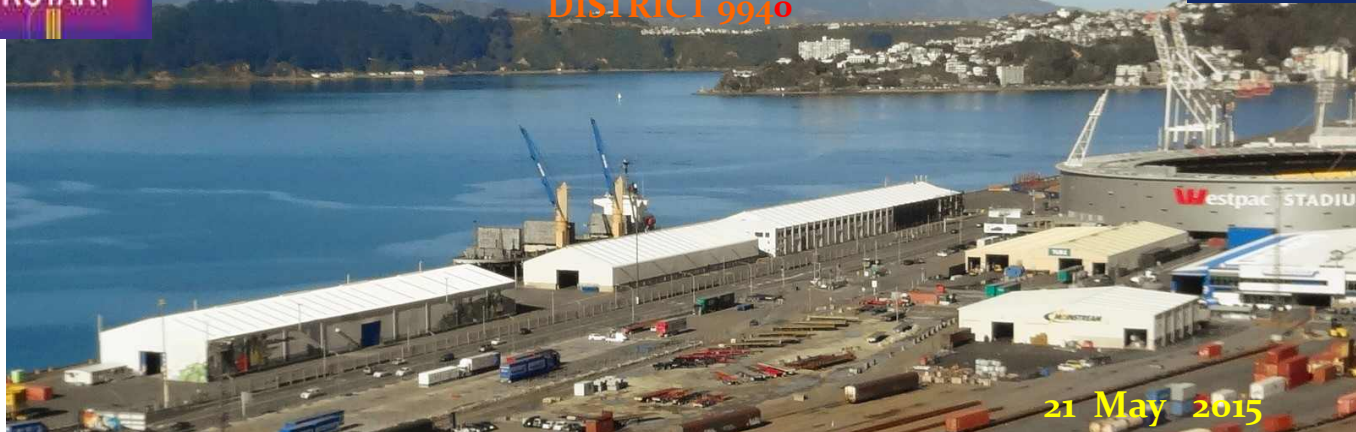


THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



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

28 May 2015
Roy Ferguson
Observations from Gallipoli

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>
Attendance	<i>Chris Tempest</i>
Fellowship	<i>Ian Kennedy</i>
	<i>Colin lawton</i>
Tables	<i>Laurie Bond</i>
	<i>Sandy Brucesmith</i>

4 June 2015
Finances and Trusts

Introduced by	<i>Peter Spearman</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>Paul Coutts</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Ross Foubister</i>
Raffle Prize	<i>Peter Gibbons</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Joanna Tuckwell</i>
Attendance	<i>John Young</i>
Fellowship	<i>Bob Laybourn</i>
	<i>Rick Lowe</i>
Tables	<i>Ross Buxton</i>
	<i>Shane Chisholm</i>

**Apologies, Visitors
& Guests advise**
rotary@kaysan.co.nz
by 10 A.M. Wednesday
CHANGEOVER 2 JULY


TODAY

Motoring members found that that the Bridge Club was helping them find parking spaces and there was a whiteboard in the foyer for those parking in the centre of the garage to record their name and registration. A welcome innovation on a cold wet day. President John made a plea for members to attend the meeting on Sunday which the District Governor will chair and where the clubs in clusters 1 and 2 will share information on what they are doing. More information was given on this in last week's edition and in an email to members today. There will also be speakers from **ROMAC Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children** and from **Wellington Free Ambulance**.

If you can go then note that you have to RSVP today and please let President John know that you are going too.

Alan Fraser won the raffle.

Tony Fryer announced that Mitchell Brown of the Rotary Club of Takaro has agreed to be District Governor Elect Nominee. Thus he will be district governor in 2016/7.

 Tony Fryer was happy Mitchell Brown had agreed to be DG. Evan McCalman was happy to be a great grandfather and several others were happy to have increased the number of their descendants.

President John said we should now have made enough to buy the second emergency resoonse kit we agreed to and from next week takings will go to Mary Potter.

President-elect Graeme Waters reminded us about changeover and suggested we should invite friends to see what the club is like.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

MURRAY DUDFIELD RETIRED HEAD OF THE RURAL FIRE AUTHORITY

NZ and Overseas Developments



Margaret Emerre introduced Murray Dudfield who retired last year from his position with the Rural Fire Service. He started his career with the NZ Forest Service.

Murray gave us some statistics to describe the rural fire position in NZ including history, cost, trends and some potential risks. He also told us something of overseas situations and why we have arrangements and common systems with some other countries for mutual aid and cooperation.

He said we had about 4,000 wild land fires p.a. burning 4 to 7,000 hectares and many more land use fires.

He stressed that good management led to good fire outcomes. He showed us how our forest cover had diminished over the past several hundred years being replaced by tussock and more recently by tussock and grassland. Also plantation forests represent a new hazard.

The service depends on close cooperation between land holders and those who deal with fires. The biggest expense in fighting rural fires is helicopter hire and the next largest is the cost of other contractors. Together these account for 60% of fire fighting costs. There is also heavy reliance on volunteers in both urban and rural NZ with 15,000 volunteers in total.



We have arrangements with Australia, the United States and Canada that cover sharing information and exchanges on matters such as training, standards and operating procedures. Any of the countries can ask the others for assistance in times of need. There is no obligation to respond. This arrangement is possible because all these countries use the same operating system and standards and as fires are likely to be at different times of the year it is an effective use of skilled and expensive resources. NZ firefighters have been engaged in both Australia and the United States but not so far in Canada.

There were some interesting questions from the floor such as about the risk of bush burning round Khandallah - *low but in a very dry summer never say never*. On future hazards Murray said he was concerned about high country land that had been retired from grazing and is building up an increasing fuel load, and the spread of wilding pines in the Mackenzie Country and around Queenstown.

Ross Buxton 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 of her and Rory O'Connor and Steve Brazier is at work on some proposals. Unless you have a really brilliant idea it is probably too late to contribute but if you do have, and fifty years is too long to wait contact Margaret now.

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 1st week's flyer

2 July Wellington North Changeover
Wharewaka
Bring your partner, bring a friend

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

These offer real savings for anyone who dines with another person or group two or more times a year. Joanna told us that she had found it easier to sell to her relatives than to others in her apartment block or colleagues. She suggested that you try people you know. You are doing then a favour and each sale gives the club \$12. Margaret Emerre says the new book is better than the one that expires soon as it has more entries.

Buying is simple. Contact Joanna and give her your name and \$60. 0211736319 catsand_dogs920@hotmail.com Or use internet banking and pay to www.entbook.co.nz/10479xo Give your name as reference. Each sale gives the club \$12.

PARTING THOUGHT

**Money is like fire. It is only good when there is just the right amount of it,
when it's properly contained and under your control.**

-Vera Nazarian, The Perpetual Calendar of Inspiration

-from Margaret Emerre

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