



*Adventurer and writer, Miriam Lakewood at Wainuiomata Intermediate School*

**At Wellington Bridge Club**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
 Brent Beaven DOC  
 Predator Free 2050

**At Wellington Bridge Club**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
 Dr Ang Jury  
 Domestic Violence in NZ

**DUTIES**

Greeter	Zaheda Davies
Host Speaker	Brian Poole
Attendance	Peter Shanahan
Reflection	Terry Pinfold
Happy Dollars	Maurice Manttan
Thank Speaker	David Bennett
Parting Thought	Pat Helm

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Thank Speaker	Laurie Bond
Parting Thought	David King

**At Khandallah Presbyterian Church**

Thursday 26 November 7pm  
 Ralph Chapman  
 Sustainable cities and  
 spatial planning  
 Pizza and drinks \$15 per head

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

**CINDERELLA IN DECEMBER**



Circa Theatre has allocated Wellington North the Matinee performance at 4pm on Sunday 6 December 2020. Tickets will be Adults \$50 and Children \$20. Booking requests to David King using "[rotarypanto2020@gmail.com](mailto:rotarypanto2020@gmail.com)" and an orderly process will follow. This is a traditional pantomime and hopefully we can fill the house.

### NEXT LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER DR. ANG JURY



Dr Jury has worked in the domestic violence area for over 20 years, the majority of this time from within the Women's Refuge movement in Aotearoa.

She has worked within the movement since the 1990's and fulfilled every role from volunteer, to advocate, to management to board member. In addition, she has been instrumental in the development of cross agency collaborations both regionally and nationally.

Her history through the 1990's involved teaching, researching, writing and speaking in the areas of gender and domestic violence while completing doctoral research (at Massey University).

Dr Jury has since presented her research to a number of forums within New Zealand and internationally. After completing formal studies, she worked for some time developing and coordinating family violence collaborations within the Manawatu and Whanganui regions under the umbrella of the government's Te Rito Family Violence Strategy before returning to Women's Refuge and her most recent role, as Chief Executive, in 2009.

### NEXT EVENING GUEST SPEAKER RALPH CHAPMAN



Dr Ralph Chapman, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at Victoria University and a co-director of the New Zealand Centre for Sustainable Cities, will speak on the subject of transport and urban planning for sustainable cities.

A former economic analyst/manager with Treasury, Ralph will discuss what sort of changes might be needed to meet the Paris climate goals and the rationale for more intensive forms of housing and more compact towns and cities. Ralph and his colleagues have plenty of case studies up their sleeve from New Zealand and abroad. He'll welcome your questions on how this all might work in practice, and what it might mean for Wellington, including the spatial plan.

### THE STARS TREK – A NEW GENERATION

An invitation from John McKinnon, President of The Rotary Club of Wellington.

#### The Event:

A discussion with three young Rotary club presidents - Jess Hewitson of Timaru, Ramola Ladge of Awapuni, and Kriddles Roberts of Waitakere.

#### The Topic:

The new face of Rotary OR how Rotary in New Zealand will give itself a second hundred years.

#### The Date:

Wednesday 18 November 2020.

#### The Time:

5.30pm for a 6.00pm start.

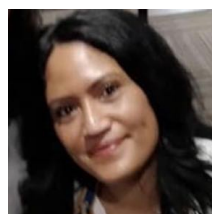
#### The Place:

The Wellington Club, 88 The Terrace, Level 5.

The event will conclude by 7.00pm, there will be opening remarks from each of the three presidents, a panel discussion moderated by Denise Church, and time for Q&A.

To attend, please register through [food.rcw@gmail.com](mailto:food.rcw@gmail.com) with the date 18<sup>th</sup> November and your name. Cost \$15 plus cash bar.

### THE SPEAKERS



Paul Harris Fellow, **Kriddles Roberts**, has an extraordinary story - born into the gang life, experiencing homelessness, starting a charity and now joining a "bigger machine" - she's

now the President of the Rotary Club of Waitakere. She was a homeless teenager in Sydney when she first learnt how to make a difference to people in crisis.

Her own experiences of poverty led her to start the charity Unity in her community. She explains why she's taken up the leadership of the Rotary Club which has the skills to boost her work.



After growing up in Mumbai, India, **Ramola Ladge** moved to Palmerston North in February 2018 to study a Master of Education at

Massey University. Since completing her studies, Ramola has gone on to start a career working with other students at Massey University. In her current role, Ramola works closely with students to help solve problems and improve their overall experience. Last year Ramola was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for services to Rotaract. She has definitely brought a taste of India to the Awapuni Rotary Club



At the age of 36, **Jess Hewitson** is the youngest president in the 93-year history of the Rotary Club of Timaru. Jess hopes to raise the profile of the non-profit service club

and the work it does so people are aware of what it has to offer. It was her fond memories of being a Rotary exchange student as a teenager in Switzerland that prompted the desire to give back. One of her first ideas as a new member was to set up the Next Rotary Generation to encourage younger people to join. Making it more relaxed than the standard weekly meetings

## OBITUARY – PETER GIBBONS



At 95, Peter, who passed away peacefully on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, was the club's oldest member, having been introduced by Jim Stone and inducted into the club on 15 May 1969. He was President in 1977/78.

