

A tranquil scene at Zealandia

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 18th March

Jim Lynch
Zealandia

DUTIES

Greeter	Gerald McGhie
Host Speaker	Zaheda Davies
Attendance	Pat Helm
Reflection	Maurice Scott
Happy Dollars	Steve Brazier
Thank Speaker	Colin Lawton
Parting Thought	Peter Shanahan

Apologies and Guests to Maurice Scott
mjpbscott@gmail.com by 10am Wednesday

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 1st April

Angie del Favero
Queen Margaret College
The Science Forum

DUTIES

Greeter	Rory O'Connor
Host Speaker	Roy Ferguson
Attendance	Laurie Bond
Reflection	Peter Shanahan
Happy Dollars	Zaheda Davies
Thank Speaker	Morris Robertson
Parting Thought	Brian Poole

This meeting would be of interest to partners and children or grandchildren contemplating a science career.

LOOKING AHEAD

Evening meeting Thursday 8th April
Club Forum at Khandallah Presbyterian Church. President Elect, Stephen Spence, will be presenting his plan for the next Rotary year

At Khandallah Presbyterian Church

Thursday 25th March 7pm

Xiao Lin Kee

on the RYLA Experience

And a briefing on the proposed
Forest of Peace in Khandallah
Pizza, salad and wine \$15 PP cash

NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER

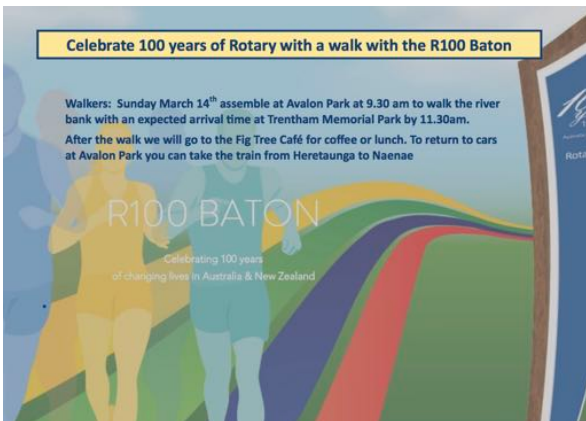


Conservationist Jim Lynch, QSM, who from 1990 to 1995, managed to sell his dream of a fenced, urban sanctuary, and see it evolve into Zealandia, Wellington's pride. Jim, who was President of the

Wellington Branch of Forest and Bird from 1991, is now retired and living in Waikanae and remains humble about his achievement. He's adamant that he was just a small cog within a much larger group effort.

Jim was born in 1947 in Whangarei and grew up on a farm in Hukerenui. He was also well known as a cartoonist. His first cartoons were published in the *Taranaki Daily News* in 1979, appearing weekly until 1986, and he produced fortnightly cartoons for the *New Zealand Times* from 1981 to 1985. He was the runner-up in the New Zealand Cartoonist of the Year category at the Qantas Press Awards in 1983. His cartoons appeared under the name 'James' as he didn't want to go to his boss and ask if he could have secondary employment as a political cartoonist".

ROTARY 100 BATON WALK – MARCH 14th



Rotarians, and family and friends. Just come along. Be at the Avalon Park parking lot on Fairfield Drive, near the bridge at 9.30 am. There is no entry fee, simply an opportunity to be part of this little bit of Rotary history along with other Rotarians. You will have to fund your own coffee or lunch at the Fig Tree Cafe at the end, otherwise no cost to walkers. Bring water and sun protection - sunblock and hat. Wear comfortable walking shoes - the surface is mostly gravel; some asphalt.

The return journey to the cars at Avalon Park cars can be by train (Heretaunga to Naenae), or own arrangements for a ride. The walk will still be on if wet. For further information call Lionel on 022 044 2505.

RIP DR FRANCIS SMALL CNZM



Francis' long struggle with Parkinsons ended, age 75 on Friday 5th March. He died peacefully at Te Hopai surrounded by his family.

Francis was a long-time member of Wellington North, although for many years he was known as the invisible member due to his other extensive activities precluding regular attendance. Nevertheless, he contributed to the Club in several other ways. In his latter days, he was a regular attender, supported by his wife, Dianne, until such time as he was unable to attend, despite his best efforts. Francis was a Paul Harris Fellow and recipient of a Rotary Centennial Service Award for Professional Excellence

Francis was a true railwayman, having progressed through the ranks to become Managing Director of New Zealand Rail and Tranz Rail Ltd. He was a key figure in the sweeping changes which took place in the 1980's as a result of the Booze Allen Review. This continued into the 1990's with the sale of Tranz Rail to Wisconsin Central, Berkshire Partners and Fay Richwhite, thus leading to his positive working relationship and friendship with Wisconsin's Ed Burkhardt, who was a guest speaker at the Club.

Over the years, Francis held 17 company directorships, several of which he was Chairman, including Meridian Energy, the Met Service and the Centre for Advanced Engineering. His many roles ranged from Wisconsin Central Transportation to the Antarctic.

Amongst Francis' many interests were his forty years of services to Scouts, mainly in the training and development roles. He was awarded the Bronze Woolf, the highest award from the World Scouting Organisation.

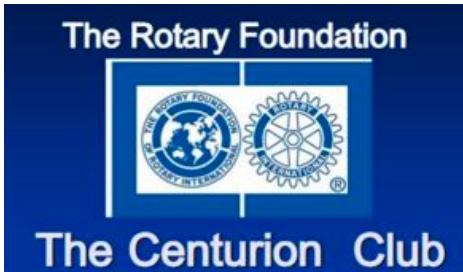
His funeral will take place on Friday 12th March at 3pm at Old St. Pauls.

