

*Historic Thorndon – Baths on the left*

## At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
 Eden Bacani  
 St. Mary's College  
 Innovative Young Minds

### DUTIES

Greeter	David King
Host Speaker	Brian Poole
Attendance	Graeme Waters
Reflection	Pat Helm
Happy Dollars	David King
Thank Speaker	Terry Pinfold
Parting Thought	Margaret Emerre

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by 10am Wednesday

**NOTE PERMANENT CHANGE ABOVE**

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



## At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
 Brief AGM and  
 District Governor  
 Mark Wheeler's Visit

### DUTIES

Greeter	Laurie Bond
Host Speaker	John Mohi
Attendance	David Young
Reflection	Maurice Manttan
Happy Dollars	Laurie Bond
Thank Speaker	Tony Fryer
Parting Thought	Morris Robertson

**Partners and Widows are encouraged to attend this meeting.**

## AT KPC

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October

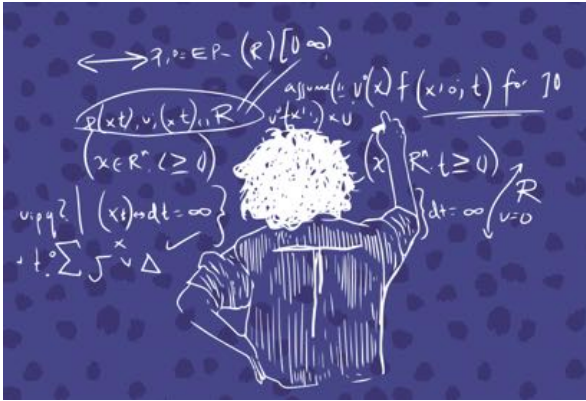
Adrian Macey, VUW

Climate Change: Is Glasgow the last chance to save the planet?

Speaker's details in 4 October Bulletin

Available on the club web site

## NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER INNOVATIVE YOUNG MINDS



**Eden Bacani**, a year 12 student at St Mary’s College, was sponsored to attend this year’s IYM, a programme sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hutt City.

As Eden says “In my presentation, I will be talking about Innovative Young Minds, a residential programme where I and 38 other amazing ladies got to learn about the world of STEM while also gaining valuable connections for the future. I learnt multiple ideas and concepts throughout the programme and am excited to share my findings with you. I will also be going over The Innovation Challenge that went throughout the programme in which I and my team had the honour to win.”

Innovative Young Minds (IYM) offers young women in years 11 and 12 the opportunity to learn about the wide range of research and career opportunities available in STEMM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics and high- tech manufacturing).

Nearly 40 young women from the Greater Wellington Region took part in the six-day residential programme and were inspired by local researchers, innovators and entrepreneurs who are themselves making cutting-edge advances in STEMM.

After a week of experiencing incredible opportunities in science and technology, these young women are now ready to become New Zealand’s next generation of innovators and industry leaders.

## 21 OCTOBER SPEAKER

**President Stephen Spence** arrived in Wellington in November 1982 to join the Traffic Management branch of the Town Planning Department and, two years later, became City Traffic Engineer. Throughout his 39 years with the Council, Stephen’s main task was to keep Wellington moving, while perpetually waiting for the outcome of “Let’s get Wellington Moving” to emerge in reality.



In the absence of the Editor, David Pickering reports –

“Stephen Spence was one of the best speakers this year. He did not have a slide show or any other visual aids. He spoke about joining the traffic section of the town planning part of the council and over the years rising to be in charge of traffic which included lighting, road markings, computerising signals to adjust traffic flows for different times and conditions, working with the Regional Council.”



### ATTENDANCE

The next Club luncheon meeting will again be live, and will be subject to Level 2 Lockdown procedures. ie wear masks on arrival, sit 1 metre apart and nominate a server for the table. As meals will be plated, it is important to have an accurate number of attendees.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### *Kia ora*

There's always a COVID development or announcement to keep us alert and the new traffic light system is the latest variation on the theme. Without wishing to downplay the importance of the subject, I can say as a

former traffic and transport engineer /planner, that the public has been confused by the on-street versions for many years so I hope the COVID one proves easier to understand. It's early days!

It was my great pleasure to be guest speaker at last Thursday's lunchtime meeting. This gave me the opportunity to talk about my long and personally very satisfying career at Wellington City Council. There's the risk that others may not have the same fascination with traffic and transport as I have and so I was very pleased that so many colleagues said how much they enjoyed the talk. Mind you, Rotarians are invariably polite aren't they!

