



Wellington City Icons – Montage by Tim Gibson

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 2nd December
AGM and
The Reverend Ken Irwin
Christmas Message

DUTIES

Greeter	Stephen Brazier
Host Speaker	Pat Helm
Attendance	Kerry Ansell
Reflection	Gerald McGhie
Happy Dollars	Stephen Brazier
Thank Speaker	Maurice Scott
Parting Thought	David Pickering

Apologies and Guests to Zai Davies
<zahedadavies@icloud.com>
by 10 am Wednesday

NOTE PERMANENT CHANGE ABOVE

Contributions please by the Tuesday following a luncheon meeting or the Tuesday in the week prior to a meeting.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Michael Hinds, Nominated by Zaheda Davies
Classification - Real Estate
This is the second publication of this notice
Any comments to Secretary David Pickering

At KPC

Thursday 25th November
6.30 pm

Dr Warren Young
The Case for Reform of the
Criminal Justice System

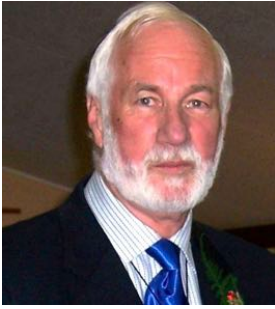
At the Atura Hotel

6pm December 16th
Club Christmas Party
Speaker: The Hon. Peter Dunne
A light-hearted review of 2021

Please RSVP and pay \$56 by
Friday 26th November
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NEXT LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER



Ken Irwin QSO has had a comprehensive career using his special skills in independent inquiry, conflict resolution and managing projects that required discerning but discreet people management. He has

been professional advisor on health and social service strategies, Government interface with community organisations, Maori initiatives and CEO of Presbyterian Support. He is a fluent speaker of Te Reo.

He is experienced in governance roles, including membership of the Board of NZ Mental Health Foundation and the Board of Turakina Maori Girls College. Ken is currently Advisor to two Maori Trusts delivering prison programmes and social services. Locally, he had an extended interim role as Minister of Khandallah Presbyterian Church. Ken is a former Rotarian and he was President of the RC of Dunedin in 1990 [188 members]

Ken joined in the WN Rotary reading programme at Wainuiomata Intermediate School in June 2014. That makes him effectively a foundation member of the programme in Wainuiomata. In 2015, Ken thoughtfully offered to take over the task of managing the roster of volunteers and liaising with the school. It is only now that he has asked to retire from the role.

With Ken acting as our rock and mainstay at Wainuiomata Intermediate, it means the Club has been able to expand the reading programme to a second school in Wainuiomata, Arakura Primary school. He has helped make the programme a fitting symbol of this club's community engagement.

18th NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING

Brian Poole reported on PDG Ross George's injury and subsequent hospitalisation, now in Kenepuru. Visitors are welcome, but only one at a time to satisfy Covid rules.

Margaret Emerre urged members to RSVP and pay \$56 per head for the Christmas Party.

Tony Fryer promoted Centurion membership. He will have the forms at the next meeting

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

DG Mark Wheeler ONZM met initially with the Board for a review of the Club's activities and to outline the future for Rotary. Area Governor, David Shackelton, was also present.



In his address to the club, after an introduction by PDG John Mohi, Mark paid tribute to Wellington North's four PDG's and their continuing contribution to the District. He then went on to speak about the changing structure of Districts, whereby New Zealand could become two, or even one District by 2024. In this situation, the overall Governor would be supported by Area Governors who would be the first port of call for clubs.

DG Mark commented on the various youth programmes the Club was involved with and called upon members to further unlock the potential of youth, urging support for Rotaract and Interact. His final message was think differently, throw out the rule book and plan a club for the future.

The vote of thanks was given by PDG Tony Fryer.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kia ora



At our last lunch meeting on 18 November we had the pleasure of a visit by District Governor Mark Wheeler which was well attended by members and partners. Mark met with the Board before lunch when he touched on

upcoming changes to the Rotary structure and heard from the Board about our Club's activities. After lunch Mark was our guest speaker when he gave a very informative explanation about future potential management formats at District level for NZ and how clubs will have the opportunity to influence these in the New Year. Mark was very complimentary about our club and acknowledged the significant contribution we make to our community which Rotary could ill afford to lose.

KEY ITEMS FROM 15 NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER - The Board welcomed the nomination of Michael Hinds as a prospective member. We look forward to Michael joining us in the near future.

SCHOLARSHIP TRUST - The Board received a full and informative report from Pat Helm, Chair of the Scholarship Trust. This referred, among other things, to a number of important issues for the Trust and the Club relating to future policies and practices. These include - the life of the Trust; the quantum of annual allocation of funds - the awards selection process and a review of the purpose of the Trust Deed. The Board is keen for the club to make progress on these key issues as a matter of priority so that the substantial Trust funds can make a greater contribution to addressing present and future needs.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES – The Board received a report on a possible future process for appointing Trustees for the three Club Trusts, which would bring a greater degree of consistency across the Trusts. This was approved by the Board for discussion with the Trustees.

