



THIS ROTARY YEAR HEADS FOR THE SUNSET BUT BEFORE THAT

AT THE WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB

THURSDAY JUNE 17

Michael Reddell

Immigration and the economy

DUTIES

Greeter	Brian Poole
Host Speaker	Colin Lawton
Attendance	Terry Pinfold
Reflection	
Happy Dollars	Laurie Bond
Thank Speaker	Maurice Scott
Parting Thought	Graeme Waters

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AT THE WILTON BOWLING CLUB

CHANGEOVER

6:30pm THURSDAY JULY 1

Guest Speaker

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DUTIES

Greeter	Maurice Scott
Host Speaker	Maurice Manttan
Attendance	Brian Poole
Reflection	Laurie Bond
Happy Dollars	Colin Lawton
Thank Speaker	Peter Shanahan
Parting Thought	Kerry Ansell

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FORUM 27 May 2021

There were 21 members present. Charge of \$25 covered costs of pizzas and the \$75 cost for the venue.

Margaret Emerre was present for the first time this year and said she was very happy about that. As are we all.

The report from **Community Services** was delivered by Nigel Sercombe who read a script from Kesh Gilmour who like Lionel Nunns her co-chair of the Khandallah Fair Committee was unable to attend. Planning for the fair is underway. It will be on 12 December and all members will be needed to help on the day. They are budgeting for a profit of \$5,000 after recouping expenses of \$5,500. The site cannot hold more stalls and any improvement in income will have to come from more coffee food takeaways from club run outlets and improved bucket collections.

Nigel said that earlier in the day 8 turned out for the working bee at Kiwi Community Assistance to sort clothing.

Youth and Vocational Terry Pinfold spoke about building relationships with local schools and sponsoring students to various courses. Members of the Reading in Schools volunteers went to a training group themselves and found that this has helped them in their task.

He told us of the work of the Scholarship Trust. The trust was set up to be perpetual and there was brief discussion as to whether it would be better to alter this so as to be able to award more grants each year until funds run out. This is going to be looked at by the Board.

President David Young said that a review of our constitution and bylaws prompted by Rotary International was underway and he intended to bring this forward to the club in the near future. He spoke about how our funds are spent between Rotary International and us. He said we currently have \$11,000 left for community and the Board proposes that it be allocated as follows:-

Women's Refuge	\$3000
Kiwi Community Assistance	\$2500
Children's hospital	\$4000
Planting Trees of Peace and Remembrance	\$1500*

**The \$1500 is a contingency sum to cover any unexpected costs of this project.*

This proposal was well received by the Forum.

President-elect Stephen Spence circulated his Strategic Plan for 2021/22 and Structure for WNRC 2021/22 and ran through them for us.

Margaret Emerre volunteered to meet the Board and discuss where the Revitalisation Project is going.

There were questions and discussion about the balance between local and international charity.

Forum finished at 8:40 pm.



Roy Ferguson with Lizzy Eaves & Kristopher Clancy

3 June Lunch Meeting

NZ Holocaust survivors. Their contributions to Aotearoa

Kristopher Clancy and Lizzy Eaves are both associated with the Holocaust Centre. Kris talked about the advent of the Nazis and the imposition of ever worsening restrictions on them which culminated in the final solution to exterminate them. He outlined

the attitude of other western countries and in particular the reaction of New Zealand. As Jews looked to escape from Germany NZ looked attractive to some but NZ immigration rules were designed to permit only white people from the British Isles. When war started Germans became enemy aliens so could not go to NZ even if they were Jews fleeing for their lives.

Lizzy spoke about some survivors of the holocaust and in particular Albert Silberstein who was taken by the SS on his way home from school and later survived forced labour and Auschwitz until liberated. He came to NZ and had a restaurant in Auckland for many years and was active in community work for which he received a QSM. His story can be explored at the Holocaust Centre as can a video tape recorded by another survivor Clare Winter. Some members may recall her playing in the national orchestra or the garden parties she hosted in her Karori garden.

FUTURE MEETINGS

15 July

SIMON MANNING

Te Auraki – The Return

19 August lunch meeting will be Melissa Carrere and Amelia Volkerling from Āwhina Education on the subject of "Teaching Children to Read".

5 August Chris Elder. China and New Zealand - an historical perspective.

Chris is a former New Zealand Ambassador to China who was first posted there as a language trainee and diplomat in the 1970's.

He has authored and edited a number of publications dealing with aspects of New Zealand's relationship with China, including the personalities involved.