

The Rotary Club of Hutt Valley Inc Information for Prospective Members

Members join Rotary for a variety of reasons and stay because they value the friendship, networking and shared experiences highly. Our stimulating weekly meetings are a chance to catch up with others, make new friends, share a laugh or learn something new.

Our weekly club meetings:

The Hutt Valley Club meets at the Angus Inn, corner of Cornwall Street and Waterloo Road, Lower Hutt, on a Wednesday morning. The meeting commences at 7 am, has a 10-minute arrive and chat period, followed by an optional buffet breakfast. A guest speaker provides an informative 20 minute presentation on a specialty topic. One of our members also gives a three-minute talk on an issue of interest, and the meeting closes at 8.15 am.

Vibrant weekly meetings are not all that the Rotary Club of Hutt Valley offers. We organise a range of additional social events (with several annual highlights in our calendar), and also offer meaningful opportunities to work together on satisfying community projects while getting to know one another while having fun.

You are warmly invited to attend a few meetings as a visitor, in order to get a feel for who we are and what we do.

The Rotary Club of Hutt Valley welcomes people irrespective of sex, race, religion, or ethnicity. It was chartered in May 1993 with eight of the original members being women. The club still has approximately 30 members ranging in age from their early thirties to seventies, with close to a 50% split of women and men. The varied range of professions and businesses represented spans training providers, lawyers, real estate agents and web designers, to engineers, accountants, project managers and bankers.

Programmes recently undertaken by Rotary Club of Hutt Valley include:

- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) – coordinating Rotary team
- Reciprocal Intercultural Exchanges of Primary & Secondary Teachers from Hutt Valley and Beijing, China
- The sale of bricks for the Dowse Community Pathway.
- Major fundraising initiative for a special low-temperature refrigeration unit for the plastic surgery section at Hutt Hospital
- Landscaping of Pomare & Epuni School gardens
- Home & Garden Show with proceeds going to the “Gillies McIndoe Research Institute”,

The club also actively supports Duffy Books in Homes, Polio Plus, Reading in schools, and various youth programmes.

Club Focus and Structure

Our club has specific focus areas which include our service projects, fundraising efforts, and club activities. A committee of club representatives considers projects for the year and members are encouraged to be actively involved in areas of interest, and in club fundraising so we can continue to support worthy community causes.

Opportunities for involvement include:

- Service Projects: planning and delivering projects to assist the community, potentially working with other clubs, youth or raising funds
- Club Administration: organising the effective operation of the club, guest speakers, fun social activities, etc
- Membership: promoting, stimulating and developing club membership.
- Public Relations: Promoting the club, eg via social media, and other marketing
- Rotary Foundation: Co-ordinating involvement with any international projects and activities we may be involved, including worldwide Polio eradication.
- Additionally, members have many opportunities to meet other Rotarians locally and abroad via other clubs and regular stimulating Rotary conferences and international conventions. The possibilities are endless!

Rotary history and principles

The first Rotary Club was organised in Chicago in 1905, by a young lawyer named Paul Harris. He sought to form a club that would bring together a group of representative business and professional people: a club where members would join together in fellowship to get better acquainted, and the fellowship that they enjoyed soon developed into 'giving back' to their community and others.

'Service above self' is the Rotary motto, and members are encouraged to always apply the Rotary Four-Way test to their actions and endeavours:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Membership costs

Account number for Rotary Club of Hutt Valley = BNZ 02 0610 0071690 00

The cost of membership is \$30.00 on the 1st of each month by automatic payment. Breakfast costs of \$13.00 for a continental breakfast, or \$18.00 for a full cooked buffet are additional. (If you choose not to have breakfast, there is no need to pay for a meal.)

Joining Hutt Valley Rotary

If you would like to join our club, you will be asked to complete a membership application which may be supported by an existing club member. The approval process for a new member normally takes around 4 weeks while you attend meetings as a guest. If accepted as a member of the Rotary Club of Hutt Valley, you are also then joining the worldwide Rotary network. This offers numerous opportunities and entitles you to attend a meeting of any Rotary club in the world.

Further Information

Please contact us: info@huttvalleyrotary.org.nz

Useful websites:

www.huttvalleyrotary.org.nz – Rotary Club of Hutt Valley

www.rotary.org.nz – Rotary in NZ