



# THE BULLETIN ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH

7 September 2017

Photo – Ngaio Gorge

Weekly Meeting  
Wellington Bridge Club 17 Tinakori Road  
Noon for 12.25 PM

14 September  
Grant Robertson, Labour candidate  
Wellington Central

### DUTIES

Reflection	Colin Lawton
Speaker Introduced by	John Mohi
Vote of Thanks	Brian Poole
Parting Thought	Paul Tipping
Attendance	Kerry Ansell
Fellowship	Michael Gorman
Reset tables	Rory O'Connor
AV Set-up	Ross Foubister

21 September  
Bevan Grant, Chief Economist  
for AMP

### DUTIES

TBA

Apologies and guests advise  
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by 10 AM Wednesday

### EDITORIAL – ELECTION TIME

At today's meeting Brian Poole gave a Reflection on the importance of voting, concluding that, if the non-voters got together and formed their own party, they could be the majority party.

Over the past couple of months, we have heard from incumbent and inspiring politicians of all shades, covering both Wellington Central and Ohariu electorates. Since our 'political season' started there have been major shifts in public opinion, principally arising from leadership changes. Have we been swayed by the personal appearances, media debates or do we just stick to our own long-held traditions? Vote well and vote wisely and enjoy the sense of relief when it all returns to normal.

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## FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Friday 29 September 5.30 pm  
One Fat Bird  
162 Karori Road

### CELEBRATION

A fundraising concert of organ music in aid of DCM for their work with Wellington's homeless people.

Featuring Denis Guyan, celebrated organist from Christchurch.

Hosted by Ngaio Union Church at Khandallah Presbyterian Church, Ganges Road.  
2.30 pm Sunday 24 September  
Presales from Lionel Nunns \$10  
Phone 938 0730  
Door sales \$15 waged: \$12 unwaged

### REVITALISATION

Margaret Emerre reported that the Revitalisation Committee had met and is preparing to report back to the club

### THE MAIN EVENT



Laurie Bond introduced Economist, Michael Reddell, who describes himself as, after a career focussed on macroeconomics and financial markets, including stints in Treasury, Reserve Bank and IMF, he is now a stay-at-home parent and independent economic commentator.

Michael's talk was entitled "An economist's scepticism about large-scale (non-citizen) immigration t New Zealand

As we have come to expect from economists the presentation was very convincing, reaching the conclusion that immigration should be reduced from the current 45,000 to the range of 10 - 15,000 per annum.

It would not do the talk justice to endeavour to summarise Michael's argument in this Bulletin. For those who weren't there or wish to read the script it is available on Michael's Blog site. Go to-

[www.croakingcassandra.com](http://www.croakingcassandra.com)

Click on Papers and speeches  
Address to Rotary Club of Port Nicholson 5 July 2017

### THAT WAS THE QUESTION

At last week's meeting Denys Pinfold asked a question which, with PDG's disqualified, as to the name and country of the newly elected RI President Elect who has taken over the role following the untimely death of Sam F. Owori's death in July, just two weeks into his term as Rotary International president-elect.

As no answers were forthcoming the following will bring readers up to date.



Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2018-19. was declared the president-elect on 1 September.

As President, Rassin aims to strengthen our public image and our use of digital tools to maximize Rotary's reach. "Those who know what good Rotary clubs do will want to be a part of it, and we must find new models for membership that allow all interested in our mission to participate," he says. "With Rotary more in the public eye, we will attract more individuals who want to be part

of and support a membership organization that accomplishes so much good around the world.”

Rassin earned an MBA in health and hospital administration from the University of Florida and is the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas. He recently retired after 37 years as president of Doctors Hospital Health System, where he continues to serve as an adviser. He is a lifetime member of the American Hospital Association and has served on several boards, including the Quality Council of the Bahamas, Health Education Council, and Employer’s Confederation.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin has served Rotary as director and is vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. He was an RI training leader and the aide to 2015-16 RI President K.R. Ravindran.

Barry Rassin received Rotary's highest honour, the Service Above Self Award, as well as other humanitarian awards for his work leading Rotary’s relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there.

## INTRODUCING ROTARY PROGRAMS

### WASRAG



The Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG) was formed in 2007 by a group of Rotarians, recognized by Rotary International, and focused on WASH projects. Since then it has facilitated many hundreds of projects – helping clubs find partners, ensuring sustainability, stressing the importance of a needs-driven approach, and developing best practices. We encourage a holistic, integrated

approach in which water is not the end in itself, but is rather the means to a better life and livelihood in the community. Most importantly, WASRAG links water and sanitation to improved hygiene, better health, and empowerment of the community – especially women, irrigation and agriculture, education and literacy and, ultimately, child mortality.

### Calling all Rotarians

As a Rotarian Action Group (RAG), WASRAG invites Rotarians from around the world to join them and engage in the battle to provide safe water, sanitation and hygiene for all. Any Rotarian interested in supporting WASRAG can Get Involved with our activities and be Linked to global WASH assistance efforts.

The Chair of WASRAG is our own Past RI President and friend of Wellington North, Bill Boyd

### PARTING THOUGHTS

From Michael Gorman

“When I had to fill in my immigration papers, I gave my age as 19 and my profession as genius; I added that I had nothing to declare except my talent.”

*Oscar Wilde*

And –

I was reading a book The History of Glue. I couldn’t put it down.

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