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THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



16 JUNE 2016

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

23 June

Ron Lucas

RC of Plimmerton
Te Ara Piko Walkway
Pauatahanui



Introduced by *Paul Tipping*
Vote of Thanks *Alan Fraser*
Parting Thought *Philip Green*
Bring a Friend *Bob Laybourn*
Cash Desk *Maurice Manttan*
Attendance *Brian Poole*
Fellowship *Peter Shanahan*
Tables *Morris Robertson*
AV *Maurice Scott*

30 June

Emily Simons

Majestic Monsters: the role of art

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TODAY

We welcomed Dawn Ferguson and David Young introduced Simon Murdoch. President Graeme told us that changeover tickets not yet paid for should be paid next week and that David King would have tickets for the KAT evening on 22 July available.

Assistant District Governor Lionel Nunns told us that the proposed changes to the District constitution would not be voted on at the District Changeover on 26 June and a new process would be used.

Steven Spence is off to San Francisco to see a son and grandchildren and there were several other bursts of happiness from softly spoken members.



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.

Cashmere Avenue School. \$25. Gather up friends and relations Book with David King who will have tickets next week.. This is our fundraiser.

Support it.

A Khandallah Arts Theatre production

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER



23 June Ron Lucas, Plimmerton Rotary, on the Pauatahanui “Te Aro Piko” walkway. This is a \$10 Million project between the RC of Plimmerton and Porirua City Council.

FOLLOWING WEEKS

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) Her master's study at Victoria spanned from the Bronze Age to the Archaic period in mainland Greece and Crete, following the development of the image of the goddess Artemis and her cult.



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

A list of future speakers is also available on the club's website under “latest bulletin/programme and duty roster”.

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

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TODAY'S SPEAKER

Murray Sherwin
Chairman Productivity
Commission

FACTS SMART-
POOR AND CONTENTED



Roy Ferguson introduced Murray Sherwin who has had a wide range of public policy roles. These 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 since 2010 Chairman of the Productivity Commission.

Murray said he took the title of his talk from a newspaper headline. NZ is an outlier in OECD statistics on well being and income. Compared to other countries our income is much lower than others with the same level of well being which includes such things as satisfaction with life, longevity, and health statistics. This indicates we are doing some things well and we are content but it causes him some unease. Our productivity is low and our incomes are now 25% below Australians'. We work more hours than most countries and yet we do not produce as much as countries that work a lot less.

He said there are some factors that are accepted as contributing to this such as our location and our small size. One might have thought that jet transport and the internet would have diminished the problem of distance but it does not seem to have and international studies show that proximity to large centres is a great advantage. Small size is a problem but Ireland and Singapore have surmounted this. A lesser recognised area where we are handicapped is in our low involvement in global value chains. We are also light in investment in knowledge based capital.

He made only passing reference to the Commission's recent reports on housing and urban development issues. He said that public services are a large part of the economy but it is difficult to measure their productivity.

Questions and answers dealt with the education tail and our high incarceration rate, the lack of building capacity and the alarming incidence of fetal alcohol syndrome.

Murray was a good speaker and clearly had a mountain of information and clear views to impart but little would have been news to most members and perhaps a presentation of one of his reports would have been of even more interest.

Tony Fryer proposed a Vote of thanks.

CHANCE TO BE AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Not you dear reader but some promising teenager you know.

Due to the small number of Rotary Youth Exchange applications received the Youth Exchange District committee has decided to extend the deadline for applications for students to travel overseas in the 2017 year (departing Jan 2017).

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to have the experience of a lifetime - living in another country with dedicated families experiencing a new culture first hand, learning another language and wrapped around all that is the support, stability and structure of Rotary!

Rotarians must know of young people that would love to be involved in this very worthwhile programme - we just have to ASK THEM!
Details and an application form sent with this Bulletin.

APOLOGIES

Sandy Brucesmith has returned and will resume the task of collecting apologies.

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DIARY

26 June District Changeover Tawa College

6 July Club Changeover Khandallah Town Hall

22 July A Skull in Connemara The KAT production

PARTING THOUGHT

Your mind is for having ideas.

Not for holding them.

Dave Allan

-from Michael Gorman