



RI President, Jennifer Jones, addresses the 2022 International Convention in Houston

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 15th September

Barry Brook

Ex CEO PGG Wrightson

*Emissions Challenge for
the Agricultural Sector*



DUTIES

Greeter/ Happy \$\$	Kerry Ansell
Host Speaker	Laurie Bond
Attendance	David Pickering
Reflection	Colin Lawton
Thank Speaker	David King
Parting Thought	Gerald McGhie

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At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 6th October

Chris Martin

Empire City

Sharing Generational Knowledge

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Host Speaker	Steve Brazier
Attendance	Maurice Scott
Reflection	Paul Tipping
Thank Speaker	Michael Hinds
Parting Thought	David Pickering

At Khandallah Presbyterian Church

Thursday Evening

22nd September 6.30pm

Dulcie Placntini

Citizens Advice Bureau

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NEXT SPEAKER



Barry Brook is a professional director and agribusiness consultant with extensive experience in agribusiness both in New Zealand and internationally.

His governance experience includes being Chair of Carrfields Limited, Chair of Bonavaree Farm and Chair of two investment programmes within the MPI Sustainable Food and Fibres programme. Previously, Barry chaired AGMARDT, Synlait Farms Ltd, Creative Headquarters Ltd, and was deputy Chair of the Primary Growth Partnership Investment Advisory Panel and Chair of the Lincoln University Foundation.

Barry's executive experience included leadership of Wrightson and PGG Wrightson where he led the mergers of Wrightson with Williams and Kettle and Pyne Gould Guinness in the period 2004 to 2006. He was also responsible for the establishment of some of New Zealand's largest primary sector business investments in South America.

In his earlier career, Barry practised as a farm management consultant in the Bay of Plenty working mainly with dairy farmers and his clients included Maori incorporations and sheep and beef farmers on the East Coast.

He is qualified in agricultural commerce, farm management and economics.

NEXT EVENING MEETING

DULCE PIACENTINI, CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU



Social and economic needs of our local community.

Dulce plans to start by briefly explaining what they do, and then using some real

client interviews to show social and economic needs of the community.

Dulce graduated in Law back in Brazil and her inclination has always been for the area of human rights, especially the matter of women's and children's rights, which were the theme of her Master's research.

For a few years Dulce worked at a law school in her home town as a Human Rights Lecturer. In New Zealand since 2008, one of her first jobs here was as a research assistant on the Legal Māori Project at the Law School at Victoria University of Wellington, whose outcome was the publication of a dictionary of Māori legal terms.

1st SEPTEMBER MEETING

There were fifteen members in physical attendance plus a few extra on Zoom. This does not bode well for the future of the club and hastens the need to look at a different club model along the lines of recent proposals.

In the absence of Roy Ferguson, who was almost back in Wellington, **Graeme Waters** gave the reflection. [There should be a move to make Graeme Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Wellington North Branch!]

Graeme also mentioned the last tree planting effort at the Odell Reserve, at which he was the sole Rotarian present.

President Zai advised that a Forum would be held on 24th November and AGM on 1st December. As a prelude to the latter, it is also necessary to set up a Presidential Nominating Committee for 2024/25. The Committee is comprised of the President, or Acting President, the President Elect and two members elected from the floor, one with 10-years in the club and a second with less than 10-years.



Laurie Bond presented a make-up banner from the Rotary Club of Dublin Fingal.

David King reported on the Ian Crabtree Trust, which he advised had maintained its capital value over the past year.



It had made 11 grants to local schools, made a grant of \$608,000 towards the roof replacement at Mary Potter Hospice and had decided to support Lifting the Lid.

Text 8 September

GUEST SPEAKER



Lionel Nunns gave an in-house introduction of Laurie Bond who had stepped in at short notice to fill the speaker gap when DG Marilyn Stevens had not been able to attend due to a bereavement.

Members may remember that some years ago, Laurie spoke to the club on the subject of "Mzilikazi (pronounced Miz-ili-kazi) First King of the Matabele." He spoke of where Tzaka Zulu came from, his rise to power, and how his favourite general Mzilikazi cheated on him, by running off with the loot after a particularly successful raid on what is now Lesotho. The story ran out of time when the Matabele took up residence near the Botswana border and after a momentous meeting with missionary Robert Moffatt.



Laurie continued his story with the rise of Mzilikazi who was born into Clan Khumalo in the north east costal region of South Africa. On the death of his father about 1820, he assumed leadership of the tribe, which he aligned to the powerful Zulu tribe of Tshaka Zulu. He subsequently decimated the African Interior, keeping the spoils and turning to the northeast where he took up residence on the border of Botswana and acquired the name Matabele.

Meanwhile, Robert Moffatt, Scottish Missionary, Doctor and Explorer heard of the arrival of the

tribe into his area. What followed was a full confrontation, only saved by the presentation of an OX Wagon with spare parts to Mizilikazi, which became a most prized possession for the rest of his life.

Further disturbances occurred with the further raids from the south, including by the Boers. After an absence for a lengthy period Mizilikazi returned and set up a camp near Matobo at the foot of a flat-topped hill called Indiba Zinduma. Further fighting ensued culminating in traitors driven off the north face to their death.

To this day there is an evil wind bringing mist from the north and the Matabele will tell you that this is a reminder from the spirits of the warriors

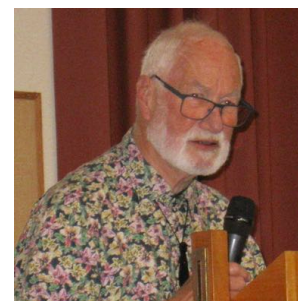
WE REMEMBER

VERA BOYDEN



Wife of our late President, Ken Boyden, Vera passed away last week at the advanced age of 101. Her funeral will be held on 12th September at 11am at Cedarwood, 17 Parata St. Waikanae. The photo, from the 2001 District Conference in Napier, shows, from left around the circle, Susan and Augie Auer, Ken and Vera Boyden and Rory and Marie O'Connor.

KEN IRWIN



Ken fell in his driveway while trimming a tree fern knocking his head badly and subsequently passed away in Wellington hospital's intensive care unit. His funeral

will be held on Wednesday 7th September at 2pm Wednesday at St Andrews on The Terrace. The club made Ken an honorary member last year for his huge contribution to the reading in schools programme at Wainuiomata.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



We had a very low turnout of attendance at our last meeting on 1st September and I'd be wrong to not mention the concern of the viability of continuing costs for lunch as well as the prospect of inviting

good speakers. Perhaps we could be having a discussion on what it is that members would like our meetings to focus on instead. In this instance, we had about six people who didn't rsvp an apology and didn't attend, so I believe we broke even on the catering at least. I'd love to hear your thoughts ... so please do email/call/text me for a korero on this.

At the last meeting, I asked for a show of hands from those present for acceptance to support the Oceania Pilot Project and join the clubs that initiate the change. The projected outcome of this pioneering project is expected to give much more flexibility to clubs and reduce overall administrative costs. Separate items in this Bulletin give further details of what is involved. The straw poll was, bar a couple, unanimous in its support. Thus, I am confident that my vote on behalf of the Club, will be positive.

Also, as mentioned at the meeting, our Board passed a vote to extend an Honorary membership to Jeremy Spanjaard and Denys Pinfold for their long and respected service to Rotary. It has been well received by both of them and so and while we had hoped to have a fitting presentation by the DG, we shall park the formalities for a while and plan it for when I am back in November. (Inshallah .. God Willing)

Before I sign off – a reminder that we are looking for two nominees for selecting a President Nominee for the 2023-2024 year. Please consider who you would like to put forward bearing in mind that one needs to be a member who has been a member of our club for 10+ years and the other who has been with us for less than 10 years. When I return, we shall start the work on selecting a Nominee to succeed President Elect Steve Brazier.

I shall try to send you an update from my travels, perhaps even one from a make-up meeting, if I can.

Ma te wa. 😊 *Zai*

THE UP COMING REGIONALISATION VOTE

The Ballot to initiate the Pilot Study opens on 15th September and, for those seeking further information there is a Webinar you can attend to -.

- Learn more about the vote you are being asked to take
- Refresh about what regionalisation is
- Ask additional questions or clarifications you are seeking

The dates for the hour long webinar are -

Thursday 8th Sep, 5pm and Monday 12th Sep, 5pm

Please also check out this latest video:

<https://vimeo.com/737422555>

Alternatively for further information – contact Morris Robertson

NOTES FROM THE RI PRESIDENT



Jennifer Jones is not letting the grass grow under her feet as she launches into her year at the helm of Rotary. She has clear messages for us as evidenced by the following

extracts from her regular Newsletters.

"I've always been inspired by something my brother David once told me: "In order to live in the kind of society you want, you have to help build it." As people of action, Rotary members have a long history of creating positive change within our communities and ourselves. And now, as we begin the 2022-23 Rotary year, I'm excited to continue the work of growing Rotary into the organization we want it to be and know it can be.

How can you help? We want to reflect the communities in which we live and serve. Invite community and business leaders and influencers from groups that are underrepresented in your club to participate in a club activity. Encourage a new club member to take a leadership role. Remove obstacles that could prevent some people from joining your club, like a meeting time or place that isn't accessible to everyone. Our ability to adapt is the key to strengthening Rotary's future.

How can you help? To serve our communities, we first need to serve our members. Talk to your club leaders and fellow members about what they want from their Rotary experience and work together to make it happen. Learning what keeps members engaged is a powerful tool for strengthening Rotary.

Rotary members have demonstrated that when we dream big — as with our fight to end polio — we can make our dreams a reality. This year, I'm asking you to *Imagine Rotary* — and to imagine a world where we each contribute to lasting positive change."

