

Our small patch of an endangered planet

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 18th November **District Governor** Mark Wheeler's Visit

DUTIES

Greeter	Laurie Bond
Host Speaker	John Mohi
Attendance	David Young
Reflection	Maurice Manttan
Happy Dollars	Laurie Bond
Thank Speaker	Tony Fryer
Parting Thought	Morris Robertson

Partners and Widows are encouraged to attend this meeting. If attending please advise Zai as below.

Apologies and Guests to Zai Davies <zahedadavies@icloud.com> by 10 am Wednesday **NOTE PERMANENT CHANGE ABOVE**

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

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 2nd December The Reverend Ken Irwin Christmas Message

DUTIES

Stephen Brazier Greeter **Host Speaker** Pat Helm Attendance Reflection Happy Dollars **Thank Speaker** Parting Thought

Kerry Ansell Gerald McGhie Stephen Brazier Maurice Scott **David Pickering**

Please note that the AGM has been moved to the 2nd December meeting

CHRISTMAS PARTY 16 DEC. See details page 4



PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Michael Hinds, Nominated by Zaheda Davies Classification - Real Estate This is the first publication of this notice

NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER DISTRICT GOVERNOR – MARK WHEELER



District Governor, Mark Wheeler ONZM, joined Rotary in Florida as a member of the Tampa Hyde Park Rotary Club. On

return to Wellington joined the Rotary Club of Wellington and was President in 2016/17. Mark is General Manager of the New Zealand Government's Aviation Security Service, which he joined in October 2013. Mark came to the Aviation Security Service after serving with the New Zealand Defence Force for almost 38 years, finishing as the Land Component Commander.

Mark held almost all the major commands within the New Zealand Army, and a number of senior Defence positions, including head of Defence Force Personnel, and Senior New Zealand Liaison Officer to the United States Central Command. He holds two master's degrees: A Master of Philosophy from Massey University, and a Master of Arts from Deakin University. Katie and Mark have two daughters studying at university.

EVENING MEETING 28th OCTOBER



47 Rotarians and guests were present at KPC to enjoy a pizza meal a listen to an address on climate change, preceded by a few comments on Rotary from President Stephen for the benefit of the guests.

Graeme Waters introduced **Dr Adrian Macey**, a former diplomat who has served as New Zealand Ambassador in Bangkok and Paris. He has also been New Zealand's Chief Trade Negotiator and was our first Climate Change Ambassador. He served as Vice-chair and then Chair of the UN climate change negotiations under the Kyoto Protocol in 2010-2011. Adrian is currently an adjunct Professor at the New Zealand Climate Change Research Institute, based at Victoria University.



Adrian's talk was primarily focussed on the physics of climate change and the scientific changes necessary to achieve zero carbon by 2050.

He also referred to the likely outcomes of GOP.

CLUB MEETING 4th NOVEMBER

President Stephen announced that Nigel Sercombe had been appointed to the Club's Charitable Trust to replace Brian Poole who has completed his term. Brian was thanked for his service in the role.

Lionel Nunns announced that, due to Covid-19 requirements, the Village Fair had been cancelled. Alternative fund raisers were now needed to meet the club's obligations. He then launched the first of them. See details page 5.

Terry Pinfold announced that 27 applications had been received by the Scholarship Trust.

GUEST SPEAKER EDEN BACANI

Innovative Young Minds (IYM) offers young women in years 11 and 12 the opportunity to learn about the wide range of research and career opportunities available in STEMM (science, technology,



engineering, mathematics and high- tech manufacturing).

After a one year hiatus due to Covid-19, the IYM Residential programme returned in 2021 better than ever. Nearly 40 young women from the Greater Wellington Region took part in their sixday residential programme and were inspired by local researchers, innovators and entrepreneurs who are themselves making cutting-edge advances in STEMM.

Eden Bacani emigrated from the Philippines at age 5 with her parents. She now lives in Levin and commutes daily, after a 5 am start, to St. Mary's College. Introduced by Brian Poole, Eden gave an informative address on her background and aspirations and how the latter had inspired her vision of the future. Her ambition is to work in the field of cyber security, possibly within the deeper secrets of GCSB.

During the talk Eden spoke about the IYM experience and the various institutions the participants had visited that brought them reality to the various avenues of science.

Eden's 3 inspirations from her time at the course were -

1. Networking is very Important and how she can gain help from others

2. How best to use her strengths rather than focus on her negatives.

3. Her ideal job for the future may not exist now, so she could create a pathway for it.

Eden concluded by expressing gratitude to the Club for sponsoring her for the experience.

Terry Pinfold proposed the vote of thanks with reference to his own background in science.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kia ora Those of us who attended last Thursday's lunch meeting would have heard from Lionel

Nunns, convenor of the Khandallah Fair organising committee, that the Fair has now been cancelled. This was a hard decision to take not the least because it had become established as a highly successful annual fund raiser and social networking event for our club.

