



*RI President Holger Knaack opening the Alice Springs Rotary Oceania Conference
Flanked by RI President 2022/23 Jennifer Jones and Rotaract Chair Australia, Samantha Fewster*

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 1st October
Joan Druett – Author
Leadership and shipwrecks in the
Southern Ocean

DUTIES

Greeter	David Bennett
Host Speaker	Zaheda Davies
Attendance	Brian Poole
Reflection	Maurice Manttan
Happy Dollars	Pat Helm
Thank Speaker	Paul Tipping
Parting Thought	Ross Foubister

Apologies and Guests to Maurice Scott
mjpbscott@gmail.com by 10am Wednesday

Monday 28th September 6pm
at Khandallah Bowling Club

Club Forum

RSVP
royfergusonnz@gmail.com
for catering purposes by Saturday 26
September.

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 15th October
President Tahir Nawaz
International Muslim Association

DUTIES

Greeter	Laurie Bond
Host Speaker	Gerald McGhie
Attendance	Morris Robertson
Reflection	Gerald McGhie
Happy Dollars	David King
Thank Speaker	Graeme Waters
Parting Thought	Tony Fryer

ALSO COMING UP



THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

As a change from a coffee break, Maurice Manttan has organised a theatre visit to the Penthouse in Brooklyn for the 11.00 am session of *Gauguin in Tahiti: Paradise Lost*. Please book

your tickets direct and come for coffee before or stay for lunch afterwards.

In 1891 Gauguin left Marseille for the Pacific, marking the beginning of a journey towards the essence of life and art, and forging his destiny as one of the greatest modern painters who ever lived. **Gauguin in Tahiti: Paradise Lost.** will take us on the trail of a story that has become myth. Through Tahiti and Marquesas Islands in French Polynesia, we will experience the landscapes that inspired Gauguin, in the places where he built houses with bamboo and leaves, and discovered light and colours which changed his painting forever. This stunning state-of-the-art cinema event will also bring us to Paris, Bretagne, Edinburgh, and to the most prestigious art museums of the United States, where most of his masterpieces are preserved

Monday 19th October

7pm at Khandallah

Presbyterian Church

District Governor Gillian Jones

Partners encouraged to attend

RSVP

royfergusonnz@gmail.com

for catering purposes by Thursday 17th October

CINDERELLA IN DECEMBER



Circa Theatre has allocated Wellington North the Matinee performance at 4pm on Sunday 6 December 2020. Tickets will be Adults \$50 and Children \$20. Booking requests to David King using "rotarypanto2020@gmail.com" and an orderly process will follow. This is a traditional pantomime and hopefully we can fill the house.



The good news, just in, is that the whole of Africa has been declared Polio free, leaving a few remaining pockets in Afghanistan and Pakistan. A push is on to achieve the ultimate goal.

THE FACTS

- If polio is not eradicated, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 children will be paralyzed by it each year.
- In 2018, more than 400 million children were vaccinated multiple times using more than two billion doses of oral polio vaccine. This will be done every year until the world is certified polio free. Rotary funds will help do this.
- To date, 122 countries have benefited from PolioPlus grants.
- Since 1988, the number of polio endemic countries declined from over 125 to three.
- With the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication is matched 2-to-1 (up to \$ 50 million per year).



RIDE THE TRAIN – NEXT STOP POLIO ERADICATION



The Challenge

to raise at least \$150,000 (Includes the Bill & Melinda Gate Foundation 2:1) towards Ending Polio.



How

Covering ALL 62 Railway Stations in Greater Wellington Area (Including the Capital Connection)



When

In ONE day – World Polio Day Thursday 23rd October 2020.

Order your "End Polio Now" tee shirt through your club and by wearing them on the day you will travel **free** on the Metlink and Capital Connection.

Wellington North members are urged to be part in an event on 23 October, whether that's collecting on a station, assisting with the BBQ at Wellington Station (coordinated by AG David Shackleton and Linda Wellington), attending the Luncheon post the ride. End Polio T-shirts are the ticket to "Ride the Train" for free, and are also a great way to promote our cause with a sea of "RED" riding en mass on the rail network. For further information contact PDG John Mohi.

NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER



Joan Druett writes fiction and non-fiction. She has an international reputation in the field of nautical history, and has a particular following in North America. Her books are often based on the lives of women, particularly those who were connected with

whaling and life at sea.

PREVIOUS LUNCHEON SPEAKER



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN MP
Brett Hudson, List MP based in Ohariu and proud new member of Wellington North as the result of our amalgamation with KauKau, gave a non-campaign presentation, although he did

occasionally slip into electioneering mode. He spoke of his daily pounding the streets delivering flyers and organising street corner meetings. The previous day he had clocked up 32k on the streets of Ngaio.

Reverting to the day of a life as an MP, Brett traversed the three elements of the role, the legislative functions, particularly Select Committees, constituent work, especially helping people to navigate through Government Departments, and events.

Stephen Spence, in giving the vote of thanks, commented on Brett having experienced a work career prior to entering Parliament, unlike some of the more recent politicians.

ROTARY READING IN SCHOOLS



It's been a fractured year for many reasons because of Covid19, including our Rotary reading in schools programme. For

many years now Wellington North Rotarians and friends of Rotary have been involved in reading programmes at a number of partnerschools. Foremost among them are Arakura and Wainuiomata Intermediate schools

in the Wainuiomata Valley and Ngaio school. The programme gives a number of our members and friends a chance to work alongside individual pupils, sharing a book and a bit of banter. The aim is to boost reading skills and confidence, on both sides. It certainly works for our members!

To prove that reading isn't at all boring, we've gone out of our way to organise an end of year treat for some of our pupils. Recruiting the red Ferrari of one of our former members was a show stopper for a couple of years. Last year we organised for a friend of our club, Don Dalglish, to share his yellow convertible Mustang at Arakura School. Don is pictured with three of the pupils from Arakura.



Also pictured are two pupils from Arakura, Tessa and Jazmyn, holding Rotary atlases they were presented with last year.

This year the programme has been disrupted by Covid19 issues, but we're hoping for a return to normal once we are back at Level One. There's a keen cricketer at Arakura School who's waiting to finish off a book on cricket. Maybe he'll be interested to check out the back seats in a Mustang too. Watch this space. *Graeme Waters*

KHANDALLAH VILLAGE FAIR 2020



President David at the Bowling Club stall in 2018

Kesh Gilmour has the organisation for the Village Fair well in hand and has scheduled face to face [F2F] and Zoom planning meetings through to December as follows –

28 September – Report to Forum

F2F - 8 Whitu St. 7pm-8.30pm, 12 October, 9 November, 23 November, 7 December.

ZOOM 7pm for 40 minutes 27 October, 6 November, 30 November.

Graeme Waters and Zaheda Davies reported back from the first meeting on 14th September. Key points – 21 stallholders confirmed from last year and another 16 interested.

Actions needed -

- Call for First Aiders who could be available to assist at the Fair
- Call for one more MC on the day
- volunteers to do letterbox drops of the flyers. Jane Bambery is preparing maps
- A volunteer to manage the sale of Christmas puddings

This is a major fund raising and community support project for the club as well as enhancing its profile in the community. All club members are urged to volunteer and participate. Contact Kesh at kesh.gilmour@gmail.com or 021 02244763 to register your area of interest in the planning and on the day.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE KITS [ERKS]



Emergency Response Kits (ERK's) were first introduced to New Zealand in 1983 as Emergency Boxes by the Rotary Club of Eastern Hutt. Initially, flat pack wooden boxes were supplied to clubs, along

with a list of items to be provided. Over the years, the project was taken up by other Districts, which each devised their own form of box and variations in contents. A number of factors eventually led to standardisation. Customs Officers in recipient countries would only allow bulk consignments to be landed if they could be satisfied that the contents were identical. NZAID had agreed to help fund the project if there was one source of supply. With the agreement of the six Districts, RNZWCS Ltd. took over the management and gained access to NZAID funding. ERKs are used as first-response survival kits in emergencies in the South Pacific Islands. They can be carried by hand and provide essential items for immediate basic needs for people to be able to camp in their damaged homes whilst they get on with cleaning up and re-establishing themselves.

