

## Rotary Club of Palmerston North (1924)

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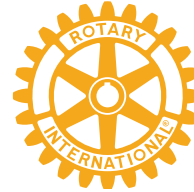
### Monday 11 November 2024 American President—the guessing is over !!.

Speaker Liam Hehir  
(from Rongotea)

Topic	“ The Wrap-up”
Intro/thanks	President John
Attendance	Stu Schwartz
Sergeant	Dave Gaynor
Corporal	john Brunsdn
Parting thought	Nick Kaspers
Bulletin editor	Bruce Wilson



18/11/2024  
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Report on Speaker 04<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
: The Revd Franco Vaccarino  
Topic: City Missionary



**Rev. Franco Vaccarino's talk at the Rotary Club of Palmerston North covered a journey of educational outreach and community support initiatives**

**‘He shared how his early work at the First National Bank involved setting up literacy and computer classes for employees who struggled with basic skills. This passion for education led him to the University of South Africa, where**

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he unexpectedly found himself teaching literacy to maximum-security prisoners, adapting by using minimal resources like flipchart paper and hospital beds as desks.

Rev. Vaccarino also discussed the Family Literacy Project, which promoted reading among parents and children in rural and under-resourced areas in South Africa.

He described the challenges of rural education there, with overcrowded classrooms, limited resources, and the impact of HIV/AIDS on orphan populations. He further explained the broad range of community programs he's currently involved in, such as free entertainment and fitness classes for seniors, English lessons for senior refugees, and social programs for parents and young children.

These programs focus on inclusion and connection, ensuring vulnerable groups feel supported and engaged. He highlighted the need for transportation services to

help participants access these activities.

Rev. Vaccarino concluded by addressing efforts to help international students in New Zealand integrate with the local community and language. Through initiatives like community breakfasts, he emphasized creating more opportunities for people to connect and support one another in meaningful ways.

Remembrance Day  
Commemoration—11am  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
2024

at the Cenotaph, The  
Square

Monday 11 November 2024 is an opportunity to remember the Armistice of 1918 that ended four horrific years of the First World War. This year's national Armistice Day commemoration will also mark 20 years since our Unknown Warrior returned to New Zealand and was

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laid to rest at the National War Memorial in Wellington



Also 6pm at the Central Library. Turkish Col(Rtd) Prof Mesut Uyar will be presenting on he “The Turkish Memorialisation of Gallipoli Operations”

Gold Coin entrance—you are invited

Parting Thought – Dave Gaynor...

Parting Thought for 4 Nov 2024  
“Thousands of people have donated thousands of hours of their time and millions of dollars, to assist people they will likely never meet or know, in places they have never heard of, let alone visited. They are Rotarians.”  
Elizabeth Bayley-Jull, Otorohanga

The week that was

Present 16 members and an excellent guest speaker = 17.  
Banking 4 x meals --- \$120.  
2 x Vouchers --- \$10.00

Sergeant ---

\$37.40 + 3 vouchers = \$52.40 + any via Internet banking.

### Sergeant Fines

Easy to pay Sergeant's fines! 02-0727-0025858-000  
OR buy some vouchers to have on hand!

### Apologies and Club Duties:

**Please apologise if you are unable to attend a weekly meeting.**

### Guest Speaker?

If you see or hear of a good speaker, please let Martin or Mark know so we can invite them along.

### New Member Form

Here is a link to the form that can be used to propose a new member. Just click on the link:

<https://www.pnrotary.co.nz/ProposeNewMember.pdf>

### Archives

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Last week was a tragic one for the Rotary movement in New Zealand, for within 24 hours death removed—in the person of Sir George Fowlds—the first Commissioner for the Dominion, and the immediate past Governor, Mr. Thomas Currie List. Yesterday the Palmerston North Club, in lieu of the customary address, devoted its luncheon hour to eulogies of the deceased gentlemen, both of them conspicuous alike for their service to the movement and to humanity. Club members showed a profound appreciation of the great careers that have been so suddenly terminated.

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Rotarian G. H. Bennett is at present suffering from an attack of influenza. An apology for his non-attendance was read at to-day's meeting of the Palmerston North Rotary Club.

A most enthusiastic welcome was accorded Rotarian James Adam, past president of the Victoria (British Columbia) Rotary Club, when he attended the luncheon and meeting of the Palmerston North Rotary Club this afternoon. Rotarian J. Murray stated that the Canadian visitor's presence emphasised the international aspect of Rotary, and he hoped that Rotarian Adam would like and enjoy our country, also informing him that New Zealanders looked upon Canada as a big brother in the Empire.