



The final issue of the Bulletin in its present form

**Thursday 20th July Club
Changeover
Wilton Bowling Club**

PROGRAMME

6 for 6.30pm Drinks from Bar
6.30 pm Dinner
Followed by presentations and handover of
Presidential Chain
Speaker Councillor Ray Chung
8.50 pm finish

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President Zaheda Davies

and

President-Elect Steve Brazier

Would like to invite you and your partner to our

Club Changeover

(Transfer of Chain of Office from President Zai to President-Elect Steve)

Guest Speaker : Councillor Ray Chung

When : Thursday 20th July 2023 at 6.30pm

Where : Wilton Bowling Club, Wilton Road

(next to Otari Wilton Bush)

Cost: \$55 per person

For a buffet meal and table wine. Cash Bar for pre-dinner drinks

Payment: Direct Credit WNRC 03 0518 0023645 00

RSVP by 14th July (Wednesday)

to Graeme Waters : garamdelhi7@hotmail.com

Please do advise if any dietary restrictions

DUTIES – AUTOMAT 3rd August

Reflection	Laurie Bond
Happy Dollars	TBA
Parting Thought	Adrian Ellingham

THE WINDS OF CHANGE

This is the final issue of the Bulletin, which concludes with an Editorial explaining the background to the decision. Following Changeover new forms of communication will be introduced.

PRESIDENTIAL FAREWELL

Kia ora Rotarians,



Zai with IYM Pemma de Wit at a Parliamentary Reception

As we draw closer to our changeover I find myself going back on the last year and a bit to reflect on how far we have come. When I

look back on myself a year younger and less experienced at how the road ahead has unfolded I find myself very grateful to know that we have cohesion, support and a good team ethic in our club. My Board members have been amazing to work with and I have learned a lot from each one. So many of you members who have undertaken tasks and carried on has been so very reassuring.

Initially, when I realised that some members were happy to be members and see the club and some events, more as an opportunity for continued friendships and keep with the routine, I did hope that we would be able to continue that as well as to support our communities, within our area, city, country and globally.

I wouldn't be honest to you and to myself, if I didn't dwell on the challenges of which we have had some. These have tested me and helped me to grow and learn that 'this too will pass.' Life is too short to focus on the conflicts and, in working together, we can overcome all and achieve more.

There was a time when I wondered if some of the decisions made were necessary and then suddenly the unswerving voice of support from some of you helped catapult us into action and I felt a distinct shift in the mood in the room at each meeting.

The meetings at our new venue have proved to be very popular and successful. It gives us time to interact with each other a lot more and enjoy conversations. It specially heartens me to see all of those regular faces and to know that we've made the right decision.



Our last event, the movie fundraiser with Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny proved to be a great success in two ways. Firstly, to collaborate with the Rotary Club of Johnsonville and also how all members rose to the occasion and helped sell a good 89 tickets towards filling the cinema. The Raffle brought in about \$504 in total, to be shared equally between the two clubs. The hard work put in by the team was yet another example of how well we can work towards a project.

Now, as I prepare to hand over the baton to Steve Brazier to take up steps further into the future, I look forward to share the evening with you all and celebrate our wins and the passing on of the wheel to Steve and his team. Thank you all for the year we have walked together and achieved so much.

Zai 😊

WHAT'S NEXT - PRESIDENT ELECT STEVE BRAZIER

My strategic objectives for the year to next June include

- Bedding in the new meeting arrangements
- Taking advantage of our closer relationship with the Khandallah and Ngaio areas to seek out new members.
- Promoting Rotary generally in the area to build on our involvement with the Fair.



- Strengthening our working relationships with Women's Refuge, KCA, Youth programmes and schools generally.
- Ongoing husbandry of the trees we have planted in the Odell Reserve.

Meetings for the year to come

We are fortunate in being able to attract good speakers and I think this will only get better as we settle into our new virtual home in Khandallah. Our meetings so far, especially those in the evening, have been very well attended and it's a good base to build on. We will seek to get some new members out of this renewal.

