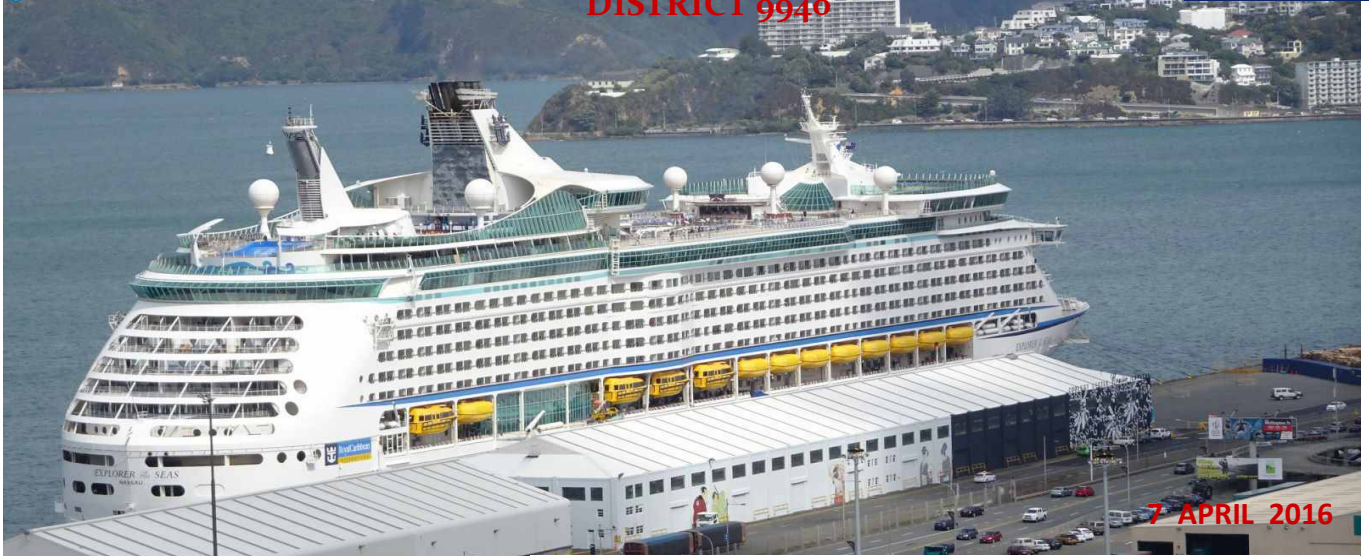




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# THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
DISTRICT 9940



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

**14 April**

**Evening meeting in Khandallah**

**FORUM ~ Club stuff**

**PDG Ross Murray Facilitator**

<b>Introduced by</b>	<i>John Mohi</i>
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	<i>Jeremy Spanjaard</i>
<b>Parting Thought</b>	<i>Laurie Bond</i>
<b>Cash Desk</b>	<i>Laurie Bond</i>
<b>Attendance</b>	<i>Steve Brazier</i>
<b>Fellowship</b>	<i>Shane Chisholm</i>
<b>Tables</b>	<i>Paul Coutts</i>
<b>AV</b>	<i>Maurice Scott</i>

**21 April**

**Women in World War One**

<b>Introduced by</b>	<i>Lionel Nunns</i>
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	<i>Peter Spearman</i>
<b>Parting Thought</b>	<i>Steve Brazier</i>
<b>Bring a friend</b>	<i>Terry Dykes</i>
<b>Cash Desk</b>	<i>Ross George</i>
<b>Attendance</b>	<i>Peter Gibbons</i>
<b>Fellowship</b>	<i>Michael Gorman</i>
	<i>Philip Greene</i>
<b>Tables</b>	<i>Bob Laybourn</i>

**Apologies and guests advise**  
**[scottfam@paradise.net.nz](mailto:scottfam@paradise.net.nz)**  
**by 10 A.M. Wednesday**

## TODAY

Always something new at Wellington North. Today we sat down to lunch to find a plate of cupcakes on each table. Thank you Rotoract.



President Graeme Waters welcomed wife Audrey and Bai Ram retired Fijian High Commissioner, Bob Laybourn introduced his wife Val and daughter Tanya and Augie Davis.

President Graeme said the Board had met on Monday and had tentatively booked the Khandallah Town Hall for Changeover on Wednesday 6 July. He said that our raffle was a bit tired and he wants to replace the duty of bringing a prize with a request to bring a friend if possible. This did not lead to howls of protest. So the duty list has been amended accordingly with effect from the meeting after next. Next week is a Forum and these have already become raffle free in recent years. The raffle was originally a fund raising venture run most often by the then Community Services Committee but in its present format it does not raise any money and we have now seen everything that can go wrong with a draw several times over and stopped laughing at the mishaps.

## NEW MEMBERS

Morris Robertson introduced **Gerald McGhie** who after six years with Shell joined our foreign service. He served in Samoa, New York, Moscow and travelled widely as an advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Since retiring in 2003 he has been Director of the NZ Institute International Affairs and Chairman of Transparency international NZ. He is married to Caroline and they have recently moved to Oriental Bay.



Gerald has been a member of the Wellington Rotary Club and has decided that we would suit him better. President Graeme welcomed him into the club and said that his name badge is in the mail. Gerald thanked him and said he looked forward to being involved in our club.

