



Recognising the Platinum Jubilee – Lighting the Michael Fowler Centre

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 16nd June

Sarah Fitt, Pharmacist

Funding Medicines

DUTIES

Greeter/ Happy \$\$	Gerald McGhie
Host Speaker	David King
Attendance	Kerry Ansell
Reflection	Laurie Bond
Thank Speaker	Morris Robertson
Parting Thought	Adrian Ellingham

Followed by Forum presentation by David Young on widening Scholarships & David King on the Club Constitution and By-laws

Apologies and Guests to Zai Davies
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 by 3pm Tuesday [Live meetings only]

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At Wilton Bowling Club

Thursday 30th June 6.30 pm

CHANGEOVER

Stephen Spence to Zaheda Davies

Cost \$55 per person

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Guest Speaker

Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand

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NEXT LUNCHEON SPEAKER

SARAH FITT



Sarah was appointed Chief Executive of Pharmac in January 2018, having been Pharmac's Director of Operations since 2013.

Under Sarah's leadership, Pharmac

has: expanded the number and range of funded medicines available to New Zealanders, widened access to currently funded medicines, managed funding medicines in all New Zealand public hospitals and laid the groundwork for Pharmac to manage hospital medical devices. Sarah is driving an improvement programme to make Pharmac's decisions clearer and faster. She is committed to reducing inequities of access to funded medicines.

Before joining Pharmac, Sarah spent 12 years as Chief Pharmacist at Auckland Hospital and worked as a clinical pharmacist in the NHS specialising in HIV, intensive care and hepatology

PRESIDENTIAL VALEDICTORY

Kia ora

This is my last report for the Bulletin as your President. It has been an absolute honour and pleasure to serve our club and I have to say the year has gone so quickly it's been hard to keep up with the rapid passing of time, a combination of my advanced years and the sheer variety and volume of things in Rotary which demand attention.



The year has certainly had its challenges. Just as we thought we'd given a knockout blow to Delta, along came Omicron and we were back into Zoom and social distancing. This hasn't helped with continuity and the social strength of our club but I've been heartened that we are moving back to a good level of normality although we've still got some way to go.

The inevitable passage of time means we are all a year older and that's taken its toll. We lost a great club stalwart and supporter in Rick Lowe. Our good colleague Pat Helm moved on but we gained a new and enthusiastic youngster in Michael Hinds. Some of our Kaumatua are finding it harder to get to our meetings, so Zoom has been good for keeping contact with these friends and colleagues.

Looking further at our challenges; the club is ageing and our numbers are still in slow decline. In the outside world, we face the pressures of Covid which looks to become an unwelcome fixture. The world order is being challenged in ways not seen for a generation and if that were not enough, we have the existential threat of Climate Change. All this means that our society is under pressure and as a club we need to be quite clear how we can best play our part contributing to the greater needs and pressures of our community.

Casting a look back over the year, we have maintained our traditional lunch meetings with a short Covid interruption. We've had excellent speakers and our attendance has held up well all things considered. Our successful Thursday evening meetings have provided a less formal alternative and have brought in a wider group of people. Our Christmas dinner was a great success, and so we've managed to keep the important social aspect of our club going well despite all the constraints.

We've done well with fundraising and largely made up for the cancellation of the Khandallah Fair. We've been active with our tree planting in the Odell Reserve which has brought in other local groups. We've assisted with street collections and school athletics and look forward to being able to start our successful *reading in schools* project again.

One of our great strengths has been our ability to provide valuable financial support to our community through our three Trusts. We fund a wide range of both local and wider causes from our Charitable Trust. Our Scholarship Trust funds tertiary students who face financial hardship and the Ian Crabtree Trust similarly funds secondary students and local hospices. Through good financial management we expect to be able to increase our funding capacity in future and work is under way to achieve this aim.

in summary, I think that in spite of all the challenges, our club remains in good heart. We continue to serve our community well and we are resilient, resourceful, and adaptable. I want to thank the Board, the Committees and Task Groups and all our members for their contributions over the last year and for personally supporting me during my Presidency. I am very heartened by President-Elect Zai's plans for the coming year. Please give her all your support.

