



## Rotary Club of Palmerston North (1924)

President Dave Gaynor, Secretary Steve Paterson, Treasurer Ron Schalkwijk, Past President John Freebairn

# Rotary



Monday 23 June 2025-change of venue  
**JA Russell Lounge at the Central Energy Trust Arena**

Speaker **Steve Paterson**  
Rates, Valuations & Waste Water-fines are changing

Intro/Thanks Dave Gaynor  
Attendance Stu Schwartz  
Sergeant Nigel Withell  
Corporal John Brunsden  
Parting Thought Mike Charles  
Bulletin Editor Steve Parsons

Monday 30 June 2025  
12 Noon Palmerston North Conference & Events Centre

**CHANGEOVER:PARTNERS ARE INVITED**

Please bring your partner.  
Please RSVP to Dave Gaynor so he can advise the caterer.  
Contact [dave@davegaynor.co.nz](mailto:dave@davegaynor.co.nz)



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

Intro/Thanks- Nil

Attendance Stu Schwatz  
Sergeant Liam Heir  
Corporal Brian Donnelly  
Parting Thought Ramolaa Duncan  
Bulletin Editor Steve Parsons

Please RSVP to Dave Gaynor so he can finalise catering  
[Dave@davegaynor.co.nz](mailto:Dave@davegaynor.co.nz)

Club Info meeting : 23 June 2025

Attendance .. 16 members

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### Summary of Dave Chappelle's Speech at the Rotary Club of Palmerston North – Monday, 16th June 2025

Dave Chappelle delivered a heartfelt and engaging address focused on his lifelong passion for woodworking, community service, and his involvement in the **Palmerston North Men's Shed**.

#### Early Interest in Woodwork

- Dave's interest began in childhood, preferring to spend his pocket money on tools rather than sweets.
- He took woodwork classes in the evenings after moving to



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Palmerston North and found joy in making items for his home.

- His father-in-law, also a skilled woodworker, further nurtured this interest.

### Design Background & Community Vision

- As an architect, Dave often incorporated small retreats or sheds in retirement homes for men to have their own space.
- He emphasized the mental health benefits of "shed time," likening it to a woman's handbag — essential and personal.

### Inspiration for Men's Shed Involvement

- A request from his grandson (inspired by a book called *Harvey and His Toolbox*) to build a toolbox sparked a deeper commitment to hands-on, meaningful projects.
- This led to his involvement in forming a **Men's Shed** locally — part of a global movement with over 3,000 sheds, including 100+ in New Zealand.

### Palmerston North Men's Shed Operations

- The local shed operates three days a week with 10–15 regulars and is open to all, including women.
- Key limitation: need for a trained supervisor to oversee certain activities.

### Community Projects

- **Support for Local Organisations:**
  - Built equipment for *SuperGrans* (e.g., portable cooking units).
  - Created shelving for the *Red Cross Bookshop*, sourcing materials and services through generous community donations.
- **Education & Inclusion:**
  - Designed tactile books for students with special needs.
  - Constructed calming stools for children needing quiet space in classrooms.
- **Police Collaboration:**
  - Partnered with police to build trolleys, addressing cost challenges with community help.
- **City Projects:**
  - Produced park benches, although funding has been an issue.
  - Crafted items for *Kind Hearts* and local kindergartens.
  - Built cabinetry for hospital prescription pickup rooms.

### Broader Message

- Dave highlighted the **value of community connections, the therapeutic power of craftsmanship, and the importance of mental health and purpose in retirement.**
- The Men's Shed helps fill the gap left by retirement, particularly for those without established social networks.
- It offers camaraderie, skill-sharing, and a reason to get up in the morning — especially during



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morning tea discussions that "solve the world's problems."

### Closing Remarks

- He expressed gratitude to the City Council for providing space and support.
- Noted the recent installation of a new dust extraction system for health and safety.
- Emphasized that the Men's Shed is about **well-being first**, with making things simply being the vehicle to achieve that.

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This speech celebrated the **transformative power of making and giving**, underscoring the Men's Shed's profound role in supporting individual purpose and community enrichment

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### Parting Thought -. Brian Donnelly:

Angry wife's note to husband: "Your dinner is the receipt book on page 32 and the ingredients are at the store."

### New Members

Progressive discussions are ongoing Manawatu Chamber and joint membership. Please support their club as you can.

### Awapuni Rotary Club(reminder)

Awapuni members will attend our Rotary meetings on Mondays fortnightly.

Their numbers have dropped to 15 with 8-9 regularly attending their fortnightly meetings. We naturally welcomed this initiative which started on Monday 14 April 2025

Both Rotary Clubs will remain as separate Clubs.

This will improve the meeting and Rotary experience for everyone.

It will also help us achieve our minimum catering requirement of 20.

Some of their members may wish to attend more frequently than fortnightly.

We don't see any major issues in achieving this.

The meetings will remain unchanged except for the addition of Awapuni Rotary News.

Dave and Norelle are working through the details.( Published again to ensure all are aware )

### Nominate a Potential Member

Dave Gaynor asked members to nominate any person they feel is a potential member for Rotary.

This has been the traditional way of recruiting members. Choosing people who are likely to be interested.

Dave will make the approach, or members can bring a potential member for free to a meeting to check Rotary out. It takes a team effort to make a difference. Please send your nominations to Dave.

**Rotary Youth Music Festival Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025** Look at :

<https://palmybid.co.nz/musicmonth/>

### Guest Speaker?

If you see or hear of a good speaker, please let Martin know so we can invite them along.



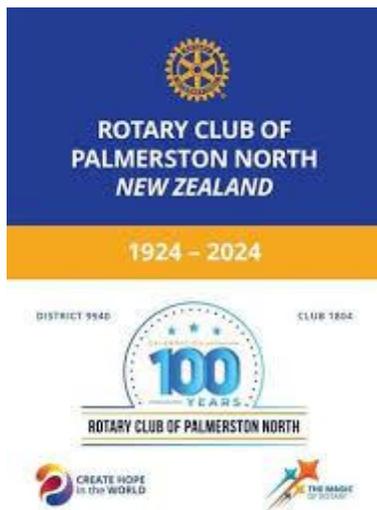
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### New Member Form

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

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From incoming President Dave Gaynor

I'm pleased to announce that next in our Featured Speaker series is Dr Victoria Hatton, CEO, Food HQ

It was a great gathering of Rotarians from District and other Clubs to the excellent talk by Te Ahu Teki.

We look forward to having you, partners, and friends along to hear Victoria on **Monday 7 July**.

For catering purposes please reply, yes or no, to this email by Thursday 3 July. [dave@davegaynor.co.nz](mailto:dave@davegaynor.co.nz)

**07 JULY**  
CEO of FoodHQ

**DR VICTORIA HATTON**

**FEATURED SPEAKER**

**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**