

Meeting on Monday 25 August 2025

Welcome by President Dave

PN Rotary News

Last Friday of the Month Drinks

Meet at **Brew Union on 29 August between 5-6.30 pm**. Please bring your partner, friends and prospects. Dave will be there – hopefully he doesn't have to drink alone.

Kahuterawa Bush



Major development at Kahuterawa Bush. NZDF (Army) and Downers (the army grounds contractor) joined Nigel, Dan, Aaron and Dave to look tidying the park. They volunteered to bring their whole team along on Tuesday to mow, weed and trim. **Thanks to Downers and NZDF!!**



Dan and Aaron were scoping the park for upgrading the signage. They need work!!



Rotary National Science and Technology Forum

Brian and Nick have received 4 RNSTF student applications which will now be assessed to see who are suitable to be funded by PN Rotary. Norelle and David have one applicant as well.

Next Meeting

Monday 1 September 2025

Welcome: President Dave

Speaker Dr Johan Potgieter

"The AI and Robotics Revolution. Don't Miss Out"



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FEATURED SPEAKER

DR JOHAN POTGIETER

Managing Director of Manawātū AgriFood Digital Lab
(MAF Digital Lab)

THE AI, ROBOTICS REVOLUTION: DON'T MISS OUT

A global expert in robotics, 3D printing, and mechatronics, Dr Potgieter has spent his career turning complex technologies into practical tools. From developing cutting-edge robots to creating a new technology hub in Palmerston North, he's helped shape the future through education, research, and real-world innovation.

In this talk, he'll unpack where AI, robotics, and smart tech are heading—and how businesses and communities can harness these tools to stay ahead.

Join fellow business and community leaders for this joint keynote event by Palmerston North Rotary and the Manawātū Business Chamber—and be part of the conversation on what's next.

01 September | 12 PM | Palmy Conference + Function Centre

Intro

Dave Gaynor

Thanks

Nikki Maw

(Manawatu Business Chamber)

Attendance

Martin Townend

Sergeant

Nigel Withell

Corporal

Steve Pasons

Parting Thought

Aaron Tait

Bulletin Editor

Steve Parsons

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The original speaker James Etuale speaking on *"Making Mental Health Matter"* had the flu and lost his voice so President Dave stepped in.



Dave talked on a topic he knows well:

“Dave’s Plan for 2025-26”

Over a series of PowerPoint slides he outlined the focus of PN Rotary to 30 June 2025.

- **Enhance Our Service Projects:**
 - Kahuterawa Bush Ecological Park: major upgrade.
 - Youth Mental Health Awareness for 2027.
 - Youth Development Support: Science and Technology Forum and Brave Thinkers etc.
 - Circus Quirkus
 - Youth Music Festival
 - Rotary Youth Driver Awareness
 - International: Ruchi, Pacific Islands, Polio Plus.
 - Manawatu Tree Trust, Ivy May Jensen Housing Trust.
- **Talk About Rotary:**
 - Social media: Linked In, Face Book, Instagram.
 - Press Articles.
 - Advertising.
 - Bulletin Circulation.
- **Enhance Member Engagement:**
 - Better speakers.
 - Social events (Brew Union, Croquet).
 - Everyone Involved in Projects.
 - Welcoming, friendly and fun.
- **Be Flexible and Innovative:**
 - Flexible Attendance Options.

- Business Membership.
- Engage with Organisations: Awapuni Rotary, Manawatu Business Chamber.
- Affordability: Are we too expensive?
- **Grow to 30+ Members:**
 - Nominate and Ask people to join.
 - Business Members.
 - Community Minded People.
 - Ideal age: 40-50
 - Owners of Businesses.
 - Women with older children.
 - Influencers.
- **Consistent with Rotary Internationals’ Plan:**
 - Increase Our Impact
 - Expand Our Reach
 - Enhance Participant Engagement
 - Increase our ability to adapt.
 - Business Members.

If everyone works together we will make it happen.

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