



Kāinga Ora – 3-storey walk up housing

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 17th November
 12 for 12.30 pm
 John Martin
 Retired Historian
Empire City

DUTIES

Greeter/ Happy \$\$	Adrian Ellingham
Host Speaker	Steve Brazier
Attendance	Tony Fryer
Reflection	Laurie Bond
Thank Speaker	John Mohi
Parting Thought	Peter Shanahan

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 by 3pm Tuesday [Live meetings only]

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 Monday following a luncheon meeting or the
 Monday in the week prior to a meeting.

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 24th November
 5.30 pm
 Forum at KPC

At Mary Potter Hospice

Thursday 1st December
 12.30 pm
 Tony Paine, Palliative Care
Details & Duties to be advised

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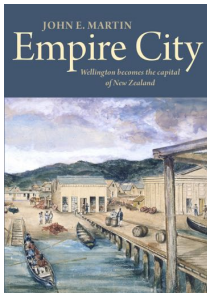
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NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER



Dr John E. Martin has researched and written about New Zealand history for forty years. Before becoming parliamentary historian, he worked in the Historical Branch of the

Department of Internal Affairs and taught in universities. His publications include rural and labour history, the history of science and engineering, and social and political history. His several books include *The Forgotten Worker* (1990), *People, Politics and Power Stations*, *The House*, *Illuminating Our World* and *A Colonist's Gaze*. He currently works as a freelance historian and his latest is **Empire City**, a history of the early years of Wellington, released about now.



Empire City brings the story of Wellington to life, from the invasions of iwi from further north in the early 1800s and uneasy coexistence of different iwi, to the purchase of land by the New Zealand Company and the beginnings of Pākehā settlement.

Whaling was replaced by pastoralism, the mercantile community rose to prominence, and a viable town with a polyglot population was established. The tales are wide-ranging and compelling, from politicians butting heads, to merchants prospering and others going bankrupt, to earthquakes and shipwrecks, Māori endeavouring to keep the peace or resisting the depredations of Pākehā settlement, the impact of the military in town, the citizenry's establishment of a variety of social institutions and their enjoyment of diverse entertainments and sports.

HEALTHCARE PUBLIC MEETING – INVITATION FROM KARORI ROTARY CLUB



Dr Bryan Betty The Rotary Club of Karori with support from a group of prominent health leaders in our city has organised a public meeting in Karori on **Monday 14**

November to discuss the direction of future health care in Wellington.

Coordinated by recently retired GP Chris Kalderimis, from the Karori Medical Centre and a former elected member of the Capital and Coast District Health Board, this meeting will be held at the **Karori Baptist Church, Marsden Village, at 7pm.**

Three well informed health leaders will speak and respond to questions. They are **Dr Bryan Betty**, Medical Director of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners; John Tait Interim CEO of the Regional Health Authority and past Chief Medical Officer of the CCDHB and Hutt DHB and Claire Jennings, Head Nurse for the Hutt and Wellington Hospitals. Chris Kalderimis says this promises to be a very informative and timely discussion in view of the challenges that we are facing at the present time and in coming years, unless the new health system can resolve many of our current issues.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Kia ora

Wonderful to be back now from our long trip away and sorry to have missed last week's meeting. Terrible timing to get the flu on my return. It was a mixture of work and play for me as I took advantage of being on the other side and included side trips to Europe to get a good feel of how much has changed and in what ways, so I have more information for clients.

Over this time, we witnessed the funeral of a monarch and a new one takes his oath as well as a PM ousted and a new one takes up position! Good history lesson for the children. The biggest difference between how we have handled Covid and that part of the world is that as they have been relatively open for the last year and half, Covid is now seen as just another virus, much like the flu. Life carries on and some people may have even caught it twice. Whereas, here, one can be a little bit more wary and careful of

getting it. Although we carried our vaccination details with us, they were not queried or asked to be shown at any airport, port, station, restaurant etc. It's all an owner beware policy.

Sadly, I was unable to attend a Rotary meeting with my brother in law as, on the day that I could have attended, they had a business meeting like a forum and so it didn't make sense. More so, as I learned when he returned, was that their club was going to shut down by December. They will continue to meet as a social network due to their relationships created for years but not under the Rotary banner. It was a cloud over some lovely days with my family as its sad to hear of these realities.

This is something we need to address with sincerity and seriousness as we are at the very confronting stage ourselves, having to look at with the same magnifying glass. There's definitely a lot to be done in this area. I, for one have a lot of faith in Rotary and the good we do for our communities. I am being optimistic about how we can invite more like-minded folk and continue to hold on to our long-standing relationships too. I invite you all to do the same and look at where you are willing to make changes for our future.

We cannot carry on doing the same thing fortnight in and out and expect a different result.

Till we meet again 😊 *Zai*

CLUB MEETINGS

27th OCTOBER EVENING MEETING

The evening began with a very well attended Rotary/Community meeting at KPC. Pizzas ran short but were quickly replenished from the nearby Dominos.



