



In a Galaxy Far Far away in place and time, were there any Rotarians?

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 4th August

Morris Robertson

Creating a Tomorrow for Rotary

DUTIES

Greeter/ Happy \$\$	Michael Hinds
Host Speaker	David King
Attendance	Kerry Ansell
Reflection	Margaret Emerre
Thank Speaker	Roy Ferguson
Parting Thought	Rory O'Connor

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At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 18th August

Cheryl Young

GodZone

DUTIES

Greeter/ Happy \$\$	David Young
Host Speaker	David Bennett
Attendance	Stephen Spence
Reflection	Adrian Ellingham
Thank Speaker	Graeme Waters
Parting Thought	John Mohi

At Khandallah Presbyterian Church

Thursday 28th July 6.30pm

Christopher Finlayson

Co-Governance

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NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER

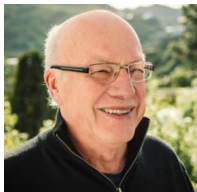
PDG Morris Robertson

With input from Maurice Manttan

Morris joined Wellington North in 1978. His roles over the intervening years have included Club President, Group Study Exchange Chair, District Governor, District Foundation Chair and an Inaugural Director of RNZWCS Ltd. As a member of the District Advisory Committee, he has taken a keen interest on the future direction of Rotary. After 50-years in the practice of Architecture and Project Management in NZ and Overseas, in 2007 he shifted his focus to writing, including several years as Editor of a 56-page glossy magazine and a range of newsletters. Morris contributed to, and was an Editorial Advisor, for Rotary's Mana Tangata book as well as the script and illustrations for the Centenary Exhibition panels. He has edited this Bulletin on and off since 2001.

A synopsis of what the presentation will be about was published in the previous Bulletin.

BRIEF PRESENTATION



Richard Brodie, Rotary Club of Port Nicholson, will give a brief presentation on Lifting the Lid.

In early 2019 it was apparent that there was considerable concern in our communities about the mental well-being of our younger generation. There was also good evidence that local colleges in the Kapiti area were experiencing higher demand for counselling and, most tragically, the area had suffered a cluster of suicides, all of them college-age students. Kāpiti Rotary proposed a project to fund local colleges so they could pay external professional counsellors when high-risk students had an immediate or particular need for support and the public health system could not be accessed in a timely way.

NEXT EVENING MEETING CHRIS FINLAYSON TALKS ABOUT CO-GOVERNANCE



Thursday 28 July from 6.30pm at Khandallah Presbyterian Church Lounge.

Chris is credited with being one of the pioneers in exploring ideas of co-governance, and can speak from a wealth of

experience and goodwill. We share a meal of pizza, salad and a glass of wine or juice for just \$15 cash on the night or Direct Credit to the Club bank account 03 0518 0023645 00. Ref name and pizza. If you want to be helpful, please let Graeme Waters (021455119) or David Young (0210748524) know that you will be attending. But come anyway - we guarantee to feed you!

21st JULY MEETING



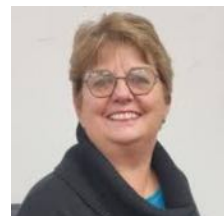
On an unusual wet and windy Wellington day, the Club had its first face to face, slightly socially distanced meeting of the new Rotary year. Of the roughly twenty attendees, half were present or past holders

of red Diplomatic Passports.

The business of the club began with Immediate Past President, Stephen Spence, calling for a vote of acclamation for the new President, Zaheda Davies, about to chair her first live meeting.



Next up, Steven carried out his final duty, left over from Changeover. It was the presentation of two Paul Harris Fellowships to members who had missed the occasion due to Covid isolation. They were to Maurice Scott for his meticulous role as Treasurer and to Morris Robertson for his contributions to the club for over 44 years.



President Zai promoted District Governor Marilyn Stevens' visit on 1st September. This will be a **special meeting with partners encouraged to**

attend. Graeme Waters added that our IYM nominee, Bridget Janes, would also be present to report on her experience.

