



Club Changeover at Wilton Bowling Club - 1 July 2021

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 15th July

Simon Manning

Te Auraki The Return

DUTIES

Greeter	Peter Shanahan
Host Speaker	Gerald McGhie
Attendance	Maurice Scott
Reflection	Stephen Brazier
Happy Dollars	Maurice Manttan
Thank Speaker	David Young
Parting Thought	David King

Apologies and Guests to Maurice Scott
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At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 5th August

Chris Elder

China and New Zealand
 an Historical Perspective

DUTIES

Greeter	David King
Host Speaker	Rory O'Connor
Attendance	Peter Shanahan
Reflection	Zaheda Davies
Happy Dollars	Gerald McGhie
Thank Speaker	Paul Tipping
Parting Thought	Laurie Bond

At Khandallah Presbyterian Church Hall

Thursday 22 July 6.30pm

Cleo – Women's Refuge

Kids in the Middle

\$15 for pizza, salad and a glass of wine

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EDITORIAL RESUMPTION

Thank you to David Pickering for stepping up to produce two Bulletins during my unplanned and enforced health break.

Former service has now resumed.

Morris Robertson, Editor

Contributions please by the Tuesday following a luncheon meeting.

NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER



Past District Governor, Simon Manning, was brought up in the Hutt Valley. He showed an interest

in the funeral industry while still at College and managed to obtain a part-time position with a company in Wellington. Upon leaving school, he started permanently with that company and spent the next nine years there prior to opening Harbour City Funeral Home.

Simon is a qualified embalmer and funeral director and has taken on roles to encourage and train people who like himself choose the funeral directing role to serve others.

Within the funeral world, Simon leads the New Zealand Funeral Directors response in disaster situations. This specialist work has seen Simon deployed in Nauru, Africa, Indonesia, Malaysia, and The Netherlands.

He has undertaken various roles within Rotary including the role of District Governor in 2015/16. One of his achievements was the chartering of the Kaukau Rotary Club.

Simon will be speaking to us about *Te Auraki - The Return*, which is a Defence Force initiative to repatriate the remains of personnel and their dependants who died overseas between 1955 and 1971.

CLUB CHANGEOVER



July 1st saw a very convivial evening at the Wilton Bowling Club. Outgoing President, David Young, welcomed guests prior to a suitably sumptuous meal prepared by caterers Roger and Lily Chapman.

Following dinner, Past President Dermot Byrne, who was a co-founder, 40 years ago of the Cornerstone Resource Centre, gave a brief introduction to the centre, originally located on the corner of Ganges Road and Agra Crescent, until it relocated to the newly renovated Khandallah Town Hall in 2011, when it took over the management of the hall. Dermot introduced Cornerstone Co-ordinator, Fiona McKenzie, of whom more later.



Fiona McKenzie and Dermot Byrne

The Wellington North Rotary Club, has had a representative on the Cornerstone Trust for the past 15 years. Kerry Ansell, who has been in the role for the last 10 years, has now stepped down and a successor is now being sought. Volunteers are welcome to apply to President Stephen.

Next up was the award of Paul Harris Fellowships as follows.

A Paul Harris Community Fellowship for Fiona McKenzie

Fiona joined the Cornerstone Community Resource Centre as a Co-ordinator seventeen years ago. When the Cornerstone moved to and took over the management of the refurbished Khandallah Town Hall, Fiona, and her fellow co-ordinators were able to extend their community support activities, with a concentration on the elderly and infirm. Fiona is the welcoming face for those who need someone to talk and there is always a cup of tea or coffee on hand.

A Paul Harris Fellowship for Kesh Gilmour



Kesh was instrumental in bringing a number of former Kaukau members into Wellington North following the demise of their former club. Kesh and her husband, Nigel Sercombe have become active in Wellington North, with Kesh leading the transition of the annual Khandallah Fair into a successful Wellington North project.

A Paul Harris Sapphire Pin for Lionel Nunns



Lionel has given long service to Rotary, initially in Dunedin and, subsequently, in Wellington. Following his initial term as Club President, he served as a very effective

Assistant Governor. When the late Michael Gorman was no longer able to continue the role of Club President, Lionel, together with Brain Poole, stepped up to complete the Rotary year. That was not the end as Lionel continued as President for a further year. He is currently serving as a very caring Almoner, keeping in contact with those who are not able to be present at club meetings.

PASSING THE CHAIN

Then came the highlight of the evening, the handing over of the chain of office from David Young to Stephen Spence, after which Stephen gave his inaugural address. In his final address David referred to the various projects



which had been undertaken during the year. Among those he thanked was Hilary who had catered for a number of meetings, including the salads for the pizza evenings. Stephen outlined his programme for the year ahead and the structure he had set up to deliver it. He also welcomed Zaheda Davies as President-Elect.

Following dessert, His Worship the Mayor, Andy Foster addressed the gathering on issues facing Wellington in general and the Councillors in particular and concluded by answering a number of tricky questions.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Changeover is arguably the main event of the Wellington North Rotary year and an occasion when members get together with partners and guests and have an extended opportunity to socialise in a relaxed and friendly environment.

