



*A peacefull sunny day on the Harbour, helicopter notwithstanding*

**By ZOOM**

Link to be advised

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm

A mixed Bag

*Including Gerald McGhie on Ukraine  
and Alma Adam on RYLA*

**At Wellington Bridge Club**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Mike Chilton

*Republicanism and Royal Tours*

**May be by Zoom - TBA**

**DUTIES**

Greeter	Lionel Nunns
Host Speakers	Laurie Bond
Attendance	Roy Ferguson
Extended Reflection	Gerald McGhie
Happy Dollars	Lionel Nunns
Thank Speakers	Colin Lawton
Parting Thought	Peter Shanahan

**DUTIES** [subject to live or Zoom meeting]

Greeter	David Pickering
Host Speaker	Zaheda Davies
Attendance	Maurice Scott
Reflection	Michael Hinds
Happy Dollars	David Pickering
Thank Speaker	Maurice Manttan
Parting Thought	Adrian Ellingham

Apologies and Guests to Zai Davies  
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 by 10 am Wednesday [Live meetings only]

Contributions for The Bulletin please by the  
 Tuesday following a luncheon meeting or the  
 Tuesday in the week prior to a meeting.

**At Khandallah**

**Presbyterian Church**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm

The Hon. Peter Dunne

*The Social Needs of Khandallah*

**Deferred to a later date**

## NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKERS 17th FEBRUARY ZOOM MEETING

### GERALD MCGHIE ON UKRAINE



Club member, Gerald, was Ambassador to Russia at the time of the Revolution. One of the consequences was that he also became New Zealand's first

Ambassador to Ukraine. He is in a unique position to explain the background to the tragedy which is unfolding in the region.

### RYLA – ALMA ADAM



Double scholarship recipient, Alma was supported by the Club to attend this year's RYLA Course. Alma will report back to the club at the meeting.

### MEETING AGENDA

12.30 President's introduction and welcome to wider audience.

Reflection - Peter Shanahan

Significant items of club business

Gerald McGhie and questions

Alma Adams

Scholarship management introduction

Other club business

### 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY MEETING

The club welcomed Sarah Laurenson who is a new member of the Ian Crabtree Charitable Trust, joining Graeme Waters and David King.

President Stephen promoted the District on-line Conference, the raffle to complete the District's contribution to the new Regional Children's Hospital. For more, see 'From the President.'

### GUEST SPEAKERS

#### Nikau Foundation



Our joint guest speakers, Alice Montague and Emma Lewis came in by Zoom to give a presentation on the Nikau Foundation.

*Alice Montague*

Operating in Wellington since 1991, the Nikau Foundation was inspired by the work of community foundations overseas, particularly USA. With the objective of growing generosity, the community foundation's model builds reliable funding streams to create long-term community transformation. All gifts it receives are ethically invested and grown, with the ongoing income earned distributed in grants to community organisations, initiatives, and projects throughout the Wellington region.



*Emma Lewis*

Essentially, the Foundation accumulates and invests funds on behalf of organisations and individuals for charitable distribution either generally or by specific preferences. Grants, organised by the Foundation total \$1 million PA. Much of the talk was conveyed in management jargon and did not explain how much of the contributions were devoted to funding the organisation itself.

The vote of thanks was given by David King.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### *Kia ora*



Our lunchtime meeting last Thursday proved something of a challenge with our speaker Alice Montague having to pull out the day before due to a family Covid case. Credit to all involved in

last minute shuttle diplomacy with special mention of Zai Davies and Ross Foubister for getting Zoom up and running. On the positive side, we were able to connect with a number of members who couldn't join us at the Bridge Club.

Morris Robertson will be reminding us in this Bulletin about the upcoming District Conference on 7 and 8 April. This is a great way to connect with the wider world of Rotary and won't take up too much of your valuable time.

Another reminder about the District Raffle. We've been asked by District to sell 24 books of 10 tickets, which is what might be termed a stretch target. So far, five motivated members have taken a book but it would be really good if

we could move a few more. Please get in touch asap if you can help. More details in this Bulletin.

I'm pleased to say that, thanks to fast footwork by our Community Services Committee, Charitable Trust and Treasurer we have been able to help out Mok, a nurse from Timor Leste, with funding for his university studies following an urgent request for assistance. Some of you will recall meeting Mok when he was in Wellington for perioperative nurse training at Wellington Hospital. This is a continuation of a strong relationship between the Dili Hospital and Wellington North, initiated by Morris Robertson some years ago and led by Alan Fraser with a valuable contribution from perioperative nurse, Lyn Brown, Community PHF. Alan continues to take a strong interest in the relationship.

Lastly, and as foreshadowed, the Board has agreed that due to the rapid spread of Covid in the community, it will be increasingly problematic to have viable "live" meetings and so we plan to move to Zoom, starting with the 17 March lunchtime meeting. We'll meet this way until things normalise which shouldn't be too many weeks away. We'll send out the Zoom instructions in good time for the next meeting.

*Nga mihi nui*  
*Stephen*

### FROM PRESIDENT ELECT ZAI SPPEDS



It was another busy weekend spent networking with Rotarians from around the country and South Pacific learning a bit about what the next few months will bring. One thing that has struck me is that being President is not just for that calendar year. It starts from the year before and extends out to a year after! So, really, it seems I

am playing catch up as I seem to have missed the last 8 months.

