



They are off. Ngaio School cross country races, supported by Rotary marshals

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Followed by Forum discussion on outsourcing Scholarships

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 by 3pm Tuesday [Live meetings only]

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**PENTHOUSE CINEMA  
 TOP GUN 25<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**MINI FORUMS follow meetings  
 on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June  
 Details elsewhere**

**CHANGEOVER 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
 Wilton Bowling Club**

## NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER



**Ralph Stewart** was CEO of AXA Insurance New Zealand for 9 years and 5 years as Chair of Spicers Wealth Management. More recently the CEO of ACC. He has thirty

years of experience in New Zealand's financial services sector, including 8 years as General Manager of Marketing & Strategy at TOWER Insurance. Ralph holds an MBA from Manchester University, majoring in finance. He is a Director of the New Zealand Police Association and New Zealand Registered Master Builders Association, responsible for asset and liability management. Ralph is former member of Victoria University Faculty of Commerce and Finance Advisory Board.

To quote President Stephen: *I look forward to seeing you on 2 June and hearing from Ralph Stewart about retirement income - a matter of passing interest to many of our members!*

### 19<sup>th</sup> MAY LUNCHEON MEETING

David Young gave a reflection on charity. He said that he had been collecting for Mary Potter Hospice on the street since early morning. He was accompanied at his post by a number of Queen Margaret College girls who had the powers to attract substantial contributions.

During Happy Dollars, David Pickering commented that he had visited the Rotary grove of trees planted in the Botanic Gardens 7 years ago. He observed that the trees had produced their first acorns. Other notices appear as separate items.

Guest speaker, **Paul Atkins**, was introduced by Lionel Nunns.



In late 2021 Paul took over the role of Chief Executive of the Royal Society Te Apārangi, New Zealand's learned society dating back to 1867, formed to

advance and promote research and scholarly activity and the pursuit of knowledge. For the six years prior to that he was Chief Executive of Zealandia.

Paul gave a comprehensive description of the history, membership and organisation of the Royal Society. He noted that recent priorities included inclusiveness, particularly understanding the knowledge of indigenous science. In developing its strategy, it was important to be relevant to the contemporary world.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### *Kia ora*

Last Thursday we had our second lunch meeting face to face since we moved away from full Zoom meetings.

These served us well but they weren't most people's idea of a convivial get together. Zoom has its uses though and I know some of our members are either unable to attend in person or are not happy to attend due to the risk of catching Covid. Although any risk from one of our meetings might be expected to be low, none the less the consequences could be serious due to our members' demographic.



We have a situation where lunch numbers are lower than before Covid, at just below 25, whereas our agreement with our caterers is to pay for a minimum of 25 meals. We've managed to avoid going into the red so far and our trusty Treasurer and the Board will be keeping a close watch on attendance and costs going forward, and will report back on any recommended changes.

By the time you read this Bulletin we will very likely have had our special Movie Night fundraiser at the Penthouse, Brooklyn. Our fundraising team of Kesh Gilmour, Zai Davies and Lionel Nunns made an inspired choice of movie with Tom Cruise' reprise of the legendary Top Gun movie which has had great reviews. We got over the line with ticket sales thanks to really hard work on promoting the movie by the team and our members.

I'm pleased to report our club members sold just under 10 books of tickets worth \$980 for the Rotary Raffle in support of the Wellington Children's' Hospital. This was a useful further contribution by our club to this worthwhile project following our last year's contribution of \$3,600.

The Board met on 16 May and confirmed that Changeover will be on Thursday 30 June. We'll be using the Wilton Bowling Club again as it's a really good venue with good facilities and plenty of parking so we don't have to use our E bikes or E scooters. More info will be coming out shortly.

The Board agreed to a recommendation from Graeme Waters, Chair of our Vocational and Youth Committee, to our club's Charitable Trust, to fund one nominee from St Mary's for the *Innovative Young Minds* programme. We have supported some excellent young budding scientists over the last couple of years and this has proved to be very popular investment by our members

Because we have quite a bit of Rotary business to deal with before Changeover, and because the planned Forum on 26 May had to be cancelled because it came straight after the Movie Night fundraiser, the Board agreed that over the next 2 lunchtime meetings and straight after the meetings, we'll have two mini Forums. Details follow.

*Nga mihi nui*  
*Stephen*

## MINI FORUMS



**ON 2 JUNE**, President-Elect Zai Davies will present her plan for the next Rotary Year.

Steve Brazier and Graeme Waters will present the Scholarship Review Group's

report on the option of outsourcing the management of the Scholarship programme.

The review group comprising Steve Brazier, Roy Ferguson and Graeme Waters has investigated what practical options there might be, and has consulted with members who have had experience on the selection panel. Most, but not all, of those consulted favour the idea of outsourcing at least some of the management of the process.

A specific proposal put to us by Universities NZ (UNZ) would have them taking over collection of applications online and making payments to students, while leaving decision making on applications to our own panel. This would be for

a very modest cost (\$1,500). We would want to assure ourselves that using UNZ like this would not deter applicants who may be seeking support for life skills training rather than tertiary study. Jane Edwards from UNZ has met with the group to explain further details and answer questions.

The meeting is face-to-face but there will also be Zoom available to those who cannot attend in person.

