



*Khandallah Icon – The home and offices of the late Sir Ian Athfield, his family & colleagues*

### At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 21<sup>th</sup> October  
President Stephen Spence  
Transporting Wellington

#### DUTIES

Greeter	Kerry Ansell
Host Speaker	Stephen Brazier
Attendance	Paul Tipping
Reflection	Ross George
Happy Dollars	Kerry Ansell
Thank Speaker	Rory O'Connor
Parting Thought	Terry Pinfold

**NOTE: If the meeting is switched to Zoom a notice will be circulated.**

Apologies and Guests to Maurice Scott  
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Contributions please by the Tuesday following a luncheon meeting or the Tuesday in the week prior to a meeting.

### At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
District Governor's Visit

### At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Eden Bacini  
St. Mary's College  
Innovative Young Minds

#### DUTIES

Greeter	David King
Host Speaker	Brian Poole
Attendance	Graeme Waters
Reflection	Pat Helm
Happy Dollars	David King
Thank Speaker	Terry Pinfold
Parting Thought	Margaret Emerre

### AT KPC

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Adrian Macey, VUW  
Climate Change: Is Glasgow the last chance to save the planet?



## NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER



**President Stephen Spence** arrived in Wellington in November 1982 to join the Traffic

Management branch of the Town Planning Department and, two years later, became City Traffic Engineer. Throughout his 39 years with the Council, Stephen's main task was to keep Wellington moving, while perpetually waiting for the outcome of "Let's get Wellington Moving" to emerge in reality.

Over time, Stephen became responsible for a broad transportation and traffic team, planning, designing and managing the city's transportation network as well as car parking buildings, street lighting and a range of transport assets. One of his major successes was the installation of the SCATS traffic signal system across the city, which made a big difference to traffic flow and safety. Stephen, who has served eight Mayors and six CEO's, was originally nominated for Rotary by his friend and colleague, the late Ken Boyden.

### ATTENDANCE

The Club meeting will again be live, and will be subject to Level 2 Lockdown procedures. ie wear masks on arrival, sit 1 metre apart and nominate a server for the table. As meals will be plated, it is important to have an accurate number of attendees.

### NEXT EVENING MEETING – 28 OCTOBER CLIMATE CHANGE: IS GLASGOW THE LAST CHANCE TO SAVE THE PLANET?

Join members of KPC, Ngaio Union in a gathering at KPC hosted by Wellington North Rotary to highlight the importance of the impending COP26 climate negotiations.



Our speaker will be Dr Adrian Macey, a former diplomat who has served as New Zealand Ambassador in Bangkok and Paris. He has also been New Zealand's Chief Trade Negotiator and was our first Climate Change

Ambassador. He served as Vice-chair and then Chair of the UN climate change negotiations under the Kyoto Protocol in 2010-2011.

Adrian is currently an adjunct Professor at the New Zealand Climate Change Research Institute, based at Victoria University. If you want to know more about the political dynamics of climate change, and what's at stake at the Glasgow meeting, don't miss this special opportunity.



The event begins in the KPC lounge at 6.30pm with a pizza and salad meal, and will finish in the gathering space around 8.30pm. Cost is just \$15 cash payment for the meal

and a glass of juice or wine. There is no need to RSVP but, if you have a special dietary preference (eg gluten free, vegetarian) please let Graeme Waters know in advance.



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

Members who have used the angle parking on Thorndon Quay may have noticed that the convenient angle spaces where there were typically free spaces has been converted to parallel parking to allow for the construction of a cycleway way, thus losing 72 slots, usually all occupied.



*To have been – but not to be [note the bike travelling by bus]*

Lionel Nunns gave an update on Rick Lowe, who had suffered a major heart attack and was in Wellington Hospital. A number of complications followed and Rick passed away on 12 October. Through Rick's daughter, Bridget, the Club's best wishes had been conveyed to Rick.

President Stephen reported that **Brian Poole** had completed his term as a Trustee and any member who was interested in the role could contact Stephen. President Stephen also reported that the Selection Committee had nominated **Steve Brazier** as President for 2023/24 and that Steve had accepted the nomination to be confirmed at the AGM.

