



*Autumn in Japan – Mount Fuji*

**At Wellington Bridge Club**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
 Paul Atkins  
 Royal Society  
*Scientific Research*

**At Wellington Bridge Club**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
 Ralph Stewart  
*Providing a steady  
 retirement income*

**DUTIES**

Greeter/ Happy \$\$	Michael Hinds
Host Speaker	Lionel Nunns
Attendance	Graeme Waters
Reflection	David Young
Thank Speaker	Terry Pinfold
Parting Thought	Margaret Emerre

**DUTIES**

Greeter/ Happy \$\$	Kerry Ansell
Host Speaker	David Bennett
Attendance	David Pickering
Reflection	Maurice Manttan
Thank Speaker	David Young
Parting Thought	Morris Robertson

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 by 3pm Tuesday [Live meetings only]

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

**At the Penthouse Theatre**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**  
**TOP GUN MAVERICK**  
**WN Charity Event**  
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## NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER

### PAUL ATKINS

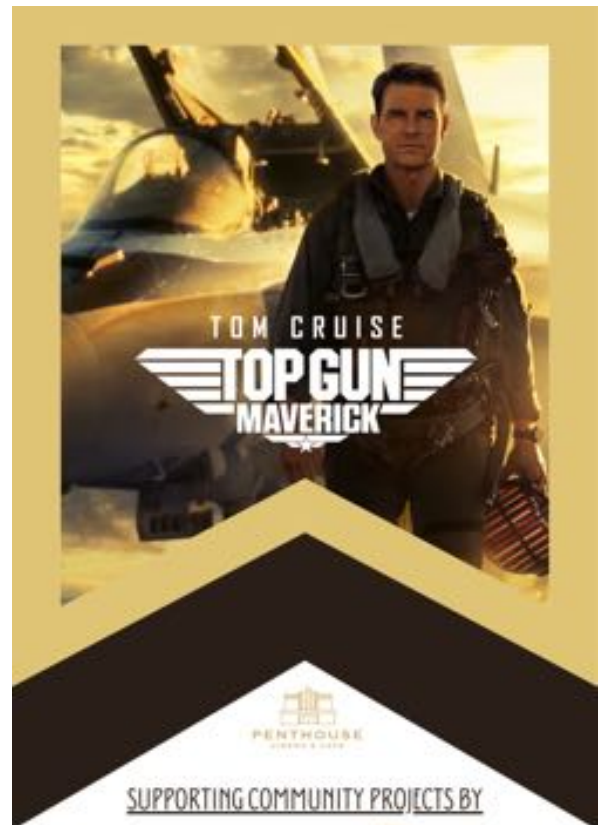


In late 2021 Paul took over the role of Chief Executive of the Royal Society Te Apārangi, New Zealand's learned society dating back to 1867, formed to advance and promote

research and scholarly activity and the pursuit of knowledge. For the six years prior to that he was Chief Executive of Zealandia, a world-first fenced urban eco-sanctuary, named as one of the world's 100 greatest places by Time magazine in September 2019.

Until recently Paul was Chair of the Board of the MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology, a national inter-organisational institute of leading New Zealand materials scientists, and the Hillary Institute of International Leadership. He has also chaired the board of directors of Boutiq Science Ltd and Mevo Ltd, and was a director of Ferronova Pty Ltd.

He was a Director in the British Council for almost 20 years, and has worked in over 40 countries around the world. Paul holds an MSc and has post-graduate qualifications in both business and marketing management. He is a Chartered Physicist and Chartered Scientist, a member of the Institute of Physics, a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute and, until late 2015, was inaugural Chair of the New Zealand Smart Grid Forum and Vice-chair of the IEA's Demand-side Implementing Agreement.