### The URL

is: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89430446806?pwd=Ua\\_e9an5ixM68Ositgc7XQSR\\_K8lo5.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89430446806?pwd=Ua_e9an5ixM68Ositgc7XQSR_K8lo5.1)

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**ON 16 JUNE**, David King will present the updated club Constitution and Bylaws for ratification by the members. Although presentation will take place as agreed by those involved, there may be some late modifications arising as a consequence of the Council on Legislation. We have been advised that Clubs in Australia and New Zealand are incorporated and need to have additional articles inserted to meet both RI and local regulatory requirements. This information is not yet to hand.



David Young will brief members on the recent work of the Scholarship Trust including their ideas on potential widening of the scope of the charitable activities funded by the Trust.

## TO BE A PARKING WARDEN



The club has the opportunity to raise funds by acting as parking wardens at the Sunday Market on 12 and 19 June. A team of 10 people is required, each with 2 hour shifts, to make the project happen.

Zai will have details of the amount to be raised.

## 2022 ROTARY CONVENTION – REAL OR PARTIAL VIRTUAL OPTIONS



Taking place 4-8 June in Houston, the convention will be filled with engaging speakers and informative breakout sessions that can help you polish your leadership skills and get inspired with new ideas for projects, fundraising, strengthening membership and more. A full list is available on the Rotary Convention Website. Even if you're not attending in person, there are a few membership-related sessions you may be interested in attending virtually and sharing with clubs in your district.

## KEEPING THE RUNNERS ON COURSE



It's the season for school cross country races and, again this year, the Rotary Club of Wellington North had members out on the job helping things go smoothly at Ngaio School on 17 May.

Junior school races, on a course constrained to the grounds were scheduled first, but a shower of rain intervened and these races were postponed until the next day. The hardier senior students braved the occasional shower and set off in class groups around a course which took in Bombay St., round past the abandoned Anglican church, through Ngaio Village and home via Colway St.

For race participants, it's critical to know where to go. They can't do a good time if they get lost along the way. Rotarians were acting as race marshals at key points to keep the competitors on the right track. Because flat out running is not for everyone the tail-end Charlie, Lionel Nunns,

was there to see that any exhausted and the struggling were brought home safely. It's these ones who often receive the biggest cheer at the end.

## YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN GARDEN OF PEACE AND REMEMBRANCE



The trees are generally doing well. The KPC based hub youth group helped weed the garden area on the early evening of Friday 4 March, and are being asked to help us with a mulch spreading exercise. Adam Groenewegen from WCC reviewed the project with us on site on 23 March and has had the grass cut since then. He aims to supply us with additional trees for planting in late June/early July. We will enlist hub youth and any interested others to assist Rotarians on the day.

*Graeme Waters*

## WOMENS REFUGE – KIDS IN THE MIDDLE PILOT

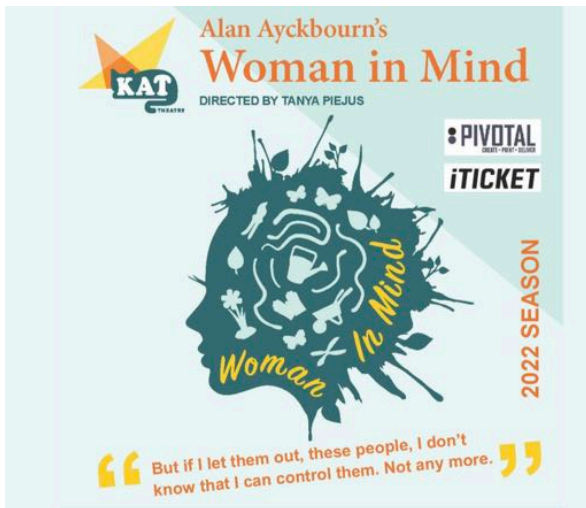


With generous donations, including from our club, for books and resources for tamariki in the six Wellington Refuges, they have purchased gold-standard kids' books that help them make sense of family violence and coercive control and give them the words to help their friends and families understand their experiences too.

Women's Refuge will be sending out resources in the form of children's books, Te Reo Emotions magnets, A5 research booklet summaries of Kids in the Middle Research and other useful advocacy resources.

Refuges have begun transforming safe house rooms into spaces for tamariki, with books, toys, posters, and murals just for them.

## KAT THEATRE – A POTENTIAL FUND RAISER



Cochran Hall, Cashmere Avenue, Khandallah.  
21 to 30 July

Susan is a housewife who, in reality, is neglected by her husband, patronised by her sister-in-law and estranged from her son. In her imaginary world in contrast she is happy, successful and loved by her perfect family. *Woman in Mind* is considered to be one of Alan Ayckbourn's most affecting works and one of his best with its dark humour and unique first person narrative.

The script has been updated for a 2022 audience using technology that wasn't available when it was written.

[Group booking enquiries via the Editor]

### PARTING THOUGHTS

Margaret Emerre had a number of parting thoughts on hand. The first and last have been selected for publication.



*Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.*

**Martin Luther King Jr.**



*The first lesson the coronavirus has taught us also the most astounding: we have actually proven that it is possible in a few weeks, to put an economic system on hold everywhere in the world and at the*

*same time, a system that we were told it was impossible to slow down or redirect.*

**Bruno Latour** French Philosopher

### LOOKING AHEAD

Future lunchtime Guest Speakers include –

2 June – Ralph Stewart, Lifetime Retirement  
Providing a steady retirement income

16 June – Sarah Fitt, Pharmac  
Funding Medicines

30 June – Evening  
Changeover at the Wilton Bowling Club



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