

RYLA Oceana, Project Team – Jennifer Young second from left, with Team Leader John

MEETINGS WITH A DIFFERENCE



Wednesday 6 May, 11 am

<https://zoom.us/j/94235517581>

Guest Speaker

Peter Ryan

Irish Ambassador



Peter Ryan is Ireland's first resident ambassador in New Zealand. He has taken up office in a country with which Ireland has had cultural and familial relations since the first European settlers arrived in 1840.

Today, New Zealand is home to 15,000 Irish-born and as many as 900,000 people of Irish heritage.

Before his posting to Wellington, Peter was Irish Consul General to Hong Kong and Macau. That, too, was an Irish diplomatic first and part of a plan by the Irish government to significantly expand Ireland's diplomatic presence around the world in the next few years.

29th APRIL ZOOM CHAT MEETING



Among the visitors, we welcomed Bob and Val Laybourn from their Lake Taupo hideout, Ross Barrett from Waiheke Island, Jane and Zaheda from Kaukau and the return of Evan

McCalman who received a well-managed Zoom tutorial from Jennifer Young.

REFLECTION FROM STEPHEN SPENCE

Like most of us I expect, my family has been locked up in a lock down with more time than usual to reflect on things many and varied, but I guess our focus has inevitably been on the here and now of COVID and what sense to make of it all. My reflection is on two strands of the current situation.

The **first** is that there is so much information, discussion and opinion in circulation and things are changing day by day that I have concluded I am not qualified to have any kind of opinion on the science in particular. Because of this I am happy and relieved in a way to leave it to the government with all its resources to make the decisions and I'll go along with these. There's continuing proof they have got it right health wise.

The **second** part of my reflection is that there is accumulating information on the damage that this virus can cause, so any thoughts that if you shake it off you'll be fine doesn't seem to be the case. There can be residual damage to key organs which must be a concern and seeking to eliminate the virus rather than controlling it and building herd immunity, appears to be the correct approach. Again, we should be thankful NZ looks to be doing the right thing.

NOTICES

TRANSMISSION GULLY PRE-OPENING



President Lionel advised that the combined Clubs of Wellington and Kapiti are planning a pre-opening event on the Transmission Gully motorway prior to its opening.

ROTARY DOWN UNDER MAGAZINE



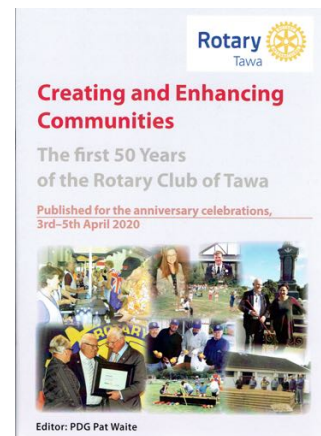
All members receive a copy of Rotary Down Under magazine. There is now the option of a Digital Copy Magazine instead of the usual hard copy version. Neither is not an option

The digital copy version may suit some members, and there is also a saving to the club of \$20 p.a. for each member that takes up this option. If you would like to switch to a Digital Copy version, and help save a tree, could you please advise Secretary Stephen Spence as soon as possible to allow all changes to be made before 1st June 2020. Please note that whatever option is decided on that option will stay in place until the end of the six-month subscription period.

TAWA TURNS FIFTY

The Rotary Club of Tawa has just turned 50 but has been locked out of celebrating the occasion due 3rd-5th April. However, the Club has published an illustrated book, *Creating and Enhancing*

Communities, edited by PDG Pat Waite. It is similar in format to Wellington North's *Reaching far and Wide*.



GUEST SPEAKER JENNIFER YOUNG



Jennifer was introduced by Maurice Scott, describing her academic career, graduating from the University of

Otago in 2014 with an LLB/BA (majoring in Art History)

Jennifer gave special thanks to Maurice Scott & Bob Laybourn who interviewed her for RYLA. Between 2016 - 2019 she was on the leadership committee and then a co-facilitator of the district RYLA programme, only stopping due to being selected to attend 2020's inaugural RYLA Oceania programme.

