



# AHURIRI ARGUS



The weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of Ahuriri

Napier

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NOTE Please ensure apologies are received before 9am **Monday**

The Rotary Club of Ahuriri Napier Inc **meets** on Mondays at 5.30 for 6 p.m. Westshore Inn, 84 Meeanee Quay. Napier

Focus this month **Economic and Community Development**

Robert welcomed our **guest** Speakers Bonnie and Ben from Big Brother Big Sister, our new member Susie Whitman and visitor

Duty Roster	28 October	4 November	11 November 24	18 November 24
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Labour Day	WIT Whatever It Takes Phil Ross	<b>Ella Polczyk-Przybyla</b> – Registered Music Therapist	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
<b>Setup/ Cashier</b>	No meeting	Ralph Slooten	Marcia Heathcote	Derek Parke
<b>Host, Intro &amp; thank Guest Speaker &amp; host any visitors</b>		Max Patmoy	Phil Currie	Brian Young
<b>5 Minute Speaker</b>		Ross McKelvie a conversation	Peter Venning	Lynne Anderson
<b>Sergeant (MC) incls Opening &amp; closing thoughts</b>		Caroline Lamm	John Sarten	Tara Huckley
<b>Sergeant (fines session) now combined with Setup Duty</b>		Jeff Silvester	David Sewell	Doug Knight
<b>Tech Setup</b>		Phillip Anderson	Alan Day	Sue Page
<b>Meetings</b>				Board

Gavin Robertson. Opening thought-If you want to live a happy life tie it to a goal, not to people or things. Albert Einstein

Another HAPPY OCCASION Our second new member since Amalgamation, as President Chris had the pleasure of inducting Susie Whitman who found us on-line. WELCOME Susie!

## WHO'S WHO updated

President- Chris Whittington  
Executive Secretary- Ross McKelvie  
Treasurer-David Anderson  
Foundation-now Phil Currie  
Environment-Doug Knight/Lynne Anderson

Past President Gary Hemmings  
Caroline Lamm  
Secretary- Mirriam van Maanen  
Youth Gary Hemmings

FROM PRESIDENT Chris Whittington

**WORLD POLIO TODAY 24 OCTOBER**

RFE Rotary Friendship Exchange arrives 13 November

Three applicants have interviewed for this years Science Forum. All of high calibre, so now up for consideration with District

**Please remember to put your name on the roster for selling trailer raffle tickets** at Mitre10. See the link in the email sent out to all members, or phone Philip Anderson if you are technologically challenged. The raffle has now been going for 15 years and we are hoping to raise \$10,000 from this fund-raising activity. All members are asked to assist with this project which only involves 5 weeks of selling.

As per recent email Please continue **collecting Christmas gifts** for children in hospital, and for adults in the Mental Health Unit. Mirriam and Caroline will distribute these in December.

**AN OPPORTUNITY** The best approach now, for Rotary to get its message out to the community is to email any story with photograph to H B Today and to Max for face book. So, we need to appoint a [media relations person](#) to assist. This person will prepare a press release for any current activities of interest. We also need a designated club photographer who could be the same person or other. PLEASE APPLY for either role to any Board member.

**For your Diary** 30 October **assist with MS First steps**. 30 October Little Miss Sunshine

November 4 Havelock North Art Deco Tour for **Polio Plus** AND Rotary **Foundation Dinner**

2 November planting/clearing at **The Gap** 9am Saturday

6 November Rotary East First Light -REFL made up of the Regional Clubs from Napier, Hastings, Gisborne, Waipukurau and Wairoa will meet with Team Leader Grant Spackman, to **plan Regional Projects** All ideas welcome

13 November RFE meets with Green Meadows Rotary. We are invited - details to follow

Camp Kaitawa Work Week 2025 5-10 Jan Contact Ross Pinkham for details

**GUEST SPEAKER** Big Brother Big Sister BBBS Bonnie Gardiner and Mentor Ben gave us an engaging update on their program. It is the largest mentor training organisation in the world.

Bonnie told us that our recent donation allowed the team to undertake on-line and workshop training to maintain safety for children. This is of paramount importance to the organisation. In addition, it has contributed to mentor/mentee activities and events. The Napier branch currently has 76 matches with 9 in process and a waiting list of 46. Mentees graduate at age 18 or earlier due to circumstance.

