



9, of the 19, 2022 Scholarship Awardees flanked by selectors Terry Pinfold and Graeme Waters

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 3rd February

Angela Ballantyne

University of Otago [Wellington]

The Ethics of Vaccine Mandates

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 17th February

Kara Douglas, Author

The Air that we Breathe

A Reality Novel

DUTIES

Greeter	Adrian Ellingham
Host Speaker	Graeme Waters
Attendance	Gerald McGhie
Reflection	Brian Poole
Happy Dollars	Adrian Ellingham
Thank Speaker	Tony Fryer
Parting Thought	Kerry Ansell

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Greeter	Zaheda Davies
Host Speaker	Morris Robertson
Attendance	Rory O'Connor
Reflection	David Bennett
Happy Dollars	Zaheda Davies
Thank Speaker	Pat Helm
Parting Thought	David Young

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by 10 am Wednesday

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



**RI President Elect Jennifer Jones's
Theme for 2022/23**

NEXT LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER



Associate Professor Angela Ballantyne is a senior lecturer in Bioethics (part-time). Angela teaches medical ethics in the 4th and 5th year ALM program at Wellington. She was President of the International Association of

Bioethics (2016-2017) and was the ethics member of the Central Ethics Committee (HDEC) NZ (2010-2018). In 2016, she received a NZ Marsden Fast Start grant and in 2015 a UOW Award for Best Emerging Researcher. Her research interests include exploitation, research ethics, vulnerability, ethics of pregnancy and reproductive technologies, and secondary use research with clinical data.

Originally from New Zealand, where she gained her BSc in Genetics and Molecular Biology from Victoria University, Angela has worked in a wide range of international settings, including Australia, England, Europe and the United States. She received her PhD in Bioethics from Monash University (Australia), and spent a year of her doctorate program undertaking research at Imperial College London. She has worked in schools of medicine, primary health care and philosophy. Her interest in global health policy led to a position as Technical Officer for Genetics and Ethics for the Human Genetics unit at WHO in Geneva in 2005, where she worked on projects concerning the ethical, legal and social issues associated with medical genetics. Prior to returning to New Zealand, Angela was a Visiting Scholar at the Yale University Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics.

CONCLUDING 2021

WARREN YOUNG



While the evening meeting on 25th November at KPC was not as well attended as previously, there was, nevertheless, a most informative address from Dr Warren Young on his promotion of the Case for Reform of the Criminal

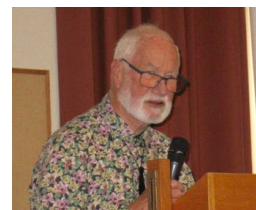
Justice System. Dr Young's argument was that the present process, which appears to favour the courts and lawyers in that cases sometimes dragged on for years, disadvantages both the victims and the accused. The victims of the accused are left in limbo while the defendants are trapped on remand, sometimes for periods which are greater than the sentence eventually handed down. Further, as while being detained on demand, the accused are denied access to rehabilitation services.

Warren Young spoke of his efforts over the years, while holding senior justice roles, to advocate for streamlining the situation, so far with minimal success. Until there is some political will, nothing is likely to happen.

2nd DECEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING

Normality almost returned with the resumption of buffet service. We also welcomed back our long-term caterer, Monique, after a combination of maternity leave and Lockdowns. The meeting began with a reflection from Gerald McGhie.

There was a brief AGM at which Steve Brazier was elected President for 2023/24 and the Club accounts, including the Charitable Trust were approved. Lionel Nunns was congratulated on the successful completion of the [non] Queenstown half marathon as a substitute for the [non] Khandallah Village Fair. The original target of \$1,000 was trebled, that being a substantial portion of the lost Fair revenue for far less effort, apart from Lionel!



Guest speaker, the Reverend Ken Irwin, was introduced by Pat Helm. Ken began by saying that he was proud to be associated with

Wellington North, and especially so with its outstanding Reading Boost programmes.

After a formal greeting in Te Reo, Ken spoke of his formative years in the midst of the Ureweras at a small Village called Te Whaiti in Tuhoe territory. In the local primary school - awkwardly named a Native school, Ken and his brother were two of twelve pakeha kids in a school roll of almost 100. As whities, they were laughed with not laughed at by their Maori mates, a contrast to when the numbers were reversed in other places.

Ken spoke of his special memories, as an 8-year-old old at Christmas time and challenged the audience to think of their own memories. He professed to hating Christmas plays at church because, as a good reader, he was always made the Narrator, but he wanted to be part of the action: Joseph, a Wise Man, even a Shepherd. This strange *word* kept cropping up: Baby Jesus was in a SWADDLING cloth... What was THAT?!

