ROTARY CLUB of PAPAIOEA

President: Bruce Markwell
Meetings 5.30pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
Upstairs at FocalPoint, 223 Cuba St. Palmerston North

Bulletin 20th November 2026

Guest Speakers at this weeks meeting were Matt & Julie Bell, owner directors of 4 Focal Point cinemas. It all started when Julie wanted to run her own business. They grew their theatre "empire" slowly, starting with Feilding in 2007, Levin 2010, Hastings 2012 (but since closed), Palmerston North 2016 and Havelock North 2025.
In total they employ 55 staff. This local complex was the most difficult, taking four and a half years from inception to completion.

Club members enjoyed a loverly salmon meal!

Sunshine session raised $29

When Don was living in Kawerau his school teacher friend was put in charge of the local voting booths at a General Election. On the day, only one person had voted until 30 minutes before voting closed. Then everyone turned up having had a few to drink first. The result – a local win for National which, in a staunch Labour (mill worker) town left everyone upset.

Wed 2nd December

Christmas Function.

- Partners & friends welcome
- Special menu $45

Duties	2nd Dec
Host:	Lynne
3 min talk:	Dennis
Sunshine:	Bob
Thanks + Parting	Katharine

Club News: John Mills read out a resignation letter from Bede Shortall
His Rotary journey started on the 1 June 2006 and will end 31 December 2026.
He was our treasurer for 12 years, 2014 to 2025.
He has enjoyed the fellowship and giving back to his community.

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