



20 November 2015

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

26 November 2015

Bill Wakelin and Andrew Simm
Te Araroa Trust

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

3 December 2015
Visit to Mary Potter

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| Introduced by | Alan Fraser |
| Vote of Thanks | Colin Lawton |
| Parting Thought | Rory O'Connor |
| Raffle Prize | Laury Sinclair |
| Cash Desk | Peter Gibbons |
| Attendance | Phil Greene |
| Fellowship | John Young |
| | Kerry Ansell |
| Tables | David King |
| | Ian Kennedy |
| AV Set Up | Ross Foubister |

Apologies and guests advise
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by 10 A.M. Wednesday

Anniversary Dinner

John Mohi offered a Mihi then President Graeme welcomed members and guests.

After the entrée Morris Robertson spoke about how he researched and produced *REACHING FAR AND WIDE The First Fifty Years of the Rotary Club of Wellington North*. He presented the first copy to President Graeme and other copies were distributed to those present.



Congratulations from DCE Martin Garcia

District Governor Elect Martin Garcia then congratulated the club and also passed on the congratulations of District Governor Simon Manning. He noted that the club had provided three district governors and also had members active in district committees and projects. He also announced the cheering news that so far this year the number of Rotarians in the district has increased, an E club launched and there are other moves in the wings.



**Music from the
DSCH Quartet**

Te Araroa Project

We welcomed Bill Wakelin Chair of the Te Araroa Wellington Trust. The trail itself is three thousand kilometres long and traverses the length of the North and South Islands.

Steve Brazier explained our Te Araroa project. The club has decided to make enhancing the Te Araroa walkway in the Wellington area our anniversary project. President Graeme signed an agreement with Bill Wakelin. The Club will contribute up to \$5,000 initially, and people skills as appropriate, to meet the cost of seating, signage, plaques and tree planting in full consultation and agreement with Te Araroa Trust and will also use its good offices to encourage support for Te Araroa by other Rotary clubs.



The mood was by now convivial and this may have assisted the Happy Dollars session which raised \$476 from happy members. This money will be put towards the Te Araroa project.





Joanna Tuckwell and Alan Fraser cut the Anniversary Cake





SPEAKER

CHRIS LAIDLAW

Margaret Emerre introduced Chris Laidlaw who has been a famous All Black, became a Rhodes Scholar, a diplomat, Race Relations Conciliator, an M.P., a radio broadcaster, and is now Chair of the Wellington Regional Council. He is married with two children.

He said that there is a huge rise in local groups and his council is working more and more with them. He is concerned about other trends.:-

He says as a country we are drifting into short termism and we refuse to see that we are sleep walking into inequality.

Public services are becoming unaffordable as with health services for more and fatter elderly.

There is growing cynicism and disengagement from politics and sterile competition between parties.

He said that the Land and Water Forum is a rare and welcome example of a counter to this. Various stakeholders with varied and often opposing interests got together to develop a way forward and they came up with recommendations that has led to some grudging acceptance by Government and others.

He then spoke about our region's challenges. He said the most challenging of these is transport. This is complicated by the various roles and interests of Government, the Regional Council, local councils and operating companies.

He said that the trolley buses have to be withdrawn as they are inflexible and the network, especially the substations, is worn out. The aim is to be the first city in NZ to have an electric bus fleet but without overhead wires.

He said that with the other regional responsibilities for water and the environment Wellington is doing well.

What is not being done well is moving to a better local government structure.

Amalgamation is needed to save money and provide better management but first we need better relationships to avoid the breakdown and fights which stymied the recent proposal. To this end he is putting his personal effort to building better relationships with and between other local bodies in the region.

He said that he had now been chair of the Regional Council for four months and he is loving it.

Laury Sinclair proposed a vote of thanks.

NOTICES

The 56 page illustrated book, *Reaching Far & Wide, the First Fifty Years of The Rotary Club of Wellington North* launched at the 50th Anniversary dinner on 19 November.

Club members not present on the evening 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 at the club for \$20 each.

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

LOST-AND FOUND

Two pairs of spectacles were found in the Function room last Thursday. Please contact Morris Robertson 479 2436 to retrieve.

Join the Rotary Round the Bays team for 2016 Sunday February 21

- Be a healthy Rotarian – join this walk and have some fun.
- Help showcase Rotary at this premier Wellington sporting event.
- Have your friends and family sponsor you – funds to Wellington Free Ambulance.
- Choice of distance to walk (or run if you must) ... 6.5km or 10km or 21km



You pay your own entry fee to event organisers at wellingtonroundthebays.co.nz when you enter in the Rotary Round the Bays team. And get your mates and whanau on board too. Team entries close midnight December 20. Then order your Rotary logo'd T-shirt (\$33) or polo shirt (\$37) through your club.

BBQ at the finish at Kilbirnie Park

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