Peter spent his working life in the importing and distribution of Ford vehicles. In time, he eventually came to lead the Colonial Motor Company and lived in the large house on Boxhill, a venue for many Rotary functions.

Peter, a former recreational sailor, joined the then Probus Club of Khandallah, now the Rebus Club, in 2012. He was an active participant in the Rebus walking group.

Right up until the end Peter remained active and was a proficient tennis player and later a regular player at the Khandallah Bowling Club.

Denys Pinfold recalls Peter from the time they were both students at the Canterbury University in the 1940's. Peter was in great demand as, not unexpectedly, he was the only one in the group who possessed a motor car. Denys remembers a trip in the well-loaded car to the end of the highway in South Westland.

Peter, who was married to the late Faith for 60 years, leaves a legacy of 6 children, 22 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

## NOVEMBER 5th LUNCHEON MEETING

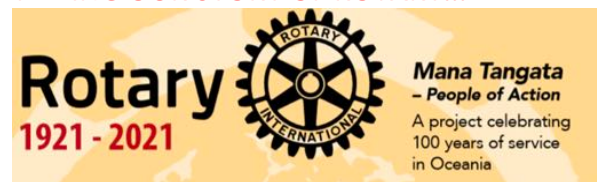
*For information on the following two items and offers too participate please contact John Mohi*

## ROTARY/LIONS BOOK FAIR



John Mohi announced that The National Library had donated 50,000 surplus books to form a fund-raising Book Fair to be held at Trentham Racecourse on 12-14 November. Volunteers from the club are sought to provide logistical support.

## TELLING OUR STORY OF ROTARY...



In 2021, we will celebrate one hundred years of Rotary serving our communities in New Zealand and the South Pacific Island nations. Our clubs are all descended from the original Clubs - Rotary Club of Wellington and Rotary Club of Auckland. Wellington North projects get several mentions. Pre-ordered copies of the lavishly illustrated book at a special price will be available through the Club.

A great addition to the coffee table!



## GUEST SPEAKER – ANDREW HOGGARD



Manawatu dairy farmer, located in Kiwitea Manawatu, Andrew Hoggard is National President Federated Farmers (NZ). Andrew has proved himself as an energetic and able representative, especially in his roles as spokesperson on climate change, commerce and connectivity. He was Chairman of Dairy Industry Group 2014-2017 and has been Farmer Representative to Scientific Programme Coordination Committee and now Chair of the International Dairy Federation. His early Rotary experience came through a Rotary Twin Exchange to Tasmania where he was also a RYLA participant.

Andrew spoke of the media's interest in the farming industry, focussing mostly on the bad news, such as pollution and droughts. His role as President of Federated Farmers is to advocate to Government for the industry, particularly when new legislation is coming up. He noted differences between the Ministries of Primary Industries and the Ministry for the Environment.

Andrew said that, apart from a few bad eggs, farmers generally were keen to protect the environment, especially water quality, while also protecting the vital interests of support to the economy.

In answer to a question on the effect of seasonal workers not being able to gain visas during the Pandemic, he said it was not only the manual workers for fruit picking etc. but it also significantly impacted on shearers, heavy machine operators and other specialists who had year-long world-wide circuits to fulfil in order to have full employment.

Kerry Ansell gave the Vote of Thanks.



Kesh and her band of helpers are busy on the arrangements for the fair. Amongst the happenings are –

- A Facebook page has been set up. **Please say you're going, share it.**
- Flyers, printed courtesy of PDG Simon Manning, are ready for distribution. Jane Bambery has organised routes and club members are asked to pick a route and benefit from the exercise.
- This is a major fund-raising event for the club. A large turnout of club members will be required on the day.

The Fair is a major fund raising and community support project for the club. Contact [kesh.gilmour@gmail.com](mailto:kesh.gilmour@gmail.com) or 021 02244763 to register your area of interest in the planning and on the day.

### Fair Planning Meetings

**ZOOM** - 11 November, 30 November.

## HAPPENINGS

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to the hard work of Nigel Sercombe, the ex-KauKau Club is in the final throws of winding up with only the accounts to be finalised. In the meantime, as anticipated, about \$11,500 held by the ex-KauKau club for charitable purposes has now been transferred to the charitable trust of WNRC.

At the monthly meeting this week, the Board agreed to recommend to the Charitable Trust that we make grants amounting to \$12,500 to various wider Rotary causes. We were waiting on the funds from the ex-KauKau club and, now that these funds have been received, we are keen for the trust to consider the recommended distributions so that the monies can be put to good use as soon as possible.

In accordance with the discussions at the Forum in September, the recommendation to the charitable trust is to distribute

- \$3000 to the Rotary Foundation
- \$1500 to Polio Eradication
- \$4000 to Give Every Child a Future
- \$3000 to the Wellington Children's Hospital
- \$1000 to Emergency Response Kits.

