

# ROTARY CLUB OF NAPIER



Chartered 1924 District 9930 Club

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## The Rotary Club of Napier Vision Statement 2023/2024 *Making Meaningful Change in our World*

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Napier Rotary Club meets:  
Monday 12.00 pm for a  
12.30 pm start, 1.30 pm finish

Location: The Westshore Hotel,  
85 Meeanee Quay, Napier.

Apologies and meal booking by  
MIDDAY FRIDAY before meeting to Paul O'Leary:  
[lawyerpaul001@gmail.com](mailto:lawyerpaul001@gmail.com)

Notices and synopsis for inclusion in bulletin  
by WEDNESDAY 1 PM to Tara Huckle:  
[tarahucklerotary@gmail.com](mailto:tarahucklerotary@gmail.com)

<https://www.rotarynapier.org/>

# Meeting Report

## Guest Speaker - Sonia Codd

Sonia Codd from Nature Connect, Puketapu, was accompanied by her Senior Manager, Robyn an ex school teacher, to speak about her passion, Early Childhood Education Exploring Nature.

Sonia was born in Hastings, educated in Napier, and graduated with degree in Early Childhood Education. After a few years teaching young children, she decided to venture out on her own to establish Nature Connect, where she has been working for the last 6 years. Her company encourages old and young children to explore nature using their own initiatives to learn about seeds, flowers, plants, trees, rivers, and forests.

The children aged between 3 years and 13 years attend 10 times per term during school hours as part of children's education. There are many outdoor activities which children pursue individually or in groups. An example given was one group decided to build a dam on the small stream. Some participants take part in art, knitting, carving, gardening, growing vegetables, or just climbing trees. The children finish up being muddy, dirty, and wet, but that would be normal to them.

The children are taught Kindness and Respect, and the young ones learn from the older ones and the older ones still learn from the younger ones. There are a lot of books that are read regularly, and many activities going on all at once. There are usually up to 28 children there at a time, some from as far north as Kinloch Taupo, and Dannevirke in the south. There is a building there, where they meet before venturing out to do their own things. When the children arrive at the nature park, they will all meet for a briefing for supervisors to explain the rules, and remind them about kindness and respect.

Independence is self directed, with multilevel processing to aid the 5 senses, hearing, touching, seeing, tasting, and smelling. There are three dogs there to help children move on from fear of animals and dogs.

It is Environmental Education at its best, and it seems to be a must for all children to experience, if they are lucky.

## Synopsis by Brian Young



## Musical Instruments For Playgrounds

Ross McKelvie introduced a possible project for the club which he has circulated by email. It is to establish a Rotary musical playground in the city in collaboration with the Napier City Council.

Below are the links to information he has circulated:

[https://www.freenotesharmonypark.com/?utm\\_source=PlayCore.com&utm\\_campaign=BrandBanner&utm\\_medium=referral](https://www.freenotesharmonypark.com/?utm_source=PlayCore.com&utm_campaign=BrandBanner&utm_medium=referral)

<https://jaspergarotary.org/club-projects/childrens-music-park/>

<https://www.playcore.com/news/case-study-a-growing-ensemble-for-more-than-20-years>

<https://www.freenotesharmonypark.com/projects/rotary-music-garden-manchester/>



## Five Avenues of Service

**Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club. This "Avenue" promotes the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. It involves the activities necessary to make the Club function successfully and achieve its goals.

**Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards. This area represents the opportunity that each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation as an opportunity to serve society. Rotarians promote and foster high ethical standards in business and professions and promote the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations.

**Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community. This "Avenue" relates to the activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. Particular emphasis is given to helping children, needy families, the aged, the handicapped, and those most in need of assistance. Rotarians strive to promote the ideal of service in their personal, business, and community lives.

**International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace. In this area, Rotarians strive for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service. International Service Projects are designed to meet the humanitarian needs of people in many lands, with particular emphasis on the most underprivileged children and families in developing countries.

**Youth Service** recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities as RYLA, Rotaract and Interact, service projects, and creating international understanding with Rotary Youth Exchange.



## Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus

Rotary is dedicated to causes that build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.

Promoting peace -  
 Fighting disease -  
 Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene  
 Saving mothers and children  
 Supporting education  
 Growing local economies  
 Protecting the environment

Leave of absence:

**Darren Buckley**  
**Carol Hall**  
**Viv Levet**

## **DUTIES**

**NOTE: If you cannot do your duty, you are responsible for finding a replacement before the meeting. If possible, advise the President by email beforehand.**

<b>Duty</b>	<b>4 March 2024</b>	<b>11 March 2024</b>	<b>18 March 2024</b>
Attendance Desk (Money)	<b>Paul</b>	<b>Paul</b>	<b>Paul</b>
Steward – Door Host	<b>Alan</b>	<b>Alan</b>	<b>Alan</b>
Speaker Host & Synopsis for bulletin	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Paul</b>	<b>Tara</b>
Sergeant at Arms	<b>Ewan</b>	<b>Peter</b>	<b>Ann</b>
3-minute Speaker	<b>Jeff</b>	<b>Ralph</b>	<b>Ross</b>
Set up & Pack Up	<b>Alan/Brien</b>	<b>Alan/Brien</b>	<b>Allan/Brien</b>

## **Napier Rotary Club Guest Speakers:**

	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March Evening meeting 5pm for 6pm start	<b>Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Ahuriri</b>	<b>The future of our clubs</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>tba</b>	<b>tba</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>tba</b>	<b>tba</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Sharon Ross ADT</b>	<b>ANYWHERE you need support we are there with you. Personal safety/health alarms.</b>



We are the Present

But We are Not the Future