

13 October 2025

PN Rotary News

President Dave is “our of action” for the month. All the best for recovery or until advised.

PAST President John Freebairn will lead the club in Dave’s absence

Brew Union Friday Drinks

Brew Union drinks to be held Friday Friday 31st October- all welcome.

Christmas Pudding Fundraiser

Let Stu Schwartz know if you want Christmas Puddings Each pudding worth \$7.00 for Rotary.



New Constitution and AGM

An AGM/Club Day now 11 November 2025.

Croquet

Competition started Tuesday 14 Oct 5.30-6.30.

MEETINGS UPDATE

No meeting -Monday 27th October 2025- Labour Day Holiday

Monday 03rd November

Aaron Tait & Steve Deans...”My Story”

Intro /Thanks	P.P. John Freebairn.
Attendance	Leslie Boulton
Sergeant	Nigel Withell
Corporal	Martin Townend
Parting thought	Phillip Boulton
Bulletin Editor	Steve Parsons

Meeting Monday 10th November 2025

Note change of location

Meeting will be in the JR Russell Lounge at the CET Arena- 12 Noon

Speaker : Club Forum + Guest speaker

Annual meeting

On 10 November we will run a Club annual meeting to seek club approval to the registration of a new Club Constitution. A new Constitution is necessary to meet the latest legislative requirements for incorporated societies and will be a standard format that has been negotiated for all New Zealand Rotary clubs. A new set of Club Bylaws is also being developed. The Bylaws enable the Club to refine the constitution in some situations to better reflect the way we wish to operate.

Guest Speaker :Raewyn Marshall “ Kind Hearts”

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Meeting Monday 17th November –

time A& venue to be advised

Attendance 20 October -- 22

Sergeant's collection \$53 + Internet giving.

Report on Monday 20th October

Guest Speaker Summary – Rebecca Culver – Just Zilch

- **Summary of Talk – Rebecca Culver, Managing Director, Just Zilch**
- Rebecca began by explaining that Just Zilch is a **food rescue organisation** — it collects surplus or unsellable food from suppliers and redistributes it **free to anyone in need**. When the initiative started in 2011, the concept of food rescue was new and often misunderstood, but today it's widely recognised for its environmental and social impact.
- She highlighted the **scale of food waste**, noting that an average household throws away the equivalent of **three supermarket bags of food each year**, and nationally about **a third of all food produced** is wasted. Examples included rejected export orders or slightly blemished products — such as 20 pallets of onions or tins with minor rust — which would otherwise go to landfill
- Just Zilch currently **rescues and redistributes 10–15 tonnes of food each week**, preventing waste and supporting a growing number of people. The organisation operates on a **no-judgement policy** — anyone can access food, as

everyone faces hardship at times. Pride can be a barrier, but Rebecca encouraged people to view Just Zilch as a community resource rather than charity.

- Demand has risen sharply: last year they served around **340 people a day**, now averaging **480 daily**, with peaks of up to **600 on Sundays**. To manage space and efficiency, food is pre-sorted into trays so people can still **choose what they want** without entering the full warehouse area.
- She stressed that **food insecurity affects all walks of life** — business owners, families, and individuals — especially as costs rise. Addressing basics like food and shelter helps strengthen the wider community.
- Financially, Just Zilch operates with minimal government funding, relying instead on **corporate partners, small regular donors, and the 'Piece of Cake' programme**, where individuals or businesses can contribute weekly or monthly.
- Rebecca also mentioned special initiatives, such as a **Wednesday "Gold Card" session** for seniors, offering a quieter time to collect food.
- She closed by acknowledging the ongoing challenges of space, funding, and demand, but celebrated how Just Zilch continues to grow — reducing waste, feeding people, and building a more caring community.

**JUST
Zilch**

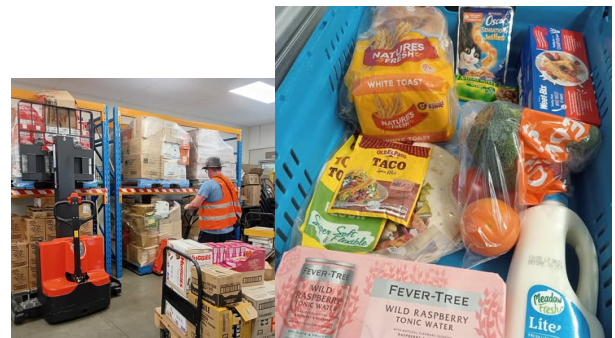




Parting Thoughts from Phil Bolton

"We make a living by what we get...But we make a life by what we give...Winston Churchill

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just on...Mother Tere



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