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THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



9 JUNE 2016

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

TODAY

President Graeme Waters congratulated Aruna Abeygooneskera on becoming a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to New Zealand-Sri Lanka relations and the Sri Lankan Community.

16 June

Murray Sherwin
Chairman Productivity
Commission



President Graeme gave a run down on matters dealt with at this week's Board meeting. He told us that the new Rotary Club of Kaukau is going ahead and we will congratulate them and say that if they propose a local project in the Khandallah area we would be pleased to consider an invitation to participate. More Board stuff on page 3.

Introduced by *Stephen Spence*
Vote of Thanks *Ross Foubister*
Parting Thought *Michael Gorman*
Bring a Friend *Colin Lawton*
Cash Desk *Bob Laybourn*
Attendance *Evan McCalman*
Fellowship *John Mohi*
Tables *Lionel Nunns*
AV *Ross Foubister*

President Graeme said there was no time for a Rotary question and Denys Pinfold said he had no chocolate fish anyway and that he is going overseas for three weeks. Happy fishing Denys.

23 June

Ron Lucas
RC of Plimmerton
Te Aro Piko Walkway Pauatahanui



Somewhat muted happiness today but pockets of sunshine here and there. David Pickering had a birthday and was initially unexcited but cheered up when he considered the alternative.

Introduced by *Peter Spearman*
Vote of Thanks *Alan Fraser*
Parting Thought *Philip Green*
Bring a friend *Bob Laybourn*
Cash Desk *Maurice Manttan*
Attendance *Brian Poole*
Fellowship *Ron Potts*
Tables *Morris Robertson*
AV *Maurice Scott*

Michael Gorman told us that the membership committee was advancing its proposals. He invited feedback on the induction process particularly from recent members.

Apologies and guests advise
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by 10 A.M. Wednesday

SPEAKERS GETTING THE BEST AND MAKING THE BEST USE OF THEM

One strength of our club is its ability to obtain good speakers and the bigger the audience we have the easier it is to obtain the good speakers. We should share our good fortune by inviting people likely to be interested in the topic of the week to attend our meeting. This grows the audience and also displays our club to our guests and thus is a recruiting tool. The membership committee has suggested that we give more publicity to up coming speakers so that members have more time to arrange for potential guests to be invited . So the Bulletin will publish future speakers for several weeks in advance when this information is known.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Murray Sherwin CNZM, Chair of the Productivity Commission

Murray is an economist with over 35 years' experience across a wide range of public policy roles.

His previous roles include: Chief Executive and Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry; Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand; Chair, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Commission; member of the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank in Washington DC; member of the Prime Minister's Advisory Group; and a member of the Advisory Board of the New Zealand Debt Management Office. Murray is a Charter Member of the New Zealand Institute of Directors and a Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Management.



The Commission has done a number of reports about urban development and housing. He may have something interesting to say about the housing situation. Not least as to whether they are listened to. Next week bring anyone who may be interested in this.

FOLLOWING WEEKS



23 June Ron Lucas, Plimmerton Rotary, on its Pauatahanui "Te Aro Piko" walkway project

30 June Emily Simons, Majestic Monsters: the role of art objects in the Bronze Age Aegean (Emily works with Emma Anderson at Katherine Mansfield House and is about to take up a Cambridge PhD scholarship)

6 July Simon Draper, Executive Director Asia NZ Foundation on New Zealand's UN Security Council campaign. Wednesday evening changeover in Khandallah Town Hall.

FROM THE BOARD MEETING

Consideration of proposed changes to the District constitution drafted by a group convened by the DG and which included Tony Fryer. The biggest change proposed was to remove the Assistant District Governors from having a governance role. This has caused strong feelings amongst some district officers. Members interested can obtain information from the last DG's newsletter or from the district website. The board did not come to a final view. If you do have views you would like to be considered you should advise our President before the District Changeover where the proposals will be voted on.

New Generations Programme for next Rotary year.

It was decided that funds would be provided to again support two RYLA candidates, two National Science and Technology Forum candidates, provide a budget of \$500 for Peer Support and \$240 for dictionaries for the Wainuiomata Reading Programmes. This comes to \$3940. If another reading in schools group wants dictionaries they should ask the Board.

Club message for Sign In the Oak Grove on the Te Araroa Trail

The following wording will be proposed to the trustees of the Trail and to the WCC.

Enjoy this peaceful grove. It commemorates 50 years of service to the community by the Rotary Club of Wellington North.