Graeme Waters reminded members of the tree planting working bee to plant a further 217 trees on the Odell Reserve, assisted by Merge Youth members, at 2pm on 31 July. All welcome to assist or observe.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Gerald McGhie introduced husband and wife team, **Nick and Christine Hurley**, both Rotarians and ex MFAT with a substantial experience of Pacific Nations.

Nick's talk was centred on the politics of the Pacific Island nations and the history of the influence of the major powers on their economies. He particularly referred to China and the facilities that country constructed with Chinese workers, especially sports complexes, that were grand in scale but of poor quality construction. Nick also referred to the position with Taiwan, which was still recognised by some of the island nations. The recent agreement between China and the Solomon Islands was touched upon.



In conclusion, Nick posted a set of questions about the future

- What are China's long-term intentions?
- How long will the USA stay engaged?
- What will Taiwan do to maintain its interests?
- What will Australia do? New Zealand?
- What about France?
- Can the Pacific countries manage competing interests: collectively via the Pacific Islands Forum?
- How will Climate Change impact on the region?



Christine Hurley followed with a brief update on "Rotary Give Every Child a Future", noting that the programme in eight of the nine countries is now fully

funded with the help of a Rotary Foundation grant. The immunisation rollout is well under way, in spite of Covid. 90% of the target funds have been reached, leaving \$400,000 to go.

Paul Tipping gave the Vote of Thanks rounding off the participation of retired MFAT Officers.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Over the weekend, Rotary District 9940 had a stall at the Women's Expo and some of us women members helped out for a couple of hours with a view to get our Rotary story out and also invite interested

folk to find out more with a view to joining. This has been a very fruitful exercise as there has been a fair bit of interest. As my brief for the year is to focus on sharing information about Rotary and growing our membership with a view to diversity and inclusion ... I'm very hopeful to be able to welcome some more interest in coming weeks. Watch this space 😊

This week we have our evening meeting at Khandallah to which I hope to see many of you. Also, please do consider helping out at our Trees of Remembrance planting on Sunday 30th July at 2pm.

If you weren't at the meeting last week, you will not know that we were able to fulfil a celebration that was pending from our Changeover night.... There were two Paul Harris Fellowships that weren't awarded due to their Covid absence, Maurice Scott for his dedication to Rotary and diligent hard work as our Treasurer and. Morris Robertson for the amazing work he does on our Bulletin and getting our word out there especially with the local publications and his contributions from the District connections, despite all the other amazing work he does.

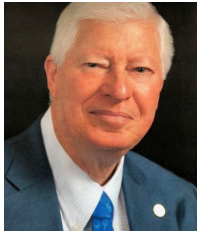
Remember – we need you all on 4th August for the important conversations on Rotary's and our future.

😊 *Zai*

THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Throughout the world, a new generation of Rotary Officers have been installed, led by RI President **Jennifer Jones**. Despite her having suffered and recovered from breast cancer, Jennifer has already shown considerable energy. Her story leads the latest issue of Rotary Down Under. In this time of change, we also welcome **Jessie Harman** as she begins her second year as

our Regional Director. If the vote for the Pilot Study succeeds, Jessie will have a pivotal role.



Our former Rotary scholar and Club member, **Peter Kyle**, has completed his 2-year term as an RI Director and, given his international history to date, we await news of Peter's next role. It is only proper that we

recognise the role **Denys Pinfold** played, with some assistance from Terry, in mentoring Peter's application for the scholarship and, subsequently, inviting him to join our club.

INNOVATIVE YOUNG MINDS



At Parliament - Bridget Janes flanked by Graeme Waters and President Zai

This year's Innovative Young Minds residential course was from 10 to 15 July. President Zai, David Young and Graeme Waters met up with our sponsored student, Bridget Janes, at Parliament on 14 July. They also met up with the Newlands College student, Jessica Lee, who had her personal IYM costs of \$170 met by the Ian Crabtree Trust. The event was a good photo opportunity, a chance to meet up with IYM organisers and to encourage interest in our charitable and scholarship trusts, plus the Ian Crabtree Trust. Bridget Janes has agreed to talk to club on 1st September when the District Governor is visiting.

