



# The Rotary Club of Hutt Valley Inc

## Information for Prospective Members

Members first join Rotary for a variety of reasons, and stay because they find the friendship, camaraderie, and shared endeavour something that they value highly. Weekly meetings are a chance to catch up with people, make new friends and contacts, and to share a laugh or learn about something new.

### Our weekly club meeting

The 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 a buffet breakfast. During the breakfast meeting notices are taken, Guest speakers provide a 20-minute address, a humorous 'misdemeanour' session collects minor 'fines', often one of the members gives a three-minute talk on an issue of interest, and the meeting closes at 8.15 am.

Weekly meetings are not all that the Rotary Club of Hutt Valley has to offer. We organise a range of social events (with several annual highlights in our calendar), vocational evenings, and offer a chance to work together on very satisfying community projects whilst getting to know one another better.

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** actively encourages full participation irrespective of sex, race, religion, or ethnicity. It was chartered on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1993, with eight women in the 33 initial charter members. The club still has approximately 33 members, ranging in age from their early thirties up to 75 years, with women represent 45% of these. The range of professions and businesses represented spans from training providers, lawyers, real estate agents and web designers, to volunteer co-ordinators, accountants, and metal art exporters.

Current and recent programmes undertaken by Rotary Club of Hutt Valley include:

- Major fundraising initiative for a special low-temperature refrigeration unit for the plastic surgery section at Hutt Hospital
- Landscaping of the sorely neglected Pomare & Eponi School gardens
- Home & Garden Show with proceeds going to the "Gillies McIndoe Research Institute".
- and the sale of bricks for the Dowse Community Pathway.

The club also supports Supergrans, Duffy Books in Homes, Rotary Community Corps, Polio Plus, reading in schools, various youth programmes, Pride of Workmanship awards, plus we have formed a relationship with Minoh City in Japan, which is sister city to Lower Hutt.

### The Rotary motto

'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?

**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.

### **Committees**

For our community work, fundraising efforts, and club activities, the club is divided into committees, each with its own director. Each committee considers projects for the year in line with their particular avenue of service. In addition to these, it is expected that each club member assist with our major fund-raising projects. (Ideas for fundraising are always welcome.)

**Club Administration:** executive operation of the club and meetings.

**Service Projects:** responsible for initiating, developing, and completing projects within the Community, Vocational, New Generations & Fundraising.

**Membership:** to promote, stimulate, and develop club membership.

**Public Relations:** Media relations, Marketing & Social media.

**Rotary Foundation:** International projects, Polio plus, Grants & Fundraising.

**Membership costs** Account number for Rotary of Hutt Valley = BNZ 020610 0071690 00

The cost of membership is \$220.00 per year which covers Rotary levies and meeting costs. Breakfast costs are additional and are \$18.00 for a full buffet breakfast or \$13.00 for a continental breakfast. Members pay \$90.00/\$70.00 on the 1st of each month by automatic payment to cover Rotary levies, meeting and breakfast costs.

If you wish to join the club, you will be asked to complete a membership application form, which is supported by the club member who introduced you or who is nominating you for membership. There is an entrance fee of **\$50.00**, to be paid before you are inducted. The new member approval process normally takes 2–3 weeks, after which you will be inducted at one of our weekly club meetings. You are our guest at breakfast on that day.

You will become a member of the Rotary Club of Hutt Valley, and the Rotary Organisation worldwide. This entitles you to attend a meeting of any Rotary Club in the world.

### **Further Information**

Please contact us: [info@huttvalleyrotary.org.nz](mailto:info@huttvalleyrotary.org.nz)

Useful websites:

[www.huttvalleyrotary.org.nz](http://www.huttvalleyrotary.org.nz)

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