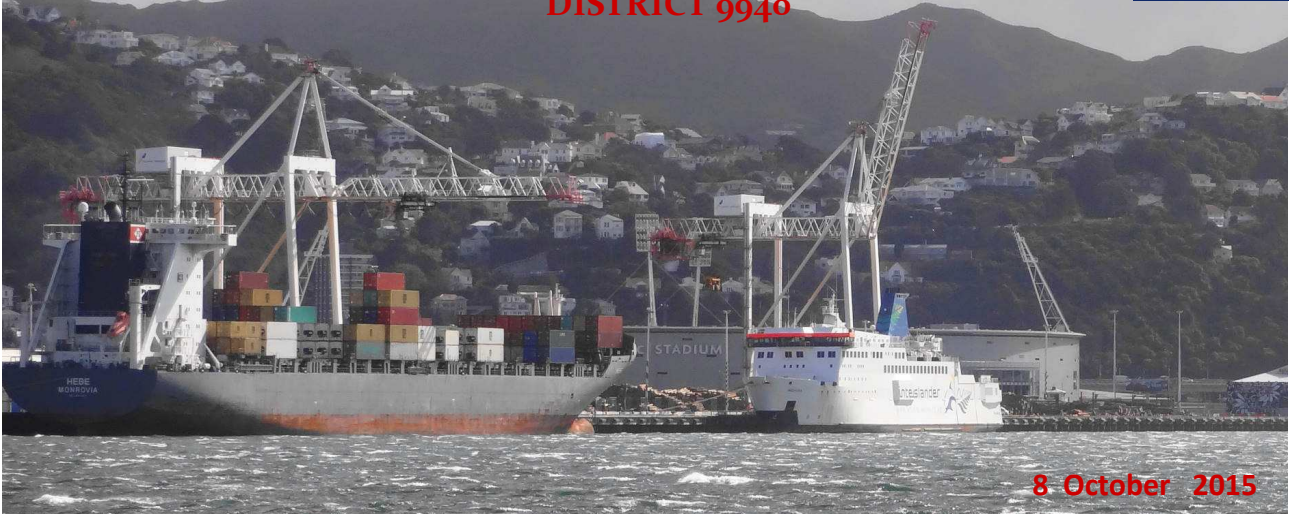




THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



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

15 October 2015

Bruce Pepperell

**Wellington Region Emergency
Management Office**

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

22 October 2015

**Te Araroa Trust
Walkway**

Introduced by	<i>Phil Greene</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>Evan McCalman</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Ron Potts</i>
Raffle Prize	<i>Peter Spearman</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Kerry Ansell</i>
Attendance	<i>Laurie Bond</i>
Fellowship	<i>Shane Chisholm</i>
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**Apologies, Visitors
& Guests advise**

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by 10 A.M. Wednesday**

TODAY

President Graeme welcomed Margaret Robertson, Susan Young and Audrey Waters to the meeting and invited Margaret to offer a reflection. She spoke of the value of old friends.

Morris Robertson spoke about John Young who he had known since they both married girls that were friends. John grew up in Karori, became an accountant, married Susan and moved to Havelock North where he joined the RC of Stortford Lodge. Back in Wellington as an auditor for Social Welfare he joined our club. He was President during 2009/10 the year of the successful cruise to the Sounds. He has been heavily involved in Healthy Heroes and the Scholarship Trust. Today President Graeme awarded him a Paul Harris Fellowship.



John thanked the club for the award. He said he had enjoyed the club and the company of its members. The highlight for him was the Sounds cruise which raised \$24,000 for charity.



JOHN WITH LADIES WHO LUNCH - AUDREY, SUSAN, MARGARET

UPDATES

Blood Pressure Testing

Maurice Manttan thanked Bob Laybourn and the others who carried this out in conjunction with Wellington Free Ambulance staff. He said it went well and is a useful community service. He also noted that the railway station foyer can be a chilly wind tunnel.

Board Meeting

President Graeme advised that the Board is asking our Charitable Trust for some initial funds to get the walkway project started. The bulk of finance for the project will have to be raised. The Board received a detailed report from Bob Laybourn on the New Generations portfolio. The Board confirmed that with the amount of money available we would concentrate on supporting candidates for RYLA and for the National Science and Technology Forum. Ross Barrett has resigned. He will be missed. He is moving to Waiheke Island and we wish him well.

Anniversary Dinner on 19 November

John Mohi said that RSVPs and payments were starting to come in. He asked members to encourage responses and offer assistance with transport etc where this might be useful.

Last Meeting of 2015 17 December

First Meeting of 2016 28 January

Today's raffle was won by Bob Laybourn.



Michael Gorman is happy to be back in NZ. Brian Poole is happy his niece is now Ambassador to Timor Leste. Evan McCalman enjoyed the World Rowing Championships. John Young is happy with his PHF.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

CHARLIE BLANCH



Ross George introduced Charlie Blanch who gained a degree in disaster management and worked for the London Fire Brigade. He came to NZ in 2010 and became Director of Emergency Management for the Ministry of Health. Led health sector coordination and participation in New Zealand national security system during the response to the Canterbury Earthquakes and Ebola Virus Disease readiness as Health national Coordinator.

Today he spoke about his experiences in Sierra Leone. Deployed on sabbatical from Ministry of Health New Zealand to lead a small team working out of the WHO Country Office to support the Sierra Leone Ministry of Health and National Ebola Response Centre in coordinating deployed Foreign Medical Teams. The main focus of work was supporting transition planning and planning for the phased reduction and safe closure in the number of Ebola Treatment Centres and clinical surge capacity as the severity of the epidemic reduced.

He said he spent 5 days being briefed in Geneva and then 8 weeks in country. He told us about Ebola and about conditions in Sierra Leone which made stopping the spread difficult. Most of the population live on about \$2 a day and the annual health budget is \$16 per person. The amount spent on combating ebola was 15 times the health budget. This was paid for by external donors.

The number of foreign health professionals in Sierra Leone grew from 30 to 450 during the emergency. He told us that following the experience of aid after earthquakes in Haiti and Pakistan technical standards had been developed for trauma and surgical responses. It seems that previously any doctors who volunteered could be accepted and would likely be faced with situations they were not competent in. For example doctors who never amputated legs could be faced with the need to do this so they did. However, just guillotining a leg off meant that it would not be possible to attach an artificial limb later. He had lots of other interesting and/or horrifying snippets to offer.

Bob Laybourn proposed a vote of thanks.

UNPAID ADVERTISEMENTS

"MAN CAVE FUNDRAISER." 15 NOVEMBER

See Poster of caves attached to the email.

ALL those that buy a ticket go in the draw to win, "Being chauffeur driven around the Man Caves of your choice in a Cadillac" on the day of the Man Cave Tour.

Make sure you give us your phone name on purchasing your ticket so we can ring you the night before.

Come along and support our club and have a great day out. Great idea for an early Xmas or just to say thank you to someone

Cheers

Deb

Chair of Levin Rotary Community Service Committee

FRIENDS OF TIMOR- LESTE - PARTY IN THE PARK

Boa Noite Imi Hotu

Can you please put aside the following time in your busy diaries to take part in the Annual Party in the Park - Wellington Botanical Gardens, Saturday 17th October 2015 from 3-6.00 pm.

This is our annual opportunity to say hi, introduce ourselves and provide a friendly face for the Timor-Leste university students, FFDTL, PNTL and ELTOs who are here for their study. It is about helping to make them feel at home in Wellington and NZ.

PARTING THOUGHT

**So little done.
So much to do.**

-Cecil Rhodes

-from Denys Pinfold

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