



Club members visit to Kiwi Community Assistance – Floral gifts from Tracy

At Khandallah
Presbyterian Church
 Thursday 24th November
CLUB FORUM 5.30pm
 5.20 pm drinks and nibbles
Pizzas etc. to follow Forum
Cost - Drinks and nibbles only \$10
 Drinks, nibbles and Pizza meal \$20
Apologies not required

At Mary Potter Hospice
 Thursday 1st December
 12.15 pm for 12.25 pm tour
 followed by lunch and speaker
 CEO Tony Paine,
Funding of Palliative Care

DUTIES

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| Greeter/ Happy \$\$ | Roy Ferguson |
| Host Speaker | Margaret Emerre |
| Attendance | Gerald McGhie |
| Parting Thought | Morris Robertson |
| Thank Speaker | Brian Poole |
| Reflection | David Young |

Apologies as per usual

Apologies and Guests to Steve Brazier
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 [Live meetings only]

Contributions for The Bulletin please by the
 Monday following a luncheon meeting or the
 Monday in the week prior to a meeting.

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NEXT SPEAKER

**VENUE – Mary Potter Hospice,
Mein St. Newtown**



Tony Paine – Chief Executive MPH
He has over 30 years' experience in not-for-profit leadership and management working in the health, social service, and cultural sectors.

Tony's career includes work with the NZ AIDS Foundation, the Christchurch Methodist Mission, and in CEO roles at Comcare Trust, the Christchurch Arts Centre, Victim Support, New Zealand Red Cross, Philanthropy New Zealand and the AccessAbility Group.

Tony served on the Board of Housing New Zealand for five years, has a Masters in Management, is Chair of the Silver Noodle Soup Trust that runs drama and film making with young disabled people, and lives in Wellington with his partner Bernadette and their two daughters, Sally and Maggie-Rose.

Timing – Please arrive by 12.10 for a 12.15 tour of the Hospice, followed by lunch and talk.

HOW TO GET THERE



Busses 1 & 3

Parking is problematic in the area. A recommendation for attendees, particularly gold card holders, is to take a bus, either Route 1 or Route 3.

Route 1 runs from Churton Park to Island Bay, passing near the Bridge Club, with a stop at Wellington Hospital [close to Mary Potter].
Route 3 runs from Wellington Station to Kilbirnie via Lambton Quay, Massey University and the Hospital. Both routes run every 10-15 minutes.



It's a short walk up Mein St. to the Hospice. If it is wet part of the route can be undertaken via the internal link from the Hospital foyer almost to Mein St. Check Metlink web site for any bus cancellations.

KHANDALLAH VILLAGE FAIR – SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER



Kesh reports that hundreds of hours have gone into organising the fair in recent weeks. This includes attracting seven new stall holders for 2022. Nigel was successful in getting a grant from WCC. Lionel & Graeme have done a sterling job on talking to businesses and gathering raffle prizes and Michael has everyone confirmed for the entertainment.

We need members to volunteer to collect money via the buckets, turn sausages and be at the Rotary stand selling raffles and informing people about Rotary. That is where the rest of the club members and volunteer Rotaractors come in.

INVITATION TO CHRISTMAS PARTY



*Rotary Club of Wellington North
Invites You, Your partner & family*

Where :

Khandallah Bowling Club
24 Woodmancote Road
Khandallah

*When : December 15 at 6 30
Speaker David Bennett*

Music by Joshua Langford.

\$40 for a 2-course meal and table wine. Cash bar for pre/post dinner drinks.