Nga mihi nui
Stephen

INCOMING PRESIDENT ZAHEDA DAVIES



Zaheda, seen here with incoming AG Carol Green

Wellington North incoming President Zaheda [ZAI] Davies, is fluent in several languages, including German and Russian. When she addressed the club early last year she introduced herself in Te Reo.

The daughter of an Indian Banker, Rotarian and Freemason, Zaheda grew up in Bombay, with a period at an Indian Irish Boarding School.

In her talk to the club, Zai spoke of her move to Russia with her first husband in the late '80s'. She experienced life in communist USSR where she worked for Lufthansa during the turbulent years of change. With her marriage failing, Zaheda moved to England as she would have been regarded as 'damaged goods' if she had returned to India. Unable to obtain a UK resident visa, she was accepted by New Zealand and moved here 22 years ago, where she met Chris, her husband.

After the arrival of her twins, Isaac and Nisha now 15, Zaheda decided to go independent and work for herself as a Travel Advisor/Broker. Running her own business for the last 13 years, she has corporate and leisure clients and is also a Virtuoso Luxury travel advisor. Covid times have been a struggle, helped by some part time work in other fields, she is now back to full steamships ahead as the travel industry ramps up.

During the past year, since her nomination for President in 2022, Zai has attended training sessions in order to gain knowledge of the wider world of Rotary. She will join a Rotary leadership strong in women, including Area Governor Carol Green, District Governor Marilyn Stevens, Regional Director Dr Jessie Harman and World President Jennifer Jones.

TOP GUN EVENING SUCCESS

We are still basking in the success of our Movie Night at the Penthouse on 25 May when almost 100



people attended and we cleared around \$1,200. An excellent result and a super movie with Tom Cruise as expected, winning the girl and foiling the bad guys. I expect we'll be looking at another evening at the Penthouse before too long as their management encourages and facilitates organisations like Rotary with this type of win-win event. *President Stephen*

POST MEETING FORUMS

We held the first of two mini-Forums last Thursday after our normal lunch meeting. President-Elect Zai Davies presented her strategic plan and vision for the coming year which was well received by our members. Zai also presented her proposed club structure including the incoming Board which was unanimously accepted. We then had a presentation from the Scholarship Review Group led by Steve Brazier on possible outsourcing of our scholarship programme. After thoughtful contributions from a number of members a recommendation to approve the principle of outsourcing was carried unanimously.

We'll be holding the second mini-Forum after our 16 June lunch meeting when David King will present the updated club Constitution and Bylaws for ratification by the members. Also, David Young will brief members on the recent

work of the Scholarship Trust including their ideas on potential widening of the scope of the charitable activities funded by the Trust.

2nd JUNE LUNCHEON MEETING

It almost didn't happen with the Bridge Club closed for Covid. When President Stephen opened up the alarm went off. After a series of phone calls, he was eventually able to obtain the access code and all was well.

Maurice Manttan gave a reflection on the Platinum Jubilee, Rory O'Connor managed to upstage memories of the Queen's Coronation by announcing that he had witnessed the Coronation of King George IV, while perched on his father's knee. There were promotions for the District Changeover and managing the waterside carpark.



Lionel Nunns showed a banner, made by Ngaio School students, to thank the club for supporting their cross country run.

We welcomed, among our guests, incoming Area Governor Carol Green from the Rotary Club of Mount Victoria. Carol has served as a Past President, Assistant Governor, and Secretary/Administrator of District 9940. She is also one of the Trustees for the Rotary contribution to the new Children's Hospital. She is the former Head of Department Valley Diagnostic Labs and now a Director at ProZone Ltd.

GUEST SPEAKER



Ralph Stewart, who was hosted by David Bennett, was CEO of AXA Insurance New Zealand for 9 years and 5 years as Chair of Spicers Wealth Management. More recently the CEO of ACC. He has thirty years of experience in New

Zealand's financial services sector, including 8 years as General Manager of Marketing &

Strategy at Tower Insurance. Ralph holds an MBA from Manchester University, majoring in finance.

