



Tree planting in the Odell Reserve

Change of advertised speaker for next meeting

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 19th August
 Madeleine Taylor
 Pressures on Parents and Grandparents

DUTIES

Greeter	Paul Tipping
Host Speaker	Terry Pinfold
Attendance	David Young
Reflection	Roy Ferguson*
Happy Dollars	Rory O'Connor
Thank Speaker	Graeme Waters
Parting Thought	Stephen Brazier

*subject to escaping NSW lockdown

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

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

At KPC

Thursday 26th August 6.30pm
 Warren Young

Why the criminal justice system has failed

\$15 for pizza, salad and a glass of wine

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 2nd September
 Rob Pope

Cyber Security

DUTIES

Greeter	Alan Fraser
Host Speaker	Kerry Ansell
Attendance	Brian Poole
Reflection	Laurie Bond
Happy Dollars	Alan Fraser
Thank Speaker	Pat Helm
Parting Thought	Adrian Ellingham



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER MADELEINE TAYLOR



Madeleine Taylor is an experienced people skills consultant, having worked in social work and organisational development since 1982. She has been a parent educator since 1993.

Madeleine contracts to both public and private organisations. Her work involves supporting courageous conversations, training, mentoring, facilitation, management development and professional coaching and supervision.

She is currently providing a range of training programmes such as Conflict Management, Negotiation skills, Managing Difficult Behaviour (your own and others), Understanding the impact of Overindulgence, Facilitation Skills, Understanding Stress, Being Resilient, Grief and Loss and developing Emotional and Social Intelligence.

Madeleine has been married to Wayne for 26 years, they have three sons.

NEXT EVENING SPEAKER WARREN YOUNG



Warren Young QSO is General Manager of the Independent Police Conduct Authority. Before his current role, he focused throughout his career on criminal justice issues – first as Director of the

Institute of Criminology and Professor of Law at Victoria University of Wellington, and then as Deputy Secretary for Justice and Deputy President of the Law Commission.

He has worked on a variety of issues relating to the legal framework governing drugs and alcohol – as a researcher, a policy adviser and a manager. Most significantly, in his role as a Law Commissioner, he led the Commission's report on its review of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975.

LUNCHEON MEETING 5 AUGUST

Amongst the notices, members were advised that Board Agendas and Minutes would be made available to all members. Gerald McGhie raise 85 Happy Dollars to contribute to the cost of transporting donated masks to Fiji. This was doubled by the Club's charity to \$170.

REFLECTION FROM ZAHEDA

Today, I'd like to share a poem with you by Rabindranath Tagore ... one of India's most

illustrated poet, writer, playwright, composer,

philosopher, social reformer and painter. Born in 1861, he re-shaped Indian literature, music and art with Contextual Modernism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. [Abbreviated]



Where the mind is without fear

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;

Where knowledge is free;

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;

Where words come out from the depth of truth; Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;

Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action—

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father let my country awake.

SPEAKER CHRIS ELDER



Chris Elder trained as a Chinese linguist before serving in the New Zealand Embassy in Beijing when it first opened in the early 1970s. He returned to Beijing as

Ambassador from 1993-1997.

Chris, who was introduced by Graeme Waters, began by referring to the 'special relationship New Zealand enjoyed with China which he said applied to 42 countries. He went on to discuss the past difficult relationships between China and Japan, which had its origins in Japan's need for Chinese oil and scrap metal.

There were several references to former NZ Communist leader, Victor Wilcox, who was an admired friend of the Chinese Government. Some 250 NZ missionaries had endeavoured to extend their influence into China, with little effect. Questions from the floor covered the future of Hong Kong and the South China Sea. Paul Tipping gave the vote of thanks, referring particularly to Chris's historical approach to the subject.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



" Our last meeting on 5th August was very well attended with 37 present, including eleven guests who came along to listen to former NZ diplomat Chris Elder talk about China and New Zealand from an historical perspective. I had

not met Chris before but it was clear he was very well known and respected by many of our members and partners. I found his insights into the Chinese perspective, how this was influenced by its long history, and how these impacted on NZ, fascinating. I was envious of his ability to speak without notes or prompts of any kind. Great choice by the speakers panel!

