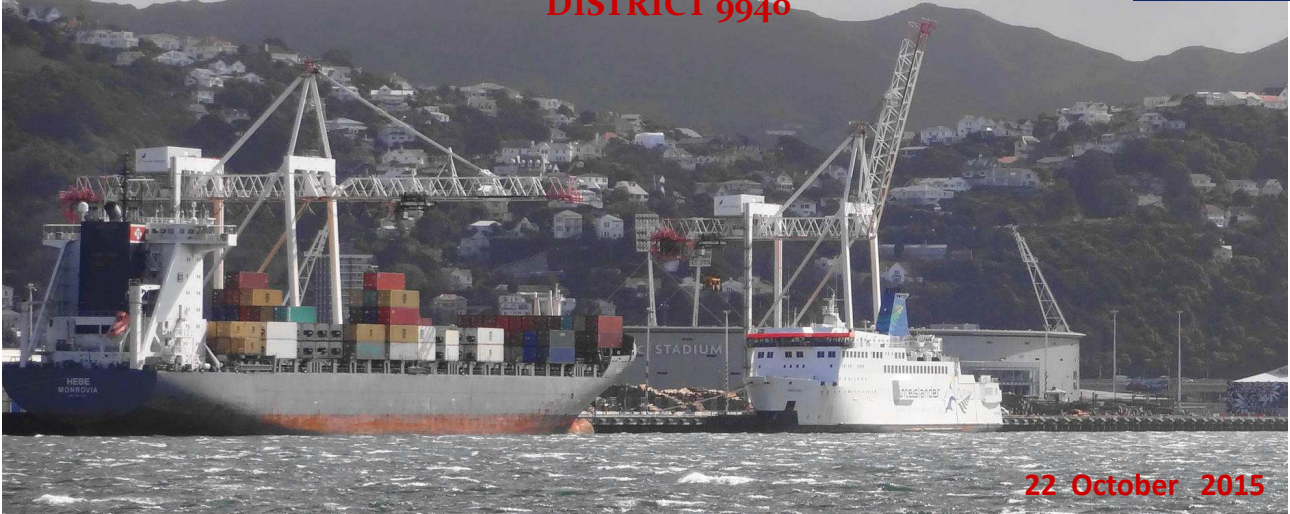




# THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
DISTRICT 9940



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

**29 October 2015**  
**Flag Selection**  
**Rhys Jones CNZM**

**Introduced by** *Grant Hassell*  
**Vote of Thanks** *John Mohi*  
**Parting Thought** *Morris Robertson*  
**Raffle Prize** *Stephen Spence*  
**Cash Desk** *Kerry Ansell*  
**Attendance** *Laurie Bond*  
**Fellowship** *Shane Chisholm*  
*Paul Coutts*  
**Tables** *Michael Gorman*  
*Phil Greene*  
**AV Set Up** *Tony Fryer*  
**5 November 2015**  
**Emma Anderson**  
**Director**  
**Katherine Mansfield House & Garden**

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**Vote of Thanks**  
**Parting Thought**  
**Raffle Prize** TBA  
**Cash Desk**  
**Attendance**  
**Fellowship**  
  
**Tables**  
  
**AV Set Up**  
**Apologies, Visitors**  
**& Guests advise**  
**[rotary@kaysan.co.nz](mailto:rotary@kaysan.co.nz)**  
**by 10 A.M. Wednesday**

## TODAY

President Graeme Waters welcomed us. He suggested the next two meetings could be of wider interest and members may like to invite their partner or friends to come to lunch.

Tony Fryer told us about the reception at Parliament this week to recognise Rotary's role in the campaign against Polio.

Lionel Nunns said there will be a Rotary team in the Round the Bays Run this summer. This time the emphasis will be on Walking for Rotary, but you can run if you want to.

Francis Small won the raffle. There was widespread happiness including Maurice Manttan whose reason was obscure, Kerry Ansell who as one of Cashmere School's oldest pupils was chosen to cut the cake at an anniversary, and Brian Poole was happy with a function at Government House to appoint an ambassador for Crohns and Colitus NZ.



## MEETING DATES TO NOTE

- 19 November Anniversary Dinner
- 3 December Lunch Meeting at Mary Potter
- 17 December Christmas Lunch – last meeting of 2015. Partners and friends welcome.
- 28 January First meeting of 2016

## TODAY'S SPEAKER

**DAVID BENNETT**  
**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR**  
**SALVATION ARMY**

## RESPONDING TO THE NEPAL EARTHQUAKE



PRESIDENT GRAEME

PRESIDENT ELECT DAVID

Michael Gorman introduced David Bennett. We learnt that David is from a farming background and came to Wellington in 1965 for training with the Salvation Army and he has stayed with them. He is married to Judith and they have three sons and several grandchildren. He has spent 18 years as a pastor and 14 years in public relations. He has also spent periods responsible for youth services and for training. He is now Emergency Services Director for the Salvation Army.

Nepal suffered a severe earthquake on 25 April. David was asked to do a stint running a team giving help. He said that Nepal was a very poor country with 27 million people on a land half the size of NZ. Over 80% are rural and the average wage is about US\$1 a day. Katmandu suffered a lot of damage but still functioned. His team of six worked mainly in villages near the epicentre and often they would find a village with nothing standing. The emphasis was on providing food, shelter and hygiene. The team included Pakistanis who understood Hindi which the Nepalese spoke. They distributed aid to 11,000 families. Food aid was handed out in bags and each ration weighed 39Kg and consisted of rice, dahl, oil and salt. It was mostly collected by women and each of them would carry it away on her back, sometimes to their home several hours walk away.

Transport was a challenge as roads were mostly just tracks subject to washouts and landslides at the best of times and further damaged by the earthquake. He found the time and effort needed to record what they did and the destination of every piece of aid frustrating but recognised the need to ensure that resources were applied to their intended purpose.

He showed us pictures taken on his phone of attractive country side and of heaps of rubble and also of badly damaged but still standing tenements and temples in Katmandu.

There were lots of questions at the end of his address. He said that in comparison to Christchurch he noticed that in Christchurch people expected help and were often critical. In Nepal people did not expect any help and they were always grateful for anything they received.

He stressed the necessity for aid efforts and the response to requests to be coordinated.

Evan McCalman moved a vote of thanks. He said that David was an inspiration to us all.

# PARTING THOUGHT

When you don't succeed  
remember what your wife said about it.

-from Ron Potts

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