

Rotary Club of Palmerston North (1924)

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Rotary



Monday 30 June 2025
12-1.30 Palmerston North Conference & Events Centre

CHANGE OVER: PARTNERS ARE INVITED

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

Contact dave@davegaynor.co.nz



Speakers: President John Freebairn and President-Elect Dave Gaynor
"Change over, this year and next "

Intro/Thanks-	Nil
Attendance	Stu Schwartz
Sergeant	Liam Heir
Corporal	Brian Donnelly
Parting Thought	Ramola Duncan
Bulletin Editor	Steve Parsons

Monday 07 July 2025

07 JULY
CEO of FoodHQ

THE FUTURE OF THE FOOD INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM : FOODHQ'S VISION IN ACTION

We are at a pivotal time for food innovation, and the Manawātū has an opportunity to play a key role in shaping our future food system.

Dr Victoria Hatton, CEO of FoodHQ, will share her bold and practical plan. But this isn't just a plan—it's a vision in action, and it's already underway.

Dr Hatton will outline the opportunities, partnerships, and regional impact being driven through FoodHQ, followed by an in-depth Q&A session.

Join fellow business and community leaders for this joint keynote event by Palmerston North Rotary and the Manawātū Business Chamber—and be part of shaping the future of food in our region.

07 July | 12 PM | Palmy Conference + Function Centre

Speaker	Dr Victoria Hatton, CEO, Food HQ
Intro/Thanks	Ramola Duncan
Parting Thought	Martin Townend
Attendance	Stu Schwartz
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Meeting Monday 23 June
Guest speaker Steve Paterson, PNCC Manager Financial Strategy.

"Rates, Valuations, and Waters – times are changing."

The Waters include drinking water, wastewater and storm water.

The Government is currently focused on a "Local Water Done Well (LWDL)" approach, which involves councils taking the lead in delivering water services, with a focus on local decision-making and flexibility. This is a shift from the previous government's reforms which proposed creating larger water service entities. The current plan emphasizes council ownership and control of water services, while also addressing infrastructure challenges and financial sustainability.

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Councils are required to develop and submit Water Services Delivery Plans, by September 2025, outlining their water infrastructure, investment needs, and delivery models. The Government will establish water service settings including economic regulation, service quality, infrastructure investment and climate change resilience.

Councils will need to demonstrate how they plan to deliver water services in a financially sustainable way. PNCC, Horowhenua and Rangitikei Councils are planning to establish a joint Council Owned Entity to implement the new water service from 2028.

PNCC is transitioning to a new rating system over three years, shifting from a system primarily based on land value to one that includes both land and capital value. This means a larger portion of rates will be based on the capital value of properties, including the value of buildings and improvements, in addition to the land value. Approximately 16.5% of the general rates are currently based on capital value, while the remaining portion is based on land value. The capital value component is scheduled to increase to 33% in 2025/26 and then to 50% in 2026/27. The overall level of rates will remain the same or increase annually but the way it is distributed will change to the new formula.

Parting thought- Mike Charles

“Work hard and play hard are good recipes for executives too.”

New Members

Nkechinyere (Enkay) Onyema will be inducted at Change Over. Enkay will be helping Ramola promote Rotary through social media.

Iain Waugh of TelcoSpec is joining as a Business Member. TelcoSpec's Associate Members are Len Carney, Jon Bryant, and Sarah Kay. Iain Waugh (supported by Len Carney) will be inducted at Change Over.

Please welcome our new members.



The latest Club update from Dave Gaynor.

Membership Drive.

Discussions are underway with five prospects for Business Membership.

Aaron Tait of Agri Accounting has been nominated by Nigel Jolly and Ron Dobson. Aaron will be our guest on 7 July – please make him welcome.

I will be asking everyone to nominate someone who they feel is a good prospect. Put your thinking caps on before I ask you for a name. I am happy to visit anyone nominated.