As we continue to live in our enviable COVID -free bubble we must spare many thoughts to our neighbours in Fiji in particular and Australia also. Our Happy Dollars collection of \$85 will be doubled and used to support the distribution of 35,000 masks to Fiji so we are helping them in some small way.

It's not all gloom though and we should bask in the (very) warm glow of our marvellous Olympic successes. Lisa Carrington for Minister of Sport anyone?"

*Nga mihi nui
Stephen*

GIFT PACKS FOR KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

On a wet Tuesday morning, a willing group of club members and friends of the club met together to put together gift items in packs for KCA to make available to local charity groups. In went the toothbrushes (bamboo) and toothpaste, a cake of soap, women's tights of

various kinds, a hairbrush, a couple of tubes of cosmetic products and many other personal gift items.



Soon, the volunteers stood knee-deep in 75 gift bags ready to make their journey back to the KCA warehouse in Grenada North for distribution.

Of course, no Rotary working-bee is complete without a cup of good coffee and fresh scones and jam, thanks to Diana.

Thanks everybody – a job well done.

Lionel Nunns

FORESTS OF PEACE AND REMEMBRANCE



The Rotary Peace, Remembrance and Community Forests Trust is a centennial initiative – marking the founding of Rotary in Aotearoa New Zealand in 1921. During the century, Rotary's power has come from harnessing communities and volunteers to make a difference.

To celebrate a new century, Rotary Trees Trust is mobilising community participation at all ages, especially among young people, to plant millions of native plants over the next decade – and beyond. This is to create native ecosystems that support the goal of a pest-free Aotearoa New Zealand and to help address climate change. Planting is done by volunteers, working through community groups, with start-up funding through Te Uru Rākau – Forestry New Zealand's One Billion Trees Fund. The Rotary

Trees Trust will initially support the planting of a minimum of 200,000 eco-sourced native plants throughout New Zealand



David Young reports on Wellington North's participation in the project. "On a calm sunny morning on August 7th, more than 200 native trees, Manuka, Kanuka, Matipo, Mahoe, Karamu and Koromiko, were planted in the Odell

Reserve, a hilltop between Ngaio and Khandallah. A hard-working crew of Ngaio Scouts, their family members, Rotarians and their friends made light work of the job which was completed in about an hour, in time for morning tea provided by Hilary Young.



Adam Groenwegen, Park Ranger for WCC, organised and supervised the planting of the trees supplied by the Council. Many

thanks to those who helped with this worthwhile project."

CORNERSTONE RESOURCE CENTRE TRUST

Wellington North's new nominee, Pat Helm, was welcomed to the Trust Board at the AGM held on 11 August. As well as providing active community support, the Trust manages the Khandallah Town Hall. The Trust's mission is to connect, support and strengthen the Khandallah community by –

- Giving hospitality to individuals and groups through Cornerstone Centre caring, activities and programmes.
- Giving hospitality to community groups and others through rental of the Khandallah Town Hall facilities.
- Developing community and business networks, supporting community events and resilience.



Pat Helm with Trust Chair Alastair Hutchens

EMERGENCY RESPONSE KITS

RNZWCS reports an urgent need for funds to top up stocks of kits, which are pre-positioned in Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu. The funding enables the kits to be filled by Rotary volunteers, mostly in Christchurch and Auckland. A recent report from RNZWCS describes a working bee involving South Auckland Clubs.



"We had an amazing day today. The team comprised 22 Rotarians and friends from Rotary Clubs of Pukekohe, Ellerslie Sunrise and Auckland South (District 9920). Team Work is such a nice thing for ERK. Some people were unpacking, some people were opening boxes, some people packing, some people closing up the boxes at the end.

It started from 9am and finished at about 12:20. 3 hours to work together with different clubs and spend quality time together. Creating a wonderful memory. We had a break time to have beautiful desserts, drinks and plentiful conversation. This was our relaxation time to listen to music and do warm ups and cool down exercises." [These clubs have several Chinese members – Ed]

MEDIA EXPOSURE

FACEBOOK

President-Elect Zai has been working hard on the Facebook page for the club and it is up and running. The QR code at the end of this Bulletin is the key to access. Alternatively, the search function can be applied.