Noting that while there was no specifically “Christmas celebration” for Maori, there is an annual celebration that acknowledges new beginnings, past happenings & planning for the future. He referred to Matariki, the Maori New Year which begins in June at the start of winter but whose dimensions of meaning reach way beyond climate & stars. He added that these meanings can be slotted into the routines and rhythms of families and community groupings like Rotary.

Ken described Matariki as guided by 3 major principles

remembrance: honouring those who have died since the last rising of Matariki:

celebrating the present: gathering with family and friends:

looking to the future: looking forward to the promise of a new year.

Finally, with a nod to Changeover, Ken asked the question. *What might a partnered Matariki & Rotary celebration look like?!*

At the conclusion of Ken’s message, President Stephen announced that Ken had been elected an honorary member of the club and was duly presented with a certificate of membership. Ken’s background was covered in the 25th November Bulletin.



CHRISTMAS PARTY



At the initiative of Margaret Emerre, the Club held a very successful Christmas function at the Atura Hotel on 16th December.

Drinks and a buffet dinner was followed by a highly amusing view of the past year by the Hon Peter Dunne, whose theme was ‘who would believe?’, starting with most rugby awards going to women’s teams and including such gems as the Black Caps becoming the world number one cricket team.

Several other sporting triumphs were followed by reference to happiness and Hillary Barry being the number one preference for a dinner invitation.



Rory O’Connor gave an elegant vote of thanks before joining a team leading the obligatory singing of Christmas carols.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kia ora

A very Happy New Year to all our members, partners and friends as we ease our way into 2022.

There’s certainly no shortage of challenges for us all as Rotarians, not least the threat posed by Omicron. If we must accept the inevitability that we will face exposure at some point, then we must support every effort to ensure we can keep it at bay for as long as we can, and everyone,

young, old and in between is fully vaccinated. If we know someone who is still unsure, then let's add our voice of reason to help the process. Oh, and masks and scanning and vaccine passes too.

We'll also need to think hard about the climate and what we can do to help. But that's for another time.

As our 2022 meetings schedule kicks in, we can look forward to more excellent and varied speakers and the opportunity to meet up with colleagues again which we value highly. By the way, thanks to Margaret Emerre and all those people who made the Christmas Dinner - our last event of the year - such a success.

Finally, it was a great launch for 2022 at our 20 January BBQ at the Khandallah Bowling Club when we also welcomed a number of our scholarship awardees and their families.

*Nga mihi nui
Stephen*

OTHER NEWS

KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE UPDATE



Tracy reports that the pc netting that they purchased with Wellington North Rotary's recent donation was great as it has significantly reduced the amount of shrink wrap plastic they are using and no longer sending as much to the landfill.

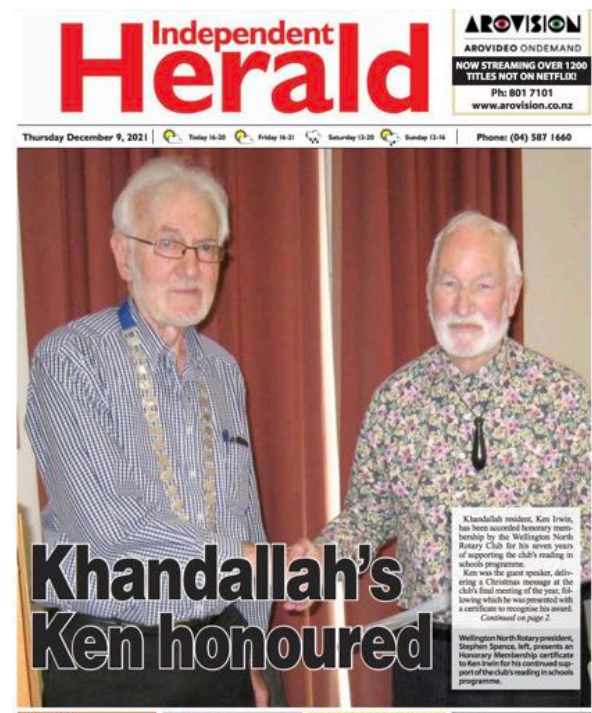
We have a lot happening already in 2022 with the purchase yesterday of a 2019 chiller truck to add to the fleet in place of the aging smaller chiller truck which has been sold.

With the ongoing mutations of Covid-19 the Board made the decision to continue to operate contactless and in bubbles. This mitigates the risk to the volunteers and team members.

KCA has just placed an order with Wellington Refrigeration to build an outdoor chiller room in the car park for the partner agencies to access as they are not allowed in the building. This should be built and installed by March 2022. KCA's board decided at the December Board meeting that it will continue to work contactless with only volunteers allowed in our building. All personnel entering the warehouse must be double vaccinated.

