



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 **Rotary Foundation Month**

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

Duty Roster	11 November 24	18 November 24	25 November	2 December
Guest Speaker	Ella Polczyk-Przybyla - Registered Music Therapist	AGM Annual General Meeting	Katie Nimon Napier MP National	TBA
Setup/ Cashier	Marcia Heathcote	Derek Parke	Don Alexander	Phillip Anderson
Host, Intro & thank Guest Speaker & host any visitors	Phil Currie	Brian Young	Gary Hemmings	Max Patmoy
5 Minute Speaker	Mihnea Vlad and or Peter Venning	Lynne Anderson	Susie Whitman	Bob McCoy
Sergeant (MC) incl Opening & closing thoughts	John Sarten	Philip Stephens	Tara Huckley	Derek Parke
Sergeant (fines session) now combined with Setup Duty	David Sewell	Doug Knight	Matthew	Phillip Anderson
Tech Setup	Alan Day	Sue Page	Phillip	Alan Day
Meetings		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

Caroline opened our meeting with Karakia today and welcomed our guests from WIT - Whatever it Takes; Speakers Phil Ross with Whiu Carroll, along with their support whanau- Bunny and Mrs Cooper, Tania Gray, Nikki Powell, Jim Gaudin, Huia Broughtan and Naomi Carrington.

GUEST SPEAKER WIT Phil Ross explained that the purpose of WIT is to support whanau with mental health and addiction to live in the community as independently as possible. Housing has become a big part of that, and WIT is now the second largest landlord with 115 tenancies in Napier, while Housing First assists 53 people.

Underpinning all their work are the principles of Ahora,- love; Courage, Manaakitanga,- kindness respect, generosity; Whanaungatanga -kinship friendship; and Rangatiratanga -self -determination.

The housing program supports up to 100 people and ranges from Chronically Homeless, Emergency Housing, Transitional Housing, Community and subsidised Private Housing. Those with chronic housing issues may take 12-18 months to improve their situation. WIT has a residential support team providing 22 beds. Currently NCC report found 110 people sleeping rough which includes those sleeping in cars or couch surfing.

Wit provides a range of supports such as Advocacy Services, Liaison to Community services, Day recovery program, Drop -in Centres (The Lighthouse), Community Wellbeing, Youth Mental Health (alongside other NGOs). 35 to 50 people access support services daily.

WIT is the only organisation in Napier assisting in this field. The need has grown especially post Covid, Cyclone Gabrielle and more recently Government Policies.

Whiu has worked for WIT in outreach since 2016. His role is to provide a safe place with services such as meals, sanitation, clothing, assistance with housing and developing trust. Tuesday is Wahine Day. Whiu helps with keeping the peace, accessing Entitlements, and generally trouble shooting which can be all encompassing.

Looking ahead WIT has many aspirations including upgrading the building currently provided by Council, install showers, establish a community Hub where various services (such as MSD and Health providers) come to assist whanau and meet needs and provide a night shelter.

As Ewan stood to thank our speakers, he had a surprise for Whiu. A PHF presentation to acknowledge the dedicated work Whiu does daily for WIT.

For the benefit of new Rotarians and guests Ewan explained the origins of this award. Paul Harris founded Rotary in Chicago in 1905. His initiative translates into the huge international organisation it is today.

Ewan told us a Paul Harris Fellow is the highest recognition Rotary can bestow upon either its members or non - Rotarians who, in our view, have made an outstanding contribution to the community in which we live.

In presenting this Award, our Club, or an individual in it, has made a financial contribution to work similar to that, which the recipient of the Award has made, sacrificially, in the community.

Many high - profile contributors to society have received this prestigious award, but so have many whose profile might not be so high, yet their contribution is just as beneficial or more so.

Mother Teresa, Indira Ghandi, Nelson Mandela, King Charles and Pope John Paul 11 are all recipients for their work in goodwill, peace and understanding.

The recipient of this Fellow award this evening has spent his adult life working with those needing much support as the result of addictions, mental health or homelessness.