Club projects

- A priority this coming year is the Khandallah Christmas Fair. The work and commitment involved in organising it is approaching at speed.
- We also have well over a hundred young native trees established in the Odell Reserve. They are growing well but will need continued weeding and mulching. One day this will be part of a Garden of Peace and Remembrance with one of the best views of Wellington.
- Our reading in schools programme continues to engage kids in the Wainuiomata area. It is less a boost for their actual reading than it is a chance to engage with older grandfather type blokes as role models

Projects coming up

I have been scheming to add a few interesting projects this coming year;

- A Book Fair for Khandallah – I know there are several around the area but I think we could squeeze another into the local town hall and maybe make some money.
- An Art Sale in Khandallah – paintings and prints which people can bring in...we would charge a nominal fee and a percentage of any sales they make.

- A Quiz Night, maybe joining or competing with neighbouring clubs.
- And more...ideas are welcomed.

Steve Brazier

AUTOMAT MEETING 6 JULY

A good turnout with guests Jessica from Newlands College, Nick and Christine Hurley and prospective member Paul Maloney. Maurice Manttan reflected on the Club's changing times, retaining fellowship and fund raising.



Lionel Nunns unveiled the silver handbag containing the raffle, prize won by Morris Robertson, contents of which included vouchers for a make-up lesson with eyebrow and eyelid tinting, and various potions, described as

nutrimetics. He would have preferred to have won the Mitre 10 prize!

Jessica, a former IYM attendee, spoke about the on-line Interact Club she has founded across several secondary schools. They have already raised \$1,000 for their first project.



Christine Hurley gave an update on the visit to Rarotonga to report on the 'Give Every Child a Future' Australasian global grant project to vaccinate Pacific Island children. Despite difficulties due to the Pandemic, the project has been very successful and UNICEF is now accepted responsibility for the on-going needs.



The \$5 million project now only needs to raise \$22,000 to complete Rotary's contribution.



Nick Hurley then reported on an earlier project, initiated by South Wairarapa Club in 2016/17, with assistance from TRANZIT, to convert a bus to a mobile health clinic. This likewise has proven very successful and it continues to provide a much needed service.

WELCOME TO THE DG TRAIN



Kia ora ano

This is a special welcome from the District Advisory Committee (D.A.C.) to the new DG Train with DG Wayne as the engine driver, ably supported by DGE Jocelyn, DGN Carol and IPDG Marilyn.

The Rotary District 9940 DG Train is a valuable metaphor for ensuring continuity in our Rotary planning processes. As DG Wayne and IPDG Marilyn both emphasised there is a power of work done every year by clubs and committees. What we see in the DG Train is having a safe place for leaders to explore possibilities, to respond to exceptional events and to set the direction for the District. The DG Train can and does call on experience from within Rotary at all levels and it listens to our wider community in our quest to become more diverse, more equitable and more inclusive.

The new Rotary year began with all members of the DG Train on the paepae for the mihi whakatau with Ngāti Kauwhata o Tainui. The programme on Changeover day continued with local, district wide, regional and international perspectives in its demonstration of us building diversity, equity and inclusion. The die has been cast for a great year ahead.

From John Mohi

NGAIO GORGE SLIP



It's hard to believe, but those who live up in the North Western Hills endured almost six years of road closures and traffic lights until the full re-opening at the end of June. As a reminder, this photo, which was published in the September 2017 Bulletin shows the upper of two major slips. However, it's not all over yet as the next step is the creation of a cycle way up the Gorge.

RIP BRUCE HEATHER



Bruce Heather, a long-time member of Wellington North, until he moved to Otaki, passed away suddenly on 26th June. Bruce's Rotary classification was Shipping Agent.