EDITORIAL



At our last meeting, we had an attendance of 15. This is a wakeup call, not uncommon amongst other clubs, especially those which meet for lunch. Meanwhile, at the far end

of the Bridge Club, there was an enthusiastic group of young people attending a training course for Baristas. As they passed by for a lunch break one young woman, from the Wairarapa, stopped and asked me what we were gathering for. I explained that it was a Rotary meeting. She had never heard of Rotary and asked me what it did. She was impressed by the brief description I gave her.

Therein lies the problem. As the average age of club members advances year by year, our future viability can only lie in building a new generation to eventually take over the reins. In the preceding comments from RI President, Jennifer Jones, she emphasises her intention to bring Rotaractors into the mainstream of Rotary administration, thus rebuilding our organisation through a new generation. In 1989 the admission of women was a giant step, which has grown to 30% of world-wide membership today and probably a higher percentage in the leadership ranks. While it has been a saviour of Rotary, it is only one stepping stone to the future.

We will be asked soon to vote on a 3-year pilot study to develop future directions for Rotary International. We must ask ourselves – WHAT IS ROTARY? Is it our generation meeting for lunch or do we give way to reality? Are we voting for the past or the future, a continuing decline or giving way for a bright road ahead?

Morris Robertson

FROM THE WIDER WORLD

At the last count, in the world, there were 1,209,000 Rotarians in 220 countries/geographic areas and 230,600 Rotaractors in 184 countries/geographic areas. We would have difficulty in locating some of the countries on a map. Thus, I have plucked out two, Kazakhstan and Madagascar, to report on their Rotary activities

Kazakhstan



The Rotary Club of Astana, in late 2018, inaugurated its first inclusive playground in a country sorely in need of such opportunities.

Named Kunshyaq,

or "Sunshine," the playground has specialized swings, ramps, merry-go-rounds, and other equipment to accommodate children with and without disabilities and instil values of tolerance and empathy. While the municipal council of the capital city, now called Nur-Sultan, donated the land, Rotary members in Astana, led by Past President Lyazzat Alshinova, generated about \$55,000 from club members, other District 2430 clubs, embassies and other organizations plus proceeds from an art auction and ball. The playground is such a hit that the club, composed of Kazakhstanis and expatriates, raised funds for a second one in the capital.

Madagascar



Addressing needs caused by recent famine, clubs in District 9220 delivered 800 packages of rice, water, cooking oil, and other staples, as well as hygiene products, to the community of Ankiliabo in April. "Lately, the kere [famine or hunger in the local parlance] has taken on a great

magnitude because the climate conditions do not allow the population in this area to live properly through agriculture and livestock,” says Narindra Razafinimaro, immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Antananarivo-Anosy, which led the effort. The Rotary Club of Saint-Denis-La Montagne, in the French department of Réunion, another island in the district, contributed about \$2,700.

ROTARACT

Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service. From big cities to rural villages, Rotaract is changing communities like yours. Rotaract members decide how to organize and run their clubs, manage their own funds, and plan and carry out activities and service projects. Rotary club sponsors offer guidance and support and work with their club as partners in service.

ALL IN THE FAMILY



While Tesla is struggling with testing its swerving self-driving cars, there’s a number of American robotics companies that have been working on autonomous vehicles for years, including

Nuro, founded in 2016 by **Dave Ferguson** [Son of Roy and Dawn] and Jiajun Zhu. They had both previously been employed on Google’s self-driving car project. Last Friday night TVNZ ran a segment in 7-Sharp, highlighting Dave’s success.

Nuro focuses on small self-driving vehicles designed to deliver goods like groceries, medication, retail products, or even pizza. Users order whatever goods they need from one of Nuro’s partner stores like Walmart or supermarket giant Kroger and its latest car, known as R2, delivers them entirely autonomously. Punch in a code, and R2’s doors open up. They’re now operating in three states, with a focus on Houston, Texas.

Dave has observed that Americans take around 200 billion personal vehicle trips, 43% of which are for shopping and other errands, the kind of trips Nuro’s cars are taking. That means that almost half of all the trips that we take, not only

don’t need someone driving the car, but they theoretically don’t need anyone in the car at all.



Nuro was poised for the COVID-19 pandemic, even if no one in the company could have predicted it. The growth of e-commerce and delivery happened sooner than anyone expected. Pre-COVID, only about 3% of groceries were delivered online in the US. As a result of COVID the entire delivery opportunity and market has been massively expanded, with one in three households ordering groceries to be delivered.

Back in February, Nuro became the first company to be granted approval for a self-driving vehicle exemption by the US Department of Transportation. Nuro has the green light to scale up, which means more R2 vehicles on the road.

PARTING THOUGHT

As relayed by David King
Zulu proverb

Nala kungekho iqhide liyasa

When the rooster is away, day still dawns

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