IN THE MEDIA

The following story occupied pages 1 and 2 of the Herald on December 9th. This coverage is great for raising the Club's profile in the community.



Ken promotes reading programme for kids

Continued from page 1.
The reading programme, introduced almost a decade ago, has ranged over a number of schools from Titahi Bay to Wainuiomata.
Rotary Club members and supporters volunteer to work one-on-one, in the classroom or library, with a pupil for 20 to 30 minutes, sharing a book or journal.
Children often choose a book from the library, or the volunteers suggest something. Occasionally a Rotary volunteer will borrow a book from a public library that reflects a pupil's interests, be it comic superheroes or rugby league.
The children are enthusiastic about reading to a supportive and encouraging adult and enjoy the opportunity to discuss the subject matter and, sometimes, how it relates to their lives.
Many pupils have been presented with an atlas or Rotary sponsored dictionary at the end of the school year.
Often, these are the first books they have personally owned.
While schools value the programme, partly for the wider relationships that are formed between pupil and adult over the year, the volunteers have some-



Readers Blessing and Cordell read to Kerry Ansell and Peter Campbell at Wainuiomata Intermediate.

times felt they could contribute more if they were better trained. To address this need, the Rotary club engaged Awahina Education, at a supportive rate, to provide expert guidance in a tutorial session on phonics and other reading learning techniques.
Ken joined the reading programme at Wainuiomata Intermediate School in June 2014.
The following year he 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.
His role at Wainuiomata Intermediate has enabled the club to expand the programme to a second school in the suburb, Arakura Primary school.
Ken has helped make the programme a fitting symbol of this club's community engagement.
A fluent speaker of Te Reo, Ken spent his formative years in the Ureweras.
He has had a comprehensive career in independent inquiry, conflict resolution and managing

projects that require discerning but discreet people management.
He has been a professional advisor on Health and Social Service Strategies, Government interface with Community Organisations, Maori initiatives and CEO of Presbyterian Support.
Ken is experienced in governance roles, including membership of the Boards of NZ Mental Health Foundation, and Turukia Maori Girls College.
Locally, he had an extended interim role as Minister of Khandallah Presbyterian Church.

RI ANNUAL REPORT – KEY STATISTICS

93 Rotary Fellowships allowed 60,000 participants to connect and make a difference

117 Rotary Peace Fellows studied at Rotary Peace Centers

Over \$25 million was awarded in grants to support COVID-19 related service projects.

A SLICE OF HISTORY – WOMEN IN ROTARY



Women are active participants in Rotary, serving their communities in increasing numbers and serving in leadership

positions in Rotary. The 1989 Council on Legislation, which voted to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.

The vote followed the decades-long efforts, including legal cases, by men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow the admission of women into Rotary clubs, after several close votes at previous Council meetings.

The response to the decision was overwhelming: by June 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000. The number of women members worldwide reached 195,000 in July 2010 (about 16% of Rotarians) and surpassed 277,000 in July 2020 (about 23%). Our part of the Rotary world can claim success with the following forming the 2022 leadership chain.

President of Wellington North Club – Zaheda Davies

Assistant Governor - Helen Agar

District Governor 9940 – Marilyn Stevens

Regional Director for Australia, NZ & SP – Jessie Harman [Brisbane]

World President - Jennifer Jones [Ontario Canada]

Wellington North has a challenge to redress the gender balance at club level.

HOSTING TEMPLATE

Over time Club protocols tend to become diluted. One of these covers the duty of hosting and introducing the speaker. The template for the role includes the obligation to either obtain or research in advance, material for introducing the speaker, including a photograph and forwarding same to the Bulletin Editor two weeks in advance of the meeting. Those rostered for this duty are requested to familiarise themselves with this protocol.

District Governor Mark's Summer Message



As Rotary stops for the Summer holidays be proud of your collective achievements. I have witnessed extraordinary service, and amazing fellowship over the last six months from clubs and individuals. We have made a difference in helping our communities get through these challenging times, especially the impact of COVID-19. Over these summer holidays as you deservedly relax with family think about how we can grow our community capacity to do more - as we have never been needed more.

Mark Wheeler

ONE MILLION MASKS



Rotary's One Million Masks project to help communities get through COVID is ramping up. In November, one thousand masks were

donated by Rotary across Aotearoa New Zealand and have mainly gone to Fiji, as well as foodbanks and some schools. Our NZ partner Lanaco have delivered a new children's mask for intermediate age for a better fit. These are an option as we look to provide them to as many young people as possible, e.g. in the Manawatu the Rotaract Club is looking to have masks available for students, with collections through local churches and communities. Two dollars for a world leading reusable mask is a cost-effective solution.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022 ?