RECENTLY

LUNCHEON MEETING 18th FEBRUARY

In the absence of President David in the sunny north, VP Graeme Waters conducted the meeting

BE A CENTURION



Tony Fryer encouraged those present [and including absentees] to become a Centurion Member of Rotary. Quoting the District TRF Chair, Martin Garcia, He said that “the problem in our District is falling contributions by Clubs and individuals to the Annual Programs SHARE Fund, which supports our annual Foundation projects. This impacts adversely on our humanitarian service. We have less to spend on global and District grant projects.”

We encourage members to support the Rotary Foundation through contributions to our District 9940 Rotary Foundation account 03-0502-0416962-00. Please put your name and Club in the reference fields and email the District Foundation Administrator, Peter Whittington at trf9940@rotaryoecania.zone to conform your contribution.



Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment

Due to circumstances beyond his control George Prince was unable to participate in the student exchange with Australia. The Club has subsequently nominated George to attend this year's RYPEN course to be held from 26-28 March, at the Vertical Horizon Outdoor Adventure Centre, 572 Everett Road, Inglewood, Taranaki.

With the course at risk due to a projected shortfall in attendees, the club has nominated a second student, through Te Ara, for Joseph Pickavance, who will be able to attend with

financial assistance from our club and the Ian Crabtree Trust.

RYPEN is aimed at young people in the 15 –17 age group who are not likely to be selected for Youth Exchange or later for RYLA, but who possess qualities of decency, persistence and application and who deserve further encouragement. The young people will be presented with a series of ideas, challenges and social experiences, which will hopefully assist them in broadening their horizons socially, culturally and physically.

GUEST SPEAKER

James Renwick is a weather and climate researcher. He is Professor of Physical Geography at Victoria University, specialising in large-scale climate variations.

Professor Renwick used a series of scientific charts, including sea level rise predictions, to clearly explain the causes and consequences of climate change and what steps need to be taken to meet the 2050 zero carbon target. In order to achieve this, a reduction of 50% in greenhouse gasses was necessary by 2030. The areas being targeted are transport, fossil fuels, animal emissions and deforestation. With regard to the latter, long-life natives planting produces a much better result than short cycle pine plantations. He said that we must work together to achieve our target. New Zealand, if acting positively, could inspire and support other nations to achieve their targets.

A question was asked if it was time to revisit non-polluting nuclear energy. Professor Renwick's response was that this could be an answer for countries which already rely on this solution, but there was no satisfactory answer to the disposal of nuclear waste. Meanwhile, New Zealand still had many opportunities ahead for energy derived from the sun.



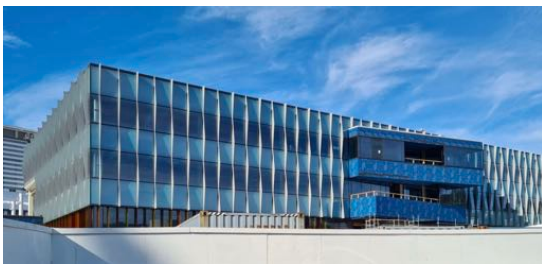
Maurice Manttan gave the vote of thanks prior to James Renwick departing on his electric bicycle.

A PERFECT STORM AT KCA



For Tracy and the team at Kiwi Community Assistance it has been a time of trial. The new chiller room was nearing completion when part of the main roof above it blew off; the chiller truck we part sponsored is off the road awaiting a replacement part, ETA 10 weeks away on its journey from Japan; the new fork lift driver only stuck it out for a few days and Tracy starts a series of operations on 25th March, which will have her out of action for 6 months. We are now looking at ways Wellington North, Johnsonville and Tawa, each being one of the sponsoring clubs, can assist over the next period.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



View of the upper floors showing the Rotary sponsored recreation area

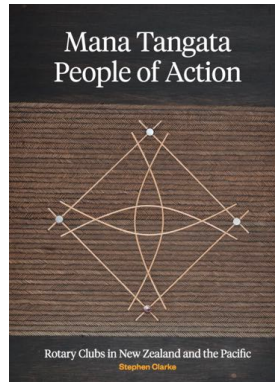
Three years ago, following an initial approach by the Wellington Hospitals Foundation, Wellingtonian Mark Dunajtschik announced an extraordinary gift of \$50 million to build a new world-class children's hospital for our region. This unprecedented generosity is deeply appreciated and will ensure a brighter and healthier future for thousands of kiwi kids.

The new Child Health Service and Hospital will be known as Te Wao Nui – 'The Great Forest of Tāne', and the new hospital building will be known as the Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood Building in honour of their tremendous gift.

Without Mark and Dorothy's support a new children's hospital would have been many decades away, and sick children, their families and the hospital's incredible medical teams would have continued to struggle in a building that was unfit for purpose.

Have your say at Forum on 8 April. The future of the Club depends on the participation of all members.

ROTARY NEW ZEALAND CENTENARY



This year sees 100 years of Rotary in New Zealand and Australia. The lavishly illustrated Mana Tangata is now at the printers. Club members who indicated that would purchase a copy at a special price of \$40 are asked to **pay now** into the Club's bank account.

Planning is well under way for the centenary exhibition scheduled to open at the National Library on 12 May. For further information contact John Mohi or Morris Robertson.



Remembering the summer weather

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