RYLA Oceania is a year- long advanced leadership development programme that builds upon the foundation of district RYLA programmes. It involves a week-long conference/"retreat week" in Sydney where participants from across Australasia meet each other. For the remainder of the year, participants do an online leadership development curriculum, receive mentoring, are held accountable to their goals and are involved in teams working on a Rotary project. Jennifer is part of the Indigenous Literacy project, which involves supporting a Rotary project aimed at protecting Australian indigenous languages and stories/culture via distribution of children's books.

Jennifer founded Intentional Generations (previously 'Jen Y Insights') after five years of seeing consistent problems in organisations and individuals related to: stress, She cited, anxiety, burnout, lack of innovation, lack of diversity, trying to make unsustainable change and impact and the negative impacts of social media and technology. "I'm also privileged to hear from our younger generations of their own challenges and to help them with these: including climate anxiety/eco-depression, social media boundaries, self-leadership, anxiety and resilience."

In essence, she spends her work days delivering a variety of workplace wellbeing and professional training & development services + collaborating with aligned organisations and individuals.

FROM THE KCA FRONT



In the first 18 days of April, Kiwi Community Assistance rescued and distributed 43 tons of food. The new chiller truck has been vital to the operation.

As well as the fresh food, the growing demand for dry goods has been catered for. One such item was 10 pallets of rice donated by Monty Patel of Tulsi Contemporary Indian Cuisine of Karori, an arrangement brokered by MP Greg O'Connor, and transported free of charge by John Duggan Transport. These stocks have gone out to seven foodbanks. Handling of the rice in 20kg bags has been a major workout for the volunteers. Next on Tracy's wish list is a forklift.

Mainfreight and Toll have also assisted with transport. Chocolate Easter eggs, trapped in The Warehouse due to lockdown have been rescued and included as treats in food parcels.

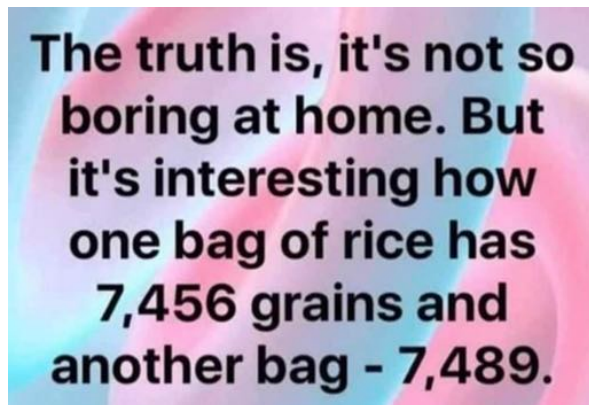


Fresh fruit – ready to go out

In addition to food there has been a call from St. Vincent de Paul for baby clothes, which KCA has been able to satisfy from stock.

Because of lockdown, the KCA roster of 93 volunteers has been reduced to a bubble of six who have been working up to 14 hours a day.

AND – BACK TO RICE DURING LEVEL 4



BIOGRAPHIES

Thanks to all members who have contributed their biographical material.

This will be valuable for the incoming Kaukau crew in getting to know the existing club members. Similarly, their brief biographies will help us to get to know them

ZOOM LOG IN DETAILS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Each Zoom meeting, hosted by Rotary Oceana, has its own individual log in. The schedule for May is as follows

6 May <https://zoom.us/j/94235517581>

13 May <https://zoom.us/j/93459804284>

20 May <https://zoom.us/j/94892012291>

28 May Club forum 7pm
<https://zoom.us/j/95788584453>

Board meeting 19 May – To be advised

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



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PARTING THOUGHT

From Adrian Ellingham



Alcohol may be
man's worst
enemy.
But the Bible
says love your
enemy."

Frank Sinatra

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