

# Bulletin

Tuesday 18 June, 2025

Editor: Ian Stevens

## Programme (upcoming)

## Greeter

**24 June The Hub (Platters)**  
**Speaker - Sue Hannah from Flame, Cambodia**  
**(Committees meet)**

**Jerry Payne**

## Change Over Roundup 17<sup>th</sup> of June

65+ Katikati Rotarians, guests and visitors had a big night organised by outgoing president Jenie Strongman. As instructed, we were dressed in our finest. Some of us had a few challenges getting into our finest.

Jenie and hopefully the odd helper put a huge effort into setting up the venue for the occasion right down to using the new rotary year colours for table napkins! Luckily she explained as the blokes in the audience would not have joined the dots!

There was a very full program. Luckily Jennie picked the MC very well our very own David Foris excelled in the role. His jokes were highlights everyone a gem these broke up the more serious elements of the evening.

There were welcomes, speeches, lots of thankyou's, lots of awards, farewells, and jewellery exchanged.

The speeches started with a Jim Bremner giving a background to the Rotary Youth Exchange programme plus thanking the many people that have hosted and helped Julius year in NZ. Julius then spoke to the club sharing his various experiences many of them uniquely Kiwi that he will not forget. He is at that stage where he is excited about going home to catchup with family and friends while starting to feel sad about the new friends and families he has made. His parting quote relating his exchange year was "its not the year in your life that's important but the life in your year". I will expand on some of his most memorable experiences in a future newsletter.

Our very own Alison Noble spoke of how magical the program can be as she still gets Mothers Day gifts sent to from an exchange student she hosted many years

ago. Julius was very appreciative of the gifts from the club and All Black Jersey and a piece of pounamu presented by Bronwyn as the last act of the night.

### A Chatgpt summary of Jenie speech prior to the awards ceremony

Before we present this evening's awards, a quick reminder of who we are and why we do what we do.

Rotary began in 1905 with a vision to connect professionals, build friendships, and serve the community. It quickly grew into a global movement, now with over 46,000 clubs worldwide tackling real-world challenges — from clean water and health to peace and education.

We're a network of people who see things differently, think differently, and act with purpose. Our mission is simple: **Service Above Self**.

Through our four Avenues of Service — Club, Vocational, Community, and International — we build goodwill, promote ethics, and make a lasting impact.

Our guiding compass, the **Four-Way Test**, asks:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary is for anyone who wants to make a difference. Age, background, or profession doesn't matter — just a willingness to turn good intentions into action.

Together, we create lasting change — in our communities, across the globe, and in ourselves.

## Awards

Recognition Awards to Bronwyn Carter President and Meridith Ahern Secretary of Omokoroa Satellite club.

Friend of Rotary Award to Alison Noble

Rotary Awards for Service Jenie's Chris Keightley & Rupert Jacks (the wingmen)

Certificates of Appreciation, John Dalimore, John Strongman, Paul Lassman, Robyn Walker, Ann Owen, Lynley Ackerley, Ian Stevens & Sandra Haigh

Certificates of Service John Buchanan – Computer Rejuvenator Extraordinaire, Roy & Barbara Robinson – Outstanding Services to the Book Fare.

Paul Harris Fellow Awards - The highest award possible in Rotary

Two were presented one by Jenie Strongman to Nigel Williams who has been a stalwart in the club and has excelled in every role in the club.

The other one was presented by Rod Calver to John Dallimore for 30 years Rotary service with the following information found secretly. John was President of Pakuranga Rotary in 2014–15 and of our club in 2019–20. A former JC and Territorial Army officer, he retired as a Major in 1990, having commanded the Fourth Main HQ Signal Squadron.

John brought his flair to Rotary too—famously donning his red dress uniform to sing in a District Conference talent show!

Professionally, he's had a distinguished insurance career, particularly in legal and travel insurance. He now serves as our District Insurance Officer, where his expertise is invaluable.

John is always supported by Josie—his partner in life and Rotary. Josie is a powerhouse on the Garden Ramble committee, and we're grateful for her tireless work. John is a quiet, ethical, and efficient gentleman—truly a cornerstone of Katikati Rotary. We are lucky to have him.

## Passing the Baton / Chain

Jenie had a challenging job passing the 1 Chain and 1 Presidents Pin to 2 Presidents. Ann Owen got the Chain first based on Ladies before Gentlemen while Jim Bremner got the pin pinned on him. It's probably also logical and sensible as Ann is doing the first 6 months up until Christmas when Jim takes over for the second half. Ann thanked Jenie for her energy and efforts over the year while dealing with very significant family health challenges. Ann then introduced her new team for the 2025/2026 year some of these have been recycled from the previous year 1 in the same roll some with new rolls!



