



Historic Wellington

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 7th October

Melissa Carrere and

Amelia Volkerling

Āwhina Education

Teaching Children to Read

DUTIES

Greeter	David Young
Host Speaker	Laurie Bond
Attendance	Peter Shanahan
Reflection	Tony Fryer
Happy Dollars	David Young
Thank Speaker	Gerald McGhie
Parting Thought	Rory O'Connor

NOTE: If the meeting is switched to Zoom a notice will be circulated.

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

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 18th November

District Governor's Visit

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 21th October

President Stephen Spence

Transporting Wellington

DUTIES

Greeter	Kerry Ansell
Host Speaker	Stephen Brazier
Attendance	Paul Tipping
Reflection	Ross George
Happy Dollars	Kerry Ansell
Thank Speaker	Rory O'Connor
Parting Thought	Terry Pinfold

AT KPC

Thursday 28th October

Adrian Macey, VUW

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



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKERS



Āwhina Education is a Wellington-based tuition company that understands young people are unique, and that their learning styles can be, too. It caters to a wide range of children with learning differences, including those with Specific Learning Disorders (SLDs) such as dyslexia or dyscalculia. Its goal is to ensure that no matter how a child sees the world, they can achieve great things in learning and in life.



Melissa Carrere is Managing Director and founder of Āwhina Education, a specialist learning organisation. Widely travelled, she has English and Business degrees from VUW

as well as a Master of Development Studies. Originally a high school teacher, she spent most of her career at He Huarahi, the teen parent unit at Tawa. She has a deep passion for finding new ways to deliver the curriculum. Melissa is the daughter of Graeme and Audrey Waters.



Amelia Volkerling is a registered educational psychologist. She is in charge of selecting Āwhina Education programme and ensuring that its teaching and

plans are up to scratch. She is an exceptionally talented tutor and trainer. Her career goal is to make the world a better place by creating a culture shift in the education system so that every child is recognised as having their own learning style and supported to be their best self.

Amelia and Melissa generously conducted a tutorial session for our Rotary volunteer readers on 25 March.

16th SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Teresa O'Toole has a background in oncology and palliative care nursing having worked in various parts of the sector for most of her 25-year career. This includes senior administration, advisor and management roles ranging from

clinical to policy, management and advisory levels.



Teresa was introduced by Morris Robertson who reminded the club of the long association with the Mary Potter Hospice, going back to 1979 when the club undertook to complete the fit out and furnish a flat at the Hospice for out of town families of patients.

Teresa spoke about the changing nature of the Hospice services from in-house beds to servicing patients in their own homes. The service is funded 54% by the DHB and 25% from the Hospice shops. This still left \$7 million to fund raise, very much an on-going activity.

The vote of thanks was given by Maurice Manttan.

FORUM



The Forum, held at Khandallah Presbyterian Church, alongside the furniture of a temporary Vaccination Centre was well attended, to the extent that extra pizzas had to be hastily ordered. Special thanks to Graeme Waters for the organisation and Hilary Young and Nisha Davies for managing the catering.



Matters covered in the Forum, including President Stephen's report, were covered in the Bulletin Special circulated earlier in the week. President Elect Zai spoke on Club services, including progress on the Club's Facebook page and restoring the room after luncheon meetings. Lionel and Kesh promoted the Rotary Khandallah Village Fair and the need for all members to participate. Graeme Waters gave an update on vocational and youth matters, including choices to be made, and Pat Helm and David King gave an update on the Scholarship and Crabtree Trusts respectively.

AG David Shackleton spoke on a number of wider issues. We acknowledge the following extract from David's contribution to last week's Port Nicholson Club Bulletin, which covers his main points.

"World Polio Day is on the 24th of October and the Rotary community is getting ready to amplify its message about eradicating polio to protect the world's children from this devastating disease.



"Rotary has made tremendous progress. However, we still need to intensify our fight to make polio the second human disease ever to be eradicated. Last year, the World Health Organization's African region was certified free of wild poliovirus, showing that eradication is possible even in very difficult circumstances. The wild poliovirus remains endemic in just two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. However, the good news is that Rotary is working with the Taliban to continue its inoculation programme.