**Gerald McGhie**

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President Graeme said **Emma Anderson** is known to us as the Director of our neighbour the Katherine Mansfield House and Garden Society and as a recent speaker to the club.

We decided to make her an honorary member. Emma said she was flattered to be asked and pleased to accept. She expressed the intention of taking an active part in club activities.

**Emma Anderson**

**Employer** Katherine Mansfield House and Garden

**Occupation** Director

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**Classification** Honorary

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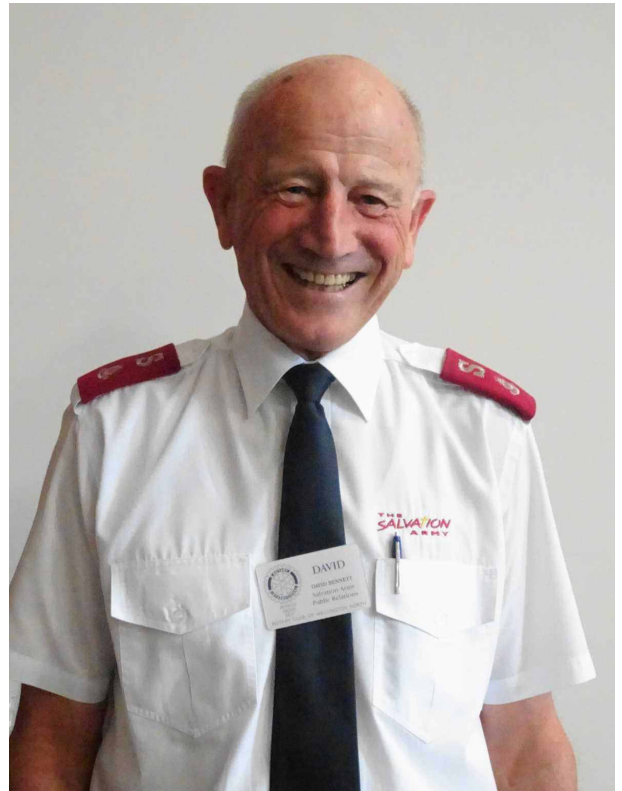


## TODAY'S SPEAKER

### DAVID BENNETT

#### FIJI

John Mohi introduced Major David Bennett who is a member and also our President-elect for the next Rotary year. He told us that David and his wife Judith have three children and between him and his wife they have 50 years of service in the Salvation Army. He is the National Coordinator for Emergency Services.



David told us that Fiji and some other South Pacific islands are included in the Army's national area. He received a phone call saying he was needed to go to the next day. Consulting air services he found he could go at 7 AM the day after that so he did. The job was similar to his recent spell in Nepal but this time he was in charge.

He said that the recent cyclone was the strongest recorded in Fiji. It was a category five and winds reached 307 kph. Forty-four people died. Most of these were people who had not followed broadcast advice to seek shelter and stay inside. Fifty-five houses were destroyed or damaged and 80% of homes lost power.

He showed us pictures of families and their damaged houses, or in some cases families and a bit of flat earth where their house had been and what they were doing to provide some shelter. His priority was to extend care to people and especially children and although many needed almost everything a lot of them first needed someone to hear their story. Schools opened very quickly even ones that were badly damaged and this was good for the children although teachers were stressed. He said a team would visit two villages a day in relatively remote areas and assess needs and then return with supplies the next day. They would bring food, tarpaulins, tools and maybe some building materials.

He observed that many houses had been built in accord with a standard designed to cope with 150 kph winds. These had metal straps tying roofs and walls together and he showed us photos of sections of walls and roofs that had been torn apart with straps now only attached at one end. Water reservoirs survived but reticulation was widely damaged.

This is his first week back and Fiji has been suffering heavy rain and floods.

Laury Sinclair proposed a vote of thanks.

**RAFFLE** Michael Gorman won the raffle. This may have been the last one and we hope he enjoyed the prize.

**Rotary Club of Wellington North Charitable Trust Chairman John Mohi** reported on last financial year. He said that members had all been sent a copy of the annual financial statement which had been lodged with the Charities Commission. He invited questions but there were none. John said that members could also ask Treasurer Paul Cruise if they had any queries.

**Student Exchange** - Bob Laybourn distributed leaflets and gave a brief rundown on the scheme. More information is available on the district website. We have sent and received many students in earlier years when members had teen children of their own and found it a rewarding experience. Students will be in their last school year.

Hosts do not need to be Rotarians and generally students come for a year and have three or four hosts during that time. Hosts can be from different clubs. Bob said that district has one coming from Belgium in midyear. Anyone interested should contact Bob Laybourn.

### **Entertainment Books**

You can order these on line from this address [www.entbook.co.nz/10479x0](http://www.entbook.co.nz/10479x0) \$60 each and \$12 of that comes to the club. If that is too technical for you but you still like to eat and drink talk to David Barnes

### **PARTING THOUGHT**

**Into the world of the hurting, broken, lonely, dispossessed, and lost  
reaching them in love by all means.**

*- International Emergency Services*

*-from Bob Laybourn*

### **DIARY**

**10 April District Training Day Palmerston North**

**14 April Club Forum**

**6-8 May District Conference**

**28 May – 2 June Korea Rotary International Conference**

**26 June District Changeover Tawa College**

#### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

**ENGAGE ROTARY - CHANGE LIVES**

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<http://rotaryforum.org.nz/>

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