



*Autumn has arrived*

## At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
 Mark Evans NZ Police  
 Facial Recognition

### DUTIES

Greeter	Terry Pinfold
Host Speaker	Alan Fraser
Attendance	Colin Lawton
Reflection	Stephen Spence
Happy Dollars	Roy Ferguson
Thank Speaker	Gerald McGhie
Parting Thought	Maurice Scott

Apologies and Guests to Maurice Scott  
[mjpboscott@gmail.com](mailto:mjpboscott@gmail.com) by 10am Wednesday

## At Khandallah Presbyterian Church

Wednesday 22<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm  
 Murray Edridge  
 City Missioner  
 \$15 for pizza, salad  
 and a glass of wine or juice  
 See page 2 for RSVP details

## At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
 Zaheda Davies  
 Reflections on a Pre Covid Life

### DUTIES

Greeter	Brian Poole
Host Speaker	Tony Fryer
Attendance	Maurice Manttan
Reflection	Paul Tipping
Happy Dollars	Alan Fraser
Thank Speaker	Rory O'Connor
Parting Thought	Peter Shanahan

## Sailing Away [and Back]

instead of a meeting on the fifth Thursday this month (April 29) there will be an informal casual lunch for Club members, family, and friends at the Pavilion Cafe at Days Bay, meeting at 12:30 pm. Attendees can drive to Days Bay, or get the 12 midday East by West ferry (there is a return passage at 2:05 pm).



Maurice Manttan will ask for confirmation and numbers at the Club meeting on 15 April.

## NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER



Mark Evans OBE has been a member of the Police Executive since June 2011. In 2014, he was appointed as Deputy Chief Executive Strategy and in 2018 as Deputy Chief Executive Service Delivery. As head of Service Delivery, Mark is responsible for several key

areas including Police's property portfolio, fleet, information technology, performance insights, intelligence, deployment and the Evidence-Based Policing Centre. He is also the executive lead for the service delivery transformation programme which includes introduction of a single non-emergency number and online crime reporting. Mark earned an OBE for services to Northern Ireland policing in 2006.

Mark came to New Zealand in 2007, having previously been the Director of Analytical Services for the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Mark has an MBA from Manchester Business School. He is a frequent contributor to international intelligence teaching and training, and is a visiting professor at University College London where he teaches on their MSc in countering organised crime and terrorism.

## NEXT EVENING SPEAKER



*Murray Edridge,  
Wellington City  
Missioner*

Wellington City Mission is a charitable trust affiliated to the

Anglican Church. It has been helping those most in need in the Wellington region for 115 years having been formed in 1904 from St. Peter's Church. In 1929, an Act of Parliament established The Mission as a separate entity.

The Mission provides support in a number of ways, regardless of circumstances. It provides transitional housing, rest home and hospital-level residential care and a Community Lounge where you can enjoy the company and community of others.

Most recently it has opened a community supermarket as a step up from food parcels.

As with the Meng Foon evening, the invitation has been extended to local churches.

## RSVP

To help with catering could you please indicate your attendance to Roy Ferguson, by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, along with any dietary preference eg gluten free, vegetarian. We will endeavour to have the meal served by 6.45pm and the meeting conclude by 8.30pm. Roy's email is [royfergusonnz@gmail.com](mailto:royfergusonnz@gmail.com)

## LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

**Evening meeting** The Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April Club Forum at Khandallah Presbyterian Church has been **deferred until 27 May**. President Elect, Stephen Spence, will be presenting his plan for the next Rotary year.

## RECENTLY

### APRIL 1st LUNCHEON MEETING

Several guests were welcomed, including the parents of the Guest Speaker, Angelina del Favero, two RYPEN students, Steve Lyster from Ara School, Vivienne Spanjaard, Margaret Robertson and grandson Josh Langford. A surprise guest was Mayor Andy Foster, who had previously been scheduled to speak at the meeting, but was rescheduled to Changeover. While he had forgotten to remove the original date from his diary, he nevertheless stayed on for lunch and was probably happy to enjoy a break from his warring Councillors.

The RYPEN students spoke briefly about what they had gained from their weekend experience. Lionel Nunns gave an update on Margaret Emerre's slow recovery and confessed to an omission, which will be rectified at the next luncheon meeting.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Roy Ferguson introduced Angelina del Favero, a Year 13 Queen Margaret College student, who was sponsored to attend the January National Science and Technology Forum for two weeks in Auckland. Angie was subsequently selected as the winner of a prestigious national scholarship (the AUT Roy Geddes Science Education Award)

to represent New Zealand at the London International Science Youth Forum to be held in July. The International Science Youth Forum brings together about 500 young scientists from 70 countries and provides just two places for New Zealanders - one male and one female.

Angie is a focused young woman who, from the age of five years old has had the dream to become a neurosurgeon. We have no doubt that she will succeed in her ambition.



*Angie with her parents*

In the absence of Ross, our IT guru, Angie's father stepped in to manage the technology which comprised comprehensive images of the Forum, concluding with a video. Angie spoke confidently and with passion about the Forum and its many challenging activities, daily from 5.50am until 10.30pm, and visits to science facilities. Sport was not forgotten with volleyball being her favourite.

