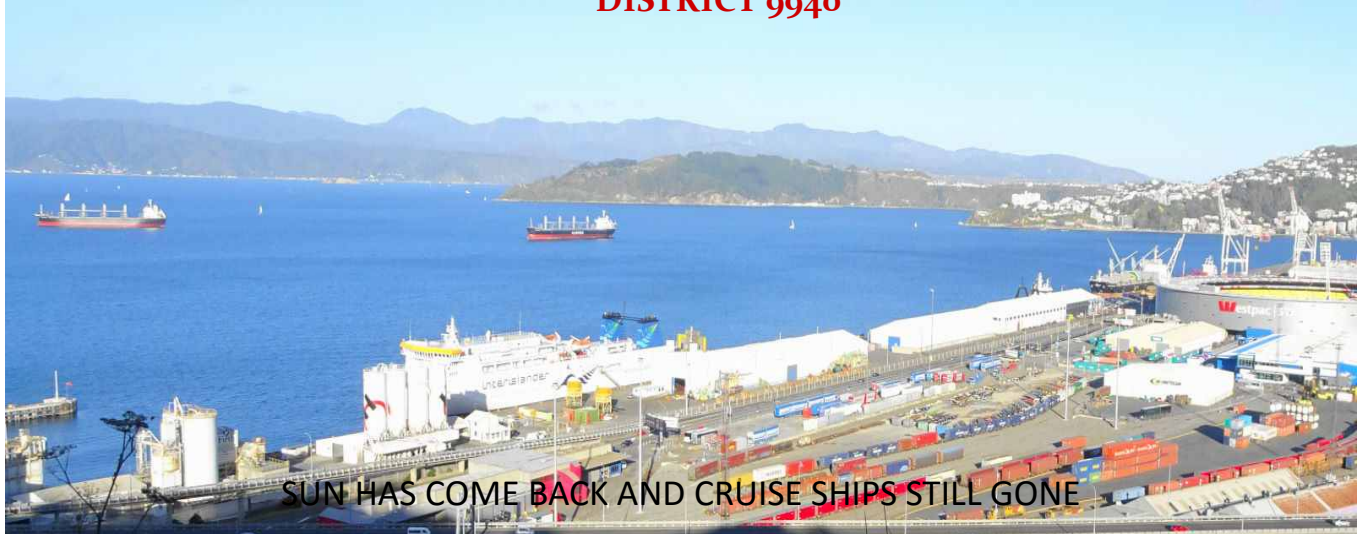




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THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH
DISTRICT 9940



SUN HAS COME BACK AND CRUISE SHIPS STILL GONE

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

TODAY 12 MAY 2016

We learnt that Ron Potts suffered a heart attack and passed away yesterday afternoon.

19 May

David Young
Workers' Pensions

Introduced by	<i>Morris Robertson</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>Laurie Bond</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Margaret Emerre</i>
Bring a Friend	<i>Ross Foubister</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Rory O'Connor</i>
Attendance	<i>Aruna</i>
Fellowship	<i>David Barnes</i>
Tables	<i>Denys Pinfold</i>
AV	<i>Ross Foubister</i>

26 May

Alistair Bisley
Chair of Land & Water Forum
Collaboration, Water and Change

Introduced by	<i>Maurice Scott</i>
Vote of Thanks	<i>Steve Brazier</i>
Parting Thought	<i>Roy Ferguson</i>
Bring a friend	<i>Alan Fraser</i>
Cash Desk	<i>Rory O'Connor</i>
Attendance	<i>Aruna</i>
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RON AT A PRE-MEETING GATHERING

After a reflection from Lionel Nunns we observed a silent period to remember Ron who had been a member since 1981.

After lunch President Graeme welcomed guests from Te Araroa Trust Bill and Beatrice Wakelin, Andrew and Prue Simm, John and Alison Craig and David Sole from WCC, DG Simon Manning and also John Handiside. Morris Robertson introduced his guest Peter Campbell, Brian Poole introduced Andrew and Maria Poole. Jeremy Spanjaard introduced wife Vivienne and Roy Ferguson won a chocolate fish because he was the first member to fulfil the new rostered duty by bringing friend Dawn. To avoid confusion we note that she is not just a friend.

