



The Riviera of the south – The quiet end of the City

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 3rd March

Alice Montague

Nikau Foundation

Fund Raising

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Host Speaker	Laurie Bond
Attendance	David Pickering
Reflection	Maurice Scott
Happy Dollars	Margaret Emerre
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A mixed bag

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Apologies and Guests to Zai Davies

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by 2pm Tuesday [NEW DAY & TIME]

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 24th March 6.30pm
 The Hon. Peter Dunne
The Social Needs of Khandallah

17 MARCH MEETING PROGRAMME

The plan is to watch the videos held over from the BBQ evening and Alma Adam who will speak about her RYLA experience. The meeting will be followed by a forum, chaired by Steve Brazier, to seek members' thoughts on possible outsourcing of scholarship administration.

NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER



**Alice Montague,
Nikau Foundation**
Operating in Wellington *Te Whanganui-a-Tara* since 1991, the Nikau Foundation was inspired by the work of community foundations overseas.

With the objective of growing generosity, the community foundation's model builds reliable funding streams to create long-term community transformation. All gifts it receives are ethically invested and grown, with the ongoing income earned distributed in grants to community organisations, initiatives, and projects throughout the Wellington region. Originally from the UK, Alice has lived in New Zealand since 2011. She has worked and volunteered in the not for profit sector for over twenty years and is passionate about making a difference.

17th FEBRUARY MEETING

President Stephen reminded members of the opportunity to contribute to Rotary's Tonga Appeal.

Morris Robertson introduced Author Kara Douglas, revealed as the alter ego and pen name of our own Club member, Kesh Gilmour.



Kara began with the background to her historical fiction, *The Air that we Breathe*, how it originated from her own family background and why she devoted a significant period of her life to researching and writing it. Essentially the story is about blue asbestos and profit over the safety of people. Parallels could be seen with the Erin Brokovich story.

The setting is the town of Wittenoom in the Pilbara area, eight hours inland from Port Hedland. Following a much-delayed successful court case in 2007 the town was de-gazetted in 2007, the airstrip removed, buildings demolished and removed from maps.

Kara spoke about her decade of research, threats along the way from the rich and powerful and visiting the site in 2019. She took a creative writing course in order to polish her literary skills. Although presented as fiction the book had to be accurate in historical, medical and legal terms. The book was self-published and marketing it was equally time consuming as writing it. It is a story of a dark period in Australia's history. It had to be told.

Kesh/Kara is selling the book for \$29.95, with \$10 of this being returned to the Club's charity. If you haven't already purchased a copy, as several did after the meeting, Morris Robertson will have more available at the next meeting.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kia ora

Last Thursday at our lunchtime meeting, we had an absorbing talk from Club member Kesh Gilmour aka Kara Douglas, about her book *The Air that we Breathe*. It's always great to hear from one of our own and especially when the story is so compelling. Kesh explained that working out of Wellington, she hadn't been able to get to lunch meetings so it was doubly good she was able to be there last week and to catch up with colleagues. So, thanks again Kesh/Kara.

It was also great to welcome back four of our valued members David Bennett, Roy Ferguson, Colin Lawton and last but not least, Ross George

and our attendance is holding up in spite of the doom and gloom of Covid. Rotarians are indeed resilient people.

President Elect Zai Davies and I attended a Wellington Rotary Networks meeting on 8 February at Area Governor Helen Algar's Kate Sheppard apartment directly overlooking Parliament on the day the protest convoy arrived and took up residence. In spite of much noise we had a good meeting and heard about two highly innovative projects in our District. These were the successful *Lifting the Lid* youth suicide prevention project led by 4 local Rotary clubs and the formation of a new Mana Tangata Club to take on the day-to-day management tasks of a number of at-risk clubs.

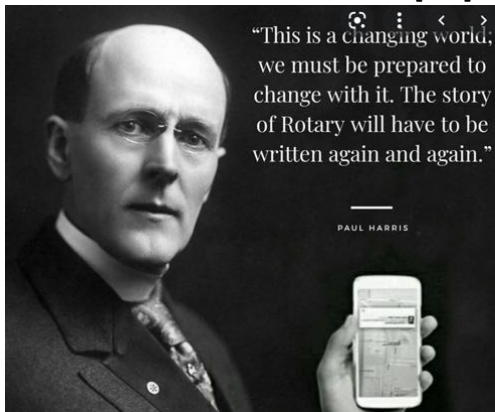
Lastly, we had a Board meeting on Monday. Matters of interest included; settling on the Changeover date as Thursday 30 June; the and new fundraising opportunities, and arrangements for a short Forum after the March 17th meeting to seek members' views on future management of the Scholarship process.

The Board also decided that, due to the rapid spread of Omicron and the increasing associated risk, starting with our next meeting, we will ask members and visitors to wear masks for around 6 weeks and it'll be all plain sailing from then. Fingers crossed!