3 things that were my best takeaways at the SPPEDS, rubbing shoulders with more experienced members and learning so much.

We need to be realistic about where we are as a club. What is it that drives our members and how can we best address that.

Moving forward – how do you IMAGINE our club will be? how do we grow and make it relevant to both our existing experienced and most valuable members and for those new ones who bring energy and vibrancy to the club.

Rotary has some amazing resources – in terms of its people and its technology. It seems to me that we underutilise it. I share the picture here of a panel of Rotaractors from around the world ... NZ, Amsterdam, Uganda, South Pacific and Slovakia. It was very inspiring to hear about how they work and network together to bring Rotary events to the people and make it a success.

That said, in my Rotary year, I invite you to help me tell our story so people become aware of how well we serve our communities and grow the club by bringing in more diversity of members.

### FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

After two years of keeping Covid out, we are now as a society rapidly learning to coexist with it. With effect from Saturday 5 March, New Zealanders can travel internationally and not have to self-isolate on return. By mid-year international travel will be open and Rotary will start to fully reopen.



However, for the next two or three months we remain in a Covid peak where almost everybody in our communities will get Omicron. Don't let Omicron, vaccines, masks, or mandates be divisive. Help our families, clubs or communities get through this. Don't race back to where we were as an organisation. Think differently about our role in the community, about diversity and inclusion, about real community need and how needed we are. Often if we don't help – nobody else will. Take time to think about the future of your club, area and community.

*Mark Wheeler*



## DISTRICT CONFERENCE ON-LINE

Friday 8th April, 6-8pm

*A virtual cocktail party hosted by District Governor Mark Wheeler with Hon Grant Robertson and special guest panelists.*



### Hon Grant Robertson

Deputy Prime Minister, and MP for Wellington Central. Grant is the Minister for Finance, and an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Wellington.



### Sir Anand Satyanand

The 19th Governor General of New Zealand. Sir Anand is currently Chancellor of the University of Waikato and President of the Institute of International Affairs.



### Anna Fifield

Editor of The Dominion Post. Anna was the Beijing bureau chief for The Washington Post focusing her on Japan, North Korea, and South Korea.

### Registrations

To register go to <https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/Rotary2022>

Registration cost is \$60 per person and is largely going to pay for the technology to support this online event. You'll need to register to receive the link to participate. No charge for partners.

### MERGE YOUTH GROUP SUPPORT FOR CLUB TREES PROJECT

Khandallah Presbyterian has joined forces with Ngaio Union and Wadestown Presbyterian churches to deliver a youth group for those three communities and beyond. The members, Y7-13, come from diverse backgrounds to enjoy one another's company. Friday nights have a strong social focus, from life-sized board games to Master Chef competitions, mini Olympics to Nerf challenges. Once a term they may head offsite (think rock climbing, laser tag or bubble soccer), but it is the friendship and hilarity that makes Merge Youth such a unique space.

Saturday 9th April, 9am-12.30pm

*Bringing together a range of speakers from across business, government and civil society.*



### Dr. Ashley Bloomfield

Our keynote speaker is the chief executive of the Ministry of Health and the country's Director-General of Health.



### Michelle Berriman

Michelle is the Executive Director of the Fundraising Institute of New Zealand (FINZ). She has previously held roles at Massey University and Child Cancer Foundation.



### John Prendergast

John is the General Manager of the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington. Current member of the Rotary Club of Petone, Past District Governor and Rotary Oceania zone Coordinator



### Jase Te Patu

CEO and Founder of M3 Mindfulness, Jase is a popular TED Talk speaker, Edmund Hillary Fellow, and award-winning teacher of yoga and mindfulness.

Last Friday, volunteers from the Merge Youth plus four Rotarians did the weeding and mulching in the Odell Reserve future forest planted by the Club. The youth group marked, with stakes, 14 trees that needed replacing. This will be the next phase.



## DISTRICT RAFFLE

District 9940 made the commitment to furnish the two Whānau Rooms in the new Wellington Region Children's Hospital. Proudly, we are almost there in meeting our target!

Our funds will go towards some of the design for the rooms, equipping the kitchen, dining, lounge and play areas. Through our committed support and effort, the Wellington Hospital has decided to name these rooms 'The Rotary Whanau Rooms'.

One last push to put us well and truly over the line with our \$400,000 goal! Thanks to the Rotary Club of Hutt City, who have organized a car raffle. The goal is an anticipated net of \$80,000 to \$90,000. Each club has been allocated books proportional to its membership.

Each book contains 10 tickets, priced at \$10 each.



*First prize  
2022 Kia Picanto*

President Stephen, who is co-ordinating the Club's sales, needs assistance from members to sell one or more of the 24 books we have been allocated – **19 still available**. Please contact him with your offer. **ALSO** – Individual tickets are available at the Club or contact Stephen.

## PARTING THOUGHT

From Adrian Ellingham

*Alcohol may be man's worst enemy. But the Bible says love your enemy.*



Frank Sinatra

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## LOG IN FOR NEXT MEETING

Here is the Zoom URL for next week's meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83574791580?pwd=MU0vbHFJaXBMQk9uczVsVktySWN6QT09>

The passcode is; **686263**

**The feed will be live from 12.30 pm**