

UP UP AND AWAY – Transmission Gully finally opens

By Zoom

Thursday 21st April 12.30pm

Ed Forsman

The Road to an Electric Future

At Wellington Bridge Club?

Thursday 5th May

Robyn Galloway

*Travelling to Europe
in a Covid World*

May be by Zoom - TBA

DUTIES

Greeter	David King
Host Speaker	Margaret Emerre
Attendance	Peter Shanahan
Reflection	Paul Tipping
Happy Dollars	David King
Thank Speaker	Gerald McGhie
Parting Thought	Lionel Nunns

DUTIES [subject to live or Zoom meeting]

Greeter	Colin Lawton
Host Speaker	Roy Ferguson
Attendance	Paul Tipping
Reflection	Graeme Waters
Happy Dollars	Colin Lawton
Thank Speaker	Rory O'Connor
Parting Thought	Zaheda Davies

Apologies and Guests to Zai Davies
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 by 10 am Wednesday [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 Khandallah

Presbyterian Church

Thursday 28th April 6.30pm

The Hon. Peter Dunne

The Social Needs of Khandallah

Date subject to Omicron

NEXT SPEAKER

ED FORSMAN



Ed Forsman is an independent ICT Technology Management Consultant with 27 years in business and a background in electrical and electronic engineering. He is interested in, and

passionate about science, technology, energy, materials and their application to helping our species manage the environmental and social challenges we face today. He has no affiliation to the automobile industry or any vehicle dealer or manufacturer.

Ed will speak to us about demystifying Electric Vehicles in layman's terms, bring us up-to-date with the market in 2022 and discusses how the EV industry is likely to evolve for the rest of the decade. He will aim to provide an objective overview of the challenges facing the industry but most importantly, aimed to lay out purchase decisions in clear and easy to understand terms.

KARORI BREAKFAST MEETING

The President of Karori Rotary Club, PDG David Watt, invites Wellington North members to join him for a breakfast meeting on 10 May



Breakfast Meeting at Samuel Marsden College

Guest Speaker: Dr. Danielle Shanahan, Chief Executive, Zealandia

Topic: Zealandia, Moving Forward

Dr Danielle Shanahan is the new Chief Executive of Zealandia, having previously been deputy to former CE Paul Atkins, and Director of People and Nature.

Dr Shanahan was formerly a Senior Lecturer in Conservation Management at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington's School of Biological Sciences, a role where she had a close connection with Zealandia, working to make Wellington a hub of world-leading biodiversity, conservation and ecological restoration.



Breakfast Details/Menu

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday 10 May 2022, 7:00 - 8:30am

Meeting Location: Samuel Marsden College, Cultural Centre adjacent to the cafeteria area. **Note:** The school parks are not available for this event. Please park on the roads around the school.

A continental breakfast, with juices and tea and coffee will be provided. Cost \$19pp.

Registration and Payment

Please let us know by Friday 29 April if you plan to attend. Email karorirotary@gmail.com with the names of those attending and a contact phone number.

Please include 'Breakfast Registration' in the subject line.

Payment of \$19 can be made in advance via Internet Banking to the Rotary Club Of Karori, 03-1540-001417-00. Please include your name and BB2205 in the reference.

Please pass this invitation on to others that may be interested.

7 MARCH MEETING



The meeting was conducted by ZOOM with the wider range of Bulletin readers invited to join in at 12.45pm for the guest speaker, Michael Chilton. Unfortunately, last minute changes to the meeting schedule meant that Michael was not able to speak until 1pm. We were pleased to welcome Denys Pinfold, calling in from Parkwood Lodge.

Michael Hinds gave a brief reflection referring to world problems and being grateful for what we have.

