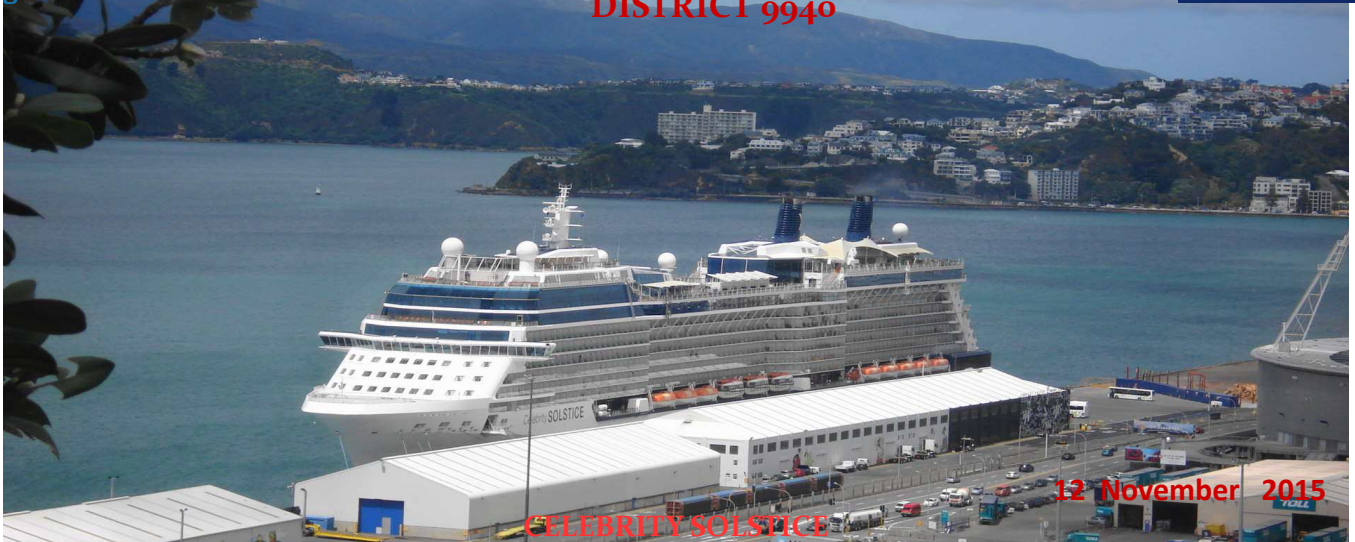




THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



Weekly Meeting Thursday
Wellington Bridge Club
17 Tinakori Road
Noon for 12:25 PM
19 November 2015
No lunch meeting

50th Anniversary Dinner
Admission by invitation only
from 6:15 PM for & 7 PM start.

26 November 2015

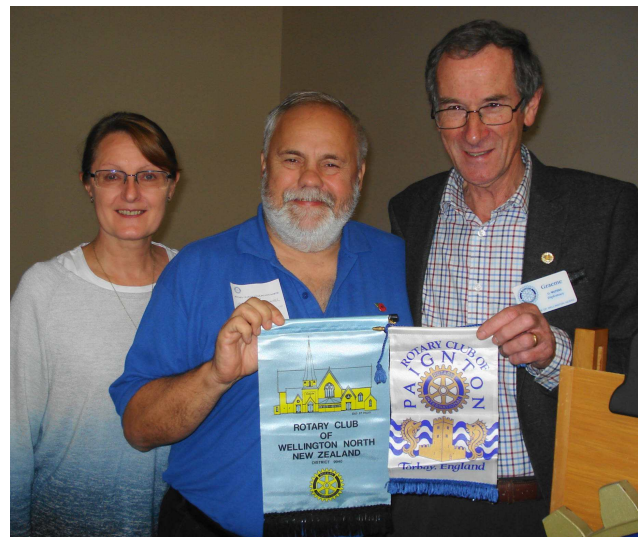
Bill Wakelin and Andrew Simm
Te Araroa Trust

Introduced by	<i>Ross Foubister</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>Ian Kennedy</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Lionel Nunns</i>
Raffle Prize	<i>Peter Shanahan</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Ross Foubister</i>
Attendance	<i>Tony Fryer</i>
Fellowship	<i>Peter Spearman</i>
	<i>Stephen Spence</i>
Tables	<i>Alan Fraser</i>
	<i>Tony Fryer</i>
AV Set Up	<i>Ross Foubister</i>

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

TODAY

Lionel Nunns introduced a friend, John Howell, who we were pleased to see again. President Graeme Waters welcomed visiting Rotarian Chris Sumner and his wife Angela. Chris is a member of the RC of Paignton in Torbay, England. They are visiting NZ to see a new grandchild.