Give Every Child a Future is a centennial project of Zone 8 in support of a UNICEF immunisation programme in the Pacific Islands. Support for building the new Wellington Children's Hospital is a centennial project of District 9940.

Progress is finally being made on the other major centennial project to develop Forests of Peace and Remembrance. This is a nationwide project as part of the government's scheme to plant one billion trees. Rotary's part is to plant pockets of trees in our local areas to become small sanctuaries. The trees will be provided by the government and we envisage community volunteers will do the planting. Our role is to identify a site and then coordinate the implementation, including the planting. We have been in communication with the Wellington City Council as a step to identifying a suitable site.

It is good that we as a club can be involved in supporting these causes in a meaningful way, with the centennial year providing new opportunities for service. More importantly, so has our merger with Rotary KauKau. Roll on the Khandallah Fair and keep the prayer mats out for a fine day on Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of December.

*David*

### VERB WELLINGTON TO WAINUIOMATA



One of the participants in this year's Verb Wellington literary festival was legendary outdoorswoman Miriam Lancewood.

The author of two books on her experience of living in the wilds of NZ and overseas, Miriam was sponsored by Wellington North Rotary to visit Wainuiomata Intermediate School. The school is a longstanding partner in our club's reading in schools programme. Complete with backpack and possum fur jacket, Miriam shared her nomadic experiences as a hunter gatherer with pupils gathered in the school library. An expert shot with both rifle and bow and arrow, Miriam also set out to inspire the pupils to target being good readers and writers. Can our Rotary team of readers match that when they front up to the school library next Friday? Join us if you'd like to know more....

Miriam's first book *Woman in the Wilderness* was an international success, reprinted into multiple languages and led to her attending literary festivals and media interviews all over the world. After its publication, Miriam and husband, Peter, left New Zealand to explore the wild in other places around the world, through Europe, Turkey, and the Australian Desert. They are now back and their journey has inspired the second book, *Wild at Heart: The Dangers and Delights of a Nomadic Life*.



### KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Tracy reports – “The volumes of food that KCA is distributing is still increasing each week. In the 168 days that we have been open since the 1st April 2020, KCA's volunteers and 1 paid staff have rescued and redistributed over 228,167kgs of food out into the Greater Wellington region.

We are pleased to let you know that we have an informal arrangement with St. Vincent de Paul Wellington Foodbank and they are now collecting food from us on a weekly basis. We are also supplying Ronald McDonald House on a fortnightly basis with ready-made meals for the families staying with them. KCA has also resumed distributing food on a weekly basis to the Wellington Night Shelter which was taken over by Wellington City Mission earlier this year.

As our food volumes increase, KCA's Board has recently agreed to take on a part timer general hand to assist Michele. The Board has also agreed to seek funding to double the size of our new chiller and freezer room."

"The team at KCA would like to pass on their condolences to Peter Gibbons' family. Our thoughts are with you during this very sad time".  
*Tracy*

## WN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE 2020 RENEE HEATHCOTE



In a letter to Terry Pinfold Renee wrote. "Thank you so much for the Rotary scholarship I received earlier this year. It has been an incredible help in enabling me to cover my living costs and the extra course expenses while I have been studying in Queenstown. Within my course, I have been learning about the Tourism Industry and how dramatically the domestic market has been affected by the Covid19 pandemic."

"Currently, as part of my studies, I am completing a tourism internship in Taupo. Working on the Ernest Kemp boat. I have attached a photo of my QRC class out experiencing the adventure tourism industry in Queenstown. I am in the back row with the white pompom hat on. Thank you again for all your help in getting me here."

## BRIEFS

### 2021 WN SCHOLARSHIPS

36 applications have been received and are now being assessed.

### READING IN SCHOOLS

All teams have been back at schools from mid-October

## EDITOR'S REFLECTION –

### IN ROTARY YOU'RE NOT FIRED

After months of endless politics, it is now opportune to turn our minds to other topics. But, we still need to express our sympathies to Club member, Brett Hudson, on the loss of his seat. However, as 'retired' politicians often make good lobbyists, to quote this year's RI theme, *Rotary Opens Opportunities*.

The US Presidential race has demonstrated a nation's tribalism at its worst. But, also born in America, Rotary has demonstrated its ability to transcend national boundaries and provide for smooth leadership transitions. The one-year term for Rotary leaders reduces the opportunity to build power bases and provide for cooperative succession and forward planning. We know now that current RI President Holger Knaack, Germany, will be smoothly succeeded by Shekher Mehta, India, and in turn by Jennifer Jones, Canada.

*Morris Robertson*

## PARTING THOUGHT

*From Ross George*

**SJ Perelman** from his book "Acres and Pain" "*Webster's Collegiate Dictionary describes a farm as "a piece of land leased for cultivation, hence any tract devoted to agricultural purposes. I prefer my own definition, which is - A farm is an irregular patch of nettles bounded by a short-term bank debt, containing a fool and his wife who didn't know enough to stay in the city."*

Sidney Joseph "S.J." Perelman was an American humourist and screenwriter. He is best known for his humorous short pieces written over many years for The New Yorker. He also wrote for several other magazines, including Judge, as well as books, scripts, and screenplays

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