

Meeting on Monday 28 July 2025

Restoring our backyard, one step at a time.
At today's Rotary Club of Palmerston North meeting, we looked back on decades of service — and looked ahead to a greener future.

Inducting a New Member

We officially welcomed **Aaron Tait, from AgriAccounting Limited** - our newest Business Member. Aaron and Rachelle Tait specialise in farm accounting. Aaron received a nomination from Honorary Member and Past President Nigel Jolly full of heart, and humour. Past President John Freebairn welcomed Aaron to the Rotary Club of PN and Rotary International with a reminder that Rotary is built on trust, purpose, and relationships that go the distance. Ka mau te wehi, Aaron — we're glad to have you onboard. 🌟



Monday 04 August 2025

Speaker **Shaun Kay**

"Showcasing Palmy's Creative Pulse: Celebrating our Arts Community and Placemaking Pride"

Intro/Thanks	Steve Parsons
Attendance	Stu Schwartz
Sergeant	John Freebairn
Corporal	Nick Kaspers
Parting Thought	Iain Waugh
Bulletin Editor	Steve Parsons

Monday 11 August 2025

Speaker **John Prendergast, Rotary District**

"This is Rotary and what to do about it"

Intro/Thanks	President Dave
Attendance	Martin Townend
Sergeant	Nigel Withell
Corporal	Lesley Boulton
Parting Thought	Mike Charles
Bulletin Editor	Steve Parsons

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Guest speakers Dave Gaynor, Nigel Withell “Kahuterawa Bush – An Ecological Park”

PN Rotary is upgrading Kahuterawa Bush into an Ecological Park.

The Past

- PN Rotary has helped at this Bush for 20 years
- PNINS used it for school biology trips
- Ken Rush, Jock McKenzie and Tod Palenski helped.
- Horizons upgraded the bush between 2020-2023.
- PN Rotary help has been inconsistent since 2023.
- Fraser McKenzie (Jock's son) and PN Rotary (Nigel, John Brunsden, and Dave) do a bit.



The New Plan

- Do something properly or not at all.
- We will develop an Ecological Park.
- The native flora will be labelled, the ecology and the Māori and European history explained.
- Protect the birds, native flora and stream life.
- Create a really nice place to visit, relax and enjoy.

- A place where school groups visit to learn about Manawatu early ecology.
- Linked to the cycleway from PN.
- Funds from the Manawatu Tree Trust and Rotary.

Tidy Up

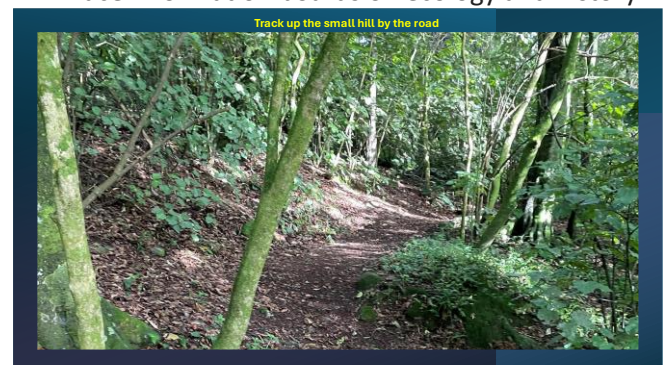
- Control the weeds – tradescantia, gorse, blackberry and old man's beard
- Mow the picnic areas.
- Put gravel on the tracks
- Clear away fallen and broken trees.
- Control rats, stoats, mice and possums.

Develop

- Refill the pond.
- Locate the steel bridge to span a small stream.
- Place 2-3 more picnic tables.
- Improve track signage – so you know where to go.
- Link the cycle track from Bells Road to the bush.
- Run the cycle track through the pine forest.

Educate

- Label the native plants.
- Link to Rotary website with ecology details.
- Place information boards on ecology and history.



PN Rotary News

Membership Fees

Membership fees have been sent out to PN Rotary members – no change from last year.

Meal and Venue Charges

Palmy Conference and Function Centre have advised that catering costs are set to rise by \$5.00 pp from October and venue charges will probably rise as well. The Board is assessing options. Either stay where we are but provide only a light lunch (the currently preferred option because the venue is very good) or move

somewhere less expensive. We'll keep you posted.

Lifting the Lid Donation

The Sergeant's session on 14 June plus some Club funds has allowed the Club to make a small donation to Rotary Club of Feilding Oroua of \$200 which was gratefully received. Their Lifting the Lid fund will help young people who are having mental health challenges to get professional help when needed.

Illustrated Dictionaries

7 boxes (8 per box) of Rotary branded Illustrated Dictionaries have been delivered free to the Manawatu Prison library for distribution to those prisoners who would benefit. This was enthusiastically received by the Prison staff.

Awapuni Rotary News

A team from Awapuni Rotary participated in the Lifting the Lid Quiz Night run by Feilding Oroua Rotary. It was a great night and the team came fourth.

Daffodil Day 29 August



Jo O'Neill is looking for volunteers for Daffodil Day. Here is her note to Norelle.

We are still in need of Volunteers to help us man our Stall sites around the city on Friday the 29th August. Please get in touch if you can help with any of the below sites and times, much appreciated. If you need anymore information do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Jo O'Neil

Volunteer Coordinator Manawatu

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Contact Jo for the sites and times.

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