



THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



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

8 October 2015
TBA

Introduced by *Ross George*
Vote of Thanks *Bob Laybourn*
Parting Thought *Denys Pinfold*
Raffle Prize *Francis Small*
Cash Desk *Joanna Tuckwell*
Attendance *John Young*
Fellowship *Steve Brazier*
Sandy Bruce-Smith
Tables *Terry Dykes*
Roy Ferguson
AV Set Up *Bob Laybourn*

15 October 2015
Bruce Pepperell
Wellington Region Emergency
Management Office

Introduced by *Michael Gorman*
Vote of Thanks *Maurice Manttan*
Parting Thought *Brian Poole*
Raffle Prize *Jeremy Spanjaard*
Cash Desk *Kerry Ansell*
Attendance *Laurie Bond*
Fellowship *Shane Chisholm*
Paul Coutts
Tables *Michael Gorman*
Phil Greene
AV Set Up *Tony Fryer*

Apologies, visitors
& Guests advise
rotary@kaysan.co.nz
by 10 A.M. Wednesday

TODAY

Roy Ferguson, freshly returned from the WW1 battlefields of northern Europe, provided the reflection for today on the topic of war and peace. Roy listed some of Rotary's contributions to promoting peace and called on us to contribute as Rotarians to supporting these.

Laurie Bond has received an email of thanks from Paul Mugamba, one of the Ugandan judges who visited us recently. He commented "we shall long recall the enticing meal..."

Lionel Nunns reported that Fraser Paterson has experienced health problems and he is currently in Waikato Hospital. Any members who would like to speak to Fraser should contact Lionel or Brian Poole.

Maurice Manttan has a team for the blood pressure testing at New World Metro at the railway station on Saturday but if you would like to help, just turn up - two sessions, 10am to noon and noon to 2pm.

Denys Pinfold had no luck at handing out chocolate fish today. Nobody had read the District Governor's newsletter carefully enough to know that October is **Economic and Community Development Month**.

Steve Spence won the raffle.



Reasons for happiness this week included: cars getting warrant of fitness, buying and selling houses, the fact that today was the UN International day of the Older Person and participating in a walk across the Rimutakas.

The meeting agreed that today's Happy Dollars would go to Rotoract for their visit programme for overseas Ro

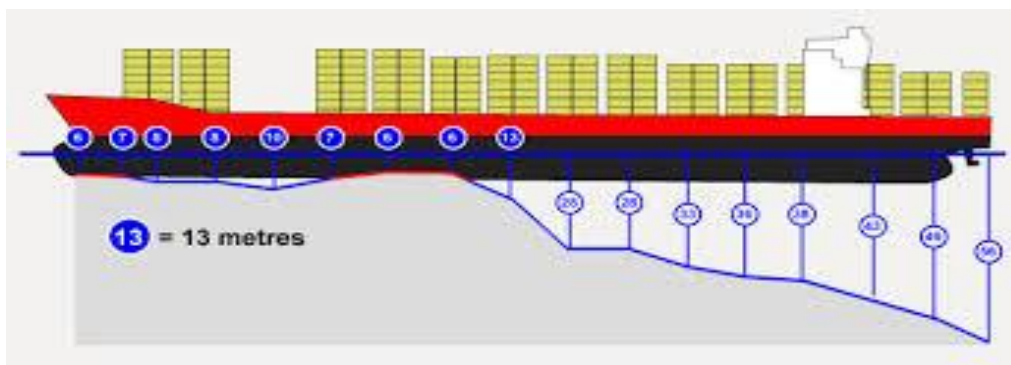


A couple of ex-aviators: Nigel Clifford and PDG Tony

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Tony Fryer introduced Nigel Clifford, a former RAF Tornado pilot and instructor who is General Manager, Safety and Response at Maritime NZ. Nigel explained that with around 170 staff, MNZ has responsibility for all marine matters from recreational boating and paddleboarding to international shipping and marine pollution – the latter being the subject for today's presentation.

In October 2011, the MV Rena, a container carrying cargo vessel of 37,000 tons ran aground on Astrolabe Reef, 12 miles off shore in the Bay of Plenty. The Rena had 1368 containers and around 1700 tonnes of oil on board. The grounding was in a pristine area of coastline near Tauranga (where the vessel had been heading). The ship had grounded at speed and it was obvious from its position that refloating was out of the question – in fact it was inevitable that it would break up.



The fact that there was a Rugby World Cup in progress (with associated international media presence) and an election happening added to the challenges of the recovery team – which was widespread, including multiple government agencies, the ship's owners, salvors, insurance companies, iwi, local authorities and local people. New Zealand had not experienced an event of this magnitude before and so communication and coordination were of critical importance.

First priority was to stop the oil leaking and clean up the oil spill. Nigel commented that the most efficient way of clearing the beaches of oil was by hand with bucket and spade. This resulted in less damage to the beach. An army of 8000 volunteers could be called on with up to 1000 on the beaches on occasion.

Nigel also spoke about the effect on marine birdlife affected by the spill. Penguins were relatively easily cleaned and released without too much effect on them but other birds (particularly dotterels) proved more difficult. 400 birds were captured and recovered.

Second priority was to recover the cargo. Nigel explained the processes used including unloading containers by hand (on a sloping deck) and using a floating heavy lift crane.

In April 2012 the expected happened....



As can be seen, containers had been cleared from the stern section which sank and slid down the reef.

The recovery plan was finally completed in July 2015. The cost to the government was \$27M. The cost to the salvage company is over \$US500M making it the second most expensive in the world (after the Costa Concordia). A RMA consent request by the ship's owners is still in progress.

More information: www.renarecovery.org.nz

Colin Lawton proposed a vote of thanks.

PARTING THOUGHT from David Pickering

*If you want to be happy for an hour, get drunk – if you want to be happy for a day, get married – if you want to be happy for life, plant a garden.
~Old Chinese Proverb*

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