

*Wellington Regional Children's Hospital*

## At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Club Member Brett Hudson  
A Day in the Life of an MP

### DUTIES

Greeter	Kerry Ansell
Host Speaker	Stephen Brazier
Attendance	Terry Pinfold
Reflection	Colin Lawton
Happy Dollars	Ross George
Thank Speaker	Stephen Spence
Parting Thought	Roy Ferguson

Apologies and Guests to Maurice Scott  
[mjpboscott@gmail.com](mailto:mjpboscott@gmail.com) by 10am Wednesday

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7pm  
**at Khandallah Bowling Club**  
Club Forum

RSVP [dhyoung@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dhyoung@xtra.co.nz) for catering purposes  
by Friday 25th September.



## At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
Joan Druett – Author  
Leadership and shipwrecks in the  
Southern Ocean

### DUTIES

Greeter	David Bennett
Host Speaker	Zaheda Davies
Attendance	Brian Poole
Reflection	Maurice Manttan
Happy Dollars	Pat Helm
Thank Speaker	Paul Tipping
Parting Thought	Ross Foubister

## ALSO COMING UP

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
7pm at Khandallah Presbyterian  
District Governor Gillian Jones  
Partners encouraged to attend

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 am  
Coffee break at Zealandia

## NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER

### Brett Hudson



Wellington North Club member, Brett, was first elected as a National List MP in the 2014 General Election and is completing his second term. In both elections since he has stood in the electorate of Ōhāriu.

In his first term, with National in Government, Brett was Deputy Chair of the then Commerce select committee (now called Education, Development, Science and Innovation – EDSI) and was a member on the Government Administration select committee. In Opposition, he currently holds the spokesperson roles for Police and Government Digital Services. Prior to the election, he worked in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) industry for more than 20 years, starting his career in a technical role. For the latter 16 years, he held sales and account management positions, where he helped small and large client organisations harness the power of technology to achieve business benefits.



### ALICE SPRINGS CONFERENCE

Covid-19 has brought opportunities which might not otherwise have arisen. One of these is the Zone 8 Rotary Conference scheduled to be held in

Alice Springs next month. It has now turned into a virtual conference freely open to all Rotarians. It is a great opportunity to hear a range of speakers on the new directions in Rotary.

Some of the items which would be of particular interest to NZ Club members, with NZ times, are:

#### **Saturday 19 September**

1.30 – 1.45pm RI President Holger Knack

1.45 – 2.00pm Ian Riseley on

#### **The Rotary Foundation**

2.00 – 2.15pm Past RI Director Stuart Heal [from Cromwell] on **Winds of Change**

2.15 – 2.45pm **Rotary Showcase New Zealand**

#### **Sunday 20 September**

1.30 – 1.45pm Jennifer Jones RI President

Nominee on **A Modern Rotary**

1.45 – 2.00pm Past RI President Barry Rassin on **Doing Good in the World**

Full details, including other speakers, are given on pages 6/7 of the August issue of Rotary Down Under. In order to participate, it is necessary to pre-register by visiting- <https://mailchi.mp/rotarydownunder/zone8-conference-link-update?e=d48da16ff5>

## PASSING ON

We record with regret the passing away of two persons previously part of the Wellington North family.

Past Club member, Captain John Withington, passed away last week in Taupo. John was very active in the club and well supported by Pamela. He produced a highlight of the District Conference in 2001 by bringing out, as a guest speaker, The Rt. Honourable Baroness Caroline Cox, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, who has played a significant role in humanitarian causes. John was also known within the club for The Captains Table where he always sat and often selected those who could join him. The Club eventually eased him out of that practice. Since leaving Wellington, John maintained a close interest in the club, often visiting.

We also note the passing of Pauline Angus at 95. She was a strong supporter of the club through her husband Quentin who was disabled but always made the club's events, poised on two sticks. He was a lawyer and advocate for the disabled. His legacy is the use of the legal process to improve living standards for the disabled.

## WELLINGTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Amongst other guests last Thursday, we welcomed Bill Day, Chair of the Wellington Hospital Foundation, accompanied by a support team.

Laurie Bond introduced the speakers, Michael O'Brien Architect and Helen Moate. Project Manager for contractors McKee Fehl.





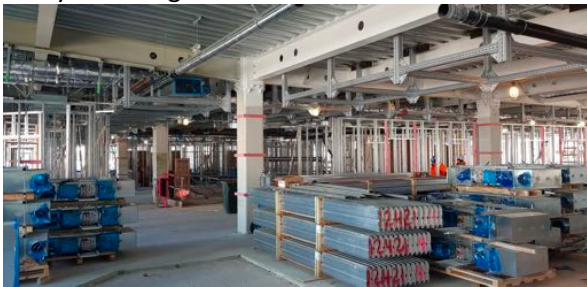
The principal presentation was given by Michael O'Brien, who is a Partner and Principal at Studio Design + Architecture

Michael gave a lavishly illustrated description of the project from the below ground to the extensive maze of services now being installed. Designed for 151 beds, mostly in single en suite rooms, he described the child friendly features of the hospital including areas being funded by Rotarians.