President Ann Owen / Jim Bremner

Secretary Chris Keightly, Treasurer Jenie Strongman Directors, Community Paul Lassman, Club Service Jim Bremner/Ann Owen, International David Foris, Environment John Strongman, Almoner Martin Hawke, Public Relations & Facebook Sandra Haigh, Membership Jim / Ann, Batteries and Garden Ramble Rod Calver, Social Activities Jennie Strongman Robyn Walker Sandra Haigh, Guest Speakers Ann Owen, Sargeant Bronwyn Webster, Editor Ian Stevens / Francis Young

After introducing her team Ann reminded us about projects that that the club & Individuals had been involved in for the last year or two just in case we had forgotten all the good stuff we have achieved. Ann then went on to say "Our plan for this year is

conservative, to maintain consistency in our programmes, to incorporate the many skills our members have and to create a welcoming environment for new members. In consultation with our members we will develop a plan for this year consistent with our financial resources” Editors Note “There is a challenge in there for members to bring your project ideas small and big to the consultation sessions.”

## Parting Thought – Ann Owen

Ann Owen gave the following quote attributed to Albert Pike

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal”

## Computers Feedback – Happy Customers

The following is some great feedback from Rod who facilitated the delivery of some refurbished computers from our club. Rod had to hand the computers over to the teacher to deliver as the airfield on the remote Island was too soft to land on.

“Good morning Rod. My apology for the late reply. We have received the laptops and all are working well and already distributed to our students. Our students were elated to receive these to support them in their studies. Our school community on Mangaia offer their appreciation and gratitude for your kind gesture in donating these devices. On behalf for the school, teachers and students we would like to extend our words of thank you and appreciation for these devices to support our students learning here in Mangaia. Our school as remote as we are are ahead in using digital technology as a mean to support students learning. These devices will definitely go a long way in supporting our students. Again thank you Rod. We hope in the near future that you will travel to Mangaia meet with us.”

Meitaki - Mike



## Humour Corner

David Foris Gems

Careful with your Leprechaun wishes “wishing for a partner 30 years younger can have unexpected consequences”

Husband and wife have a big tiff with wife, wife goes home to live with Mum, Mum says “no your husband has to pay! I coming to live with you”

“Rotarians don’t procrastinate they just reorder their priorities” Thanks David this is a perfect clarification and explanation of my behaviour for my wife.

Change over parting thoughts courtesy of Chatgpt.

"As we pass the baton tonight, just remember — leadership in Rotary is a lot like a revolving door... except with more dinners, less salary, and way more gavel envy. Good luck to the incoming team — your emails are about to get much more exciting!" 😊

"Well, it’s time to hand over the reins — or as we call it in Rotary, *the privilege of being endlessly volunteered for things you didn’t know you agreed to*. To the incoming team:



may your smiles stay wide, your meetings stay short, and your inboxes forever full... of other people's problems. Cheers!"

"As we farewell our fearless leader, let's take a moment to reflect on their presidency — a year marked by bold decisions, inspiring leadership... and at least three meetings where nobody had a clue what was going on. But hey, the club's still standing, the fines tin is heavier than ever, and the gavel hasn't been used as a weapon — so we call that a win! Good luck to the next president — may your Zoom links always work and your members always pretend to read the agenda!" 😊

**Our July 8 meeting instead of being held at the Hub**

**Will be a joint dinner meeting together with Paeroa Rotary - at the Waihi Beach RSA**

**And our speaker will be Scott Simpson, MP for Coromandel and Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

**More about this later**

## **Can you do another Changeover Night**

The Rotary Club of Huntly invites you to attend.

Rotary District 9930 Governor Changeover

Sunday 6th July 2025

11.00am - 3.30pm

Woodlands Estate,

Homestead, Gardens Venue

42 Whitikahu Road,

Taupiri.

Please come and join with us as we welcome our incoming District Governor Ken Smith for 2025 -2026 and celebrate the achievements over the past year of outgoing District Governor Nick Dangerfield.

Cost \$70.00 per person

Buffet Luncheon will be provided

Bar with EFTPOS will be available (no cash)

Dress Code: Smart Casual

**Payment is to be made to the Rotary Club of Huntly.**

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