

Wellington Waterfront - Art and Architecture

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### At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October
Cheryl Young
Nutrient Rescue
GodZone

#### **DUTIES**

Greeter/ Happy \$\$ Stephen Spence
Host Speaker David Young
Attendance Colin Lawton
Reflection Brian Poole
Thank Speaker Lionel Nunns
Parting Thought Adrian Ellingham

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### At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
Jane Edwards
NZ Universities, Scholarships
Financial needs of students

#### **DUTIES**

Greeter/ Happy \$\$ Margaret Emerre
Host Speaker Rory O'Connor
Attendance Michael Hinds
Reflection Maurice Manttan
Thank Speaker David Bennett
Parting Thought Maurice Scott

## At Khandallah Presbyterian Church Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October

6.30 pm pizza, salad and drink. \$15 cash Speaker – Andrew McKenzie CEO Kāinga Ora



#### **NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER**

**Cheryl Young**, mother of three teenage sons, is one of the members of the Nutrient Rescue Adventure Racing Team.



Now living in Nelson with her partner and fellow team member, Dave, she grew up in Khandallah. She studied criminal justice and psychology at Victoria University, followed by working in a variety of roles within the Department of Corrections. Upon returning from overseas Cheryl and Dave settled in Christchurch until a move to Māpau following the Christchurch earthquakes. She is currently working for SASH, a non-profit organization that provides support and healing for people and their whanāu affected by sexual abuse. She is part of the crisis intervention team and the court support person.

GODZone is a New Zealand expedition adventure race where mixed teams of four compete together over 5-10 days to navigate their way through back country terrain, either trekking, kayaking, pack rafting or mountain biking. To add to the challenge the event is non-stop, sleeping only when needed. Widely considered the toughest adventure race in the world, it has a reputation for humbling some of the best adventure racers, where just completing the full course is a huge part of the challenge. Cheryl plans to take us through her last GODZone event, her 5<sup>th</sup>, which she completed last March.

#### **NEXT EVENING SPEAKER**

Thursday, 27 October KPC Lounge and Gathering Space

# The housing challenges facing New Zealand

Andrew McKenzie, Chief Executive of Kāinga Ora, the Crown agency which provides rental housing for New Zealanders in need.



Andrew was brought up in Crofton Road, Ngaio, and educated in Wellington. His career highlights have included Chief Finance Officer Wellington City and Auckland Councils, General Manager Finance Fletcher Construction and CEO Housing New Zealand.

Time - 6.30pm for a pizza and salad meal, with the option of a glass of wine or juice. Andrew's talk will follow at around 7.30pm, and the evening will conclude around 8.30pm.

# Just \$15.00 cash on the night for your meal and drink

Please let Graeme Waters (021 455 119) or Roy Ferguson (022 327 4767) know in advance of your attendance.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER MEETING

Acting President, Lionel Nunns, was in the chair in the absence overseas of President Zai.

The meeting began with Paul Tipping's reflection on sharing intergenerational knowledge.

There was a report back on the working bee to bag up children's kits for Women's Refuge. which will be shown at the next meeting.

The Fair Committee is seeking a source of indoor and outdoor plants plus food cart vendors. Please contact Kesh regarding any contacts in these fields.

Morris Robertson reported back on the vote for Creating Tomorrow. See separate item.

Acting President Lionel referred to the requirement to elect two members to serve on the Nominating Committee for the selection of the next President Nominee. He duly moved that Laurie Bond and Paul Tipping be elected to fulfil the position. Unanimously passed

Lionel reported on the accident which had befallen Gerald McGhie who had fallen with major breaks to his right arm.



There was an unresolved discussion on the form of a Christmas party.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER – SUPERGRANS**



Chris Martin, Manager of SuperGrans Lower Hutt grew up in rural Waikato, spent 16 years as a nurse, followed by 18 years as a policewoman before taking on the

SuperGrans role.

SuperGrans was first established in 1994 in Lower Hutt by Erin McMenamin who at the time was volunteering for the local foodbank. Erin noticed that people were removing items from their food parcels that they were unsure of how to use. Erin was concerned that half of the food parcel was being returned so thought that this was where they could do the best to

help people and communities and so the concept of SuperGrans was born.

Their wish is to see communities thrive by engaging and empowering people, including children, to strengthen their own skills and knowledge and to have the confidence to use them. Chris described the work streams of SuperGrans as Whanau Connect, Sew/Cook building financial capability, Kahukura Kaiarahi resilience and Refugee and Migrant Community engagement.

Contact details are: <a href="mailto:chris.martin@supergrans.org.nz">chris.martin@supergrans.org.nz</a>: phone 021 074 3206

John Mohi gave the vote of thanks.