The District Conference, scheduled for 8/9 April in Wellington, is now in doubt and may be replaced with an on-line event. Further information will be provided when available.

NEW MEMBER MICHAEL HINDS



Michael, nominated by Zai Davies, will be inducted into the club on 3rd February. Prior to becoming a Real Estate agent at Just Paterson, Michael served

the education sector for 23 years; his most recent position being the Principal of St Benedict's School in Khandallah. Before that he spent 16 years abroad working in international schools in countries such as: India, England, Azerbaijan and Burkina Faso.

Serving others is a key driver for Michael to live by. He is a committed family man to his wife and children; he thrives in giving back to the community. He is often seen on the football fields around Wellington refereeing soccer matches. He also sits on the Board at the North Wellington Football Club and enjoys helping under privileged children learn to read.

FEEDBACK - HINE NGAREWA



Terry Pinfold has received a detailed report and academic transcript from Hine Ngarewa, a 2021 Club

Scholarship awardee, who has also been granted financial support for the 2022 year. The following is a brief summary of Hine's first year at the University of Canterbury.

Fresh out of high school, Hine looked for opportunities to help people, especially of her culture. While she initially started studying for a Bachelor of Criminal Justice she soon realised that that degree was not for her. She stuck with it as she thought changing would be a form of failure. However, at the end of the first year, she found a degree better suited to herself and her passion. This was a Bachelor of Health Science majoring in Maori and Indigenous Health. The change was positive and Hines grades improved markedly.

She attributes her participation in the Takere scholarship programme, designed for Maori and Pacifica students, to participate in and complete university degrees, as providing the support she needed to find her passion. With a new confidence, she was able to obtain a casual student library assistant job across three libraries on the Campus. She has become very active in

supporting students unfamiliar with university life. Hine has expressed her thanks to Wellington North for its support, which has allowed her to commence what we are sure will be a career of much value.

THE LATE NEWS

LAUNCHING 2022



The Club launched 2022 with a barbeque held at the Khandallah Bowling Club. Thanks to the culinary efforts of Maurice Manttan and his large band of helpers for the cuisine enjoyed by all.

The prime focus of the evening was the acknowledgement of the eighteen recipients of the club's tertiary scholarships, worth a total of \$60,000 for the coming year. Eight of the recipients were present and spoke during the evening while the remaining ten, who for various reasons, were unable to appear in person, sent in video clips.



The group was joined by Noah Walker, a Tawa College musician who was a recipient of a grant from the Crabtree Trust. Noah entertained the audience with a rousing performance of an Elvis compilation.



Each scholar had a story to tell, not looking back to their often traumatic origins and difficult family circumstances, but to their recent achievements and future aspirations.

The stories of three of the scholars, Kaveesha, Saran and Naomi have been included in an article to be published in the Independent Herald. Further stories may appear in future editions of The Bulletin.



Prior to the barbeque, there was a roll up on the bowling green. Participants included the Carrere family, Melissa [daughter of Graeme and Audrey Waters] husband Matte and children Lisette and Bastien. Here, Melissa congratulates Bastien on striking the jack with a well driven bowl.

ROTARY TO THE RESCUE IN TONGA



Rotary New Zealand World Community Service, as a first responder following cyclones etc. in the Pacific Islands, has stocks of Emergency Response Kits strategically positioned around the Pacific. It had a stock of 538 ERK's available for distribution to families in need following the volcanic eruption and tsunami. These are being distributed by the Rotary Club of Nuka'alofa and other trusted partners.

As with all such events there is a need to replenish stocks before the next cyclone strikes. Each ERK costs \$NZ600 and donations are sought for this purpose for a whole or part of a box. For details on how to contribute, go to www.rnzwcs.org for details.

WELCOME TO A SPECIAL CLUB

Several small clubs, mostly rural, are struggling to survive with unviable numbers and difficulty in filling key positions. However, the diminishing memberships often remain keen to serve their local communities and hold assets worthy of retention. With the approval of RI, a new Passport Club, Mana Tangata, has been established, centred on Otaki, to attend to the RI protocols. It has already gathered the members of 13 declining clubs into its fold. Its Charter President is Adrian Gregory and Secretary Michael Fagg.



PARTING THOUGHT [Given at December luncheon] - From David Pickering

THE **best** OF ALL **gifts**
AROUND ANY
Christmas TREE:
THE PRESENCE OF
A HAPPY FAMILY
ALL WRAPPED UP IN
each other.
~ BURTON HILLIS

Burton Hillis, columnist, and author.

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