The Fair Committee worked hard to get the event under way but in the end, our old adversary Covid 19 - Delta version - presented unacceptable risks for all concerned, not just for Rotary, but stall holders and the other organisations involved. The Committee will be looking at the possibility of an alternative event in the new year but, meanwhile, our club needs to look hard at other fundraising initiatives to make up for the estimated \$6k lost income from the Fair. To get things moving, Lionel was quickly out of the starting blocks with his plan for a sponsored Fair Replacement Fun Run (FRFR) round the Queenstown half marathon course on 21 November. So please everybody, make sure you support Lionel very generously, so we can continue to help all the great causes we have committed to.

On a lighter note, and as highlighted in our 28 October Bulletin, last Thursday we heard from another talented student our Club has supported to attend this year's Innovative Young Minds residential programme. Eden Bacani, who plans a career in cyber security, told us about her experience during the six-day course - the people she met and the insights she gained - from what was a clearly formative experience for Eden and illustrates the value to our Club from investing in talented youngsters who want to pursue a career in the important STEMM subjects.

Last but not least please come along to our next lunchtime meeting on 18 November when we will have the opportunity to meet and hear from District Governor Mark Wheeler, including the important changes afoot in the world of Rotary. I encourage partners and friends to join us on the occasion.

Nga mihi nui Stephen

I don't know who needs to hear this but Polio and smallpox never reached natural herd immunity.

They were eradicated by vaccines.

Rotary has played a major part in the elimination by vaccination

END THE YEAR ON A HIGH NOTE



CHRISTMAS DINNER Members and Friends - Join us for a FUN, SOCIAL EVENING



At the ATURA HOTEL 24 HAWKESTONE ST, THORNDON

THURSDAY DECMBER 16th, 2021 6 pm for pre-dinner drinks

GUEST SPEAKER the Hon Peter Dunne



"A light-hearted review of 2021"

COST: \$56 per person plus cash bar Forward payment by 2nd December to: Rotary Club of Wellington North 03 0518 0023645 00 Add name as identifier Queries to <u>emerre50@gmail.com</u>

Please bring a small gift (labelled) for the Women's Refuge.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY INTERACT! 5 NOVEMBER

Happy birthday, Interact! On this day, 59 years ago, the first Interact club was formed. We celebrate the good, millions of young people have accomplished through service in an Interact club!

EMERGENCY RESPONSE KITS - UPDATE

NIWA is forecasting across the South West Pacific "between nine and 12 named cyclones between November 2021 and April 2022 - a range above normal." They anticipate "higher chances of systems in and around the Coral Sea, especially between February and April, along with an elevated risk in the subtropics between Fiji and New Caledonia."

It is essential adequate stock of ERKs are on hand to replace that which can be depleted overnight following a disaster. Forward planning in response is crucial. In anticipation, additional stock of Emergency Response Kits is right now on the way for prepositioning in Vanuatu and Fiji in addition to stocks held in Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands. This with back up supplies retained in Auckland all thanks to Rotarians from the combined clubs who pack the kits.



Members of the Rotary Club of Auckland Downtown packing kits to boost stock

The Emergency Response Kit is distributed to affected families to support them through the first days following a cyclone or other weather event. With a kit and a little ingenuity, a family is able to construct basic shelter, keep themselves protected from the elements and utilise the immediate survival items. The value of a kit including the container, contents, freight and storage is approximately \$600. The project has been encouraged by the New Zealand Government who over many years has often provided transportation, logistical and financial support.

LIONEL'S VILLAGE FAIR SUBSTITUTE



Please pay \$20 [or more] into the Club's account 03 0518 0023645 00 Ref. FRFR

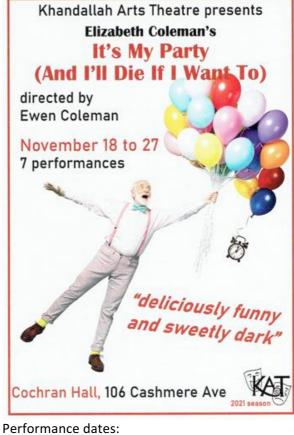
MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR Clubs remain at the heart of Rotary and never have our communities needed us more. The District role is to support / free up clubs to do more for their communities and globally in the seven areas of focus. I am proud of the way the District Governors train, Area Governors and District Administration and Committees have not lost sight of this. I am also proud of the way Clubs are finding new ways to make a difference. This is not a normal period – so please keep helping NZ and our communities get through this. *District Governor Mark Wheeler*

PARTING THOUGHT

From Margaret Emerre Innovation is the market introduction of a technical or organisational novelty, not just its invention. Joseph A Schumpeter, Austrian political economist 1883-1950



SUPPORTING LOCAL EVENTS



Thursday, Friday, Saturday 18, 19, 20 & 25, 26, 27 @7.30pm. Sunday 21 @ 4pm Bookings 0508 484 253 or kat-theatre.org.nz

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