We had a Board meeting on 18 October with a typically full agenda. I was able to report that our Charitable Trust agreed to a grant of \$1300 for Polio Plus to link in with World Polio Day on 24 October following a request from the Rotary International President Skekhar Mehta. Our contribution was included in the Trust's agreed budget for this year and making our donation early attracted a matching tripling by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Other matters included: Confirming the members strong preference for Margaret Emerre's proposed Christmas Dinner on the evening of 16 December and the Board's support for this.

Agreeing a project to identify key Club documents, determining how they can be stored securely and able to be accessed in the future  
Agreeing a project to look at improving consistency across the three Club Trusts including developing consistent terms of reference to guide future appointments.

Our meeting on Climate Change and the upcoming Glasgow Summit at KPC on Thursday 28 October promises to be a not-to-miss event. Please come along and enjoy good food and conviviality as well as an absorbing talk.

Nga mihi nui

*Stephen*

## RICK LOWE – A LIFE IN THE FAST LANE



Rick passed away on 12<sup>th</sup> October, following complications arising from a severe heart attack. His funeral was a 3-way affair, family and family friends at St Luke's Anglican Church, Waikanae, overflow,

including Wellington North Club members, who viewed a live stream at Waikanae Funeral home and also elsewhere by Vimeo.

The main eulogy was given by Rick's son, Tom, who traversed Rick's life in about thirty minutes. Rick was born on Yorkshire. When he was 2 he lost his father and the family came to New Zealand where Rick attended Christ's College. He survived two weeks at university before joining the life insurance industry and later established the very successful Prime Finance.

Tom made much of Rick's energy and dedication to speed on land and water. In 2005, Rick suffered a severe stroke which, his then partner Libby said "made him a better man". With great determination, Rick persevered in his ambition to drive again eventually being granted a licence for modified cars. He was a generous man, particularly in his support for the poor. He established the Prime Charitable Trust which the family is continuing.

Rick's three daughters, Pip, Bridget and Penny read a poem they had composed and his eleven grandchildren each gave a brief message before placing flags on his racing green casket.



Rick's friend, the Rt Rev Justin Duckworth, Bishop of Wellington, paid tribute to him, describing their association with the

Rekiorangi Church and Rick's generosity.

## THE MISSING ONES

Six members of the club were missing from the 21<sup>st</sup> October lunch meeting. Where were they?



*The touring party with Wai Tours operator, Pamela Feiertag*

This story goes back some 25 years when a group of Wellington North members decided on a weekend visit to a wine region to sample what was on offer. The number was limited to ten, the capacity of a mini bus with driver. Such was its success, it became an annual occasion with a mix of tastings, visits to notable gardens and fine dining. The practice continued for 14 years with visits to regions ranging from Central Otago to Matakana in the North. Rory O'Connor reluctantly accepted the role of principal organiser and was awarded the title of 'Our Dear Leader.' As the years passed, and most of the participants retired, the weekends were able to be extended to a more leisurely pace.

Sadly, two of the original members have passed away and others left Wellington or New Zealand. However, there were always others willing to fill the gaps. Ten years ago, we collectively decided that we had done our time and most wine regions and the tours ended. However, "never say never". Margaret Emerre proposed and organised a highly successful 10-year reunion visit to The Wairarapa. Mid-week was chosen as it would be more leisurely, and more suitable for a group of ten than crowded weekends.

*Morris Robertson*



## LIFE SENTENCE

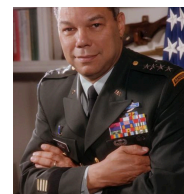
At a Special General Meeting of the Khandallah Bowling Club, held on Tuesday 12 October 2021, members unanimously elected **David Young** as a life member. David was President of the Club for at least seven years and oversaw the period when the club rose from near closure to the success it is today. David's successor, **Brian Poole**, is carrying on the good work.

## PARTING THOUGHT

From **Terry Pinfold**

*In 1968 in Vietnam, going to war was a last resort and must have the people's backing. However, I say that America still persists in starting unwinnable wars such as the War on Terror conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.*

Colin Powell, Recently deceased former US Secretary of State



## END THE YEAR ON A HIGH NOTE

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH

*Members & Friends - join us for a fun, social evening and CHRISTMAS DINNER*

*6.00 pm for pre-dinner drinks*

DECEMBER 16, 2021

ATURA HOTEL 24 HAWKESTONE ST  
THORNDON



*COST: \$56.00 per person plus cash bar*

*Please RSVP as soon as possible to:*

*Margaret Emerre: emerre50@gmail.com*

*FORWARD PAYMENT by 2 December to:*

*Rotary Club of Wellington North*

*Bank Account 03-0518-0023645-00; add name as the identifier.*



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