President Stephen reiterated his request for a volunteer to take over from Margaret Emerre's role as the club's seller of entertainment books. He then went on to propose a club event to celebrate Matariki and was still looking for a volunteer to organise a movie evening. Finally, President Stephen called for Happy Dollars. Six members responded and payments can be made to the Club's charitable account, with the reference **Happy D. 03 0525 0338282 00**

A BIG THANK YOU FROM MOK



Lionel Nunns then introduced Nurse Mok calling in from Dili, Timor Leste. Lionel reminded members of the major project to enhance Safe Surgery at

the Dili Hospital, launched by Wellington North in 2011 that subsequently involved three other clubs, two districts and the Rotary Foundation. We were also pleased to welcome perioperative nurse, Lynette Brown, who has volunteered her time over a decade to design and implement the project and has remain involved through subsequent support projects.

MOK gave an update on his progress towards his

Bachelor of Nursing degree from Massey University and his current position at the hospital. He is currently Acting Head of Nursing. He expressed his thanks to the Club and Lionel and to Alan and Lindsay Fraser, who had hosted him during the six months he spent studying in Wellington.

MICHAEL CHILTON AND THE THIRD WAY TO INDEPENDANCE



Guest Speaker and former Diplomat, Michael Chilton, was introduced by Zai Davies who commented on his world-wide experience.

Michael began by commenting on the identity of New Zealand's Head of State. A poll has shown there is confusion between the Governor General, The Queen and the Prime Minister plus 25% "don't knows". The correct answer is "The Queen" and, in the near future, "King Charles supported by Queen Camila". This confusion, leads to international diplomatic difficulties whereby protocol dictates that State visits to other nations means that The Queen should represent New Zealand when meeting the Head of State. The GG or PM would be entitled to meet with second tier leaders. This dilemma could be solved by our country becoming a Republic, a move now being taken by an increasing number of Commonwealth countries.

Michael's conclusion was that New Zealand could be better served by having an elected Parliament, a non-political Head of State but with Royal connections recognised eg. maintaining the "Royal" prefix for those organisations currently granted the privilege. The nomination of Head of State should be non-political but the appointee would need 75% approval of the Members of Parliament. Finally, he commented that the selection process for Governor Generals was the model which could be adopted for the Head of State.



In the future, King Charles and Queen Camila could visit us as Head of the Commonwealth, to which we would still belong, and as Head of State for the United Kingdom but not that of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

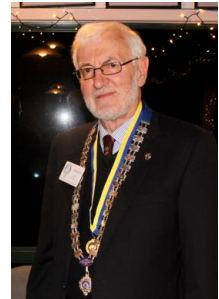
Michael's final suggestion was that a **Royal Commission** be set up to work through the options for the future

Maurice Manttan gave the vote of thanks, commending Michael on his robust presentation

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kia ora

I think we are all settling in to the current version of the Covid experience as we try to make sense of the dismantling of government dictated rules at the same time that cases have increased rapidly. Those of us of a more mature age and demographic will be working out how best to balance the move to more freedoms with the heightened awareness of risk. As smart Rotarians, I'm sure we'll work it out.



The big event since our last lunchtime Zoom meeting was the 2022 Virtual District Conference themed " *Shaping our Future, Together.*" This took place on Friday evening and Saturday morning with an attendance of 131 from District 9940 and beyond. Six Wellington North members tuned in to a very well organised and enjoyable experience.



Friday evening's session was a virtual cocktail party hosted by DG Mark Wheeler with the Hon Grant Robertson and guest panellists Sir Anand Satayanand and Dominion Post Editor Anna Fifield. Each panellist chose a charity to receive a portion of the conference registration fee and said who they most admired as doing good in our community. The panellists went on to answer a range of questions from the audience and gave thoughtful replies for us to reflect on.



The Saturday morning session included a review from DG Mark Wheeler, listing the projects where Rotary has been a leader over the last 100 years. This was hugely impressive and made me proud to be a Rotarian. Of particular note was Rotary's role in worldwide vaccination

programmes with the flagship success of the Polio Plus initiative.