With his wealth of experience Ralph principally spoke about a company he had founded in 2007 to provide on-going income through creating annuities for persons of retirement age. This involved balancing financial needs with life expectations. The business had grown to the stage where reinsurance was necessary.

The vote of thanks was given by David Young

MASKS



Across the world, members of Rotary have been working with communities and health authorities to communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19. This has been achieved by donating protective gear, and other supplies to clinics and hospitals stretched beyond capacity because of the pandemic. Members globally are also ramping up efforts to help communities navigate the next phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. Rotary's goodwill, community connections, strategic partnerships and innovation can all support the effort to protect communities from COVID-19.

This is what Rotary has done in New Zealand, working with Lanaco

- 👉 Donation of over 70,000 masks to Fiji in their time of need
- 👉 Purchased at substantial discount 4,200 packs of 10 masks for distribution through charity groups such as Foodbanks and for secondary school students

Initially, Lanaco (a small company) became overwhelmed by the deluge of sales. They are now back on track and have manufactured masks with the Rotary logo for sale to us. These masks are breathable, easy to wear and provide the highest level of protection of any in the market. There will be an opportunity to order Masks for clubs at the District Changeover.

NEWS FROM KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE - HELP FROM ALL AGES



On a recent teacher only day Kelsey asked her dad Vince if she could come out and help him at KCA to do food rescue. She did a great job working in her bubble, was a dab hand at sorting the food into boxes, taking the photos and uploading them on to our Facebook page.

KCA has been undertaking renovations in order to streamline its service to be able to operate contactless during the winter months. First we had a trolley ramp built by Wellington Refrigeration for the outside chiller room to make it easier to get food out the room. The outside area has been cleaned up ready for the new portalodge to be installed later this month. This building will become the pick-up area and allow KCA to continue to work contactless. Volunteers will also spend less time running in and out when it is raining to bring stock back in that is outside to the elements.

The warehouse owner is replacing all the old lighting with LED lights which will reduce the power bill significantly.

COMMUNICATIONS 1 - SARITA'S MESSAGE



Zone 8 Public Image co-ordinator, **Sarita McLean**, in her column on page 57 of the May RDU, discussed the importance of a club's public image activities through various media. Starting with the **Web Site**, she offers the following checklist: -

1. Is the information current? Has it been updated to include the latest projects?
2. Is the Rotary logo brand compliant?
3. Do all links and buttons work?
4. How can people get in contact?
5. What does the web site look like on a desktop, laptop, tablet and phone?

The June issue will look at **Social Media**.

COMMUNICATIONS 2 – A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY



The role of communications is important to club health, including the wider friends of the Club. Many members shy away from undertaking the task, usually feeling inadequate to take it on. Think again, there is help in hand. Incoming District Social Media Co-ordinator, Ramola Duncan, will make it easy for you to understand how to get started and provide resources and support. She has organised a ZOOM workshop, inclusive to all levels of learners.

Learn hands on with easy-to-use tips and skills to share events, invite people and capture our stories. This is the opportunity to understand and optimise social media that can be the key to growing the club and publicising key events. It is important to share our stories, connect with the RI world and reach out to our communities.

ZOOM MEETING Saturday 11 June 10am to 11am. Register now to receive the Zoom link. <https://rotary9940.org/event/sharing-rotary-stories-on-social-media/>

COMMUNICATIONS 3 – WELLINGTON NORTH'S PUBLIC IMAGE

12 Thursday May 26, 2022 Herald

Rotarians guide the way for Ngaio School cross country races

It is the season for school cross country races and the Rotary Club of Wellington North had members out on the job helping things run smoothly at Ngaio School last week.

Junior school races, on a course constrained to the grounds were scheduled first, but a shower of rain intervened and these races were postponed until the next day. The more hazy senior students braved the occasional shower and set off in clear groups around a course which took in Borebay St, round past the abandoned Anglican church, through Ngaio Village and home via Colway St.

For race participants, it's critical to know where to go. They can't do a good time if they get lost along the way. Rotarians were acting as race marshals at key points to keep the competitors on the right track.

