

Rotary Wellington North



BULLETIN 13th APRIL 2023

The final gathering at the Wellington Bridge Club

**Thursday evening 20th April
6 for 6.30pm at KPC
At Khandallah Presbyterian
Pizza and salad, drink - \$15 cash
Speaker Vanisa Dhuru**

DUTIES

Host Speaker	TBA
Thank Speaker	TBA
Parting Thought	TBA
Attendance	TBA

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

NOTES

Future meetings will be, first Thursday, lunch at Automat, third Thursday evening at KPC.

Saturday 1 July has been confirmed for the movie/ fundraising night. As a consequence, to avoid close conflict, the Changeover date has been delayed until 20th July

In order to keep attendance records, members are requested to advise apologies to Steve Brazier <stevebrazier@gmail.com> by Tuesday 3pm.

ADVANCE PROGRAMME

Thursday lunchtime 4th May at Dunshea's Automat, 12.15pm gather for start and finish at 1.45pm. Pay as you go from \$15 upwards. See separate item on public transport. The meeting will be joined by up to three Wellington Girls College participants in Business Week Brave Thinkers programme.

Thursday evening 18th May 6.30pm KPC. Speakers from local business community. Catered meal package from \$25.

Thursday lunchtime 1st June at Automat. Pay restaurant as you go from \$15 upwards.

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NEXT EVENING SPEAKER

KPC - Thursday 20th April 6 for 6.30pm - \$15



A Comprehensive background to **Vanisa Dhiru NZOM** was published in the previous issue of The Bulletin. A brief recap follows.

Manawatū-born Vanisa has worked in a variety of advocacy roles throughout her career. While serving the community in both paid and volunteer commitments, she has acquired an astonishing collection of skills across leadership, management, marketing, finance, communication and strategy.

She has served as Chief Executive for Volunteering NZ and has also served as the President of the National Council of Women of New Zealand. Vanisa currently holds commissioner roles with the NZ National Commission of UNESCO and the Library & Information Advisory Commission. She is currently appointed to the Department of Internal Affairs Board, Lottery Wellington-Wairarapa Community Committee, the Spark Foundation and Victoria University's Wellington School of Business & Government Advisory Board.

Over the last 10 years, Vanisa has served on more than ten volunteer boards across New Zealand, having chaired three of them. She has been appointed to over ten national government advisory groups/panels and has been recognised for her work for the community locally, nationally and globally.



Saturday evening 1st July. Fundraiser at Brooklyn's Penthouse cinema. 7.30pm screening of "Raiders of the Lost Ark". The contact is Kesh Gilmour.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO AUTOMAT



By happy coincidence the No.24 bus, from Oriental Bay/Wellington, stops at Automat at 12.18pm and picks you back up at 1.57pm. The 12.02pm Johnsonville Line train from Wellington stops at Khandallah Station at 12.20pm with the return journey at 2.05pm.

RECONVENED AGM

Notice of reconvened Annual General Meeting:
Thursday 4th May 2023, at the Club meeting, Automat Restaurant, 7 Burma Road, Khandallah.

Agenda:

1. Annual General Meeting reconvened
2. President to report on nomination of President-Nominee
3. President to call for any further nominations
4. President to submit the nomination(s) to members for a vote or ratification.
5. Annual General Meeting closed

President Zai reported to the 1st December, 2022, AGM, that in accordance with the Club's draft Bylaw, a nominating committee had been established to select a President- Nominee for the 2024-2025 Rotary year. The nominating committee has now submitted a nominee to President Zai and the AGM is proposed to be reconvened at the lunchtime meeting to be held Thursday 4th May for her to submit the nomination to members for ratification.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kia ora Rotarians,

Our last meeting on Thursday at the Wellington Bridge Club was a reminder of how rich the Rotary Club of Wellington North is ... rich in members, in humour and fun, with supporters and rich in the ability to move with change and embrace it well.



What it has reminded me of, is that we need to remind ourselves of the camaraderie and affection everyone has shared and continue to

keep it alive. Let's not wait for 'someone' to make it happen and instead each one of us takes the responsibility to make it happen. Now that we have a day free of the traditional 'meeting' we can fill that space with a social one where we put it out there to all to offer a suggestion and meet up. Like that idea? Please let me know your thoughts.

I would also, like to thank you all for your support and enthusiasm to embrace the change so we can explore all the possibilities ahead of us.

In Helen Keller's words



😊 **Zai**

NGAIO SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE THURSDAY 27 APRIL

Postponement Friday 28 April



Pohutukawa races

9.30 Y2 girls (including Y2 children in Room 5)

9.45 Y2 boys (including Y2 children in Room 5)

10.00 Y0-1 girls, 10.15 Y0-1 boys

Tui races

10.30 Y6 girls, 10.45 Y6 boys

11.00 Y5 girls, 11.15 Y5 boys

Kakapo races

11.30 Y4 girls, 11.45 Y4 boys

12.00 Y3 girls, 12.15 Y3 boys

Can you help on the day? Please contact Lionel Nunn

If you are keen to volunteer, we need helpers to marshal the race course. This involves standing at a particular spot with a hi-viz jacket on, encouraging the children and making sure they are safe.

