

Rotary Focus - *arotahi* Rotary



District 9980 Rotary Club of Waimate Newsletter - 31 May 2018

Apologies txt 027 6896006 by midday Wednesday

New Member - Bridget Wilson

How on earth did I end up here?

Bridget is from Waimate. Her first jobs were in Waimate and Timaru. After marrying and having 3 children (Ingrid, Layton, and Brodie), Bridget started volunteering with St John. In 2011 this progressed to full time paramedic work based in Timaru. Bridget then transferred to the St John station in Waimate in 2013, and is the only paid St John paramedic in our town. Work involves being on duty from 7am to 3.30pm, and on-call until 6pm. Bridget was recently awarded the Service Medal of the Order of St John for 12 years of service. Bridget, who loves her job, said it was important to keep a light hearted atmosphere with her team whenever possible, to balance out the serious and sad aspects of her work.

Bridget told us of the passion and love she has for her children, her parents and grandfather, and the enjoyment she gets from running.

The talk was rounded off by telling us about the different opportunities that there are within St John for volunteers. We were reminded of the St John Supporter Scheme, which gives subscribers free medical emergency attendance and transport, and which is so important to help Bridget and the St John Ambulance service within our community. Please give this some thought if you are not a member. There may be a recruitment drive at a Rotary club near you very soon.

Editor Harvey Wood

Sergeant Peter's Session

Chris Paul celebrated a 50th school reunion; John Gregan and Martyn Jensen for their separate interviews on the radio; Pauline Dore whose daughter was also interviewed on the radio; Francisca for her picture appearing on Stuff (recording a hockey win over Craighead); Raewyn Francis and Jane Bell for celebrating with the Waihaorunga Women's Institute; Raewyn, Raymond Francis, and Pete Hughes for winning the Bushtown Quiz; Charles Ruddenklau for going on holiday just as things were getting busy on his farm; Donald Hunt for Nero's taste in rabbit fur scarves; Ryan for trying to scan cows on Peter Bell's farm; Pete Hughes for enjoying a roast lunch at the local marae; Raewyn Francis, John Coles, Chris Paul, Mark Brown, Colin and Pauline Dore, all for their great effort preparing the Rotary raffle kiosk; Dylan for not helping with the kiosk as much as he would have liked to; everyone that has not helped build the kiosk.

Panui - Notices

Guests: Mark Shefford, David Legg, John Hazelwood (Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga, NSW)

Raffles: Aisla McKenzie and Charles Ruddenklau. Prizes generously donated by Chris Paul.

Birthdays: Francisca Gonzalez - 4 June **Anniversaries:** Jim Stevenson - 15 years in Rotary 29 May

Dylan recommends **booking early to our District conference in 2019**, to be held in Oamaru. The venue that has been booked for the Saturday night function only has space for limited numbers.

Changeover Night - 28 June

Congratulations Dylan

President Dylan Murray announced that he had accepted a nomination to become District Governor for 2020-21.



Francisca needs drivers to take her to hockey practice on Thursday nights. Please contact Dylan if you can help. Transport has been organised for Thursday 7 June.



Parting Thought from chairman Rebecca Aitchison:

"When you're running away from an emergency, first responders are the ones running towards it."

Bill Bierbaum, Florida Public Safety Institute.

	7 June	14 June	21 June
Speaker	Dylan Murray Abandoned Husbands Brewing	Club Night	Junior Speech Contest
Chair	Mark Brown	Ryan Luckman	Matt Simonsen
Fellowship	Monique Gooch Kate Colville Gary Dennison	Carolyn Johns Raewyn Francis	Martyn Jensen Ailsa McKenzie
Stewards	Peter Bell Ken Buckingham Mick Laming	Sharyn Cain Chub Fletcher Mike Johnson	Mark Brown Ian Moore Chris Paul

If you are unable to attend to your assigned duty please arrange to swap with someone else.
Partners, friends, family and potential members are most welcome at all meetings.

Asado Fundraising Dinner

The dinner is being held to raise funds for the Rural Support Trust and the A & P Pavilion.



This will be on Saturday 30 June and will include live music, a guest speaker, and dinner.

Contact Ryan Luckman, Raewyn Francis, or look out for flyers around town.

Meals on Wheels Roster

June

Wed & Thu 6 & 7	Jim Rayner
Fri & Mon 8 & 11	Charles Ruddenklau
Tue & Wed 12 & 13	Paul Studholme
Thu & Fri 14 & 15	Jim Stevenson
Sat & Sun 16 & 17	Grant Eames
Mon & Tue 18 & 19	Harvey Wood
Wed & Thu 20 & 21	Sharyn Cain
Fri & Mon 22 & 25	John Coles
Sat & Sun 23 & 24	Matt Simonsen

Important Rotary Contacts

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2017/18 President
Dylan Murray