The data shows mentoring works. Families report improvement in decision making, academic performance, confidence, trust in relationships and improved attitude to school by 70-91%

Mentees are largely from single parent families or Grandparents raising grandchildren. School, Police, and social organisations make referrals for a variety of reasons. BBBS maintains close relationships with the above as well as many other groups such as Family Centre, Grandparents raising Grandchildren, Pregnancy Help and Social workers.

Combined match events are held throughout the year such as to Velocity, Airport, Police dog handler with dog, The penguins at the port, and Chipmunks making community connections. Bonnie thanked us for our support.

Dave explained he had a rigorous interview process and police check to ascertain suitability and develop a profile to find the best match. With his family now grown he wanted to give back and be involved in the community. Arrangements are made by the mentee family and Dave meets his match weekly for 1-3 hours While new to BBBS he is already finding it rewarding and developing a happy relationship with his mentee.

**5 MINUTE SPEAKER** Alan Day

Born Napier Sep 40 one year after start of 2<sup>nd</sup> WW.

**Grew up in the new suburb of Marewa and went to Marewa school starting days after VJ Day. Then on to Napier Intermediate and to Napier Boys High School for four years.**

**First job** was with The Guardian Trust in Herschell Street, as office junior, then cashier, then accounts clerk.

**Joined the Army Territorials** July 60. After basic training trained in general and personnel administration, movement of personnel and freight in and out of South East Asia, finance and pay both in NZ and in South East Asia in the days before computerisation.

**In the 1960's** I spent 3 yrs in Waiouru, (was on NSTU staff when Gary won the ballot), 4 yrs in Singapore, 1 yr in South Vietnam and 2 yrs in Wellington living at Fort Dorset and working in the city.

**In the 70's** I spent 1 yr in Wellington, 2 years married accompanied in Singapore, 4 yrs in Papakura and 3 yrs in Burnham Camp living in Christchurch.

**The 80's** were spent entirely in Burnham and Christchurch and retired in 1989 and joined the civil staff responsible for financial accounting and civil staff administration.

**In Nov 2014** moved back to my hometown, Napier after 54 yrs.

**Events during these years**, besides getting married in 1973 that stand out in my memories are:

My time at the **Army's Club Med location at Waiouru**, whilst the Ruapehu backdrop is a grand sight on a nice day, (and there's not always a lot of them), they say the best view of Waiouru is in the rear vision mirror.

**My years in Singapore** which I loved.

Being at **Fort Dorset on 10 Apr 68 in the Wahine storm.**

**The year 1969 in Saigon city** during the Vietnam War.

**Four months in London** in late summer/autumn of 1976 working in the Defence Liaison Staff at the NZ High Commission looking after the NZ contingent on an exchange exercise with British units in UK and Germany.

In a small way assisting with the administration of the **Bougenville peace** talks in Burnham in mid winter 1997.

With my wife attending a **luncheon with the Queen** and Prince Philip on her visit to Burnham Camp in 2002.

Living through the **Christchurch earthquakes of 2010** and 2011.

**Playing rugby** in Napier, Taihape sub union, Singapore, Hong Kong.

**Eight years in the 1980's** as secretary of the Merivale Papanui Rugby Football Club & **Eighteen years as secretary** of the Cantabrian Rugby Football Club in Christchurch. ,

**Eight years on the Trust** set up in 2012 to support service personnel wounded in Afghanistan and their families and families of those personnel killed in that campaign.

**Five years on the Trust** set up in 2019 to write the history of the RNZAC and its predecessor units culminating in the launch of the book earlier this year.

**Now time to properly retire.**

We all think Alan must have lived an extra life or two!!!

SERGEANT SESSION Bob stepped up and quickly winkled out our coins with clever and all encompassing off the cuff ideas.

APPRECIATION TO Ross Mc Kelvie and Sue Page who stepped in on many occasions to fill the gaps while Mirriam was away.

Closing thought, You never regret being kind Nicole Shepherd

Useful links:

[www.rotarynapier.org](http://www.rotarynapier.org) is our club website We also still use [www.ahuriri-rotary.org.nz](http://www.ahuriri-rotary.org.nz)

[www.rotary.org.nz](http://www.rotary.org.nz) portal to all 6 districts in NZ

[www.rotary9930.org](http://www.rotary9930.org) portal to our 9930 District

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) portal to RI Rotary International

[www.rdu.rotary.org.nz](http://www.rdu.rotary.org.nz) portal to Rotary Down Under

Rotary District 9930 Facebook page [www.facebook.com/rotarydistrict9930](http://www.facebook.com/rotarydistrict9930)

Rotary learning website [www.my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference](http://www.my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference)