



**BULLETIN 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023**

*In the Air – The topic for the 15<sup>th</sup> June evening meeting*

**At Khandallah Presbyterian  
Church  
15<sup>th</sup> June  
Speaker: Sebastian Grodd  
Life Flight Trust**

Join us at 6.30pm for a catered meal and wine or juice meal for just **\$25 cash** on the night. It is essential to confirm your attendance in advance with Graeme Waters on 021455119 or [garamdelhi7@hotmail.com](mailto:garamdelhi7@hotmail.com)

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**TO COME  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July Movie Night  
The Penthouse**

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> July at THE PENTHOUSE

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July District  
Changeover  
Feilding**



**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July Club  
Changeover  
Wilton Bowling Club**

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BOOK NOW**

## SPEAKER 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE at KPC.



**Sebastian Grodd** is a passionate fundraiser and has been involved in the Not-For-Profit sector for almost two decades. As the Head of Fundraising, Marketing and Communications he

has the honour of stewarding Life Flight's generous family of supporters. "Our donors, partners and volunteers are incredible and I love being able to share stories with them of a daring chopper rescue they have made possible or a baby they have helped save," he says.

Sebastian says his dedicated and talented team is a pleasure to work with. A highlight was creating the top-rated 'Life Flight' TV ONE series, beaming the organisation's life-saving work into the homes of 750,000 New Zealanders.

He holds a Bachelor of Communications from Auckland University of Technology and is a regular speaker on the conference circuit. When not fundraising he's never far from the ocean, often seen paddling out for a dawn surf at local beaches or having a stroll along the coast to help his baby girl Lola drift off to sleep.

## FILM EVENING – IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JOHNSONVILLE ROTARY CLUB



## "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny". Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 7pm for 7.30pm.

Experience the return of legendary hero, Indiana Jones, in the fifth instalment of this beloved swashbuckling series of films. Finding himself in a new era, approaching retirement, Indy wrestles with fitting into a world that seems to have outgrown him. But as the tentacles of an all-too-familiar evil return in the form of an old rival, Indy must don his hat and pick up his whip once more to make sure an ancient and powerful artefact doesn't fall into the wrong hands.

To book your tickets pay \$25 each to the Wellington North Bank account 03 0518 0023645 00 noting Movie and with your name as reference. Please confirm your booking by email to: [keshnz2020@gmail.com](mailto:keshnz2020@gmail.com) or text to 021 022 44763

## AUTOMAT LUNCHEON 1<sup>st</sup>. JUNE

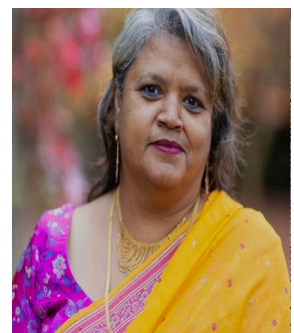
A good gathering of members, with the arrangements still on trial. While ordering on arrival worked, some rethinking of the tables layout is needed in order to get the best format for conversation.

Graeme Waters announced further tree planting at the Odell Reserve Tree on Saturday 10 June, subject to the weather. Laurie Bond reflected on a number of comparisons based around the concept of "where does the gorilla sleep?" Paul Tipping collected Happy Dollars.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Kia ora Rotarians,*

We are almost at the end of the Rotary year and so, these are some of my last thoughts I share with you in the Bulletin. Sometimes, I feel the year has gone so slow with so many things coming in the way to derail the plans I had for our club and yet, at times, the year has just whizzed past and I reprimand myself that there's so much more to achieve and do to grow our club and make it meaningful for members to feel the value and continue to invest in time and effort towards Rotary causes and each other.



With all that is going on in the world at present, if we just focus on the small stuff and that is around us, we can make so much difference to the people we connect with. The ideology of 'Service above Self', to me means to put aside our ego and look at how we can help others who are in need. How do we set the ego aside to work alongside with someone towards a common cause or goal? At times, it seems to me that we get caught up with these issues and hold back on participating as earnestly as we could towards the common goals.