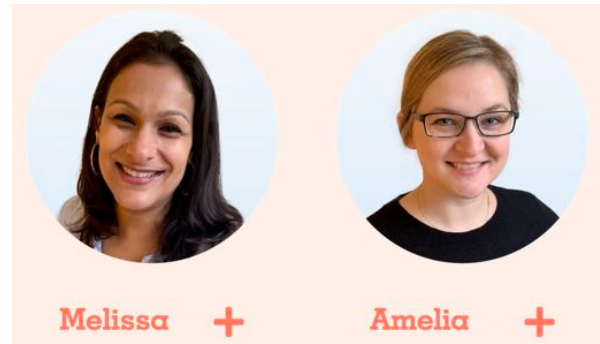
Angie went on to speak about her extramural achievements, including the magazine she and a friend established to support Find Your Fire, an organisation which aims to inform and empower the youth of Aotearoa to educate themselves and speak up about national and global issues, and encourage them to make a change. With the help of funding from ACC, the magazine has been distributed to every secondary school in NZ. More publications are in the pipeline.

The vote of thanks was given by Morris Robertson.

### **ROTARY READING IN SCHOOLS – UPSKILLING THE READERS**

Believe it or not, our reading in schools programme now numbers 16 active volunteers. Not all are Rotarians and not all the Rotarians belong to Wellington North, but they all share a passion for reading with young people. We currently have teams operating each week at Arakura Primary school in Wainuiomata, at Ngaio School and at Wainuiomata Intermediate. Our volunteers are valued not just for the

improvements in reading ability, but also for the relationships they establish with the pupils.



*The tutors*

What our volunteers have also had in common is a sense that they would be even more useful and appreciated if they had better teaching skills. The answer to that prayer came in the form of a two-hour tutorial session by Āwhina Education, a specialist learning organisation, on 25 March. Amelia and Melissa from Āwhina provided their services at a generous discount and put 14 of our volunteers through their paces on phonological awareness, how to help students decode words and a reading strategy to go with it. Suitably inspired and equipped, they are now ready.  
*Graeme Waters*

## **NEWS**

### **INTO THE FUTURE**



**Wayne Gordon, Past President of the Rotary Club of Makino** has been selected by the District Nominating Committee and has accepted the role of District Governor in

D 9940 in 2023-24, to succeed Marilyn Stevens.

Wayne served in the NZ Army for 24 years, starting his career as a caterer, and advancing into instructional roles and logistics / supply chain management. These roles also provided project management opportunities which Wayne thoroughly enjoyed. Through these roles, Wayne was able to gain skills which have transferred well into the construction industry, specifically involving the challenges of renovation building. Along with his wife, Anna, Wayne operates the Manawatu branch of Refresh Renovations.

## PROGRESS – GIVE EVERY CHILD A FUTURE (RGECAF)



The first vaccines of the **Rotary Give Every Child a Future** are shortly to be administered after being delayed owing to Covid lockdowns. Rotary Give Every Child a Future is the largest 'Rotary Down Under' Centenary project and the only one to span both New Zealand and Australia. The project aims to involve every Rotarian, every Rotary club and every Rotary district across zone 8 over three years. The goal? To vaccinate 100,000 children across nine Pacific Island Countries protecting them against several, life-threatening diseases.

The Rotaract Club of Auckland City supported RGECAF by participating in the ASB Auckland Marathon and raised an amazing NZ\$10,120. In addition, Rotaract Clubs around the world jumped on board pledging "to move" with the Auckland Rotaractors. Clubs from Brazil, Guatemala, Mexico, Jamaica, USA, Canada, Denmark, The Netherlands, Australia, Turkey, Bosnia, Uganda, South Africa & NZ biked, ran and did a yoga session on the same day. RGECAF is supported by The Rotary Foundation. In 2020, nine global grants (one for each country) were approved with a total value of approximately US\$1.3 million for the first year of the project.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



We are being constantly confronted by the increasing diversity of New Zealand's society. This is evident within Rotary and the causes we support.

Although our club is currently a fairly homogeneous group of retired professional males, I am delighted that the club has so wholeheartedly supported the election of Zaheda Davies as our President Nominee for

2022/23. Zai will bring to the role age, gender and ethnic diversity.

Our youth and vocational service recipients of various scholarships and awards this year have also represented New Zealand's wide ethnic mix. This diversity was on display at our social gathering in January when recipients who were awarded scholarships this year came to meet the club, and again at our recent meetings.

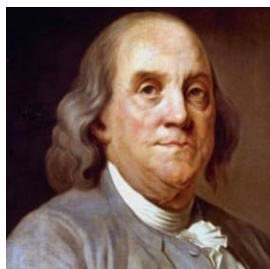
At our last Thursday night meeting, Xao Lin Kee spoke to us about her recent experience at the RYLA weekend in Silverstream and then, at our Thursday lunchtime meeting last week, George Prince and Joseph Pickavance gave brief reports of their weekend at this year's RYPEN course at Inglewood in Taranaki.

Angelina Del Favero then spoke about her participation in the Rotary Science and Technology Forum in Auckland where she was selected to represent New Zealand at the annual London International Science Youth Forum. With her Italian and Chinese heritage, she was truly inspirational and a great example that our diversity as a nation has so much to offer New Zealand.

*David Young*

## PARTING THOUGHT FROM 1 APRIL MEETING

From Brian Poole



*Tell me and I forget  
Teach me and I  
remember  
Involve me and I learn*

Benjamin Franklin

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