If you are a keen runner/jogger, you can be the 'tail end sweeper', encouraging and supporting our tamariki at the back of each race group. The pace is quite moderate and the distance is less than 2km. You will not have to run every race!

6th APRIL MEETING – THE LAST AT THE BRIDGE CLUB



It was a nostalgic last meeting at the Bridge Club after 50-years in that venue. We welcomed a number of partners, AG Carol Green and two Past Presidents, Dermot Byrne and Alan Lawton.

Following lunch President Zai welcomed Monique [Chalet Caterers] and Bridget [Bridge Club] into the room and presented them with gifts to recognise their service to the Club over several years.



DOWN MEMORY LANE

Morris Robertson co-ordinated a programme of reminiscences, having put out a call for members to speak for about two minutes each about memories of the venue. Several members arrived ready to speak without prior notification and were slotted in.

Morris began the programme by referring to the three venues where the club had met from its chartering in 1965 until 1973 when it moved to the Masonic Lodge building, now the Bridge Club, in 1973. When he joined in 1978 he was intrigued to know what was in the then mysterious room behind the solid doors, the room we were now meeting in.

There was reference to stories of the motivations to join Rotary. Bernard Darby had been summoned to his GP, Paddy Delaney, who prescribed Bernard's a 'dose' of joining Rotary.

Graeme Waters referred to the closeness of the location to Parliament that provided an opportunity to invite politicians as speakers. It appeared that all parties had been represented over time.

Morris made further reference to the mysterious room. When he was nominated to be District Governor, he invited Jim Miller to be his Conference Chair. Jim agreed "provided that Morris would join his Lodge". The agreement was sealed but Jim transferred to Tauranga. Tony Fryer picked up the role but he then transferred to Canberra. Finally, Ian Hercus became Chair and the Conference, held in Napier, attracted over 600 participants. However, given that all three Chairs were Freemasons, Morris did join Westminster Lodge and, at his first meeting, he observed that eleven of the Freemasons present were also members of Wellington North Rotary.

Margaret Emerre gave an extended 2-minute speech on her history with the club and District 9940. Past President, Dermot Byrne spoke about exchange students and Alan Lawton described highlights of his time in the Club and referred to Mrs Weir's catering, not always memorable. Rory O'Connor spoke on fellowship and how a touring wine group had been formed and had weekend's away for 14 years.



A written message was received from former member Ian Holyoake, Past DG 9930. Morris noted that, as an Assistant Commissioner of Police, with some

responsibility for protection of "Ladies of the Night," Ian had brought the now Dame Catherine

Healey to a meeting as guest speaker. Catherine began her talk by assuring those present that she would not be recognising any of the members in the room!



The final words came from Ross George, who is now second longest member after Alan Fraser, for longevity in the Club. Ross George with Morris

Robertson, third longest member.

In concluding the presentation Morris then referred to **Alan Fraser**, who was due to have an eye operation that day and was not able to be present. Alan was the only member of the club to have been in the venue for its full fifty years. However, in his absence, his parting thought was read.



From that great philosopher, Anonymous

Today, after 50 years, we close the door to the past
And open the door to the future
We take a deep breath and step on through to start the next chapter of our Club.



President Zai was then presented with the Club's Rotary Wheel to hold in custody until the next President was installed.

And so, after 50-years, the Club left the Bridge Club for a new focus in Khandallah

Editorial Apology

The Editor apologises to those whose comments have not been recorded, largely due to having to multitask the shuffling of participants, including those who had not responded in advance, as well as keeping track of time – hence no opportunity to make notes for this Bulletin. However, thanks to all those who did participate in recalling often forgotten aspects of the club members including those who have gone before.

REMINDER - MEETING PAYMENTS

Luncheon meetings – Pay Automat individually \$15 for fixed main plus any extras for dessert, drinks, coffee etc.



Evening meetings – These will be run on a separate account with **pay by cash only** unless, or until, other arrangements can be put in place.



LOCATIONS OF RETAINED CLUB ASSETS

With the clearing out of the Club's storage at the Bridge Club, the to be retained items have, of necessity, been spread around with a list of their whereabouts to be maintained by the Secretary. The current custodians are -

- Rotary wheel – President Zai until Changeover
- 22 Rotary HI-Viz jackets – Lionel Nunns
- 5 Black Rotary Tee-shirts – Morris Robertson
- Secretarial and meeting material – Stephen Spence
- Giveaway pens and key rings – Morris Robertson

- Sound equipment – Ross Foubister
- Club flag and base – Ross Foubister
- 3 Large Rotary banners 1.9 x 0.9 metres - Morris Robertson

Further to the previous Bulletin, the Bridge Club is arranging for a rubbish skip. Provided that there is sufficient space the contents will include the two Rick Lowe honours boards, unless any of our members wishes to take care of them.

Our next President, Steve Brazier, contemplates the Rotary year ahead



COMING UP IN OUR NEW SUBURBAN AREA

The Proposal by Anton Chekhov Token of Friendship by Natalia Oryschuk Domestic Bliss by Christina Stachurski

INTERACTIONS

3 PLAYS FOR THE PRICE OF 1
a farce, a comedy and a light-hearted look at women's "progress"

April 21 7:30pm April 22 4:30pm & 7:30pm April 23 4:30pm

COCHRAN HALL, CASHMERE AVE

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