

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 6th August PDG David Watt Heritage New Zealand

DUTIES

Greeter Stephen Spence
Host Speaker David King
Attendance Ross George
Reflection Graeme Waters
Happy Dollars Tony Fryer
Thank Speaker Pat Helm
Parting Thought Morris Robertson

Thursday 20th August St. Mary's College Peer Support

DUTIES

Greeter Paul Tipping
Host Speaker Kerry Ansell
Attendance Maurice Manttan
Reflection Paul Tipping
Happy Dollars Roy Ferguson
Thank Speaker Maurice Scott
Parting Thought Becky Chin

Apologies and Guests to Maurice Scott mjpbscott@gmail.com

Monday 24th August 7pm at Automat Jessica Young End of Life Choices

NEXT SPEAKER

David Watt - The Dilemma and Opportunity for Heritage – with a focus on Wellington



David Watt was District Governor, following Tony Fryer, in 2009-2010. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Karori.

His work background has been in journalism and PR management, 10 years in Parliament back in the 1970s as a press secretary to senior Ministers, some 9 years in ICI New Zealand in PR and Industrial Relations Management. Twelve years in elected local government, Tawa's last Mayor up to 1989, and two terms as deputy Mayor of Wellington from 1989-1995. He served on Council with the late Ken Boyden from our Club and with fellow Tawa ward councillor and later Mayor, Kerry Prendergast

David will speak on his work area of heritage as a senior advocate in Heritage New Zealand, an independent Crown entity where he has been for close on 23 years.

CUISINE CALL

The Food Envy fare at the last meeting did not produce any great excitement. It is understood that the upcoming meeting will revert to the Chalet buffet at a renegotiated price, lower than previously informed. The drinks are still included and we don't have to do the dishes.

ALSO COMING UP

Board meeting Monday 10th August 4.30pm at Kesh Gilmour's 8 Whitu St. Khandallah

FORUM 28 September. Venue and time TBA DG Gillian Jones at Automat, 5 pm 19 October Khandallah Village Fair 13th December, now a Wellington North project [All hands on Deck]

JULY 16 MEETING



Speaker, Craig Nicholson was due to be the guest speaker at 19 March meeting. On the day, the Corona Virus front was rapidly approaching and the club needed to discuss going into recess. Craig stepped down

and agreed to return when the virus had passed.

Craig is the Principal Project Manager of the massive Transmission Gully Project, having joined the design team at the commencement of the project in 2006. He was appointed the project head in 2009 and oversaw the transition to a Public Private Partnership (PPP) in 2012. The consortium is building the highway and will maintain the road for 25 years thereafter.

While Craig spoke about earthworks and bridges, elevated streams and rescued fish, what the members really wanted to hear was when it would open. He responded by explaining the difficulties of assessing a date due to Covid-19 consequences, such as the loss of the Autumn season, and the fly in fly out workforce on rotation from Australia. Craig's best guess was mid 2021, but could be later.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RAFFLE

The winners were

1st Gina McKinnon, Auckland - ticket 3074.

Prize - \$7,000 worth of travel

2nd John Hoggard, Fitzroy, New Plymouth ticket 5002. Prize - \$3,000 worth of travel.

Not such great prizes now, but thanks to all who bought tickets.

NEW MEMBER PROFILE - ZAHEDA DAVIES



The daughter of a Rotarian, Zaheda grew up in Bombay, India and moved to live in Russia in the late '80's for a few years. Having experienced life in

communist USSR, Zaheda was there during the turbulent years and worked for Lufthansa (German Airlines).

Moving to NZ, 21 years back, she was a corporate travel consultant with a boutique travel agency. She then met Chris, her husband who is a plumber, gasfitter. After the arrival of her twins, Zaheda decided to go independent and work for herself as a Travel Advisor/Broker.

Running her own business for the last 12 years, she has corporate and leisure clients and is also a Virtuoso Luxury travel advisor. Now in these Covid19 days, while working on existing bookings to be put on hold, she is focussing on domestic travel and will source the best travel solution to suit her clients. She also has a regular travel newsletter to keep clients informed.

Fancy a great overseas holiday with no bubbles, apart from snorkels, and no Customs and quarantine restrictions. Zaheda can organise a trip for you, only 90 minutes from Wellington to the sandy beaches of the Chatham Islands. Phone 475 3786 or 021 733 659

COFFEE BREAK



A small but happy group, gathered at Le Marche for the first Wellington North coffee break organised by Maurice Manttan. It can only grow from here.

EVENING CLUB MEETING 27 JULY

A convivial mixed crowd met the now regular 4th Monday meeting at Automat. In the absence of President David, VP Graeme Waters convened the meeting.