Each ERK contains essential household cooking, eating and cleaning items, clothing, tools and basic carpentry items, tarpaulin, mosquito net, fish hooks, water purification tablets and a birthing kit. The single NZ standardised filled plastic ERK can be used to hold up to 75 litres of water or food once the contents have been taken out. Contents for the boxes, which are regularly reviewed from feedback experience, are now purchased in bulk at good prices and are filled by a number of clubs as volunteer projects.

Prepositioned stocks of ERKs are held in readiness by Rotary Clubs in Samoa, Fiji, the Cook Islands and Tonga for immediate distribution when needed, with backup and replenishment stocks of ERK's held in Auckland ready to be air lifted or freighted by the NZ Government through NZAID to any disaster areas in the South Pacific Islands. Deployment is handled through the local Rotary clubs on the affected Islands. Each box costs \$600.

ERKS should not be confused with ShelterBox, which is a UK based company which has an association with Rotary.

ROTARY AS YOU DON'T KNOW IT TOMORROW WILL BE DIFFERENT



Covid-19 has brought challenges and opportunities which might not otherwise have arisen. One of these was the Oceania Zone 8 Rotary Conference which was to be held in Alice

Springs last weekend. It turned into a virtual conference freely open to all Rotarians throughout the world, giving them a great opportunity to hear a range of leaders on the new and innovative directions Rotary is now taking and planning to take.

GO OUT AND DIVERSIFY



With a well-managed live feed, based on Australian Eastern time, the Conference began with RI President, Holger Knaack live from Germany at 4.30 AM local time. He set the scene for

the changes to come, many of which would change the definition of a Rotary Club as we

know it through the creation of new models which might be virtual in their activities. His message was “go out and diversify.”

THE WINDS OF CHANGE



Past RI Director from a decade back, Cromwell based Stuart Heal, who is remembered for his revolutionary ideas of the time emphasised flexibility in membership over attendance at traditional meetings.

Stuart advocated that individual members could belong to RI and not necessarily any specific club. They could join in for particular tasks in their areas of interest.” Response to the Pandemic has forced changes which show us the way of the future making it a perfect time to reset goals.”

THE NEW GATEWAY TO ROTARY



This was the time for Samantha Fewster, Chairperson of Rotaract Australia, to give a powerful talk on how Rotaract was growing in Australia as it cemented its place as a key player in the Rotary

Organisation. Rotaract is now recognised as a key part of Rotary, rather than an adjunct. From next year Rotaract Clubs can be certified as project sponsors, to access Rotary Foundation funding. Samantha’s ambition is to see a planned smooth transition from Rotaractors to Rotarians, thus continuing to breathe new life into Rotary.

Three presentations on day two particularly stand out.

DREAM BIG



RI President Nominee, Jennifer Jones, spoke from Windsor in Canada. She stressed the need to adapt, innovate and stretch our boundaries and find out what the people want. Jennifer encouraged Rotarians at all levels to go out and

form partnerships to extend its reach.

THE SEVENTH AREA OF FOCUS



Past RI President and Rotary Foundation Trustee, Barry Rassin, called in from the Bahamas. After a quick summary of the Foundations current

programs, he introduced Rotary’s new 7th Area of Focus, being the environment.



The final speaker was Dr. Jessie Harman, Incoming Director for Oceania, who spoke of the importance of change, facing challenges and embracing opportunities. Jessie’s final

words were “Change the wrapping, but hold tight to the gift of Rotary.”

FOR FURTHER VIEWING

The presentations will be available to view on Rotary Oceania and Rotary Down Under web sites later next week. I recommend them to those with an interest in the future of Rotary.

I found the whole experience inspirational. Thanks to the virus the cost in time was minimal and the cost in money was nil. The new directions being taken by RI demonstrated that the recent changes in Wellington North, post revitalisation, are well attuned to the future models of Rotary.

Morris Robertson

PARTING THOUGHT

Kite kahore he whaka kite ng aka ngaro te iwi
Without foresight or vision the people will be lost. *Roy Ferguson*

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