SCHOLARSHIPS REVIEW

The idea of outsourcing scholarships management was accepted in principle at a mini Forum on 2nd June. The review group, Steve Brazier, Graeme Waters and Roy Ferguson, is close to reaching agreement with Jane Edwards at Universities NZ on the text of an applications template that aims to give equal status to tertiary, vocational and life-skills applicants.

The group is also close to final agreement on the text of an updated information and regulations statement about our scholarships suitable for the UNZ website. Once these documents are finalised and put on the UNZ website, we will need to alter our own website information accordingly (and contract UNZ formally!). In the longer term, it is hoped to fund life-skills and vocational applicants separately, as discussed at the 16th June mini Forum.

CLUB ALMONER

From time to time Club Officers will write about their roles in the Club. We start with **Lionel Nunns**.



A hallmark of Rotary is caring about the other person, whether it be a well-known club member or a nameless person benefitting from a Rotary project on the other side of the world. One way our club 'systemises' the care of our members is through the Almoner, someone appointed to keep in touch and keep a look out for members. This becomes especially so when known unwellness or a crisis affects a member or someone in their household. Making contact at these times is not meant to be intrusive, for all members have their own networks of support. The Almoner often acts on behalf of the president who is not expected to be a pastoral provider.

This *system* is not as effective as members looking after members along natural channels of friendship, but it is a resource available when it is appropriate. Members are encouraged to let the Almoner know should they think it would be helpful to do so. Currently I am the club almoner, supported by Brian Poole. *Lionel Nunns*

INDEPENDENT HERALD PUBLICITY



Last week KCA made the front pages of the paper with a story celebrating the receipt of the Supreme Award at the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards for their continued efforts to

help those in need. Behind their masks are Phil, left, and Tracy, right, holding their award certificates.

The Independent Herald is published every Thursday and can be accessed on-line at www.independentherald.co.nz Back issues can also be accessed.

Rotary started as a lunchtime Club, and a fun fact is that in 1938, a new club was chartered that wanted to meet in the evening. Rotary International approved this request and Mosgiel became the first evening Rotary Club – in the world. It took until 1968 for the first breakfast Club to be established in Florida.
PDG 9980 John Henderson

CHANGES AFOOT



Wellington North is a member of District 9940. There are 544 other Rotary Districts in the World, the first on the list being District 1010 in Scotland and the last being District 9999, the whole South Island of NZ which, as from 1st July,

was formed by an amalgamation of Districts 9970 and 9980. The new **District Governor, Jan Boustead**, has a large territory to cover, something which can only be achieved with the support of a strong team of Assistant Governors.

REPLACING THE ROOF



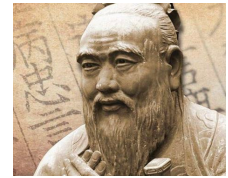
Our late Club Member, Ian Crabtree, who spent the last weeks of his life in the care of Mary Potter Hospice specified in his will that his trust should focus on the care of the terminally ill and helping financially disadvantaged secondary school students in the Wellington Region. Ian's substantial legacy is managed by Trustees, David Hurley, David King and Graeme Waters. It now holds assets worth over \$6 million.

Look at the roof on the Hospice facility in Newtown and you may admire its complex design, but in recent years that has only meant trouble. Already leaking, and destined to rust away further, it was recommended by a specialist for complete replacement.

Staff at Mary Potter Hospice had been in touch with Ian Crabtree trustees on the roof issue since last September. As the exact scope of work required was clarified, it became clear that I CT could be of assistance, given the money it had put aside from an earlier bumper year. The trustees have been able to transfer just over \$600,000 to the Hospice, covering the majority of the cost. Preliminary work on the roof has already begun, and is scheduled to run from September to next April. There should be plenty to talk about when Wellington North Rotarians attend a scheduled lunch function at the hospice on 1 December. *Graeme Waters*

PARTING THOUGHTS

Two thoughts by **Confucius**, delivered by Adrian Ellingham on behalf of Colin Lawton who had to leave early.



In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of



An oppressive government is more to be feared than a tiger.

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