Nga mihi nui

Stephen

FROM PRESIDENT ELECT ZAHEDA [ZAI]



Leading up to Friday 18 Feb, I have felt overwhelmed at my decision to humbly accept the role of President for 2022-23. So, at a glance, the President Elect Development Seminar (PEDS) seemed very intense and full-on. **It was !**

My weekend was spent in very engaging zoom sessions professionally prepared by the District9940 Learning & Development Team. Soon, the nerves started to calm down and thoughts and ideas have started to germinate in my brain.

My biggest take home has been from a Paul Harris quote : *This is a changing world and we must be prepared to change. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again.*

I am looking forward to all your support and invite you to please contact me (if you haven't already) with how I can assist you to do your best for Rotary.

DISTRICT RAFFLE



*First prize
2022 Kia Picanto*

District 9940
made the

commitment to furnish the two Whānau Rooms in the new Wellington Region Children's Hospital. Proudly, we are almost there in meeting our target!

Our funds will go towards some of the design for the rooms, equipping the kitchen, dining, lounge and play areas. Through our committed support and effort, the Wellington Hospital has decided to name these rooms 'The Rotary Whanau Rooms'.

We're planning one last push to put us well and truly over the line with our \$400,000 goal! Thanks to the Rotary Club of Hutt City, who have organized a car raffle, we could see our goal met with an anticipated net of \$80,000 to \$90,000. There are some amazing additional prizes.

To achieve this goal, we are reaching out to each Club across the district. It is intended that Club's be issued with a number of raffle books that aligns to the percentage membership within their club e.g. a Club of 30 members will be allocated 21 books. Each raffle book contains 10 tickets priced at \$10 each (\$100 total for each book).

President Stephen, who is co-ordinating the Club's sales needs assistance from members to sell one or more books. Please contact him with your offer.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE 2024/25



Jocelyn Hogg, [right] from the Rotary Club of Levin is the nominee for District Governor in 2024/25, a role which could be quite different from that of today.

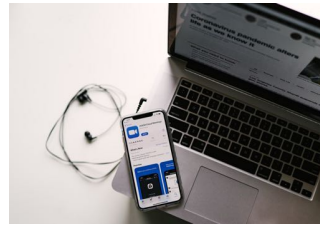
During her seven years as a Rotarian, Jocelyn has been on a Friendship Exchange to India where she demonstrated her passion for people. While there she spent time at polio vaccination centres, educational facilities, water purification places getting to see the work of the Rotary Foundation first hand.

Jocelyn has made several trips to Ambrim Island in Vanuatu after a catastrophic cyclone hit the island and wiped out housing, schools, churches etc. She took her hammer and nails to the island, slept in a tent with no water, limited food supplies, very tough conditions and set to, to help with the rebuild of the school. Three years ago, she brought a girl from the island to New Zealand to get an education and she is still here living with Jocelyn and her husband Alex. Whilst travelling to the island she took with her suitcases full of goods such as toothbrushes, toiletries, stationery for school students, anything she could see was needed and then set up a programme back home to raise funds for packs for girls containing re-usable sanitary products.

She has been President of her club for two consecutive years and is now an Assistant Governor and is the club mentor for the Interact Club at Waiopahu College. Jocelyn and Alex have two adult children and several grandchildren. They live on the farm that has been in the family for more than 100 years.

She is currently employed at Property Brokers, Levin, but her previous employment has been management of retirement villages. Her interests include caravanning, motor sports and she is rebuilding a Model T Ford. *Thanks to DGE Marilyn Stevens*

DISTRICT CONFERENCE YOU DON'T NEED TO LEAVE HOME



This year's District 9940 Conference, *Shaping our Future, Together* will be run solely online. Your involvement is vital to our future.

Please save the dates!

Friday 8th April 2022, 6-8pm

Join us for the official welcome followed by a lively 'Dragons Den' debate with well-known personalities, including Rotary Club of Wellington's own honorary member, the Hon Grant Robertson, Deputy Prime Minister and Member for Wellington Central.

Saturday 9th April 2022, 9am-12.30pm

A time to connect and discuss how we build a shared vision for Rotary in our District, we will hear from our District Governor and an array of special guests from across community, government, non-profit, and our own District Clubs.

Tailor your experience by choosing which of the informing and inspiring breakout sessions to attend, virtually. Whether it's service and fellowship which interest you, or membership, diversity and inclusion, there will be something for everyone to learn, and be inspired. The sessions will move quickly with generous breaks, and we fully expect your comments in the breakout sessions to inform our approach to developing our future.

Registration details will follow shortly, along with a list of speakers. DG Mark Wheeler

PARTING THOUGHTS

From David King

A synonym is a word you use when you can't spell the other one and - Be careful with apostrophes. They can be possessive!

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