SCHOLARSHIP PANEL – A report from the Scholarship Panel, presented the results of this year's scholarship applications. The report noted there were 29 applicants with 15 students recommended for grants totalling \$60k, with a further six students recommended, subject to availability of additional funding. The Board was happy to agree to the recommendations, with the successful students to be invited to attend a BBQ at the Khandallah Bowling Club on 20 January to receive their awards.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS – As we all know the fair being cancelled means a loss of income for

our charitable trust for this Rotary year. The Board agreed to ask the Fair Committee to reform to act as a brains trust for finding other ways to raise funds for the charitable trust. This will mean coming up with ideas for smaller-sized fundraising events that the club can quickly commit to. The first of these is Lionel Nunns Fair Replacement Fun Run in Queenstown which he successfully completed. It's not too late to sponsor Lionel, (with the details below). to make it all very easy. Please give generously if you haven't already done so.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please also get your booking in for our Christmas Dinner on 16 December which Margaret Emerre is arranging and doing the hard work. When we surveyed members views earlier there was strong support for an evening dinner, but confirmations have been slow to come in and unless we get better numbers the dinner will have to be cancelled. This would be extremely disappointing, so **please get your confirmation and payment in by this FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER.**

Last, but not least, our best wishes to Ross George for a speedy recovery from his recent accident. We look forward to seeing Ross back with us very soon.

*Nga mihi nui
Stephen*

FRFR
(Fair Replacement Fun Run)
Sponsor Lionel on the 'November 2021 Queenstown Half Marathon'
\$20 ... (target \$1000)
All funds to Wellington North Rotary Club Charitable Trust Fund
Pay to: Club account 03 0518 0023645 000 ... by 12 December '21
Please indicate if receipt wanted for tax purposes.
Reference: FRFR and your name
Through this generous sponsorship you are helping recover lost income from the cancelled Rotary Khandallah Fair '21. Thank you
Rotary Wellington North

END THE YEAR ON A HIGH NOTE



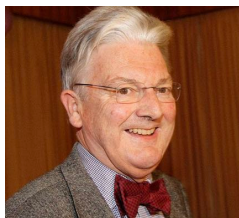
CHRISTMAS DINNER Members and Friends - Join us for a **FUN, SOCIAL** **EVENING**



At the **ATURA HOTEL**
24 HAWKESTONE ST, THORNDON

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16th, 2021
6 pm for pre-dinner drinks

GUEST SPEAKER **the Hon Peter Dunne**



"A light-hearted review of 2021"

COST: \$56 per person plus cash bar
Forward payment by 26th November

to:

Rotary Club of Wellington North
03 0518 0023645 00

Add name as identifier

Queries to emerre50@gmail.com

**Please bring a small gift (labelled) for the
Women's Refuge.**



THE VERB EXPERIENCE

VERB is all about making space for stories, books, writers and readers to come together. They passionately believe that these can change the world. Their mission is to support and nurture our literary arts community in order to move through a future filled with experiences that sustain the spirit and grow empathy.

Every year Verb has a party to celebrates books, reading, ideas, information and conversation. Over several days members gather, roam and talk together. Writers and artists from all over the world and Aotearoa share their ideas and their stories with curious readers.

LitCrawl Wellington is a centrepiece with 26 events in one Saturday night, supporting 160 artists. and 26 of Wellington's indie businesses and public spaces.



Wellington North participates in LitCrawl by sponsoring a visiting writer to one of the schools it supports; this year it was NZ author **Ataria Sharman** who visited Wainuomata Intermediate Room 11.

END POLIO NOW EVENT

A District fundraiser event at Wellington train station was again held, actively supported by seven clubs including Wellington North. Bacon sandwiches were cooked and sold

to raise the money and lots of Rotary apparel and flags about provided some public image for Rotary. The sea of red shirts and the gazebo made a very positive impact on all who passed the stand.



Comment from AG David Shackelton in the Port Nicholson Bulletin -

"It was another wonderful day filled with hard work at the Bacon Buttie Stand on Thursday, with many of the volunteers leaving smelling like

a bacon sandwich. The final numbers have not yet been announced, but it appears the team made around \$1400 for the End Polio Now Campaign, an incredible effort."

FAIR CANCELLATION OPPORTUNITIES

The decision was taken by the fair committee, on 2 November, to recommend that the fair be cancelled for 2021. The prolonged uncertainty meant that it was unworkable and unfair to keep everybody 'dangling' for further weeks when the signs pointed toward cancellation. At Alert Level 2, it would have been impossible to hold the fair and comply with Government requirements around Covid protection. Fortunately, fixed costs have been kept to a minimum.