My goal is 20 new members in PN Rotary by 30 June 2026

New Member Form

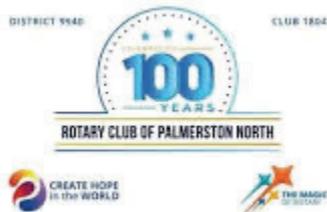
propose a new member. Just click on the link: <https://www.pnrotary.co.nz/ProposeNewMember.pdf>

Club 100 Year booklet update copy is available from Dave Gaynor. This final edition includes all speeches

Club 100 year booklet is now live on <https://manawatuheritage.pncc.govt.nz/>

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Kahuterawa Bush

Nigel Withell, John Brunsdon, and Dave Gaynor are developing Kahuterawa Bush. We are working on a plan to establish it as an Ecological Park John is arranging labels for the native plants – Manawatu Tree Trust will fund this. We aim to do a monthly working bee when we three can get there.

Brian Donnelly is going to help recreate the pond – if possible. Mike Swan of Proarch Architects is helping develop the concept of the park.

There's a lot to do such as weeds, tracks, mowing, fallen trees, picnic tables, and signage. Dave's looking for others who can help on this project. Note it is physical work. Please let Dave know if you can help.



THINKING & OUR CLUB— WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

More from President Elect Dave

RYMHA

Rotary Youth Mental Health Awareness> Nick Kaspers and I are working on a youth mental health initiative.

Youth suicides are the highest in NZ – it's time to help. RYMHA is a one-day course following the successful RYDA model. Working with schools to help students cope with mental health challenges.

This is at the concept stage obtaining feedback on its course design and viability This feedback will involve mental health professional, schools, and students. If the Board decides it is viable we aim to run a pilot in 2027.

There is a lot of work to do and if you can contribute, please let me know-
Dave Gaynor

Lifting the Lid

This is a Rotary mental health initiative developed in Australia. Rotary collects

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donations to fund mental health support for those in need.

Lifting the Lid is in place among Rotary Clubs in Wellington and Hutt Valley. Feilding Orua Rotary have taken it up in Manawatu.

Feilding Orua Rotary are running a fund raiser on 6 July (a quiz night – 6 a table).

Awapuni Rotary are looking to put a team of 6 together – contact Norelle. **Norelle has asked that PN Rotary put a team together as well.** If you want to participate in this good initiative – please let Dave know.

July 7 Dr Victoria Hatton

The second in our series of special business speakers is on 7 July. It is Dr Victoria Hatton, CEO, Food HQ. This is another joint PN Rotary/Manawatu Business Chamber initiative. This is a normal meeting with Awapuni and external visitors attending. If you are bringing a guest, please let me know for catering purposes. Please support this initiative as it is part of our business membership drive.

Rotary National Science and Technology Forum

On June 16, a call went out from Rotary NZ to schools to nominate students to attend RNSTF. PN Rotary has normally funded 1-2 students each year for this excellent January 2026 course. Dave's looking for someone to co-ordinate this programme. It involves liaising with Rotary and schools and to vet the candidates for the Board to approve. If you can help – please let Dave know.

Projects

We have a good list of projects – some of which are mentioned above. In addition, we have Club responsibilities that need supporting. For example: desk duties, arranging badge, spotting speakers, and bulletin editors. I'm keen for everyone to have a job, even these who are physically less able.

If you can help let me know and we can together choose an appropriate job. If you have no task let me know – I'll find one that suits.

Speakers

In the absence of Martin who is overseas I have been co-ordinating arranging speakers. Thanks to Ramola, Stu, Awapuni and Rotary District I have speakers through to the end of August. I'm looking for Speaker Spotters who can suggest interesting speakers. This involves reading the local papers, finding out what is happening and suggesting a speaker. I'm looking for someone to co-ordinate the speakers for me – if you can help let me know. It involves inviting potential speakers, maintaining a list, advising of venue, audio-visual and arranging someone to greet them.

Awapuni Meeting

It was great to see nearly a full muster of Awapuni members for David Chapple's Menzsheds. Your presence created a very positive vibe.

Remember Awapuni joins PN Rotary on the 1st and 3rd meeting each month. On the 3rd Monday I have asked Norelle to be the President on that day. It will be a normal PN and Awapuni Rotary meeting but with an Awapuni flavour. This will give Awapuni an opportunity to focus on their projects and their notices.

I will organise any speakers of particular interest to Awapuni to fall on their meetings. This is a good way to ensure PN Rotary gets to know and support Awapuni Rotary.

