

12:30 – The Plaza (near Farmers)

1:00 – AWHI Café (Square Edge)

Pick a spot, grab a coffee or more!
Support students, cafés and our Club

Monday 20 and 27 May 2024 NO MEETINGS

MEETINGS CANCELLED DUE TO
OUR VERY BUSY MAY

Next Monday lunch meeting

10 June 2024

From our meeting 13 May
15 Members
Sergeant Session: \$56.00

President Dave greeted the Members and noted that some had not apologised.

Please apologise, it saves the Club money!

President Dave led a short discussion of upcoming projects (RYDA), the Rotary Youth Music Festival, and our 100 Year Celebration. RYDA has enough volunteers as does the Rotary Youth Music Festival but the music festival still needs **you** to be in the audience! Our 100th Celebration seems on track to have more than 100 people on the festive night.

President Dave introduced Malcolm Hopwood, our speaker with many thoughts on the Queen's visit in 1953. She spent 6 weeks in New Zealand and travelled to both islands with Prince Philip. In Palmerston North, they stayed at the Grand Hotel and greeted 60,000 well-wishers. The story goes that no Royal derriere may sit where a commoner has so the procession through the country was preceded by a changer of the toilet seats.

Malcolm imagined a conversation between Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and the master of the Long Beach Estate near Ashburton. In his short story, the Viscount Althorp and Prince Philip discuss how perhaps when their very young children

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Useful web links...

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

Club # 18626 www.pnrotary.co.nz

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(a boy, Charles and a girl, Diana) are older, they might introduce them and see if any sparks fly.

Malcolm has now written a book about the Royal Visit of 1953 describing the adventures of the toilet seat changer – The hinted title might be *The Royal Flush*.

We also heard of some memories of that visit from people Malcolm spoke to and from Club members.

The Royal Visit of 1953 sits solidly in the memory of many New Zealanders.

Malcolm had visited Rotary Club of Gosford on a recent trip to Australia. He returned bearing a gift of one of their banners.



Upcoming Events:

20 and 20 -- RYDA

23 May -- Circus Quirkus for two performances.

25 May -- Celebrate 100 years of our Club

10 June – Our next lunch meeting

1 July – CHANGEOVER at the Convention Centre

Parting Thoughts from President Dave:

Being positive is not pretending everything is good, it is seeing the good in everything.

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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