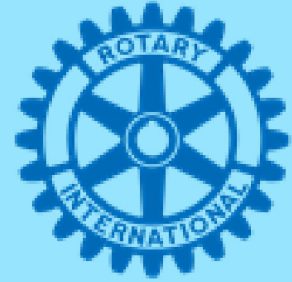




Rotary Club of Katikati New Zealand



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Editor: [Nigel Williams](#)

Programme:

16 July - Club Night & **Special General Meeting**
(new committees meet)

23 July - Nicky Austen from Katikati Community Centre

Partners night

30 July - to be confirmed

Greeter*

Jerry Payne

Allan Sole

***Duties of the Greeter: (if you cannot attend it is your responsibility to delegate)**

1. Put out the Club Equipment*
2. Greet members as they arrive
3. Give the 5 minute talk
4. Assist the Sgt-at-Arms with fines
5. Introduce (& thank?) the speaker
6. Give the "Closing Thought"
7. Put away the Club Equipment*

* name badges, bell, gavel, computer, projector,
2 microphones & stand, raffle box.

Club Notes:

The Club will be hosting an incoming [Youth Exchange](#) secondary school student from Germany from September to December.

We need to urgently find 3-4 host families to host him during his stay, and a Rotarian counsellor to advise and support him during his stay. ["The families can be a mixture of Rotarian and non-Rotarian families. Clubs can also consider co-hosting with other clubs."]

If anyone knows of a possible host family or is interested in becoming his counsellor please contact Brien James.

Apology ?

Members— If you are unable to attend a meeting please contact **Martin Hawke** by **3.45pm** the previous Friday night.

Tel : **027 289 7785**

Email : martin.hawke@xtra.co.nz

Speaker Sandra Haigh

Sandra gave us a photo presentation from her recent holiday in Vietnam. She and Richard flew into Ho Chi Min city and decided to concentrate on the history and culture of the country. They enjoyed many fascinating sights including: the French colonial architecture; tunnels (she squeezed in!) and horrific man-traps from the American War; and a day's boat trip into the Mekong river delta region.

From there they travelled to Danang and on to the tourist mecca of the ancient trading port Hoi An with its colourful lanterns and *Banh Mi* (bread rolls). This highlight was followed by the spectacular Halong Bay with its crowds of Chinese tourists and lack of fish and birds.

The final destination was the impressive capital Hanoi where they visited: the historic prison; Ho Chi Min's mausoleum; a Chinese-built Confucian university; and a very long intercity train travelling down a crowded very narrow city street.

Parting Thought from John Strongman

None of us are as smart as all of us.

Our visitors from Switzerland

The **Consonus Vocal Ensemble** is coming to Auckland to compete at the [World Choir Games](#), the biggest choral competition and festival on the globe. It is being held in Aotearoa for the first time ever from 10 to 20 July. It will be by far the largest choral event to be held in this country.

More than 11,000 singers from over 30 countries will arrive in Auckland to compete, to enjoy workshops, ceremonies and evening concerts in the city, and to give free daytime concerts throughout Tāmaki Makaurau.

The choir is made up of experienced singers from the regions of Graubünden, Eastern Switzerland, Lucerne and Zurich. It won first place in the Elite Choirs category in their national choir competition earlier this year.

After the 10 day World Choir Games the choir will tour the country and they are looking forward to many great experiences, including in Katikati! Their Director **Mauro Ursprung** founded the choir seven years ago and comes from a strong national choral tradition, especially in their mountainous regions.



Club Committies for 2024-2025

Our committees are the engines of our club. They nurture our membership and fellowship, generate the inspiration for our charitable mission and develop the projects we undertake.

Community Service

John Strongman (Chair)

John Bothwell

Jim Bremner

Bruce Calder

Alison Noble

Lawrie Donald

Rod Calver

Youth

Brien James (Chair)

James Denyer

Rupert Jacks

Dave Owen

Allan Sole

Club Service

John Dallimore (Chair)

Paul Lassman

Chris Keightley

Rupert Jacks

Ian Stevens

Lynley Ackerley

Nigel Williams

Sandra Haigh

Jerry Payne

Martin Hawke

Bronwyn Webster-Hawke

Bronwyn Carter

International/ Foundation

Ann Owen (Chair)

David Foris

John Buchanan

Barry Denton

Francis Young

Warren Yardley



Swiss Choir Concert

*“Consonus vokalensemble”,
Switzerland meets Katikati*

When: Sunday, 28th July, 2024

Where: Katikati Memorial Hall, Main Rd, Katikati

What: Dinner/drinks commencing 5pm followed by concert
Tickets available from The Arts Junction at \$60 per head or online at www.TheArtsJunction.org.nz with profits to community projects supported by the Rotary Club of Katikati in association with Taylor Bros, Tremains Real estate and Leveret Mills Reef.



[See more about our visitors from Switzerland on page 2](#)