Payment: Direct Credit

WNRC 03 0518 0023645 00

RSVP by 07 December to Steve Brazier:

stevebrazier@gmail.com

17th NOVEMBER MEETING

SHORTS –

- The meeting saw the return of President Zai following a family holiday to UK and Europe.
- There was advance notice for the Christmas Dinner – see elsewhere.
- After preliminary sorting by Universities NZ, there are 79 applications to be reviewed
- Mt. Victoria Rotary has formed a Rotaract Club
- Morris Robertson is selling Rotary Christmas puddings. See details in STOP PRESS on page 5.
- Full support of members needed for the Khandallah Village Fair
- Wellington Club is promoting its annual Jumbo Tennis tournament

SPEAKER



Historian John Martin spoke about the history of Wellington becoming the capital of New Zealand from the first encounter with Maori and the New Zealand Company in 1839.

He traversed a story which began with a small and fragile settlement racked by earthquakes, a narrative which continued with the creation of a durable economic base to become a thriving political and commercial centre.

With a prosperous hinterland, an energetic mercantile community, harbour reclamation and an expanding port, Wellington could look forward to its future as an Empire City. John's book can be purchased for \$70 a copy on-line at teherengawakapress.co.nz

The vote of thanks was given by John Mohi

KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE TO THE FORE

Congratulations is due to Tracy Wellington and her team at Kiwi community Assistance (KCA), who were named Supreme Award winners at the 2022 Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards. last night. KCA's volunteers, currently about 63, collect about 1.3 tonnes of surplus food every day, along with household goods, and

distribute it from their Grenada North warehouse to people in need. Much of the food distributed by some 75 charities in Greater Wellington is collected by, and distributed from, KCA.



Phil, son Levi, Board member Victoria Deaker & Tracy

Wait, there's more. Tracy is a regional finalist in the Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year.

CLUB VISIT

Members of the club were invited to visit KCA on a recent early evening. The purpose of the visit was to see the KCA warehouse and the new access ramp funded by our club. It is a pity that only eight turned up, including three partners. The visit was very informative for the few in the group who were not already familiar with the highly organised operation.

TOILETRIES GALORE



KCA was a recent recipient of a vast quantity of bulk toiletries donated by an hotel chain and a company which had changed to a new brand. With an agreement, our club members would break the bulk down into gift bags, it was delivered to, and swallowed up Kesh and Nigel's garage at their new Aotea home.

The packing team assembled at 3pm, first moving the multitude of cartons to the family room/kitchen. That accomplished, it was time

for tea and coffee. Then the bag filling commenced, sorting the goods into women, men and girls. What toiletries would appeal to boys. What might be the response if a man's bag included a hairbrush if the recipient was bald? Who should the large stock of hair nets go to – maybe fans of 1960's Coronation Street! By five o'clock hundreds of bags had been filled but the bulk stock didn't seem to have diminished that much. Hence another working bee is called for.

The first batch of bags, a car load, was delivered to KCA and Tracy reports that they were eagerly snapped up. One of the KCA trucks was summoned to collect the rest.

ELEVENTH FOR TENTH ANNIVERSARY



And, finally on KCA [for now] on 12th November it celebrated its 10th Birthday, postponed a year by Covid. Guests were the volunteers and supporters. Kesh was invited to represent Wellington North.

Tracy and Victoria cut the birthday cakes

THE FUTURE CHALLENGE

We have built up a strong relationship with KCA, with a challenge for more members to give their support to others in our charity portfolio.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello ...

By the time you get to read my message and thoughts here. I'll already have been occupied on 3 Rotary events that need my attention. There's the District AGM, Board meeting, PE Selection,

Rotary Khandallah Fair discussions and the Forum ... all coming up this week. It will leave little time for family engagement and of course attention to my business. I say this here so you have a perspective on the behind the scenes stuff that takes up attention for Rotary affairs which can be seen as a labour of love. I have a lot of respect for the past Presidents and board members on diligence and the time you all give to Rotary affairs. Kudos to Stephen Spence and Roy Ferguson for the mahi put into going through the

many applications for scholarships that have come in this year. It's a team effort and when we all contribute ... no matter how small, we are doing it in the name of Rotary.