We then heard from the soon-to- retire Ashley Bloomfield about his experience as lead health adviser to the government since the Covid outbreak in 2020. Typically unassuming, he proffered the advice that *"The only role of power is to empower others"*. If only Vladimir Putin had registered for the conference!



A highlight was an inspirational video presentation from incoming RI President Jennifer Jones, the first woman to hold the position in the 115-year

history of Rotary. A clip of the video is to be made available for wider viewing.

Last but not least were breakout sessions led by four talented subject experts on themes of Membership; Service and the Community; Fellowship and Collective, and Diversity and Inclusion. These sessions produced stimulating discussions from participants. In particular I thought the discussion on how to make Rotary more diverse, inclusive and attractive to the upcoming generation was especially relevant. DG Mark Wheeler closed what was an enjoyable, thought provoking and well organised conference and a credit to the hard work of all involved. A great effort.



I look forward to seeing you at our next lunchtime (Zoom) meeting on 21 April. We'll then see how the land lies for a return to a "real" meeting.

Nga mihi nui - Stephen

RIP DAVE WILSON – ERK PIONEER



Dave Wilson, Eastern Hutt Rotarian, passed away on 8th April. He was one of the founders of the Emergency Box, now

known as the Emergency Response Kit, which evolved from a wooden box filled with generally second-hand supplies and shipped to Pacific Islands in response to disasters such as cyclones. This pioneering effort led to the sophisticated Rotary operation as we know it today. Dave has supported it all the way.

He grew up in Otahuhu, South Auckland attending Otahuhu College, which was a vastly different place to that of today with very few if any other ethnic groups other than a few Maori or Chinese market gardeners. Dave’s final wish is, in lieu of flowers, a donation to Emergency Response Kits

KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE UPDATE



Tracy has offered her sincerest thanks to everyone who donated food, goods, services and financially to KCA. Also, a huge thanks to the team of volunteers who have worked through all the lockdowns and the various changes in traffic lights.

In the financial year (1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022) the volunteers were able to get the following work done:-

Food distributed 335,569.31kgs of food (335.5 tons)

958,769 x 350 gram meals

Non-food items distributed in banana boxes - 4,801

Total residents assisted in the Greater Wellington region (Kapiti to Upper Hutt, Porirua to Wellington) 138,005. This figure will increase as foodbanks start to provide KCA with their March 2022 figures.

WOMENS REFUGE – CLUB SUPPORT



Our club has been supporting Women's Refuges, six of which are located across the Wellington Region and catering for about 100 children over a year. When the children arrive they mostly have nothing of their own.

The organisation has an objective to give each arriving child something of their very own that can help ground them and make them feel safe. The Refuge has developed a list of contents for a welcome bag to be presented to arrivals. The contents include art supplies, basic toys and hygiene items purchased by the Refuge at a cost of about \$70 each.

To fund the necessary purchases the Women's Refuge is seeking \$7,100. Wellington North members have agreed to a donation of \$3,000, to which a private donation of \$2,000 has been added. Members and supporters of the club are invited to add to the sum with donations to make up the \$2,100 shortfall. Please pay it into the charitable trust account, with the reference **Happy D. 03 0525 0338282 00**

It is hoped to repeat the exercise in the next Rotary year with the 50% support of a Rotary Foundation District Grant. For further information please contact David Young.

LOOKING AHEAD

Future Guest Speakers include –

LUNCHTIME

5 May – Robyn Galloway, Innovative Travel
Travelling to Europe in a Covid World

19 May – Paul Aitken, Royal Society
Scientific Research

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

EVENING

28 April – Peter Dunne
Social Needs of Middle Income Communities

26 May
Club Forum

PARTING THOUGHT

An original from Steve Brazier



In recent days, I have been considering the remarks of some of our politicians, and it reminded me of the advice that on occasion it is better to remain silent and have people think of you as a fool than to speak up and have this opinion confirmed.

Something to ponder

*Behind every successful man is his woman.
Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.*



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