**Rotary**   
Wellington North

Wednesday 25th May  
Arrival time: 7:30 pm  
Session Time: 8:00 pm  
**Price per ticket \$25**

Incl. a glass of bubbles/beer/OJ on arrival  
Phone Queries: 021 022 44763 - Kesh

**ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL**  
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Payment details will be advised by return on receipt of booking

## WANTED – RAFFLE PRIZES

Prizes wanted for the Theatre Evening. Please contact Kesh, as above, to discuss.

## MAY 5<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Roy Ferguson read the reflection from Graeme Waters who was unable to be present. The subject covered a power cut and the scramble for candles. It was a wakeup call for “be prepared” for future emergency events.

President Stephen reminded members of the Rotary Foundation's Internationally co-ordinated campaign to support Ukraine.

Lionel Nunns called for Marshals to support Ngaio School's cross country races on 17 May. Five volunteers responded. See details.

Volunteers are sought for the Mary Potter Hospice bi-annual street appeal. Eftpos machines will be available.



President Elect Zai promoted the Top Gun evening at the Penthouse.

Colin Lawton conducted Happy Dollars. Please make your payments to the Club account 03 0525 0338282 00 Ref Happy D.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Roy Ferguson introduced Robyn Galloway, who described herself as a destinations wholesaler servicing travel brokers and agents by providing support to tourists visiting overseas countries. Robyn's agents are there to welcome New Zealanders and ease their way through the formalities of borders and local services.



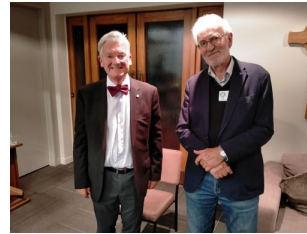
Robyn had recently returned from a whistle stop tour of destinations to re-establish post Covid connections with her contacts in a number of countries. Her journey took her to Sydney, Doha, Dublin, Paris, Amman and

Cairo. Although borders have opened up, there are still a lot of Covid requirements, especially paperwork to be encountered.

Rory O'Connor gave the vote of thanks.

### PETER DUNNE TALKS ON SOCIAL PROBLEMS 28 April evening gathering

Having served as MP for Ohariu for 33 years until 2017, not to mention his experience as party leader and cabinet minister, Peter Dunne was uniquely well placed to comment on social problems in suburbs like Ngaio and Khandallah. As Peter saw it, these are not the usual housing and welfare problems confronting less wealthy suburbs elsewhere, but beneath the radar there were some consistent themes in his time as MP. At the core was loneliness.



With a third of the population born outside New Zealand, immigration issues were dominant throughout Peter's

Saturday morning clinics, and he had come to the conclusion that the system was inherently racist. Migrant families often struggled to promote reunification, or even a family visit. Migrants often lacked basic information on entitlements – including on how to vote.

Another set of pressures could be seen around the electorate's ageing population. Loneliness was a factor for the elderly too. Some were asset rich but cash poor. Personal Security was a concern for some elderly living on their own. The assumption that older folk did not have a view or need to be involved should be resisted.

In what was a thoughtful and entertaining talk, Peter saw plenty of scope for voluntary organisations to pick up on family needs and to make people feel included and respected. That point was amplified in the wide-ranging Q & A session that followed, covering youth issues as well.

Former Club President Dermot Byrne was able to elaborate on the Cornerstone Trust's role in combating loneliness with a drop-in centre at Khandallah Town Hall – the modern equivalent of the old "village well". Originally the centre had been seen as a link back to the various church denominations in the area, but increasingly those seeking company had no church affiliation.

Thanking Peter, President Stephen endorsed his advocacy of practical and sensible solutions, and the need for us all to think hard about how we could help.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Kia ora*

Following the recent decision to move back to a more sociable meeting mode, on Thursday evening 28 April we had our first face-to-face meeting in Khandallah.





The Hon Peter Dunne was our guest and he didn't disappoint, proving that contrary to what we might think, there really are social issues and needs in middle income suburbs. We had a very good attendance of 38 which showed I think that people are keen to socialise and hear an excellent speaker.