Apologies and guests advise
scottfam@paradise.net.nz
by 10 A.M. Wednesday

Te Araroa Trust

The various representatives from the Te Araroa Trust then addressed us. Bill Wakelin introduced them. Andrew Simm showed us some slides of the recently opened section along the Paekakariki escarpment and said in the last four weeks an amazing 5000 people have walked it. Most users of the trail are local people going for a local walk but the people who undertake the complete trial are mostly foreigners. With a total length of 3000 km it takes them 50 to 60 days for each island.

David Sole who is responsible for the Botanical Gardens showed us where the proposed grove will be planted. It is not part of the Gardens but is a piece of unoccupied land at the bottom of the cemetery between Bowen Street and the Gardens. He said the gardens are full of trees already but this area has some that suffer from canker and kaka and he welcomes the chance to plant a grove there. He showed us pictures of Holm Oaks which he described as being as tough as old boots.

John Craig spoke about signage and showed us the size used on the track.

There was a request for clarification of the ownership of the land and David Sole undertook to find that out for us.

PRESENTATION

President Graeme then asked Andrew Simm to come forward and told us about Andrew's service to the community. A summary of Andrew's lifetime commitment and contributions to community is below.

District Governor Simon Manning presented the Paul Harris Fellowship to Andrew Simm. The citation reads, **“In special appreciation for his contribution to the greater Wellington community, in particular the development of the Te Araroa walkway.”**

Andrew then thanked us for the award.



ROTARY PHF JAMES ANDREW SIMM

Andrew grew up in Khandallah with Khandallah Park and Mt Kaukau as his domain. He developed a lifelong love of the outdoors which he has turned to both professional and voluntary use. His passion for the outdoors and the environment has seen him operate professionally in locations as remote as the Antarctic and in his recreation time in such exotic spots as the popular pilgrimage trail of Camino Santiago de Compestella in Spain and the

Pacific Coast Trail in the Western USA.

All through however he has retained his love for the Khandallah greenery, and in recent years he has climbed Kaukau virtually every day, clearing out drains as he goes.

Key episodes in Andrew's distinguished life of service have been:

1978-1983 Queen Elizabeth 2 National Trust

Andrew spent 6 years establishing their Field Based operation for Queen Elizabeth 2 National Trust, and in so doing saw the number of projects rise from zero to the current 4000 New Zealand wide, which amounts to 182,000 Ha, bigger than Molesworth Station.

2008-2016 Te Araroa Wellington Trust

Andrew joined the Trust and became its Secretary, a position he has held up to the present time. During this eight year period Andrew has been involved in all the projects in the Wellington Region. since 2011, he has been the Engineer's Representative on the \$1.4M Escarpment Walking Track Project which is a 10km track from Paekakariki to Pukerua Bay. He was closely involved in the City to Sea and Southern Walkway walking routes for Te Araroa, and also oversaw the Wellington CBD footpath Te Araroa plaque installation. He also introduced the current computer and record keeping systems for the Trust.

Wellington North Rotary has been proud to be associated with Andrew through its own support for the Te Araroa walkway, in particular the tree grove adjoining the Bolton Street cemetery. Andrew's lifelong commitment to enhancing outdoor recreation facilities and creating new recreational opportunities for the wider community make him an eminently deserving recipient of a Paul Harris Community Fellow award.

NOTICES

**Rotary Foundation Target
Every Rotarian Every year
NZ\$100**

Tony Fryer distributed reminders for this and instructions on how to pay. You can hand or post him a cheque or credit RCWN Charitable Trust 03 0525 0338282 00. If you want a receipt and record of your gift enter your name in *Particulars Block* and Foundation in *Code Block*. A contribution by 25 May will meet this Rotary year's deadline.

Fliers are sent with this issue about:-

KATZ production of **A Skull in Connamurra 22 July** at Cashmere Avenue School. \$25. Book with David King. **This is our fundraiser**

Samaritans Concert at St Paul's 28 May

District changeover details 26 June
and another for registration at it.

DIARY

28 May – 2 June Korea Rotary International Conference

26 June District Changeover Tawa College

6 July Club Changeover Khandallah Town Hall

22 July A Skull in Connamurra

PARTING THOUGHT

We have forgotten how to be good guests, how to walk
lightly on the earth as its other creatures do.

- *Stockholm Conference*
Only One Earth 1972

- from Terry Dykes

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