

Bulletin

Tuesday 22 October, 2024

Programme

Greeter

12 November	AGM at The Hub (including Forum) [BYO Food & Drink]	Rod Calver
19 November	Fairview Country Club – Partners night Speaker - Steve Te Whaiti	David Foris
26 November	The Hub (Board Meeting) [Platter provided]	Jim Bremner

Club Notices

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) – will be held at our next meeting on Tuesday 12 November at the Hub, and will follow our usual meeting after the Greeter's talk. Main topics will include a presentation of the Club's performances over the year past and also, it is a time to focus on the election of officers for our year ahead

Forum - additionally, you will be canvassed earlier in the evening in order to identify topics of interest to you e.g. how, when & where we meet; catering; sound system; a particular project of interest; membership; interacting with other Clubs etc etc etc – please have a think about it and be ready to have your say

The Waipuna Hospice Remembrance Tree – volunteers are still required for the stand at Woolworths, Katikati on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th November

Volunteer names (& preferred times) please to Jenie or to Chris or to page at the door

As always - please bring your Rotary Hi-Vis jacket and make us seen

Rotary Learning – next month will occur on Monday 25 November, and as usual 10 am to 12 noon, Red Cross Building, Middlebrook Drive, Katikati

Empty Chair Ceremony – 11 November at Lodge Katikati, a time to remember our fallen (see flyer at rear)

Apologies

If unable to attend a meeting, please contact Martin by 12 noon on the Friday previous

Phone: 027 289 7785 or Email: martin.hawke@xtra.co.nz

Speaker

Hilary Johnson (Manager, Innovative Horticulture, Katikati College)

Hillary has visited and spoken to us before about Katikati College's Grow Hub - a course which teaches young people to grow food. Grow Hub is now in its second year and its aim is to 'spark a teen's interest in a possible career in horticulture'. On this occasion Hillary updated us on recent visits made by the students to commercial worksites, including our National Field Days

Hillary took us on a tour throughout the Grow Hub where we viewed the gardens, potting shed, glass houses, laboratory (where we saw a hydroponic system which the class developed during the late COVID years)

Hillary is now leaving the school in the hands of Kate Sutherland who has a Primary Industries background and the future for local students with an eye on the horticultural sector is looking very bright

For more about the school, visit - <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/country/529869/katikati-college-s-grow-hub-helps-teens-dig-up-skills-to-grow-food>

Members talks

John Buchanan entertained us firstly with some juicy anecdotes about Peter Spurdle an interesting ex RAF pilot who flew *Kittyhawks* for the USAF in the Pacific during World War II, and then later returned to New Zealand where he built the *MV WHAI*, a 48' motorized catamaran. John was involved and helped build *WHAI* which is well known for its stability and dived from it extensively for over a decade. Remarkably (and with a degree of disappointment no doubt) in 1970 John had to turn down a trip to Truk Lagoon in the Pacific the graveyard of many World War II casualties, due to his own work commitments and training back home. The *WHAI* continues to this day to be a very active charter vessel for fishers and divers and has made numerous long distance voyages into the Pacific and around New Zealand

Additional note

Tonight's meeting was held at the Grow Hub – the facility was suited to our occasion in that it was quiet, roomy and comfortable and power-point and presentation facilities are available. Cooking & cleaning facilities (including refrigeration) are adjacent and many remarked on its suitability for our purposes

Our parting thought – John Buchanan



NOTICE of AGM – ROTARY CLUB of KATIKATI INC

Our Club Constitution requires an Annual general Meeting to be held no later than on 31 December and given this, our AGM will be held on Tuesday 12 November 2024

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, 12 November, 2024**

(To follow our usual meeting)

Venue: **The Hub, Patuki Manawa Digital Hub, 21 main Road, Katikati**

Business: Receive 2023/24 President's report

Receive Treasurer's report

Nominations of Executive Officers:

- President for 2024/25
- Election of Secretary
- Election of Treasurer

Open Forum (see earlier Bulletin note regarding suggested topics)



Lodge Katikati No 295

6 Park Road, Katikati

The Empty Chair Ceremony

Monday 11th November, 7pm



We invite members of the Katikati community to join us for our Armistice Day Commemoration, remembering Brethren and Families lost to war & conflict.

This is a unique opportunity for members of the public to witness a Masonic ceremony in Katikati. The ceremony will last an hour, after which we will provide drinks & a light supper. All are welcome.

Please confirm attendance, for catering, to jerry@payne.kiwi.nz

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