## ĀWHINA EDUCATION



Laurie Bond introduced **Melissa Carrere** and **Amelia Volkerling**. Melissa is Managing Director and founder of Āwhina Education, a specialist learning organisation. Widely travelled, she has English and Business degrees from VUW as well as a Master of Development Studies. Amelia Volkerling is a registered educational psychologist. She is in charge of selecting Āwhina Education programmes and ensuring that its teaching and plans are up to scratch.

The objective of Āwhina Education, as expressed by Amelia is to make the world a better place by creating a culture shift in the education system so that every child is recognised as having their own learning style and supported to be their best self.

Melissa and Amelia gave a very informative joint talk on the techniques they use to kick start reading ability by children who have specific difficulties. The talk was well illustrated with a few challenging tests for the audience. An interesting statistic was that the 26 letters of the alphabet convey 44 distinct sounds. Gerald McGhie conveyed the vote of thanks.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



"We can't seem to get away from COVID media - wise, although thankfully it's still some distance away geographically. We should wish the government well in navigating on our behalf, NZ's next moves and how much is still elimination and how much suppression and whether we follow Singapore or maybe Denmark.

On the Rotary front, life goes on and we had an excellent and well attended presentation last Thursday from Melissa Carrere and Amelia Volkerling about teaching children to read which for some children can be very challenging and requires specialist training. Reading in Schools is an important feature of our Club's core business and so the talk was very welcome and relevant

We have received a request from the RI President Shekhar Mehta to support World Polio Day on October 24 and I have asked Roy Ferguson, the chair of our Charitable Trust, if he will look into Wellington North committing our earmarked funding for Polio to support the President's appeal.

Next Saturday is Super Saturday which the government has set as a national day of action for COVID vaccination. They are asking everyone including community groups to play a role. In the case of our Club I suggest we can all contribute by looking around our immediate neighbourhood to identify any people who may be struggling with disability, lacking transport or other reasons why they have not received the vaccine and contact them to offer assistance.

I'd like to acknowledge Brian Poole who has come to the end of two terms as a Trustee on our Charitable Trust. Brian believes it is time to bring in new blood and I have invited expressions of interest from members to fill Brian's vacancy. Thank you, Brian, for the skills and dedication you have brought to the position over the last 6 years.

Nga mihi nui  
*Stephen*

## KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE



**Tracy**, who has had a range of medical issues during the course of the year, resulting in her being admitted to hospital several times, is now back in action, although continuing pain remains a problem.

She has expressed her sincerest thanks to Wellington North Rotary for its continued support of KCA. "We are at the end of our trial period for the gaprie ropes instead of using shrink wrap and they have proven successful for us. This will reduce the amount of soft plastics and is more environmentally friendly for KCA."

**Michele** has stepped down from being KCA's General Manager and has returned to being a volunteer once a month on a Sunday, making up boxes of food once the farmers markets reopen at level 1. As KCA is deemed an essential service, it has had to stand down all of its non-food volunteers in order for the food operations to continue. All of the drop off points for non-food will remain closed until level 1.

Tracy's first full month back at KCA, was the busiest, so far, this financial year! The team of 16 (skeleton crew) have been working contactless and have managed to distribute over 44 tons of food donated via KCA's food rescue programme and from generous sponsors. KCA food team are making up emergency orders for clothing only and are distributing large quantities of donated PPE gear such as Spray-n-Wipe, hand sanitiser and face masks. They made up 388 banana boxes of non-food items.

As the team is working contactless only volunteers are allowed into the warehouse. This is to protect the volunteers and the warehouse, which has been sanitised and deep cleaned by Chemwash twice in recent weeks as added protection as there has been stock arriving from Auckland.

In the month of September KCA distributed stock to 28 agencies in Wellington City. If any reader would like to see the full list, please contact the Editor on [mrps6T@gmail.com](mailto:mrps6T@gmail.com).

## PARTING THOUGHTS

Recalling his time as a public servant **Rory O'Connor** gave his parting thought in triplicate -

1. *A house without books is like a room without windows. Horace Mann 1796-1859*
2. *Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. Richard Steele 1672-1729*
3. *Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope. Kofi Annan 1938-2018*

## A CHRISTMAS PRESENT SUGGESTION FOR ANYONE WHO LIVES ON THE JOHNSONVILLE LINE



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