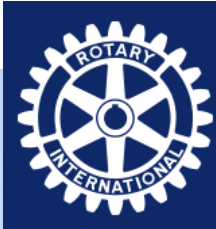




# THE BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
DISTRICT 9940



27 April 2017

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

## TODAY

**President David** was back in command. He thanked John, Lionel and Graeme for acting in his absence. In recognition of ANZAC day David recounted how his grandparents had been advised that one of their sons fighting at Al Alamein was missing, only to later receive a letter from him. It transpired that he had written and posted the letter prior to going into battle and he had not survived.

**Rick Lowe** questioned what progress has been made on action points from last year's Forum meeting. President David agreed to review the meeting minutes and report back.



Plenty of happy people today celebrating –university results, being back at Rotary, almost completing a family tree and the success of the Hurricanes (including the pleasure of watching this in Australia)

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Gerald McGhie

“Five Winters in Moscow”

Gerald speaks on Russia and his new book

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by 10 A.M. Wednesday

## TODAY'S SPEAKER



**Dianne, Francis and Nicola**

Kerry Ansell introduced Nicola Willis who was recently selected as National Party candidate for the Wellington Central electorate. Nicola is also the daughter-in-law of club member Francis Small and his wife Dianne.

Nicola grew up and was educated in Wellington and after hearing her speak, nobody would doubt that she is a passionate promoter of Wellington and all it offers. Following her university studies she decided on a public service career and, given her interest in education, in 2003 she applied for and accepted a position as a researcher for Bill English. From 2006 to 2011 she was a Senior Advisor to John Key. In 2012 Nicola moved to the private sector at Fonterra initially in stakeholder management and latterly as a senior manager in the area of sustainability. She left Fonterra in November 2016 to contest the National Party nomination for Wellington. (and also to return to Wellington where she, husband Duncan and their children can set down roots)

Nicola spoke about the diverse Wellington scenes including film, creative enterprises and technology. In particular there are 16000 people occupied in the tech sector in Wellington and each tech job has a spinoff of 5 associated service jobs.

Her (and National's) focus for Wellington includes: continuing to build a strong economy, creating the necessary infrastructure (roads and the port) and making social investments. She is under no illusions about the size of the task of taking the electorate seat for National but made a plea for the party vote regardless of the electoral vote. She did make the point that the party vote ranking in Wellington Central previously was 1 National, 2 Green, 3 Labour.

Nicola answered a number of questions covering: *inequality* (it's not just about more money. It needs well researched programs): *housing* (30% of house sales in the last 12 months were to first time buyers): *water quality*, *refugees*, *education funding* and *charter schools*.

Margaret Emerre gave the vote of thanks and this parting thought was from Laury Sinclair:

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