This was followed last Thursday with our first Lunch meeting since 3 March. Robyn Galloway gave us a polished presentation on navigating the new processes for overseas travel from first-hand experience. We were able to connect those members who weren't able to travel, to see and hear Robyn via Zoom. Thanks to Zai Davies and Ross Foubister.

Talking of Covid, we've had a few members reporting they've caught it but touch wood not too seriously. I guess it's inevitable that some of us will, but best advice is to keep up diligently with all the recommended preventive measures.

We've nailed down a new Constitution and Bylaws thanks to the hard work of David King, Tony Fryer, Morris Robertson and David Young. This may only excite those of us with bureaucratic genes but it will be good to have our rule books right up to date. They'll be presented for adoption at the 16 June meeting.

Last but not least, we have our important Movie Fundraiser coming up on the evening of 25 May. We need to get right behind this initiative so we can make sure our Charitable Trust has the funds the Club has earmarked for this Rotary year to support a range of worthy causes.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 19 May.

*Nga mihi nui*  
*Stephen*

Attendance at the 5 May meeting was a low at 22 when we were expecting 27 based on apologies received by the deadline. It would be great if we could remember to keep to the Tuesday deadline, to avoid over-ordering meals.



It's the season for school cross country running, and again this year Wellington North will have members, recruited by Lionel Nunns, out on the job helping things go smoothly at the Ngaio School on 17 May. It is critical that the runners know where to go and avoid getting lost along the way. Bedecked in Rotary hi-viz vests the Rotarians will be acting as race marshals to keep the competitors on the right track.

Junior races start at 9.30am around the school grounds and the senior at 10.30 which require more marshalling as they go out of the school and around the streets. Marshalls will need to check in at reception first, so if coming for the 9.30 start Lionel will meet the marshals in school reception at 9.15 to sign them in. Those coming for 10.30 should go to reception and the staff will show them what to do.

### PASSPORT CLUBS



*The newest Club*

Rotary clubs continue to evolve to meet the changing needs of their communities and local professionals. Some new and existing clubs are adopting an innovative passport club model to offer their members more flexibility and a broader experience

A passport club is a Rotary club that gives its members a more flexible club experience by relaxing the attendance policy and offering a variety of meeting formats

New and existing clubs can decide to implement the passport club model. The clubs may adopt all of the options listed or choose just the ones that work for them. Because they are Rotary clubs, passport clubs have the usual officers. The president-elect and other incoming officers attend training seminars like PETS and the district training assembly.

The benefits of a passport club include:

- Flexibility — Having different options for getting involved allowing members more choices for fitting Rotary into their lives.
- Engaging meetings — These can focus on service and socializing rather than speakers and meals.
- Broad appeal — A passport club often appeals to people who wouldn't join a more traditional club and helps keep people, who might otherwise leave, in Rotary.
- More connections — Members quickly build relationships across the district and beyond.
- Affordability — Costs are kept to a minimum because meetings don't include meals.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Future lunchtime Guest Speakers include –

2 June – Ralph Stewart, Lifetime Retirement  
Providing a steady retirement income

16 June – Sarah Fitt, Pharmac  
Funding Medicines

## KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH TECHNOLOGY



## PARTING THOUGHT



## From Zai

*My parting thought today was reflecting about how over the years since I have been in the travel industry since 1981, things have always changed. People have shied away or used different forms of travel and as we see now post Covid. People are wanting to travel once more. It brought me to the thought that, of all the things you can buy, **TRAVEL is the only one that makes you RICHER.***

## TIME CAPSULE

*We can't fall into the trap of addressing 21<sup>st</sup> Century challenges with 20<sup>th</sup> Century solutions. We need to lead by innovating, not by managing the status quo.*

John Hewko, General Secretary RI.

## THE LAST WORD IN THE LAST ISSUE WAS -

What would you change about Rotary?  
*Compose a Letter to the Editor*

**No responses** – Are members happy to let the club just fade away?

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