



ROTARY CLUB of PAPAIOEA

President: David Everett

Meetings 5.30pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Upstairs at FocalPoint, 223 Cuba St. Palmerston North



September 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						Fireside
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						Dinner meeting. DG Visit
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						Social
28	29	30				

October 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
						Dinner meeting

Duties	17 th Sept	1 st Oct
Host:	Bruce W	Bruce M
3 min talk	Katrine	Trevor
Sunshine	Roger	Di
Thanks	John M	Kerry

Bob invited us to sign the petition called The Buller Declaration, to be presented to Parliament on 8th November. With 60,000 signatures already, the vinyl sheets added together will circle the debating chamber. It asks the Government to act urgently to address the crisis in our health system especially for those most impacted. Buller itself is a prime example, sometimes lacking any emergency services. [more details here](#)

Coming Events

Wed 10th Sept: Projects and Youth Fireside 7pm.
at Raewyn's 445a Ruahine Street

Wed 17th Sept: District Governor Carol Green

Wed 1st Oct: Women's Refuge presentation

Wed 15th Oct: Polio Plus

Members: please apologise through the website :Papaioea Web Page

Bulletin

5th September 2025

Prize winning answer to the question posed by a young guest "how do you join Rotary?" was from **Lynne** who replied " join an event being held for a Rotary cause" Answers such as " enter a room full of grey-haired people sitting at tables in their usual seats" did not score well.

Watching the TV news about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza every night, many of us ask "but what can WE do." Well it turns out that as Rotarians we are already well and truly involved in providing some help there.

As **David H** explained, Rotary and Shelterbox have formed partnerships, delivered aid, and supported people in Gaza when they need it most.

They have partnered with agencies like Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP). To mitigate against some of the extreme risks involved in sending aid into an active conflict zone they are using multiple aid routes. For example, tents sent from around the world have been delivered through Egypt and Jordan.



About Shelterbox:

In 2000, a Rotary Club in Cornwall adopted ShelterBox as its millennium project. Little did they know that it would become the largest club project in the world, responding to disasters and conflict across the globe and providing emergency shelter to over 1.5 million people. ShelterBox has grown from one club's adopted project to Rotary International's only Project Partner in disaster relief. [more about Shelterbox NZ here](#)

Stop Press:

as of this Thursday →



The Sunshine Session raised \$93

When **Lynne** visited the new Manukura School at the invitation of Milson Rotary she came away disappointed that not all the Māori welcomes protocols were used. She explained that visitors would be first called (karanga) and after entering and sitting, speeches of welcome given and replied to. These are followed by a waiata, the visitors present koha (gifts), a karakia (blessing) sung and hosts and visitors hongī (sharing of breath – peace) followed by kai (food) being served.

Parting Thought- **Don** – "Life is a dream for the wise, a game for the fool, a comedy for the rich, a tragedy for the poor" (Sholom Aleichem)