Bruce was an avid cricketer. The Dominion Post in January 2009 reported - A staggering 58 years after playing his first match as a schoolboy, Heather, who opened the bowling in his halcyon days but now describes himself as a "slow little outswinger", notched his 1500th scalp across all grades for the club on Saturday. The 67-year-old picked up 2-43 off eight overs against Easts, taking his tally to 1501."The club has always recorded the possible milestones of all their players so people certainly know when they're coming up. "I guess this is one I wanted to achieve," said Heather, who joined Onslow in 1959 and now just "helps out when required". Bruce is survived by Margaret, 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

I last met Bruce in 2018 when we were both President Elects of our respective Probus Clubs at a time when there was a debate on the proposal to cast off from Australian domination, bitterly contested by the latter, and join the new NZ Zealand organisation of REBUS.

Morris Robertson

EDITORIAL – A personal view



Having completed my hectic year as District Governor in 2001, I thought about what future role I could play in the club. As the then Bulletin Editor, Adrian

Ellingham, wanted to step down I offered my services to the President Elect, Alan Lawton who accepted it without hesitation.

The Bulletin has been a regular publication since the charter of the club in 1965. Until recent times this has been the only means of communication. Through until the mid-nineties it contained only the duties list and a few club notices. It was typed, copied, initially by Gestetner, and mailed out to members. In the nineties copies were distributed by fax and later by email. Adrian Ellingham had introduced further Rotary information material. My first step as Editor was to introduce photographs and colour as well as moving as much distribution as possible progressively to the growing email.

Over the past 22 years the role of Editor has been undertaken by David Pickering, former member Phil Greene and myself. Both David and Phil took the approach that the Bulletin was a simple publication, listing duties and a summary of the previous luncheon meeting.

I am still using the same technology as I introduced in 2001 ie. the publication is produced in WORD, saved as a Pdf and exported as a reduced file Pdf for distribution. I have resisted the temptation to acquire more sophisticated software on the grounds that my successor, if such, should be able to start from a simple base.

Back in the 1990's Wellington North was admired for the number of its members who were serving on District Committees and related roles. It was also the recipient of several Rotary Foundation grants to support its projects. What has changed? Rather than being organised into committees focussing in the Rotary Avenues of Service, the diminishing membership is structured into individuals for specific tasks. There is little contact with the District objectives and the opportunities to boost project funds

through Foundation grants, which are now simpler to access. The excellent presentation at last week's luncheon by Christine and Nick Hurley demonstrated what can be done and why we should be part of Rotary. We did it once with the Timor Leste Safe Surgery project when \$1,800 from the club eventually became over \$150,000 in grants and donated goods.

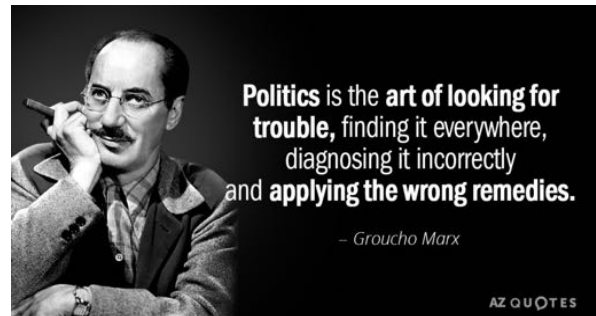
Why have I raised this issue and how is it relevant to the Bulletin? I fear that Wellington North has become an Island doing it's its own things, separated from the mainland of Rotary. Is it time for the club to become a peninsula and eventually rejoin the mainland? For reasons such as this, my policy for the Bulletin, as well as Club matters, has been to keep readers acquainted with the wider Rotary world.

Six months ago, I announced my decision to retire as Editor at the end of the Rotary year. By coincidence, the recent relocation and reconstruction of the Club makes it the right time to review and review our means of communication, be it by an abbreviated newsletter, social media or a revamped web site.

Finally, my thanks are due to those who have supported the Bulletin, those who have contributed including Presidents over time, Margaret Robertson as proof reader, Ross Foubister as distributor and, last but not least, those whose feedback has provided the incentive to carry on over the years,
Morris Robertson

PARTING THOUGHT

From Brian Poole



DEPARTING THOUGHT

The circulation list for the Bulletin has grown beyond 70 above the members of the club. For those beyond the club who no longer wish to receive communications from the club there is an unsubscribe button on the distribution email.