

## ROTARY CLUB of PAPAIOEA President: David Everett Meetings 5.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Upstairs at FocalPoint, 223 Cuba St. Palmerston North





Duties	16 <sup>th</sup> July	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Host:	Marilyn	Raewyn
3 min talk	John M	Bruce W
Sunshine	Bruce M	Kerry
Thanks +Parting thought	Katharine	Dennis

## 16<sup>th</sup> July Dinner Meeting

Guest Speaker: Ellen Ma: Neuroscience & Audiology.



**Lew's** question time was all about hats. Those worn by Andy Capp, Jackie Kennedy, Marlene Dietrich, the Queen, the KKK and a bull fighter all had to be named, with those falling short of the mark paying up \$113.

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## Bulletin

## 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Guests:** Rebecca, Shelley, Beverley, Margaret, Claire, Alison, Ruth and Kerry

Raewyn gave thanks for the support she had received over the past year. After only  $2^{1}/_{2}$  years in Rotary she had been persuaded to take on the President's role after being told "it's not a busy job".

However, during her time she oversaw numerous BBQ's, a fashion parade, High Tea, sponsorship for piano lessons, speech competition, Science Forum, RYLA, Takaro School scholarships, Te Kura Wairau movie trip, Paul Harris Fellows to Helena Baker & Di, and a 50 years in Rotary award to Trevor

Raewyn's final comments were that with 2 key workers resigning the last 4 or 5 months had been a challenge to say the least. For the club to prosper, sharing the load as other clubs do, needs to be the norm.

David thanked Raewyn for her work and dedication and presented her with flowers. He also thanked members of the board Lynne, Sue and Bede for their help and on behalf of the club thanked Bede for his work as Treasurer over the past 11 years! Bob



was also thanked for organising PolioPlus for the club. The new board consists of David H (Secretary) John M (Treasurer),Raewyn, and Don

The new RI President is **Francesco Arezzo**, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, and he will keep the proposed theme "Unite for Good". His introductory speech focused on the goals of membership, eradicating Polio and peace.

David sees the job of a Rotary club is to support the community and especially those who need it most. Supporting Rotary youth programmes such as RYLA is important for the club.

He sees the declining membership a challenge. Perhaps we need to think differently to attract younger people by creating an environment that interests them.

The Projects and Youth committee will be ably led by Raewyn & Marilyn but a new convener is sought for the Club one.

Parting Thoughts: **Dennis:** like Father Christmas, you should only visit some people once a year.

**Trevor:** "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending" – *C.S.Lewis*