Rotary is a global service organisation. We build international understanding, goodwill and peace through fellowship and sustainable development activities.

The 18 Holm oaks (Quercus ilex) in this grove were planted in August 2016, in partnership with the Te Araroa Wellington Trust and the Wellington City Council. Join us at wellingtonnorth.org.nz to link directly to our website (+ QR code) + Rotary logo

PROPOSED MEMBER

Name David Young

Proposed by Roy Ferguson

Employer Self

Occupation Transport Planning Consultant

Address 5 Malda Grove Khandallah

Proposed classification Transport Planning

*This is the second publication of this notice.
Any member wishing to comment should
write to the Secretary before 16 June*

Karori ANZ/Rotary Business Breakfast

**Judge Hon Peter Boshier, Chief Ombudsman, will
speak at our next ANZ/Rotary business breakfast
meeting in Karori on Tuesday 28 June, at the
Karori Park Cafe.**

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TODAY'S SPEAKER

Ian Kennedy

Japan New Zealand Relationship



Laury Sinclair introduced our member Ian Kennedy and we learnt that he went to Hamilton Boys' High and then Canterbury University and was a considerable sportsman in a number of codes.

Ian told us that he had three postings to Japan, the first as an economist to raise money for *Think Big* the last as Ambassador 2007/12. He seems not to have retired but to have accumulated a number of roles to do with Japan and economics. He has been contracted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade as Special Representative, Japan, to promote linkages between New Zealand and Japan at a corporate and personal level including through the NZ Open Championship golf tournament. He is also a Board member of the Asia NZ Foundation, and Honorary Chairman of the "Support-our-Kids" (New Zealand home stay programme) established in 2011 to support children following the Tohoku earthquake, tsunami & Fukushima nuclear disaster.

His wife is Setsuko is Japanese and they have a son. He said he would focus mainly on economics and trade. He described Japan and NZ as natural trade partners. He explained that the point of the NZ Open Championship golf was to be the most enjoyable Asia/Pacific tournament and thus a business networking opportunity. He did talk about trade and economics but he kept relating experiences that illustrated the cultural differences and these were entertaining as well as instructive. He linked the differences back to the way we are raised. We are expected to be independent and express opinions directly where the Japanese emphasis is more about considering the effect on others and speech is usually indirect. He said this difference makes us more unpredictable to them.

Nevertheless we have a lot in common such as sports and both being island nations on the ring of fire. He told us of the outpouring of support and donations after the Christchurch earthquake. He said there is a lot of Japanese investment in NZ but it generally does not attract attention partly because they tend to leave NZ management in place. He also said that in a globalising world it is difficult to say who is actually producing something. He instanced a factory owned by Japanese interests that exports its products to a third country.

He sees the future of the relationship being in collaboration. He said the world has changed since the great Japanese success of long run manufacturing of cars and other goods in the 60s, 70s and 80s and more flexible approaches are now needed. Also present Japanese young people want to live the life a well off country enables rather than the regimented

existence and long hours of a salaryman. New Zealanders are good at finding the most economic and simplest possible solutions to problems and this enables some of our firms to do well. However we need to attain Japanese standards of quality control.

A question and answer session covered aspects of demographic changes, foreign and economic trends..

Steve Spence proposed a vote of thanks.

NOTICES

Changeover 6 July Khandallah Town Hall

Bring your spouse or whoever to the social highlight of the club year.

Ross Foubister is selling tickets at \$50 a head. Remember those who pay for lunch by direct credit need pay only \$30.

A Skull in Connemara 22 July

A comedy, some Irish entertainment, refreshments laughter.

A Khandallah Arts Theatre production. Cashmere Avenue School. \$25.

Gather up friends and relations Book with David King. This is our fundraiser. Support it. A flyer is distributed with this Bulletin. Members have had it before. You could send it to your friends.

Rotary District 9940 Changeover of District Leadership from DG Simon Manning to DGE Martin Garcia

When: Sunday 26 June 2016

Where: Tawa Bowling Club, Davies Street, Tawa (next to Tawa Pool)

Time: 1.00 pm to around 3.30 pm

– coffee/tea available from 12.30 pm until 1 pm.

– afternoon tea provided after the Changeover.

– cash bar will be available

Cost: \$20 per person This can be paid to John Mohi next week

DIARY

26 June District Changeover Tawa College

6 July Club Changeover Khandallah Town Hall

22 July A Skull in Connemara

PARTING THOUGHT

Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

-Mark Twain

- from Evan McCalman