As surgery will take place elsewhere in the hospital complex, the building will be linked to the main buildings by a bridge which is partially clad in restored Thermosash windows salvaged from the BNZ building demolition.

Helen Moate answered a number of questions from the contractor's point of view.

Laury Sinclair gave the vote of thanks.



*Children's Hospital interior fitout*

## ON THE SOCIAL SIDE



On 27 August, twelve club members, including three wives, enjoyed a coffee break at Zealandia. Bush walks were not included as the sanctuary was closed to enable felling of pine trees.

## REPEAT PERFORMANCE THURSDAY 10th

## CLUB EVENING MEETING 8 SEPTEMBER



Automat was full to capacity to enjoy Dunsean fare and hear an informative talk on Euthanasia by Jessica Young, PhD Scholar and Research Fellow at the Dunedin School of Medicine. Jessica spoke of the interviews she had conducted with persons nearing the end of sustainable life, neither living nor dying.

Jessica went on to speak about the stringent controls which the Act, if passed, would be put in place to be absolutely sure that there would be no collusion between professionals, and independent Registry so that the final choice would be for the patient alone. She then spoke about practices in those jurisdictions which allowed for assisted dying.



From the many questions asked and answered, there was a lot of interest in the finer details. Jessica's final prediction was that the outcome of the Referendum would be a majority in favour. David Young gave the vote of thanks.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Forum, to be held on Monday 28 September, will provide the opportunity for members to consider this year's distribution of funds from our Charitable Trust.

This year, we are abnormally blessed with the amount of the funds we have, or expect to have, available to distribute.

With the wind-up of the KauKau Rotary Club, the Charitable Trust will be receiving a significant amount held in trust for charitable purposes. Also, last year, we set aside some funds in the trust to be distributed this year in response to Covid 19 needs. Overall, we expect to be in a position to recommend Board to the trustees of the Charitable Trust the distribution of about \$25,000.

Rotary does make a difference and with these funds available our club can play our small part. In this, the Centenary year of Rotary Down Under, there are a number of significant projects of which we can be a part. This is in addition to our regular support of the Rotary Foundation and Polio Eradication. Centenary projects include Zone 8's Pacific-wide immunisation programme to Give Every Child a Future and our own District 9940 project to raise \$400,000 for the new Wellington Children's Hospital. The club needs to decide on the allocation of our funds between these very worthwhile causes.

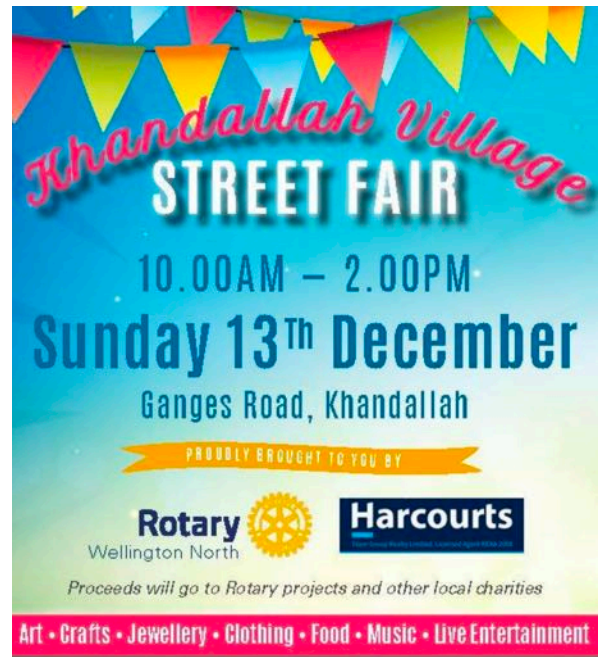
Rotary, both locally and internationally, is challenging clubs to consider the community needs arising from Covid 19. This is a message we will hear from our District Governor, Gillian Jones, when she visits our club on Monday, 19 October. At this stage, the opportunities for responding to local Covid 19 needs, possibly together with other clubs in our network, are still being researched. We are unlikely, therefore, to be at a stage where members can consider any specific proposals to meet Covid 19 needs beyond setting aside a portion of the funds available.

In responding to the new needs arising from Covid 19, it is important not to neglect the traditional causes the club has supported, particularly in the fields of vocational and youth. At the Forum, members will be able to consider allocations of funds to these causes.