The cancellation strikes a direct and harsh blow to the club's earning capacity for the year for our charitable trust. Club members are charged to come up with ideas for fundraising over the coming months.



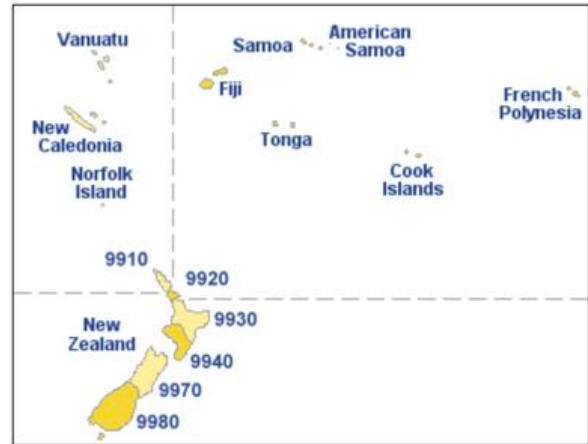
Past President Lionel was first out of the blocks with his generous offer to run the "cancelled" Queenstown Half Marathon with suggested sponsorship from Club members of

\$20 per head. There is still time to contribute. By way of boosting the contributions the project was taken to Ngaio Agile, a weekly exercise group for seniors, which is led by Lionel. So far, contributions from that source add up to \$270.

ROZOPS – ROTARY OCEANIA ZONE OPERATIONS

At our last meeting DG Mark asked those who know what ROZOPS is to indicate. Given the minimal recognition, the following is a brief introduction.

Rotary Oceania is the "brand name" for joint operations by Rotary districts 9910, 9920, 9930, 9940, 9970 and 9980. These 6 Rotary districts are collectively part of Rotary International zone 8. Rotary has 34 zones worldwide.



Area of Rotary NZ & South Pacific [Plus Tarawa out of the top of the map]

ROZOPS Limited is a wholly owned company, held in trust by the 6 District Governors, to provide marketing, sales and technical services to the Rotary Clubs and District Organisations in our 6 Districts.

For many years the 6 districts have acted jointly in regard to;

1. tax-effective donations for overseas aid
2. national advertising campaigns
3. software systems and services for district and club operations and communications.

During 2016-2018 the latter two joint activities were restructured under "ROZOPS". This Rotary Oceania website is managed by ROZOPS.

The current chair is PDG Jennie Herring, Rotary Club of Otahuhu, the District 9940 Director is PDG Simon Manning, Rotary Club of Kapiti and the chair of the ROZtech Standing Committee is Richard Stephen, Rotary Club of Hutt Valley.

The Clubs of Rotary Oceania are the guardians of 20 million square kilometres of the Earth's surface, stretching from extending 4,600km from east to west (Papeete to Noumea) and 5,330km from south to north (Invercargill to Tarawa).

Although mostly sea, it is the health of the sea that is likely to set the future for our planet and Rotary can play its part.

THE HARROGATE CONNECTION

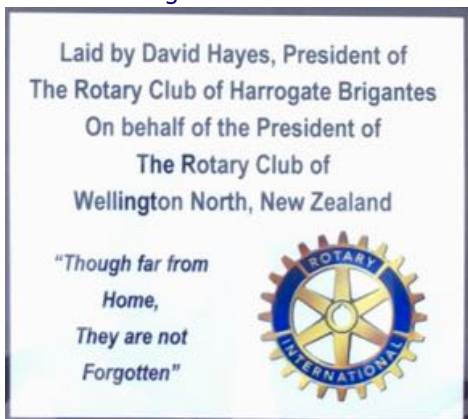


Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery

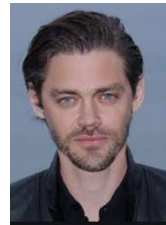
Our late Past President, Ken Boyden, developed a friendship with the President of the Harrogate Brigantes Rotary Club in UK. Each year this club arranges a Remembrance Service at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Harrogate where 23 New Zealand airmen are interred. During a visit to UK in 1998, Ken laid a wreath in remembrance of the fallen New Zealand airmen. This recognition has continued to this day. Tony Fryer laid the wreath in 2004. The accompanying photos show the New Zealand wreath laid on Remembrance Day, November 11th this year.



Wellington North wreath



The wording on the wreath



PARTING THOUGHT

Tom Payne English Actor
*All great leaders choose great
advisors, people they trust for
their governance*

Morris Robertson

NEXT ISSUE

This is the final issue of the Bulletin for 2021. The next issue will appear in late January.

2022 REOPENING

The first event for the year will be a barbeque at the Khandallah Bowling Club. Scholarship recipients will also be invited. KBC requires all persons entering the premises to be double vaccinated or legally exempt.



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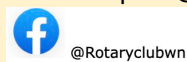
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