Because flat-out training is not for everyone, the well-known Charlie Robinson Limited Nurses, Birnie's a marathon runner, was there to see that any exhausted runners were brought home safely.

It's those ones who often receive the biggest cheer at the end. Rotarians were once best known for meeting for a meal, with a side line of donating to charity, all within protocols set out by Rotary International.

The rule book has now been cast aside with clubs able to structure themselves to best work with and serve their communities. Wellington North has grasped the opportunity and is already working with local



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groups, including Ngaio School. Over the past year the club has worked on projects with Scouts, Merge Youth and Kiwi Community Assistance.

Additionally, it has supported Wellington City Mission, Women's Refuge and runs the annual Khandallah Village Fair. In the case of Women's Refuge, it is not only the members who need a safe house, their accompanying children have needs. Refugees have begun transferring safe house rooms into spaces for tamaraki, with books, toys, posters, and murals just for them. Wellington North has supported the cost of acquiring these resources.

Internationally, the club has participated

in Rotary's world-wide appeal for funds to address the humanitarian situation in and around Ukraine. More than US \$14.4 million in contributions were received in

March and April, with funds now being used to provide people with essential items such as water, food, shelter, medicine, and clothing.



The article, which appeared in last week's Independent Herald has been circulated, at the suggestion of Maurice Scott, to all club members. It was an opportunity to raise public awareness in the local community and generally

promote the wider activities of our club. The format, for this and other published articles over the course of the past year, is to start with the local story and then lead on to our wider scene. All members, whichever club activities they are involved in are asked to provide information for future such stories. This material can also be placed in the District Newsletter and RDU

FROM ZONE 8 - REGIONALISATION



For the past three years a group of Rotarians and Rotaractors have been working on a pilot project to consider how we can enhance Rotary and Rotaract and ensure we remain relevant for the future while also addressing some of the challenges we have been facing for a while.

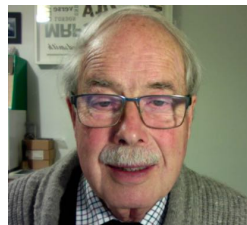
In February 2022, the Rotary International (RI) Board gave its approval in principle to proceed with the pilot, subject to approval by clubs. A second green light was the Council on Legislation approval for changes of governance in April 2022. We are now one of just two regional pilots in the Rotary world looking to explore, develop and test new ways of operating.

What are we seeking to achieve through regionalisation? We want to ensure the best support possible to Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs. Through a less layered and more devolved contemporary approach members can continue to do what they do best – projects and connections/fellowship. We aim to reduce duplication and streamline processes, encourage even broader and more collaboration in areas such as public image, marketing Rotary, partnering with business, government and service partners, and make leadership roles more attractive and doable.

To do this, we envisage a Regional Council for Zone 8 and Rotary Australia and Rotary New Zealand (Oceania) bodies to be formed. An Interim Regional Council with limited roles will likely start on 1 July 2023, with a final model in

place by 1 July 2026. Monitoring and evaluating how the changes are delivering benefit are an important part of the project. We don't know yet exactly what the final model will look like and you will have your chance to have a say. Being a pilot gives us the chance to shape our own Rotary and Rotaract futures.

PARTING THOUGHT AND MORE



Morris Robertson said that, in seeking a parting thought appropriate for a financial talk, he had done the usual thing and searched Google.

However, he found that most retirement jokes assumed that the day after completing the 40-years service, the retiree went home and disturbed his wife's routine while endeavouring to adapt to a life of leisure.

Thus, having "retired" in 2007 after 50-years of earning a living, he decided to create his own parting thought.

Retirement is continuing to work while nobody pays you.

It appeared to strike a chord in the room.

EDITORIAL HOLIDAY

The next issue of the Bulletin could be 23 June, one week before Changeover. However, as working Editors need a break sometimes, there will be no issue on that date. The next Bulletin will be dated 7th July in time for the first meeting of the next Rotary year – 14 July - Bastille Day.

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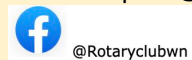
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