All members, please look at it, like it, comment on it and share it. I've tried the QR - it works. ED

INDEPENDENT HERALD

As part of promoting awareness of our club in the community, articles are being regularly submitted to the Independent Herald. This article is the third in this Rotary year with more to come. The next will focus on the tree planting

and further suggestions would be welcomed by the Bulletin Editor. Each article is approximately 400 words plus a hi-res photo.

The Herald is available on-line every Thursday morning and free in supermarkets, libraries etc.

Wellington North Rotary Club gets packing

On a wet Tuesday morning, a willing group of club members and friends of the Wellington North Rotary Club met at the Ngaio home of Lionel and Diana Nunns to assemble gift items in packs for Grenada based Kiwi Community Assistance to make available to local charity groups, including Women's Refuge.

Into the packs went the bamboo toothbrushes and toothpaste, a cake of soap, women's tights of various kinds, a hairbrush, a couple of tubes of cosmetic products and many other personal gift items.

Soon, the volunteers stood knee-deep in gift bags ready to make their journey back to the KCA warehouse for distribution.

One of the several recipients of the gift packs is Women's Refuge, a much appreciated resource for women and children who may

arrive at the refuge with nothing. This link resonated with club members as the guest speaker at one of its recent community meetings was Cleo Arabboon from that organisation.

Cleo spoke to her audience of Rotarians and local church members with eloquence, enthusiasm and authority.

She said the children she interviewed proved well able to articulate their concerns and were aware of what was going on around them.

Toys, books and tablets are appreciated, but the children valued above all the comfort, companionship and safety that Women's Refuge can provide.

Since safe houses were first established in the 1970's, the assumption has been that caring for mothers would meet the needs of children. However, a new study



Four of the volunteers, Vivienne Spanjaard, Lionel Nunns, Barbara Gorman and Diana Nunns get ready to tackle some of the many boxes of supplies.

for Women's Refuge by Cleo has shown that children, who are 50 percent of the people in its safe houses, have a particular set of needs in their own right.

In future, there will be more targeted child specific programmes, procedures and planning goals. Wellington North Rotary has given \$3,000 this year in support of this new "kids in the middle" programme.

The charity wholesaler accumulates and provides much needed food and dry goods to foodbanks and other charities throughout the Wellington Region Kiwi Community Wellington.

John then set about sourcing and editing material, which resulted in a 15- pagespread. The lead article demonstrates that, in Rotary terms, New Zealand and its Pacific clubs, which spread over 20 million square kilometres of the earth's surface, are greater in area than Australia!

PARTING THOUGHTS

From Laurie Bond

There have been Empires
The Ancient Chinese
The Greeks
The Romans
The British

None have returned to greatness again and, if one does, will it be the Chinese?

Clem Sunter 1984

ROTARY DOWN UNDER - AUGUST AN ISSUE TO READ – PAGES 33-48



Te Riu-a-Māui / Zealandia is Earth's eighth continent.

Te Riu-a-Māui / Zealandia has the features of Earth's seven other continents:

- Elevation above surrounding oceanic crust
- Diverse geology
- Crust thicker than that found in oceans
- Area greater than one million sq km
- Clearly defined limits

The territorial configuration of the current six districts that comprise the Aotearoa New Zealand and South Pacific component of Rotary 'Down Under', is quite different from that which has been long imagined.

By PDGs Morris Robertson and John Mohi District 9942

Rotary across the ocean

Back in April, Rotary Down Under produced a special issue, which celebrated Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific., Unfortunately, the contents were all about Australia, thus causing some disquiet amongst New Zealand and South Pacific readers.

Accepting a challenge, Morris Robertson and John Mohi undertook to redress the omission. Morris contacted the RDU Editor, Meagan Martin and it was agreed that, if we supplied the copy, at least twelve pages in the August issue could be devoted to NZ&SP Projects. Morris and



The greatest victory is that which requires no battle.
Sun Tzu 540BC



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