



# THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
DISTRICT 9940



MAYOR CLUTCHES CHEQUE FOR TREES AND UNVEILS SIGNAGE AT ROTARY GROVE

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

**But 16 March 2017**

FORUM 6 for 6:15 PM  
Khandallah Presbyterian Church Hall

## THIS WEEK

Today was picnic in the Grove day for Wellington North . But first Monday saw Mayor Justin Lester unveiling the signage. This followed speeches by Bill Wakelin on behalf of Te Araroa Wellington Trust and by Graeme Waters on behalf of Wellington North Rotary. Some remarks were also offered by others involved.

The two main speeches give a good description of the trail which has become a national asset, of why our club decided to sponsor a grove of trees alongside it where it enters the Wellington CBD from the north, and the hopes that the parties have for an ongoing relationship. These speeches are in the appendix.

And in case you contributed in some way to the project but were not present your contribution was appreciated and referred to by speakers. This included club members and others who bought a tree, or contributed money or time in fund raising, or helped plant the trees or were involved in the planning and design stages. Thank you all.

Cash Desk *Margaret Emerre*  
Attendance *Ross Foubister*

**23 March 2017**

**Brian Colgate "Bi-Polar Expedition"**  
**An unlikely lifetime journey.**

Introduced by *Stephen Spence*  
Vote of Thanks *Maurice Scott*  
Parting Thought *Rick Lowe*  
Cash Desk *Margaret Emerr*  
Attendance *Ross Foubister*  
Fellowship *Peter Gibbons*  
Tables *Phil Greene*  
AV *Maurice Scott*  
All *Bring a Friend*

**Apologies and guests advise**  
**[rotary@kaysan.co.nz](mailto:rotary@kaysan.co.nz)**  
**by Noon Wednesday.**

## TODAY

Today was club picnic day at the grove. The day started off with sunshine and light cloud but by picnic time the sun had gone and the appeal of a picnic in a grove of trees that are as yet about the same height as members may have had less appeal. However a good bagged lunch was delivered to the grove and those present enjoyed themselves though a shower had some leaving early while



others sought shelter under some nearby trees.



Two of the party heeded the advice circulated the previous evening to bring a seat.

## NEXT WEEK IS FORUM

**FORUM 6 for 6:15 PM**  
**Khandallah Presbyterian Church Hall**

Maurice Manttan has summarised the replies he has got and will run the meeting to deal with the matters of substance put forward. This will not be a forum to give your hobby horse a canter but a forum to light our way into the future.

His summary and other material will be sent to you within the next 48 hours.

## FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday 28 March  
Tuesday 6 June  
Tuesday 4 August

## DISTRICT 9940 CONFERENCE

This is on 21-23 April in New Plymouth. If you have not learnt about this weekend event then find out at <http://rotarycommunity.org.nz/District+9940+Conference+2017+New+Plymouth>

Surely more than you expect.

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## APPENDIX

### 1. Bill Wakelin speech

### 2. Graeme Waters speech

**From Bill Wakelin of Te Araroa Wellington Trust Mon 06/03/17**

Your Worship, Mayor Justin Lester, WCC Councillors and Staff, Rotarians, Guests and Friends. Thank you all for coming to this function this morning.

My name is Bill Wakelin and I represent Te Araroa Wellington Trust. My colleague, John Craig is also a Trustee, and has been very active in implementing this grove and signage and keeping everyone informed.

Te Araroa is a national trail 3,000km long from Cape Reinga to the Bluff which was started by Geoff Chapple in 1993. It connects settlements, townships and cities and showcases a wide variety of New Zealand experiences-natural, cultural and historic. It is in the same mould as the Appalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail in the US.

In Wellington City Te Araroa passes from the top of the Cable Car down through the Botanic Gardens, Bolton Cemetery to Lambton Quay, Willis Street, the Civic Centre, Waterfront, Oriental Parade and the Southern Walkway to Island Bay.

The concept of the Rotary Club of Wellington North and Te Araroa Wellington Trust cooperating together to provide projects in Wellington was first discussed with Rotarians-Rory O'Connor, Brian Poole and Graeme Waters, and TAWT Trustees Andrew Simm and myself in late 2015. This led to the preparation and signing of a MOU on 19 November 2015 at the Clubs' 50th Anniversary Dinner with the objective of ***"building a long term partnership for enhancement of the Te Araroa walkway"***

Amongst 6 projects listed for discussion, and after consultation with David Sole, Botanic Gardens Manager, the idea of a Grove at the Botanic Gardens was adopted as the Cooperative Project for 2016.

The Grove of 18 Holm Oaks was planted out in September 2016.

Isobel Gabites of NaturalTEXTures, Kaiwaka designed the signage, and Paul O'Hagan of Valley Landscape has installed the plinth and signs. It is good to see you both here today.

The funding of the signage was through Wellington Community Trust and we are most appreciative of their financial assistance for this project.

Working together with Wellington North Rotary has given us great heart to cooperate on other projects to promote Te Araroa in Wellington.

'Andrew Simm was very keen on the design of this sign which is based on a similar one on the Camino in Spain. Andrew was a tireless Trustee whose main effort was seeing the completion of the Escarpment Track between Paekakariki and Pukerua Bay which is proving very popular with at least 50,000 people having walked this section of Te Araroa over the last 11 months. Unfortunately Andrew passed away in December and this sign is a fitting tribute to him.'

Now, I ask Graeme Waters, past President of Wellington North Rotary to say a few words.

## **From Graeme Waters – Rotary Club of Wellington North Mon 06/03/17**

Your worship Mayor Justin Lester

Our many friends and guests from the Council, Wellington North Rotary and Te Araroa Wellington Trust.

On behalf of our Club President David Bennett (who sends apologies), thank you for joining us today. Special thanks to our busy Mayor for taking time out to unveil the signage for this Rotary Grove, the newest addition to the Te Araroa trail.

As Bill has explained, Te Araroa – New Zealand's trail – is already a great national asset.

When Wellington North Rotary turned 50 in November 2015 we looked for a suitable project that would reflect our five decades of community service, and our connection with Thorndon and the northern suburbs of Wellington. We have much to celebrate over that time, both locally and in the global work of Rotary, which has been a key player in the fight against polio.

One of our enduring club legacies is our Scholarship Trust, which helps tertiary students in need. Another is the Healthy Heroes programme, which works with schools and families to promote better nutrition and fitness among young school children.

We were delighted that Rory and others in our club were able to establish a dialogue with Te Araroa Wellington Trust, and that Steve Brazier was able to work on the idea of an MOU to establish a new, long term partnership.

This Rotary Grove is the first practical expression of our partnership. We hope it will be enjoyed by the many visitors to our city (we note that the downhill walk from the cable car is popular with cruise ship passengers) as well as by workers, students and residents of Wellington. Our own club plans a picnic in the grove this Thursday.

Rotary's contribution has been to meet the costs incurred by Council in planting and irrigating 18 Holm oak trees. Te Araroa Wellington Trust has taken responsibility for the signage, and has worked creatively with others on its design. Our thanks and congratulations go to them, and to the members of Wellington North Rotary who have contributed financially to sponsor a tree. We hope this project will inspire other Rotary clubs to partner on the Te Araroa walkway, up and down the country.

**It is now my pleasure to present you Mayor Justin Lester with a cheque for \$8813 as a donation to cover the Wellington City Council's costs in this project, and to invite you to unveil the signage.**