So, I ask you .... Please share the flyer for the movie fundraiser with your networks, ask if you can put it up at the local dairy or restaurant or share with your grandchildren's school so they may share with school parents in an effort to sell as many tickets as possible towards the target of about 80-100 to sell. If each member works towards a target of at least four or more tickets it would be wonderful and surely, we will fill the cinema in no time. It is important these are sold quickly rather than at the last minute as it's a popular movie and I know of at least three other groups who have the same idea as us.

Until next time ... ka kite ano ...  
Zai 😊

### **SUPPORTING TRACY**

Kesh says thanks to those who have provided meals to Tracy while she recovers. Anyone who would like to contribute to Tracy and her husband and son please bring a meal to the next evening meeting.

### **FUTURE PROGRAMME – DIARY NOTES**

*Thanks to Graeme Waters*

#### **Saturday 10 June 10am Odell Reserve**

Tree planting and maintenance session  
Contact: Graeme Waters 021455119

#### **Thursday evening 15 June, gathering at KPC**

Speaker is Sebastian Grodd from Life Flight trust.  
Catered hot dinner meal for \$25, advance confirmation required.  
Contact: Graeme Waters 021455119

#### **Saturday evening 1 July**

Movie night fundraiser at Penthouse Brooklyn

#### **Thursday 6 July**

Lunch at Automat

Rotarians Christine and Nick Hurley will update us on the "Give every Child a Future" project, having just visited Cook Islands on a UNICEF monitoring exercise.

#### **Thursday evening 20 July Changeover**

Dinner at Wilton Bowling Club. Speaker Ray Chung. \$55 per head payable online.

#### **Thursday 3 August**

Lunch meeting at Automat.

#### **Thursday evening 17 August, gathering at KPC.**

Speaker is Ian Hutson from Salvation Army, speaking on "The State of the Community". Pizza and salad package for \$15 cash on the night. Contact: David Young 0210 748 524

#### **Thursday 7 September**

Lunch at Automat

#### **Thursday evening 21 September, gathering at KPC**

Speaker is Emma Lewis from Nikau Foundation. Pizza and salad package for \$15 cash on the night. Contacts: David Young and Graeme Waters

### **DISTRICT CHANGEOVER**

**Feilding Coach House Museum, 127 South Street, Feilding**



We celebrate the end of Marilyn Stevens' year as District Governor for 9940, with the handover of the role and responsibilities to Wayne Gordon. Cost: \$21 incl. GST. Details and RSVP procedure on the District 9940 web site.

### Programme for the day:

9.00 am: Arrivals. Mix and fellowship.  
9.30 am: All seated. Formal welcome to all.  
9.50 am: Celebrating Success; Review of District 9940 Rotary Grant Projects, District & Global.  
10.50am: Rotary Awards & Acknowledgements.  
11.10 am: Guest speaker, Mike Sandle (Chief Executive of Taranaki Rugby, former Black Caps Manager).  
11.50 am: Changeover of the District Governorship.  
11.55 am: Wayne Gordon - Create Hope in the World, District vision for 2023-2024.  
12.15 pm: Final notes and any remaining Rotary business.  
12.20 pm: Food & refreshments, fellowship.  
1.15pm: Finish and Coach House tour for those who wish to (discounted rate).

### INCOMING DG WAYNE GORDON



After twenty years in the army and a stint as a chef at Scott Base, Wayne is now in the residential construction business in Fielding. As District Governor Elect, he is very conscious of the fact that Rotary

membership in our area has declined by 24% in the past few years. Well through visiting all the clubs in District 9940, he sees a need for change, but does not wish to see the baby thrown out with the bathwater. "If a person does away with their traditional way of living and throws away their good customs, they had better first make sure that they have something of value to replace them."