Have a think about how you want our club to re-define itself as we face the future. It is very clear that we need to embrace change and the optimist in me hopes for more engagement and sharing from you all of your ideas with the positive outcomes. Maurice Manttan is leading a few of us in a team to come up with some options as well. If you would like to share in this, please get in touch with him.

When we change the narrative of how we introduce Rotary to a new person, we can show them how Rotary gives people an opportunity to be part of a global team who are able to mobilise and help communities in need. We all have a desire to feel utilised and contribute and we contribute in various ways.

We had very low attendance at this last meeting and no doubt we will hear of the losses incurred from Maurice, our experienced treasurer.

Our next meeting is at the Mary Potter Hospice in Newtown on 01Dec ... I look forward to see more of you there.

Ka kite ano 😊 *Zai*

MARATHON



Vice President Lionel, has been missing in real action, competing in the Queenstown Marathon. Members will recall that last year's cancellation was turned into a fundraiser for the Club

YOUTH MATTERS

INVOLVEMENT IN GARDEN OF PEACE AND REMEMBRANCE

All 217 trees provided this year by WCC have been planted, with the help of club members and outside volunteers (including hub youth). We have enlisted the hub youth to help with follow up maintenance work at the Odell reserve on Friday 25 November, from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. Other helpers and club members welcome.

Graeme Waters

READING IN SCHOOLS

This has been on hold for the first three terms, and Wainuiomata Intermediate advises it cannot restart until next year. Likewise, Ngaio School will not restart with us until next year. We have made a small beginning this month back at Arakura School in Wainuiomata, and have been impressed with their commitment to improving literacy.

RYPEN

This will now go ahead in March 2023 (with no course this year). Ian Crabtree Trust is expecting to fund two Te Ara nominees. Cost per student will be around \$400.

PARTING THOUGHT

From Peter Shanahan



It is a mistake to look too far ahead. Only one link in the chain of destiny can be handled at a time.

Winston Churchill at the Yalta Conference February 1945

STOP PRESS

ROTARY CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS



Puddings \$23 each [includes \$7 to club funds]

Order from Morris Robertson
mrps6T@gmail.com

When ordering please make payment to the club account WNRC 03 0518 0023645 00
Reference 'pudding'

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT



AT THE CROSSROADS

District 9940 reached its peak membership of 64 clubs in 2000/01. In the case of greater Wellington, which

supported 11 clubs the decline began the following year. Five clubs have subsequently been lost. Two are struggling to survive and the once great Wellington Club is on the downward trend. Breakfast Club, Port Nicholson appears to be thriving, Wellington North has reached the crossroads. The three options appear to be –

- **Accepting the eventual demise,**
- **Growing membership based on social gatherings or**
- **A major reinvention?**

The Board is tackling the options with further discussion to take place in the new year.

The Creating Tomorrow Pilot Study is now under way and provides opportunity for developing the third option.

The following is a message from Dr Jessie Harman, Oceania Rotary International Director –

We need to use this opportunity to find ways to make it simpler and easier to be part of Rotary:

- Easier for clubs to 'do' Rotary – to connect, take action and deliver positive change
- Easier for members to take on leadership roles that actually can make a difference
- Easier to provide consistency and continuity in our strategy
- Easier to provide a united Rotary voice
- Easier for government and corporates to partner with us
- Enabling us to make decisions which genuinely suit the needs and lifestyles of people in our part of the world.

I am convinced we cannot 'damage' Rotary by participating in this pilot. There are enough guardrails and safety nets built into the initiative to ensure we can keep Rotary's purpose and reputation safe. As leaders of Rotary in our region, I know each of us wants Rotary to survive and thrive and be relevant for generations to come. Unchanged on our current trajectory, this will not occur.

I encourage all of us to take a deep breath, accept that uncertainty is uncomfortable, and give this a go...

This will be the last issue of the Bulletin until February. Specific Flyers will be sent out as needs arise. Thus, I wish all readers, both within the club and beyond, a Merry Christmas and a Happy [and Covid free] New year.

Morris Robertson
Editor