Pre-Paid Business Membership

Business Members are being encouraged to pay for a year in advance. This covers Rotary fees of \$410 plus 40 meetings at \$30/meeting = \$1610. The \$410 comprises: Rotary International & District \$240, Rotary Foundation \$25, PN Rotary Club \$145.

Business Members have a Primary Member – who joins Rotary. They are asked to list up to three alternates (Associate Members) who can attend in their place.

The Board approved (June 2025) that if the Business pre-pays, then any Associate

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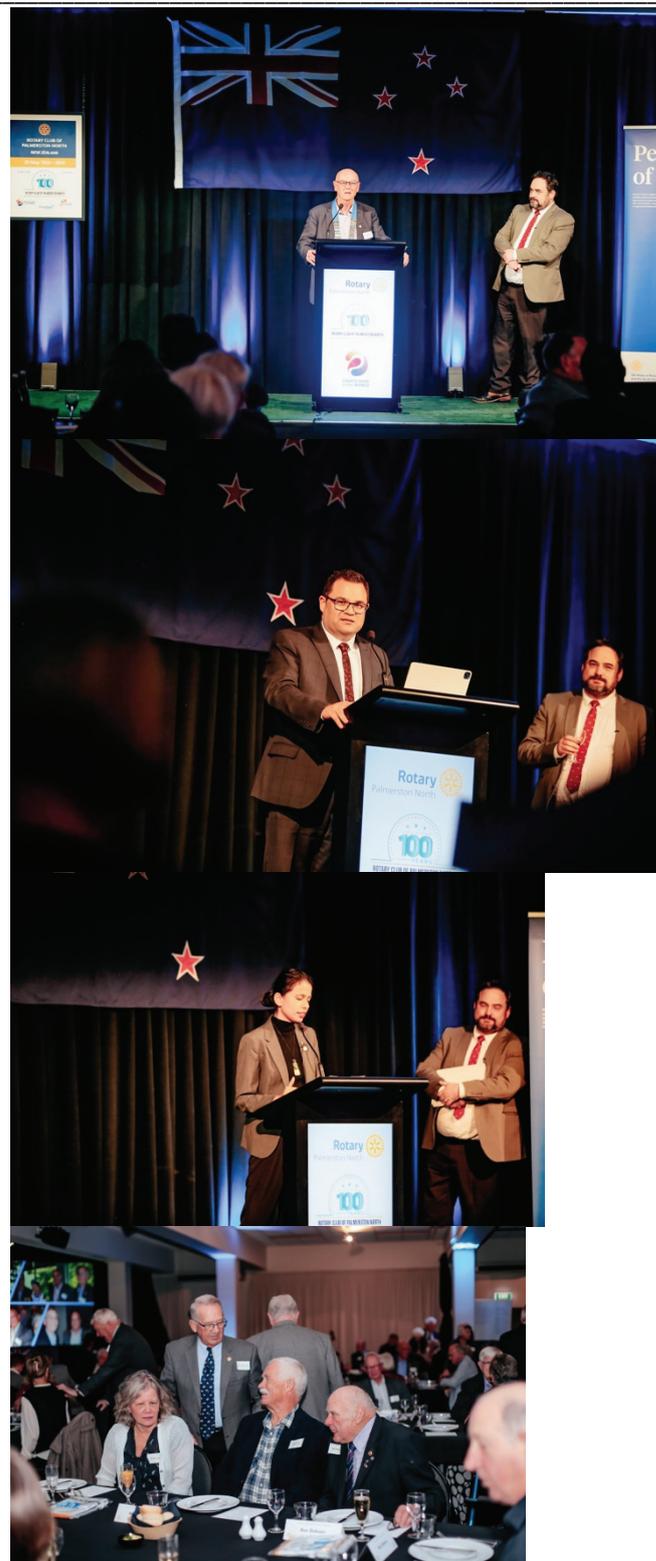


Member can attend for free. This applies (within reason) if the Primary and Associate Member attend a meeting together. If individual members choose to pre-pay, then their partners can also attend for free (within reason). The Associate Members or partners who attend with the Primary Member may choose to donate \$30 (optional). Please note that pre-pay doesn't cover your partner and five kids having free lunch for a year.

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From the Archives- 100th Celebration 2025



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