The guest speaker, **Andrew McKenzie, CEO of Kāinga Ora** was brought up in Ngaio and educated in Wellington. We were honoured to have his parents, Peter and Robyn McKenzie,

amongst the audience. Kāinga Ora is the Crown agency which provides rental housing for New Zealanders in need. It is a crown entity set up

under the Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities Act 2019.

Kāinga Ora, provides homes for people and families in need while also connecting them with the support services they may require to help them live well in their home.

Andrew began with a number of charts comparing population trends with existing housing supply and future challenges, particularly those areas most in need, such as North Auckland, where the number of homeless continues to grow.

That said, Andrew spoke with optimism for the future, citing significant housing developments appropriate to contemporary families. He explained, as a major developer, Kāinga Ora had been able to improve efficiencies in the building industry, which have considerably reduced both consent and construction times.



Noting that land cost was a major factor in the cost of building houses, Andrew explained housing concepts which included 3-storey walk-ups with accumulated public space.

Nevertheless, there would still be major social problems to address and it was a function of Kāinga Ora to continue to address these. The questions which followed showed considerable appreciation for the scope of the talk.

3rd NOVEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING REFLECTION

Maurice Manttan spoke briefly about the art of disinformation before turning to a positive story about the origin of the Good Sorts segment on TV, which produced a positive response. Hence, his reflection was. "no matter what bad and sad news there is impacting on us, we should remember there is an army of good sorts out there, right across the nation, helping to balance the ledger."

READING IN SCHOOLS



Graeme Waters reported that, after the Covid break, reading had resumed at Arakura. Other schools are waiting until next year.

GUEST SPEAKER



Jane Edwards, Director Assurance and Statutory, Universities of New Zealand, has been recently involved with the Club in setting up the handling process for the Club's Scholarships programme. Jane lives

in Christchurch and works in Wellington.

She began her presentation with statistics relating to the eight Universities in NZ, including their rankings on the world scale. Her office manages 10 under-graduate and 20 post graduate programmes, including on behalf of, Rhodes Scholarships with acknowledgement to Paul Tipping, Frank Knox Fellowships and the Prince of Wales Cambridge International Scholarship. She listed 18 top international institutions where NZ scholars were studying. Values ranged from \$2,000PA to \$90,000PA.

Jane concluded with comments on the Wellington North scholarships noting that, while the Club retains control of its scholarship programme, Jane's office has removed a considerable degree of the background work, particularly in sifting for eligibility.

This year's Scholarship applications were open until 31 October and are being processed by Universities NZ. The Scholarships Panel will then evaluate applications and make recommendations to the Trustees.

David Bennett gave the vote of thanks.

EVENTS TO COME

25th NOVEMBER - TREES

Graeme Waters announced a maintenance working bee at the trees site in the Odell Reserve. Time and further details to be advised.

24th NOVEMBER FORUM

5.30pm at KPC. This will follow the usual pattern of Pizza etc. Further details to come.

1st DECEMBER REMINDER



A reminder that that the 1 December meeting would be held at Mary Potter Hospice. As there is some concern about parking, a recommended

option is to travel on the No1 bus, which runs every 10 minutes from Johnsonville/Churton Park to Island Bay via the hospital and close to Mary Potter.

11th DECEMBER KHANDALLAH VILLAGE FAIR



All club members are asked to be available on the day for a multitude of tasks necessary to ensure its success. Rosters will be advised in advance.



CONFERENCE 2023



Plans are well underway for the conference, which will be held from 17th to 19th March 2023 at Southwards Car Museum, Otaihangā, Kāpiti.

On Friday evening, there will be an informal St Patrick's Day themed cocktail party with live entertainment, food and drinks from 6 – 8pm. Saturday 18th will be a full day of fantastic Rotary and inspirational external speakers. Themes are peace, diversity and inclusion, women and children's health, and biodiversity. That evening there will be a gala formal, 3-course dinner, with entertainment and dancing, from 6 - 11pm on the theme of 'Imagine!' On Sunday 19 March there is an outdoor family fun day from 9am to 1pm, with free kids' activities, mindfulness sessions and entertainment. It will be open to the general public, with a koha entry.

The Conference Committee is looking for District clubs that want to run an informative stall or contribute posters about their work, projects and achievements – if you would like to take this opportunity please, in the first instance contact Adrian, our District Secretary.

Early bird registrations will be opening soon, with options to book for parts or all of the conference programme, and separately bookable local activities.

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HEADING THE TRAIN



Current and future District Governors -
Jocelyn Hogg 24/25
Wayne Gordon
23/24 and Marilyn
Stevens, current, at
a recent Oceania
meeting in
Canberra



PARTING THOUGHT

From Maurice Scott
By Nelson Mandela



Education is the most powerful weapon, which you can use to change the world.

DEPARTING THOUGHT



Counting down. The current editor of the Bulletin will be stepping down at the end of this Rotary year. Potential applicants for this role, or an alternative communications role, should form an orderly queue in front of incoming President Steve Brazier to offer their services.

The role could be split in two, Reporter and Editor. Initial handover guidance available if required.