Wayne has been working on the concept of "regionalisation". He knows that the Pacific Island clubs sometimes feel swamped by their bigger neighbours in Rotary, and that within New Zealand some clubs are just too small to fit in with the current structure. He believes, too, that technology has made change possible, with more connectivity between separate interest groups and even different types of groups - digital, composite etc. Similarly, we could be better off with a single national structure in New

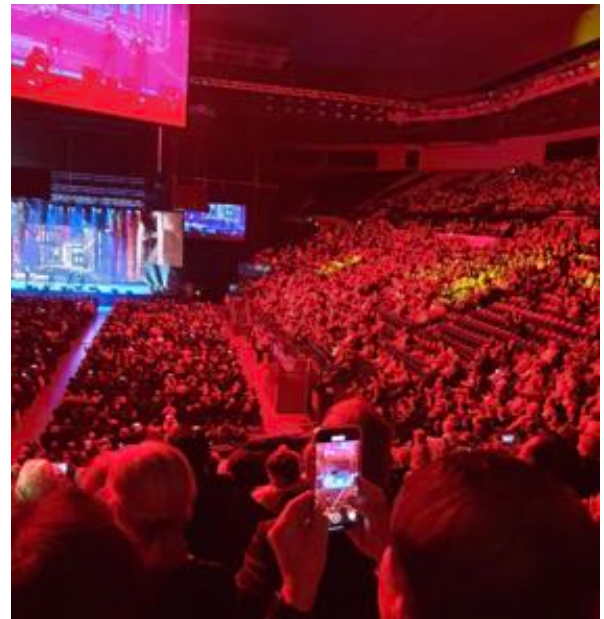
Zealand, able to speak with one voice and thereby carrying more weight with both government and the corporate world.

### THE GREAT BANNERS GIVEAWAY



The previous Bulletin referred to the salvaged visiting banners. If any member would like a copy of the list of 157 please contact Morris Robertson. [mrps6T@gmail.com](mailto:mrps6T@gmail.com)

### MELBOURNE CONVENTION



*About one third of the attendees*

The 2023 Rotary Convention, held in Melbourne, has wrapped up. In a message, back to his home club of Port Nicholson, PDG Howard Tong said. "Enjoying our time at Melbourne with thousands of other Rotarians. Plenary sessions are held in the Rod Lever Arena. The speakers have been inspirational. Opening session featured the four Tenors from Canada. We have seen some Kiwis but not many. I'm always overwhelmed with the diversity and the wide range of ages represented in the attendees."

The Convention saw the handover of the RI Presidency from Jennifer Jones [Canada] to **Gordon R McInally** [Scotland].



In his closing address the new President said. "To create hope, we must continue doing our important work, and do it better than ever before," he said. "We must refocus our efforts to build peace

across the globe. And we must help each other find peace within — and share that ethic of care to the people we serve."

### SHAKESPEARE IN NZ – THE ROTARY CONNECTIONS

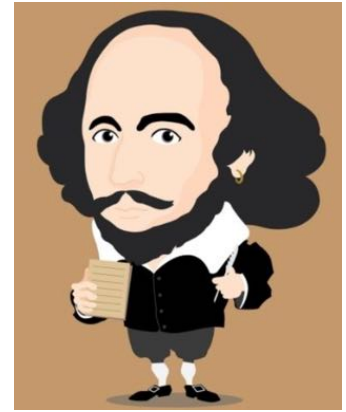


Current President of the Rotary Club of Port Nicholson, **Dawn Sanders**, is also undoubtedly New Zealand's greatest proponent of Shakespeare and everything

associated with the bard. Her achievements include the New Zealand participation in creating the hangings in the Globe Theatre in London



Each year, the Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ holds 24 Festivals nationwide, in which secondary-age students, from 11 to 19 years old, perform 5- and 15-minute scenes from Shakespeare's plays, set in any time, place, dress – though definitely in Shakespeare's words. The Regional Festivals were held between mid-March and mid-April.



Outstanding 5- and 15-minute scenes from each region were then chosen to perform at the National Festival, held over King's Birthday weekend in Wellington.

The National Festival awards included the Morrison Trust Shakespeare related Music Composition Competition. The 1<sup>st</sup> Prize and Supreme Winner was Wellington College Year 13 student, Joshua Langford, Grandson of both Karori Rotarian Doug Langford and Alison and Wellington North Rotarian Morris Robertson and Margaret.



### PARTING THOUGHT

*From David King*

Remember, today is the tomorrow you were worried about yesterday.

*Dale Carnegie.*

