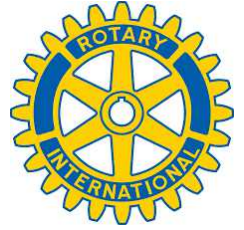


# BULLETIN

22 June 2021



## ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH DISTRICT 9940

### INVITATION

President David Young and President-elect Stephen Spence request the pleasure of you and your partner at our Changeover Dinner

**Thursday 1 July at 6.30 pm.**

At the Wilton Bowling Club, next to Otari Reserve.

**Guest Speaker: Mayor of Wellington, Andy Foster.**

Two-course buffet meal and table wine.

Cash bar for pre-dinner drinks.

Cost: \$47 per person. Payment: Direct credit to WNRC 03 0518  
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**RSVP by Monday 28 June to Zai Davies, Ph. 44753786 or  
021733659 or Email; Zaheda.davies@nztravelbrokers.co.nz**

## Message from the President

Soon to be Past-President, after Changeover next week. If you haven't already RSVP'd, please reply to Zaheda by next Monday.

Changeover is the club's major social event of the year as well as being the time in the year when the baton of leading the club is passed to the next president. With Steve Spence taking over the reins, I know the club will be in good hands next year. I wish Steve well.

For me there have been a number of highlights. We have all continued to enjoy the camaraderie of members at our Thursday lunchtime and evening meetings when we have had a series of excellent speakers. There was a very positive spirit at our recent forum when club members had the opportunity to decide on additional grants. These were made possible by Past-President Michael Gorman's legacy, by funds passed over from the former Kau Kau club and by the earnings of the Khandallah Fair.

In this, the centennial year of Rotary in New Zealand and Australia, the funds available to our Charitable Trust have enabled the club to make significant grants to Rotary's wider work at international and district level and to local causes. The trust has made significant contributions to the Children's Hospital and Give Every Child a Future, both centennial projects, as well as continuing the club's support of the End Polio project and Emergency Response Kits. This year, with an additional grant to the Rotary Foundation to supplement the contributions of individual members, the club became a Centurion Club. These grants all demonstrate the value of belonging to the wider Rotary family.

At a local level, the Khandallah Fair was a major undertaking which brought the club together in making it a success. Our involvement with Kiwi Community Assistance has continued to develop both at a practical level in working bees and as the club has continued its financial support. The work of the Scholarship Trust and the Ian Crabtree Trust has also continued, providing scholarships to needy students and the Mary Porter Hospice.

It has been my honour and privilege to serve as president and to be involved in these many worthwhile causes. Thank you all.

President David

## June 17 Lunch Meeting

**Speaker Michael Reddell** is an economist who has worked for over thirty years in public sector agencies here and overseas but mainly in the Reserve Bank. Now semi-retired he provides commentary on economic policy and performance on his blog Croaking Cassandra [www.croakingcassandra.com](http://www.croakingcassandra.com)

He spoke to us 2017. This time he gave a lively talk about immigration and the economy. He compared our economic performance over the last 50 years or so with those of other western type countries who had growth rates greater than our own and pointed out our tendency to see migrants as the solution to improving our productivity which has not lifted.

If you are interested you will find what he told us and much more on his blog.



**AT THE WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB**

**12:30 pm THURSDAY 15 JULY**

**Guest Speaker**

**Simon Manning**

**Te Auraki The Return**

Duties

Host Gerald McGhie

Reflection Stephen Brazier

Thank Speaker David Young

Parting Thought David King

Attendance Maurice Scott

Greeter Peter Shanahan

Happy Dollars Maurice Manttan

Te Auraki is a Defence Force initiative to repatriate to New Zealand the remains of defence force personnel and their dependants who died while overseas between 1955 and 1971.