Rotary has been working for 35 years to eradicate polio. The first children to be vaccinated were in the Philippines and, since that time Rotary, has reduced cases by 99.9%.

Rotary has donated \$2.1 billion dollars in the 35 years and provided countless volunteer hours to protect 3 billion children in 122 countries. It costs \$3 on average to protect a child against polio and we are committed to raise \$50 million a year. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have joined with Rotary to eliminate polio and provide a 2 for 1 matching grant. Making our efforts even more significant"



Discussion followed on grant allocations and the problematic question of fund raising. There was an attempt to define the actual community served by the club.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



" There's been much water under the bridge since the last Bulletin both physically and metaphorically. We had our diarised lunch meeting on 16 September- our first under Level 2 - after a poll to check whether we

should go live or Zoom. There was a clear preference to meet and we had very good attendance and another excellent speaker in Teresa O'Toole from Mary Potter Hospice.

I attended the Networks 1 and 2 meeting on 13 September when District Governor Mark Wheeler explained the future Rotary Districting arrangements aimed at streamlining the administration and our link to other clubs. With the proposal to amalgamate Districts into larger geographic entities, future contact will be primarily through an Area Governor. Mark noted the Rotary Brand is strong, the Rule Book is gone and there is a focus on youth and the new generation.

We had a Board meeting on 20 September when we discussed a proposal from Morris Robertson to incorporate a Zoom facility in part of our Thursday lunchtime meetings to bring in a wider audience via specific invitations to potential "friends of the club" Morris will be developing the idea along with Board members Zai Davies and Lionel Nunns.

Last Thursday evening 23 September, we held a club Forum with a good turnout of around 26 people who enjoyed a great value pizza, salad and glass of wine. We got through a substantial agenda, with presentations from Committee and Trust chairs as well as constructive discussion on the thorny issues of membership and fundraising. An indicative budget for the club's Charitable Trust was agreed and will be forwarded to the Trust Chairman. Area Governor David Shackleton gave a helpful explanation of his role and upcoming changes at District level.

Last but not least, I can report that the nominating committee established to select the next President Nominee, has been successful in finding an excellent candidate in Steve Brazier

who has agreed to take on the role as President for the 2023-24 year, to follow President-Elect Zai Davies. My thanks to Steve and to the nominating committee (Zai Davies, Adrian Ellingham and Maurice Manttan). Under our draft Bylaw, Steve's nomination will be submitted to the AGM on 18 November for ratification".

Nga mihi nui
Stephen

EDITORIAL – MULTIPLYING THE BENEFITS

The practice of our club, in recent years, has been to endeavour to raise money in order to give it away. Amongst the recipients is The Rotary Foundation without necessarily appreciating that it is something we are part of and from where our contributions can be multiplied many times over to benefit projects which we initiate. Historically, projects developed by Wellington North have benefitted by its contributions being multiplied several times over by grants from the Foundation. Our 50-year book, *Reaching Far and Wide*, lists several of them.

As well as Rotary Foundation grants, there are opportunities available through Rotary New Zealand World Community Service, where the funding is available from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs development funds.

It is incumbent upon the Club, when considering any project, to explore the opportunities to multiply the contribution by grants from wider Rotary or MFAT funding. There is advice and application assistance available from District Officers.

Morris Robertson - Editor

PARTING THOUGHT [Abbreviated]

Gerald McGhie gave an extensive and topical parting thought.



Some years ago, British writer, William Dalrymple, asked whether Afghanistan was really impossible to conquer.

"The occupying armies in the last two hundred years have haemorrhaged money and blood to little gain, and then thrown in the towel as the British did in 1842, the Russians in 1988 and America has now done.

In October 1963, Harold McMillan advised his successor Alec Douglas-Home. " My dear boy, as long as you do not invade Afghanistan, you'll be absolutely fine." It would appear that no one gave the same advice to Tony Blair, the Soviet Union and the United States.

It just seems to prove the philosopher Hegel's old adage that the only thing you learn from history is sadly no one ever learns anything from history."

KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

The throughput at KCA continues apace as this contribution from Countdown Porirua attests.



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