Denys Pinfold reminded us that it is Rotary Foundation month and President Graeme said he could ask a question but there was no time for a chocolate fish. This innovation was a break from the tradition of asking a question and only if there is a correct answer finding out if a chocolate fish is available. Possibly for this reason today there was no correct answer.

Paul Coutts won the raffle.



Pat Helm was glad to be back after two months overseas. Laury Sinclair dreamt that he was having Christmas on Christmas Island and was very happy to wake up.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

ADRIAN MACEY

CLIMATE CHANGE



Margaret Emerre introduced Dr Adrian Macey of the NZ Climate Change Research Institute and Institute of Governance and Policy Studies. He was until recently Vice-Chair (then Chair) of the UN Climate Change negotiations (Kyoto Protocol track). Prior to that (2006 to 2010) he was New Zealand's first Climate Change Ambassador, responsible for co-ordinating New Zealand's international negotiations on climate change. From 2002-2006 he was New Zealand's Ambassador to France and Permanent Representative to the OECD. Before that he was New Zealand's principal trade negotiator, responsible for WTO and other trade negotiations.

He gave us a brief history of international climate negotiations. He quoted Ross Garnaut's saying, "Climate Change is a Diabolical Policy problem." He showed us slides of some of the meetings with scores of representatives of various countries crowded together, all with different objectives and these pictures alone seemed sufficient explanation as to the dismal progress so far made with the problem.

He gave us a brief outline of NZ's situation. To date our emissions have been increasing in spite of targets for decreases and projections are for further increases. However we have some things going for us such as most of our electricity coming from renewables and increasing numbers local authorities and businesses taking the problem seriously. He thinks the Government is too. One sign of this is that our delegation to next year's meeting will include representatives from the Labour and Green parties as well as the Government.

On the International front he said that the recent agreement of China and the USA to decrease their emissions not only meant that the biggest emitters were now involved but that this made it harder for other countries to not be.

Whether all this will be enough to keep the climate from getting more than 2°C hotter is a moot point. Big shifts in most countries proposals are needed and then they need to meet their targets. Dr Macey emphasised that it is the long term trend that matters rather than what happens in the short term.

There was no time for questions. His address was clear and he radiated optimism that the world would make progress. One would probably need to be an optimist to keep working on this project but for all our sakes we hope he is right.

Evan McCalman proposed a vote of thanks.

History

- **Phase one - Rio Earth Summit leads to Framework Convention (UNFCCC 1992/4)**
 - Stabilisation objective
- **Phase two - Kyoto Protocol (1997/2005)**
 - Quantified carbon budgets, rules, carbon markets
 - But commitments only for "Annex 1" – and minus the US
- **Phase three, 2005- towards the "Paris Agreement"**
 - "applicable to all"
 - 2 degrees goal
 - "INDCs"

NEWS

Francis Small was applauded at today's meeting when he learnt that he has established a scholarship for post graduate studies in engineering at Canterbury. This scholarship supports research master's students in Engineering at the University. It was established by Francis to enable others to study for master's degrees in Engineering and to experience the opportunities that such study creates for them.

Applications are accepted in odd-numbered years only. The scholarship is tenable by students enrolled full-time at the University in a programme for a research master's degree in Engineering. Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

NOTICE

The 56 page illustrated book, *Reaching Far & Wide, the First Fifty Years of The Rotary Club of Wellington North* will be launched at the 50th Anniversary dinner on 19 November. One complimentary copy per couple is built into the price of the evening. Those attending as singles will also receive a copy.

For Club members not present on the evening, they will receive a copy in lieu of a refund on the lunch cost for the day unless they otherwise advise that they would prefer a refund.

Further copies will be for sale on the evening and, subsequently, at the club for \$20 each.

It is proposed that any surplus from advertising and sales will go towards the 50th Anniversary project.

PARTING THOUGHT

You don't get points for predicting rain.

You get points for building an ark.

-James Johnstone

-from Evan McCalman

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