The venue and catering were especially good and great credit goes to Past President David and Hilary for their hard work behind the scenes with their major contribution to planning the evening and helping to organise the details right up to the moment the guests arrived. As always, the devil is in the detail and the caterer Roger Chapman and his staff plus Paul Samuels and the Wilton Bowling Club all played their parts in making the evening a success.

Mayor Andy Foster's after-dinner speech was well received. I have known Andy for many years and found him to be very sincere as well as a personable, informed and articulate speaker.

Changeover is also a time of course for the serious formality of the transfer of leadership and I am very aware of the high achievers who have filled the office of President before me. I will be working hard to ensure our Club continues to thrive over the coming year and that it be welcoming, enjoyable and rewarding.
Stephen

NEXT EVENING MEETING 22 JULY



Wellington Women's Refuge is a charity providing support to survivors of domestic violence, walking alongside and empowering them to make safe decisions for their

future. It provides a safe-house and supports women and their children in the community. It also operates a community office and a 24-hour crisis telephone line.

ROTARY DISTRICT 9940 CHANGEOVER AND ACTION PLANNING



This year's changeover was held in Palmerston North on Saturday 3 July. A crisp, clear day saw about 100 members travel or ZOOM in from across the District to the Massey University Institute of Sport. Wellington North attendees were John Mohi and Zai Davies. Our Area Governors David Shackleton and Helen Algar were both present

A mihi whakataua was followed by MC Mitch Brown sharing a video 'news' clip of the RC of Wellington centenary celebrations and Christine Hurley updated us on the progress of Rotary Give Every Child a Future.

Dr Stephen Clarke thanked several people from the district for supporting his work on the book *Mana Tangata People of Action* and presented his reflections on 100 years of Rotary in NZ and the Pacific as 'Dark Days – Silver Linings'. This set the scene for the afternoon's workshops on Action Planning.

The morning was an opportunity to celebrate DG Gillian Jones's year and for her to acknowledge several outstanding contributions from members with three District awards and four Paul Harris Fellows. Gillian shared the highlights of her year, the challenges of adapting to a COVID-19 world and noted outstanding programmes citing international, regional, national, district, area and club levels achievements.

DG pins were passed on and Gillian presented the District Chains to DG Mark Wheeler who then introduced his team and their roles in support of his new Area Governors Concept.



The DG train and some partners – John and Lane have now disembarked from the train.

The afternoon featured a clip from RI President Shekhar Mehta, more on regionalisation, the new Area Governors concept and their roles, the Learning and Development team and a workshop using decision support software. Growing the

family of Rotary followed led by leaders for Club Development, Membership and Public Image. Budgets and the Rotary Foundation including District Grants information featured next. The afternoon concluded with the district's big projects as options for clubs to support and the initial feedback on the support software process. *PDG John Mohi*

Wellington North was also represented by President Elect Zaheda Davies who comments as follows.

"On a frosty morning, I was met with friendly warmth and cheer by Rotarians of the region. After the festivities, there was a lot of information to absorb in a short space of time and I have learned so much. We must face the challenges with opportunities. One of them being to re-connect with our Alumni from RYLA, Science Forum, Rotaract, Interact. Another to get our branding right and market ourselves better."

NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR, MARK WHEELER



DG Mark with our AG, Helen Algar

Mark joined Rotary in Florida as a member of the Tampa Hyde Park Rotary Club. On return to New Zealand he joined the Rotary Club of Wellington and was President of the Rotary Club of Wellington 2016/17. Since 2013 Mark has been General Manager of the New Zealand Government's Aviation Security Service a role he came to after serving with the New Zealand Defence Force for almost 38 years, finishing as the Land Component Commander.

He has held almost all the major commands within the New Zealand Army, and a number of senior Defence positions, including head of Defence Force Personnel, and Senior New

Zealand Liaison Officer to the United States Central Command. Mark was deployed overseas on a number of postings during his career.

Mark holds two master's degrees: a Master of Philosophy from Massey University, and a Master of Arts from Deakin University. He was awarded an ONZM in 2007. Katie and Mark have two daughters studying at university.

NEW RI PRESIDENT



The new Rotary International President is Shekhar Mehta from the Rotary Club of Calcutta- Mahnagah, India. Shekar is an accountant and Chair of a real estate development company. He has been involved in a number of humanitarian and disaster response projects. He pioneered a programme that has performed more than 1,500 life-changing heart surgeries in South Asia and is the architect of the TEACH programme, which promotes literacy throughout India, reaching thousands of schools.

KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

It was great to see Community Paul Harris Fellow, Tracy, and Phil at Changeover. Tracy reports that, following a decision a year ago to consolidate all of the depots under the one roof, they are slowly ticking off the final things on a list in preparation for a grand opening, all going well at the end of this month. New aisle heaters and signage have been installed, with Wellington North having contributed \$1,300 towards the latter.



KCA has been offered a donation of 20,870 pairs of tights from a sponsor. They are due to arrive sometime in the next 2 weeks and Tracy would love a team from Wellington North Rotary to assist with sorting the stock. Lionel will be in contact.

IN YOUR COMMUNITY



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RI THEME 2021/22

PARTING THOUGHT

Gillian Jones 2020/21 District Governor

While we've celebrated our proud achievements this centennial year we are all aware that, unless we make changes we're going to be a severely diminished organisation in another 100 years. That must not happen. So, a key consistent message from me has been the need to change – not for change's sake but for our sustainability.

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