#### **Postscript from Tracy Wellington:**

"Supergrans are one of KCA's partner agencies who we have been helping since 2012 when Erin was running it. We have continued over the years to assist SuperGrans Lower Hutt and SuperGrans Porirua (which also covers Wellington City). Another great charity in our community!"

#### WN SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

Following the Club meeting the Board and Scholarship Trustees met to determine the next steps in the potential amendments to the Trust. Basically, the steps now to be taken are:

- 1. Trustees are to prepare a paper to outline the recent history of the recommendations for change, the reasons behind them and a suggested format to take to the members.
- The board to consider this at its
   October 17 meeting, with a view to
   making a board decision that can go
   out to members. This will include a
   provision for their feedback.
- 3 The whole subject to come to the November forum for a club decision.

#### **WORK GROUP FOR WOMEN'S REFUGE**

Acting President, Lionel, reported on the efforts of the small group of volunteers who met to make up the children's packs for the Women's Refuge homes, a project we have recently helped fund. As well as club members, the team included Community Paul Harris Fellow Lynette Brown and former club member Marjorie Lawson. A representative from Women's Refuge will demonstrate the packs at our next luncheon meeting.

#### CREATING ROTARY TOMORROW



PDG Ingrid Waugh [Waiheke Island], NZ Leader in the Project, has advised the outcome of the vote for the Pilot Study to proceed. She writes -

"Thank you to all clubs who cast their vote in the Zone 8 Regionalisation pilot ballot. We were delighted with the result with more than 89% of clubs across the zone expressing a YES vote. This lets us know that there is strong support for a pilot which will enable us to trial, explore, design and evaluate a new regional approach to supporting and governing Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island region.

We are pleased to advise that 20 out of 21 Districts achieved the required threshold of two thirds majority of clubs voting Yes. The club vote was also endorsed by all 21 District Governors in their role as Rotary International Officers.

We would like to thank all Rotary and Rotaract volunteers who have supported this project. We would also like to thank the Rotary International staff at our Sydney office and elsewhere for their ongoing support."

#### **KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE**



Club members are invited to visit KCA in Grenada on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Tracy has expressed her thanks for the Club's donation which has been used to purchase the supplies to have the new ramp built. It should be finished by the time of our visit to KCA.

Tracy has attended the Food Waste Summit Conference courtesy of Foodstuffs NZ. Her aim was to connect more with more food sponsors that may have food fit enough to eat but not saleable.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR KCA WORKING BEE



Kesh is seeking five volunteers for an hour or two to help with packaging up the toiletry care packages that have been donated to KCA by Sofitel, Mita and others for distribution in in November and December.

The working bee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 4pm at Kesh's house, in Aotea. Pleaserespond to Kesh on 021 022 44763

or kesh.gilmour@gmail.com

Another KCA supporters group has been busy recycling curtain fabric and other types of fabrics to make the 180 toiletry bags ready for us to fill.

#### FROM ACTING PRESIDENT LIONEL



I remember a movie called 'The gods must be crazy'. Well, the seasons have caught the bug, the crazy bug. Am I right? Just when Spring was trying to be spring along came Winter and pushed (ie. blew with a howling gale

and rolling seas) spring out of the way. It's not meant to snow in Wellington ... in October!! So, are the times in which we live – swirling uncertainty everywhere.

Isn't it good then that Rotary remains calmly in the centre of the storms? Well, yes and no, actually. It did indeed feel good to easily and safely gather for our club lunch meeting this week (Oct 6); the world seemed to be the right way up; what we know and value was all there to be enjoyed – know what I mean?

Yet, on the other hand, if Rotary is now becalmed then we have a problem – the cosiness we welcome may be a sign of inertia, lethargy and a lack of imagination. For Rotary to count it needs the nudge of a storm or two to maintain the dynamism that perhaps drew us into its fold in the first place.

Three good current signs of life and service are — the overwhelming vote of YES for the zone 8 pilot *Creating Tomorrow*, the club work team, with sleeves rolled up, helping at Women's Refuge this week, and the call for another team to help KCA put together their gift bags.

Yes, while we love having lunch together we know deep down that responding to opportunities for service, and the movement of Rotary having the courage to re-order itself for a stormy changing world defines who we want to be as Rotarians. See you at the next lunch meeting ... or work group.

Lionel

#### **PARTING THOUGHT**

From Ross Foubister on behalf of David Pickering.

If you don't get it right the first time, don't take up sky diving



Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> - Wellington Station For further details, contact Hayley.burns @gmail.com



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