Following tasty buffet dinner, comprising two main dishes, rice, roast potatoes and salad followed by sweet treats,



Becky Chin spoke about her event management business and the steps she had taken to ensure that there was a continuity of work in these difficult times.

The guest speaker was Andrea McCanse who spoke about contact tracing. She explained how swiftly the tracing system was set up from 14 March,



initially with a team of 5, growing to 200 within two weeks. It was modelled initially on the Mycoplasma Bovis cattle tracing methodology.

Andrea gave a number of examples from the experience gained and cautioned us not to be complacent. She was also firm about not relaxing the borders.

With Lockdown 4 slowing the spread, the initial concentration was on rest homes, an Auckland school and a Bluff wedding.

The return to near normal in New Zealand can be attributed to a combination of Lockdown, contact tracing, physical isolation and a political and public will to beat the virus.

THE LOST LUNCHES \$\$\$

COVID – 19 DONATIONS

Donations to the Covid – 19 fund can be made by internet banking to the Charitable Trust bank account number 030525 0338282-00. Please include reference Covid – 19 and, if you wish to receive a charitable donation receipt to claim a tax rebate, please enter your surname.

For those who attend lunch meetings their suspension during April, May, and part of June, has meant a reduction on Rotary expenses of \$150 and there is the opportunity for savings of that amount to be re-directed to other organisations adversely affected by the lockdown. Although the amount of \$150 is mentioned members are welcome to donate more or less than amount.

How the club should allocate funds available will be discussed at the club forum in September.

Maurice Scott, Treasurer

A GREATFUL SCHOLAR



My name is Cooper Jamieson from the South Wairarapa. I have been lucky enough to receive a Wellington North Scholarship two years in a row.

Whilst at school I was heavily involved in my school 1st XV rugby team for three years, and since moving to Otago University I have been playing for the University U21 team. My study has been my predominant focus for the last year and a half.

I am currently in my second year of a three-year BCom degree majoring in finance, and minoring in Mandarin Chinese. Since moving to Otago I have been happy with my overall academic results. A real highlight for myself was scoring all A's last semester. I am hoping to recreate these grades for the remaining three semesters.

Originally, I was hoping to spend a semester of 2021 in China on an exchange, but due to all of the uncertainty around Covid-19, I am not sure whether this is still possible. Nevertheless, I am really enjoying all the other things that university life brings. I would like to wholeheartedly thank everyone who has made this experience possible.

NEWS FROM GRENADA

In the time since the Wellington North packing up action, Tracy and her team of volunteers have been busy setting up the new and expanded warehouse.



The set up began with the first load of racking delivered from Hawkes Bay. Toll

kindly delivered the rest and it was on with the erection Meccano style.



Other tasks included installing food grade lino, construction of the chiller and freezer rooms,

setting up the office, staff room, kitchenette and volunteer cloak room. Meanwhile the donated food and the backlog of clothing and dry goods continues to arrive and be disbursed.

AN RI PRESIDENT WITH A DIFFERENCE



New RI President, Holger Knaack, dives straight into the role with a vision to make a difference to Rotary. To quote some of his message. "It is up to us

to remake Rotary for these new times – to wholeheartedly embrace the ideas, energy and commitment of young people eager to find an outlet for idealism.

We must become an organisation fully enmeshed in the digital age, not one that simply looks for online ways to keep doing what we have always done."

PARTING THOUGHTS

From Rory O'Connor – July 16 luncheon



We are continually faced by great opportunities brilliantly disguised as unsolvable problems
Lee lacocca, American engineer and automobile executive

From Roy Ferguson – July 27 evening meeting



But, if you are a hurricane, it is better to win by 2 than lose by 4. Not all storms come to disrupt your life, some come to clear your path

A CLUB PRESIDENT WITH A DIFFERENCE



Kriddles Roberts has an extraordinary story - born into the gang life, experiencing homelessness, starting a charity and now joining a "bigger machine" - she's

now the new President of the Rotary Club of Waitakere. She was a homeless teenager in Sydney when she first learnt how to make a difference to people in crisis. Her own experiences of poverty led her to start the charity Unity in her community. She explains why she's taken up the leadership of the Rotary Club which has the skills to boost her work.

Unity helps dozens of poor families in West and South Auckland with regular deliveries of food, clothing and toiletry packs
Kriddles has "hustled" from retailers and other donors. She started the work five years ago when the number of families living in cars and garages was reaching record numbers. She also organises an annual event, attended by hundreds of people, with free food, clothing, haircuts, entertainment and support services.
Kriddles was named a Paul Harris Fellow at changeover in recognition of her work in the community.

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