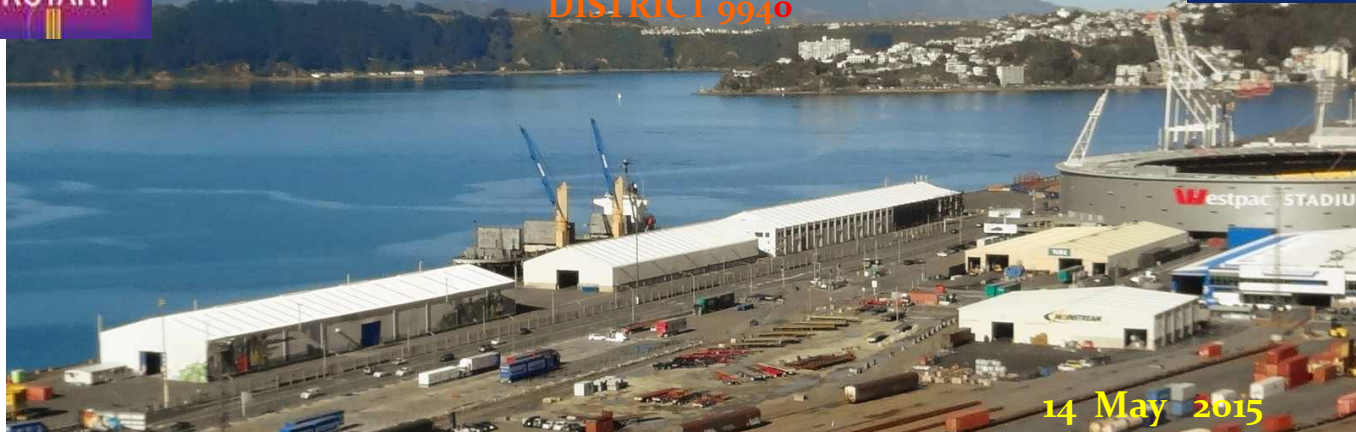


THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



Weekly Meeting Thursday
Wellington Bridge Club
17 Tinakori Road
Noon for 12:25 PM

21 May 2015

Murray Dudfield

Retired Head of The Rural Fire Authority

NZ and Overseas Developments

Introduced by	<i>Pat Helm</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>Ross Buxton</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Margaret Emerre</i>
Raffle Prize	<i>Tony Fryer</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Peter Spearman</i>
Attendance	<i>Chris Tempest</i>
Fellowship	<i>Ian Kennedy</i> <i>Colin lawton</i>
Tables	<i>Laurie Bond</i> <i>Sandy Brucesmith</i>

28 May 2015


Introduced by	<i>Jeremy Spanjaard</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>Shane Chisholm</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Roy Ferguson</i>
Raffle Prize	<i>Ross George</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Peter Spearman</i>
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Apologies, Visitors & Guests advise
rotary@kaysan.co.nz
by 10 A.M. Wednesday
CHANGEOVER 2 JULY

TODAY

President John Mohi welcomed a good number not greatly affected by blocked roads and rail cutting us off from the Kapiti Coast. He exhorted us to each get their 150 words on the club to Graeme Waters before Changeover. Lionel Nunns passed on good wishes from Tom Riddell who he described as being in good heart. He is in the Rest home Wing of Malvina Major.

Morris Robertson introduced his wife Margaret. He went on to play a prominent part in pre-lunch proceedings. He reminded us about giving him photos of club activities over the last 50 years, Denys Pinfold gave him a chocolate fish for some past victory in a Rotary quiz although there was no quiz question today, and then Morris won the raffle.

Adrian Ellingham collected  \$ spurred on by President John's reminder that we recently purchased an Emergency Response Kit but we are committed to funding another. Adrian was happy about his recent overseas trip and Morris and Margaret are just about to depart. Others were happy to just donate toward an ERK. We got \$280.

David Bennett thanked those who collected for the Salvation Army at Petone. Takings there were up on last year.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

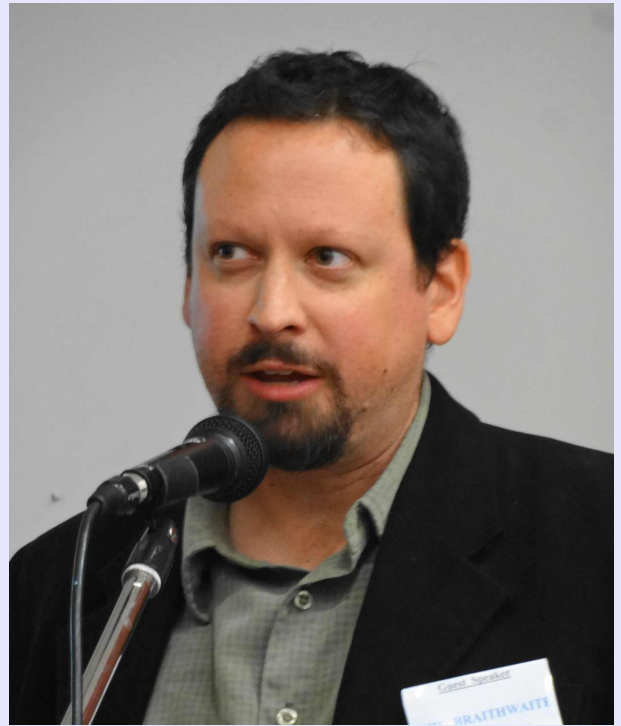
These offer real savings for anyone who dines with another person or group two or more times a year. Unless of course you are a non-paying part of the group or couple. In which case you may wish to buy one as a gift for your benefactor.

Buying is simple. Contact Joanna and give her your name and \$60. 0211736319 catsand_dogs920@hotmail.com She will be at lunch next week with a stock of books to sell for cash. Or use internet banking and pay to www.entbook.co.nz/10479x0 Give your name as reference. **Each sale gives the club \$12.**

TODAY'S SPEAKER

PHIL BRAITHWAITE

AN IDIOT'S CALLING:
PLAYWRITING IN NEW ZEALAND



Lionel Nunns introduced Phil Braithwaite who had early success as a playwright being the young playwright of the year in 1999 and in 2001 he won the BBC World Service International Radio Playwriting Competition with *Blood*, redrafted for radio from his stage play, *The Human Engine*.

He said he would talk about where NZ theatre is today. He started off by telling us how he first got into theatre after a year at Art School when he enrolled in a drama course. He said he was painfully shy and not good enough to be an actor but he put a script he had already written in as an assignment and the lecturer told him he had a real talent. He said this praise kept him going for years.

He said professional theatre only started in NZ in the 1960's and 70's and with only six professional theatres each doing just a few plays a year and possibly only a couple of NZ plays there is not a great market for playwrights. He quoted the saying, *You can make a killing out of playwriting but not a living*.

He explained the various things that those in the profession do to earn money and the role of Playmarket which in NZ acts as agent, script adviser and dispenser of government grants. This was interesting but if it was career advice it could be summed up as "DON'T". Phil said he did it because it was something he wanted to do and like literature it is about understanding life and people. He said that not so long ago it was almost impossible to get NZ plays put on professionally especially if they were not comedies but this has changed and there is now more interest in hearing and seeing our own NZ stories.

Sandy Brucesmith proposed a vote of thanks.

WHO IS DOING WHAT FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND WHAT IS NEEDED FROM YOU

Margaret Emerre says the 50th anniversary team is at work on some proposals but is still open to others if you can get them to you in the near future.

Graeme Waters is seeking 150 words from each member about the club. This will provide him with material for the anniversary issue of our annual publication. Before 2 July please.

Morris Robertson needs photos of activities over the last 50 years, Anything in the Bulletin since mid 2008 will be sent by the editor. If you have any please put on a stick or CD and send to Morris before he returns to NZ on 3 July. Captions would be very useful and dates, at least to the year are just about essential.

**Wellington Rotary Clubs
District Governor, Cluster 1 and Cluster 2
Courtenay Place, Karori, Mt Victoria, Port Nicholson
Rotaract, Wellington, Wellington North, Wellington South
Y special presentation and lunch occasion
Sunday 24th May, 10 a.m. onwards
Samuel Marsden Cultural Centre, Vera Street, Karori**

Presentations from the District Governor, Anthony Scott, invited guests, and Wellington Cluster 1 and 2 Rotary Clubs.

Please come to share with your fellow Rotarians and enjoy a networking lunch.

Schedule:

10 a.m. Tea and coffee

10.30 a.m. Commence

1.00 p.m. Lunch – wine available for purchase

2.00 p.m. Conclusion

Please RSVP to joy@prosperity.co.nz or Wellington.nth@paradise.net.nz.

Payment: \$27.00 per person in advance please, to

02-0500-0890767-00. Please reference your name.

Queries: Joy Durrant, Assistant Governor Wellington 1 (04) 384-6939

Jeremy Spaanlard, Assistant Governor Wellington 2 (04) 977-3398

Of special value to present and future board members but all are welcome.

Guest speakers are likely to be Dr Brendon Bowker re the Timor Leste Rotary project

Diane Crossan CEO Wellington Free Ambulance

We also need two volunteers to do few things such as set up and collecting money.

Ring Jeremy Spanjaard if you can help.

DIARY

Sunday 24 May 10 AM – 2 PM
Cluster 1 and 2 Do with District Governor
Samual Marsden Centre Vera Street
Details above

1 July District Changeover
See flyer

2 July Wellington North Changeover
Wharewaka

PARTING THOUGHT

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it every where, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.

- Groucho Marx

-from Adrian Ellingham

PROPOSED MEMBER

Name Grant Hassell
Address 42 Peterhouse Street, Tawa
Occupation Fund Manager
Classification Fund Management
Proposed by Frances Small

This is the first publication of this notice.
If any member wishes to comment they should do so in writing to the Secretary by 21 May 2015.

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