He is Napier born and raised but spent a few years away working in the field of drug and alcohol services before returning home at his father's request following a family tragedy.

I need to say at this point, I am speaking of Whiu Carroll, who has accompanied Phil here this evening.

Whiu joined WIT in 2008 as a team leader for the Community Support worker service.

Whiu has worked for WIT ever since, but now in the WIT Housing First Service with those who are homeless.

Whiu is an integral part of the Outreach Centre that WIT have operated for the homeless since its inception.

He is recognised by all for going above and beyond, way above and beyond, to access whatever assistance his clients require.

He is an example of totally selfless service to those most in need in our Napier community.

Because I have been involved with WIT from its start-up until my retirement in December last year, and with Caroline the WIT GM for many years, plus Bob a trustee, we can personally attest to these outstanding attributes.

We're not the first to recognise Whiu, he was Kiwi bank's Local Hero recipient in 2017 for this extensive community service.

Personally, I cannot think of a more worthy recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow.

Whiu, would you please come up to receive your Certificate, medallion and pin from us, as an appreciation from Rotary International and our Club of your tremendous contribution.

To close off the Whiu's acceptance, Whiu and the club members were treated to a rousing waiata from his support team.

ICING ON THE CAKE to make a special evening even more special Gary presented WIT with a sum of \$10,000 to use for those who have suffered from effects of the cyclone. This donation came not only from our club but also from the Hornby Rotary Club

in Christchurch who understand the long - term effects of natural disaster. Hopefully this will go some way to WIT achieving some of their dreams.

FROM PRESIDENT Chris Whittington

RFE **Rotary Friendship Exchange arrives** 13 November. Itinerary details have been sent to all. Please let Caroline know if you wish to join any activity. PLACES AVAILABLE.

RFE **meets with Green Meadows Rotary** on WEDNESDAY 13TH. Please let Caroline know NO LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY if you plan to attend at Taradale Town hall -corner Lee/Meeanee Rd 5.30 for 6pm.

Our three applicants have been ACCEPTED to the Science Forum.

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. THANK YOU to all who have already done so.

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

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

9 Nov **Trailer raffle** starts!

11 November at our meeting Mihnea Vlad will present 10 minutes on Rotary's Impact on his life. Mihnea is ex NBHS Interact, Dux, Summer Science School and now RYLA. He has now graduated from Auckland Uni and is heading to Sydney with The Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Also at this meeting we will hear from Interact members on their rotary experience thus far.

16 November **Sinta Klaus arrives** -a Dutch Christmas tradition.

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

Christmas dinner at Westshore 9 December. This is our final meeting of the year.

SERGEANT SESSION Jeff raided our pockets for Sports knowledge / ignorance and rewarded us with a touch of humour.

APPRECIATION TO Phillip Anderson who has been beavering away preparing for our Christmas raffle and Marcia who helped with the shopping.

To Gary Hemmings for his work with Interact

Caroline closed our very eventful evening with Karakia

WHO'S WHO updated

President- Chris Whittington	Past President Gary Hemmings Caroline Lamp
Executive Secretary- Ross McKelvie	Secretary- Mirriam van Maanen
Treasurer-David Anderson	
Foundation-now Phil Currie	Youth Gary Hemmings
Environment-Doug Knight/Lynne Anderson	
Public Image-Ralph Slooten	Vocational/Membership Jeff Silvester
Projects Bob McCoy	Webmaster Ralph Slooten
Facebook Max Patmoy	

Useful links:

www.rotarynapier.org is our club website We also still use www.ahuriri-rotary.org.nz

www.rotary.org.nz portal to all 6 districts in NZ

www.rotary9930.org portal to our 9930 District

www.rotary.org portal to RI Rotary International

www.rdu.rotary.org.nz portal to Rotary Down Under

Rotary District 9930 Facebook page www.facebook.com/rotarydistrict9930

Rotary learning website www.my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference