



ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH

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Post Covid-19 – A new dawn?

MEETINGS WITH A DIFFERENCE



Thursday 4 June, 11 am

Speakers

David Bennett, WNth.

David Moore, Kaukau

The link is –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82869425868>

DUTIES (the David theme continues!)

Reflection	David Young
Vote of thanks	David King
Parting thought	David Pickering

A number of members have been having technical difficulties joining the ZOOM Forum meeting. The cause has not been determined but the link has been refreshed for the above meeting. Other options are being investigated for future ZOOM meetings

Thursday 18 June, 11 am

Speaker

Warren Young

Cannabis Reform

The link is –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86342603919>

Duties to be advised

The Club will then revert to the 1st and 3rd Thursdays for Zoom meetings until we are able to resume at the Bridge Club, anticipated to be 2nd July at Noon for 12.30pm

Thursday 9th July

Evening Changeover at the
Khandallah Bowling Club

If restrictions still apply there will be a ZOOM Changeover meeting on that date, with a social function to follow at a later date.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to you all.



On this Queen's Birthday Weekend, I wonder if you are caused to think about the monarchy at all. My guess is that for many Kiwis their attentions will be taken up with learning

how to drive the campervan they have hired for just \$29 a day, getting in touch with how over-rated staying in a cheap NZ motel really is, or making that long journey to see mum or daughter or dear friend after months of forced separation.

Well, I'm not pulling my weight at all, we're staying home. In fact, we're doing something in keeping with the holiday that Monday is – we're invited by a neighbour for brunch to honour the queen. Not sure what to take – my corgi has died and we can't lay our hands on any crowns, not even a tiara for Diana. Perhaps the symbolism and the sentiment will be found in the traditional bacon and eggs.

Ah, tradition; quite the unfashionable quality in our rapidly moving society. But it was tradition that lay behind our hard work on Thursday evening to decide on the disbursement of trust funds into the wider community. In doing so we are reminded that *service* is at the centre of what is Rotary – 'Service above self'; we are in fact a *service* organisation. For a Rotarian *giving service* is our timeless tradition.

The factors that swirled through our Zoom-configured dialogue that night included the confronting fact of imagining a post-Covid-19 society ... where will the need really be? Who will be harmed the most?

When is the best time to act? It wasn't easy work, was it? Not all of us got our wish-list; the many good comments and perspectives slowed us from diving in anywhere without thought given to the broad spread of pending need. Yet, despite that we settled comfortably on a few 'traditional' Rotary causes – the good care of children, and being prepared for when the wild storms of the Pacific strike.

I salute the club for how well it did that night, remembering that running a Zoom forum is a bit of a challenge. I am confident that the work now left to do so our gathered funds do get to help and support the many suffering because of this coronavirus will be done with good effect. Not too much regular zooming left to do – just two sessions in June (4th and 18th at 11am) and then it will be back to the tradition of meeting face to face at the Bridge Club. See you then.

Lionel

REMEMBERING MICHAEL

Warm greetings all Wellington North members and former members.

Sunday marked one year since we lost our friend, Michael Gorman. We



recall, with deep gratitude, his friendship and the vast contribution he made to the life and work of Wellington North Rotary.

There has been no member quite like Michael - his immense competence was hidden behind a jovial and laid-back nature that endeared himself to all. He brought a sparkle to our club. Reluctant to become the club's president, Michael led us with skill, feeling and abundant good fun. He is remembered with great fondness; we miss him dearly.

"Michael, thank you for the memories. You rest in peace." ***Lionel***

FORUM REPORT

President Lionel opened the meeting and welcomed all those present. He noted that this Forum was focussed on two particular topics:

1. Use of the Charitable Trust fund for 2019-2020 year.
2. Social programme for the club 2020-2021 year.

President Lionel introduced his Paper which had been pre-circulated, and emphasised it was focussed on the Club's Charitable Trust and not the other Trusts for which the Club had responsibility. He described the funds already dispersed in the 2019-2020 year. These amounted to \$16,264.

The current account level as at 1 April 2020 was \$27,349 comprising \$13,403 from general funds plus \$13,496 from the Gorman legacy. President Lionel explained that his paper contained 3 recommendations put together following discussion by the Board.

Recommendation 1: represented the main item of expenditure for the Trust being \$10,000 to be donated to the new Wellington Children's Hospital. This was discussed and carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation 2.

This proposed that \$2000 be allocated to the Rotary Foundation. Having been advised that this was close to the recommended amount per member, it was carried by a show of hands.

Recommendation 3.

President Lionel explained that this recommendation 3 was comprised of two separate funding streams of \$5,000 each in total from the Gorman legacy. The first (3a) was allocated to specific Rotary projects, namely the Give every Child a Future project, two Emergency Response Kits and St. Mary's College Peer Support. Recommendation (3b) was targeted to address local Covid related consequences. This was discussed but not fully resolved. It will be reconsidered by the Board, taking note of the comments from the meeting.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

PE David Young outlined the proposed social programme for the year ahead. This included continuation of Friday Fellowship at varied locations, the newly introduced monthly evening meeting at Automat. This would be of a more social nature with partners included. As well as one off social events there was a proposal for one off café get-togethers.

LOCKDOWN SAYINGS

Courtesy Rebus Newsletter

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy. When this is over...what meeting do I attend first...Weight Watchers or AA?

CONVENTION OPPORTUNITY

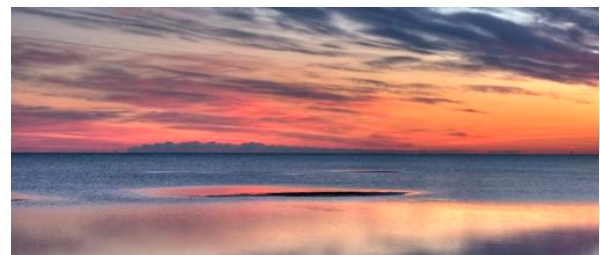


With the cancellation of the 2020 Convention, RI has set up a free on-line Convention from its Chicago HQ. The event runs from 19 – 25 June NZ time with plenary sessions starting at 1pm NZ Time. For details of the programme and breakout sessions, go to www.riconvention.org Note the times shown in the programme are Chicago time.

Further details will be conveyed in the next Bulletin. Meanwhile, those interested can register on the web page to receive email updates on the programme.

THE NEW DAWN

Life after Lockdown



We are emerging through a period of Lockdown, counting backwards through 4 – 3 – 2 and soon, we hope, to be 1. From the short sharp jolt of Level 4 we have adapted our ways as a club and we now talk about returning to 'normal'. But, what will the new 'normal' bring us? We look forward to meeting again over lunch, anticipated from 1 July.

However, there will inevitably be differences arising from the experiences of the past few months. Most of us have newly entered into the world of ZOOM, which despite a few technical issues, has increased our reach as a club. We have been able to welcome back former

members and embrace new and potential members, especially the Kaukau group who will be inducted into the club at Changeover. The ZOOM meetings have also enabled us to be joined by speakers from far afield.

What of the future? A monthly cycle is likely to see two luncheon meetings at the Bridge Club, an evening meeting at Automat, a universal chat meeting by Zoom and a boost in Friday Fellowship. We now need to think outside the pre-Covid square and plan the future growth of our club accordingly.



During Lockdown, the Bulletin has been produced on a weekly basis. Following this issue, it will revert to twice per month.
Editor

KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

The volunteers are taking a well-earned break during the long weekend.

The following picture shows food rescued from Khandallah New World and redistributed to the Wellington Soup Kitchen and the Salvation Army.



FROM MEDIEVAL LOCKDOWN



PARTING THOUGHT



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