Apologies and Guests to Maurice Scott  
[mjpboscott@gmail.com](mailto:mjpboscott@gmail.com) by 10am Wednesday

**AT THE WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB**

**12:30 pm Thursday 19 August**

**Melissa Carrere and Amelia Volkerling from  
Āwhina Education on the subject of "Teaching  
Children to Read".**

**AT THE KHANDALLAH PRESBYTERIAN HALL**

**6:30 pm THURSDAY 22 JULY**

**Guest Speaker**

**Cleo Women's Refuge**

**Kids in the Middle**

**AT THE WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB**

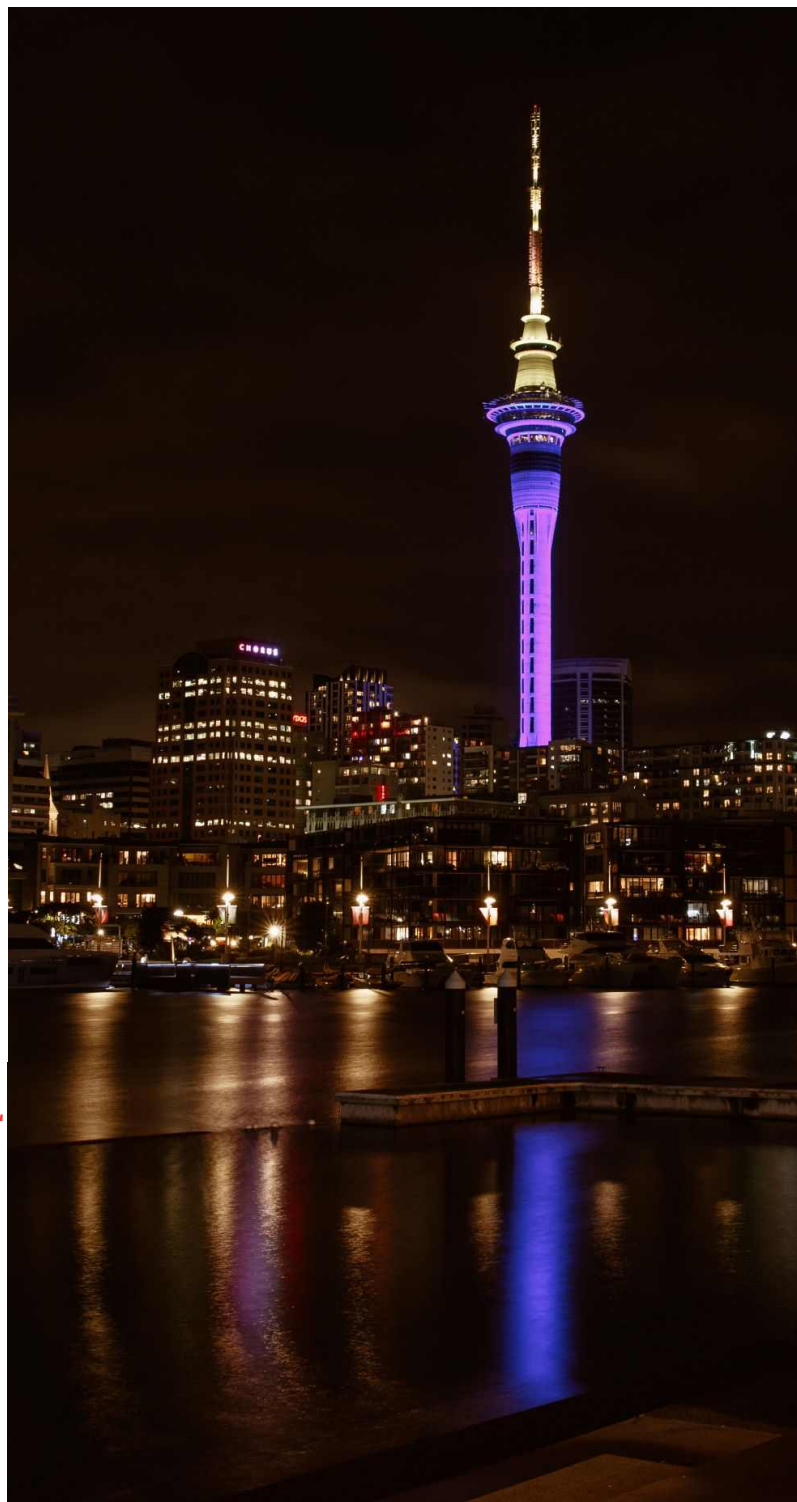
**12:30 pm Thursday 5 August**

**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.

**Sky Tower lit up in Rotary colours  
on 13th June - 100 years to the day**



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