Setting the right balance between global and local priorities is always a matter for debate. Your opinion is important, and I'm keen to hear members' views when we meet up at Forum on 28 September. I look forward to seeing you there.

*President David*

## KHANDALLAH FAIR UPDATE



Kesh Gilmour is taking the lead on this project, one which all members of the Club should get involved, some in the planning and most on the day. Kesh reported to the 7 September Board meeting including -

Priorities undertaken and progress to date:

- Success in the WCC sponsorship grant for \$2500.
- Stallholders from last year have all been contacted, the majority are returning this year, several new people interested in being stallholders
- The Khandallah Business Association & Onslow Community Residents Association are excited the Fair is coming back for 2020
- Application to close the road and the notice in the Dominion Post has been completed thanks Steve Spence.
- Kesh and Ross Foubister have been updating the Web and Facebook pages
- Harcourts have confirmed they will sponsor and provide large signs, Simon Manning has confirmed he will print flyers
- Call for those wanting to be a part of the Khandallah Fair committee. First meeting to be held Monday 14 Sept meeting at 8 Whitu Street, Khandallah



- (this meeting we will run through the action items which are part of the project plan)
- Need a Covid-19 policy to be drafted
- Need for people to lead on the following: health & safety, entertainment, logistics and traffic management

Contact Kesh on

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### END POLIO NOW - RIDE THE TRAIN



There's to be a new format for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, with the event starting with in both Palmerston North and Masterton with local Rotarians catching the Capital Connection and Wairarapa trains to Wellington. Once in Wellington they can join Wellington Rotarians riding the Metro Lines (final timetable TBA) finishing by 2.00pm to allow an End Polio Luncheon to be held and this will finish in time for those needing to catch the Northern Trains home.

Wellington North members are urged to be part in an event on the day, whether that's collecting on a station, assisting with the BBQ at Wellington Station (coordinated by AG David Shackleton and Linda Wellington), attending the Luncheon post the ride.

End Polio T-shirts are the ticket to "Ride the Train" for free, and are also a great way to promote our cause with a sea of "RED" riding en mass on the rail network. For further information contact PDG John Mohi.

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK POSTPONED

The following message has been received from Nikki Chilcott, Senior Health Promotion Advisor, Stroke Foundation of New Zealand

*Kia ora Rotarians*

The Auckland Covid-19 outbreak has sent us back to the drawing board for the Big BP Check.

We have realised that we may be yo-yoing between alert levels for some time and therefore the model we were using to run the event was going to be too risky on a number of fronts. As a result, we have decided to postpone the event and when we do run the event, this financial year, we have decided that we will run it only using our Blood Pressure Vans and the staff that run this service when the Ministry of Health advises it is safe to be working in the community. This model will allow us to be more flexible with any Covid outbreaks, but it does mean unfortunately we will not need Rotary support as we have enjoyed in previous years.



This new delivery of the Big Blood Pressure Check does come at the expense of reaching the numbers of people we have in previous years, but like other organisations we are being realistic around our expectations during this pandemic and sticking with the idea that something is better than nothing.

Thank you for all your support and your work to date to allow many New Zealanders to get free blood pressure checks in your community. We hope that once we are past this pandemic we will be able to pick up our collaboration around the event, as we can't do it without the support of Rotary. We will be in touch.

### LETTER OF THANKS



The Club has received an appreciative letter from Jessica Ye, one of the 2020 Wellington North Scholarship recipients. In part of her letter Jessica says. "This year I have begun my degree as a first-year student at Victoria University and I have thoroughly appreciated the value of a university education."

The academic environment is thrilling and I find what I study to be incredibly meaningful. Last trimester, I gained an A+ average in my law course. Leaving home and living at Weir House has helped me mature and grow as a person. I owe all this to the generosity of your club in empowering me with the resources of time any money to study and learn without the burden of time constraints that arise under financial pressure. Thank you again for your vote of confidence.

Jessica Ye

## WEDDING BELLS



Nurse Mok from Timor Leste, who was in Wellington on a Rotary sponsored skills upgrade programme and visited our club, was recently married in Dili. He is pictured here with his wedding party.

## TALES FROM GRENADA



With the demand growing, Tracy reports on the growing workload, somewhat hindered by Lockdown 2 conditions.

As well as food rescue KCA now has space to support dry goods for which there is a steady demand



Here, Michelle shows off some beautiful handcrafted blankets donated to the cause.

## PARTING THOUGHT



From Margaret Emerre  
*A superhero is a person noted for feats of courage and nobility, usually with a colourful costume – Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman. Also in sport: All Blacks, NFL, Boxing*

But, by Anon: *Sometimes, real superheroes live in the hearts of small children fighting big battles*

## FUTURE LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

October 15 – President Tahir Nawaz  
International Muslim Association

November 5 – Andrew Hoggard  
President Federated Farmers

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