



BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH DISTRICT 9940



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

21 September 2017
Bevan Grant
Chief Economist for
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THE NEW CONTROL TOWER OF THE WINDY CITY
14 September 2017
TODAY

Vice-President Brian Poole presided in the absence of President Ross Foubister. We started with a spirited address from John Mohi in Te Reo Maori to mark Maori Language Week. Rick Lowe introduced Graeme Hale, who he told us, has been President of 5 Rotary Clubs.

John Mohi introduced wife Lane. Maurice Manttan introduced Craig Renny an economist and Graeme Waters introduced Barbara and Neil Robinson, and Bruce Stevenson.

VP Brian told us that the Board met this week and he could announce that Terry Dykes is back and we can look forward to his company again. Also he drew our attention to the fact that subscriptions are now due. As we did last year we will rely on members wishing to remain members to follow the instructions on page three in the near future.

John Mohi gave us an update on various Rotary developments beyond our club. One such change is that the arrangement of Zones and Districts may be altered. He also told us that Rotary is growing world wide but shrinking in western countries including NZ. If we keep on doing what we have always done we won't be doing it long.

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| Reflection | Bob Laybourn |
| Introduce Speaker | Lionel Nunns |
| Vote of Thanks | Morris Robertson |
| Parting Thought | David Young |
| Attendance | Kerry Ansell |
| Fellowship | Michael Gorman |
| Tables | Rory O'Connor |
| AV | Ross Foubister |

28 September 2017
COMMITTEE SESSION

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by Noon Wednesday.



Rory is happy that wife Marie is recovering from her accident and he collected from other happy chappies including Paul Tipping who is happy to be back in NZ.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

GRANT ROBERTSON

Labour candidate Wellington
Central



John Mohi introduced Grant Robinson who after university at Otago joined MFAT and worked on foreign aid in Samoa and environment and development issues at the United Nations. He became an advisor to Minister of the Environment Marian Hobbs. He was elected to Parliament in 2008. He is Labour's finance spokesman.

Grant told us that he was originally selected for MFAT by Roy Ferguson.

He said we had low productivity and growing the economy by simply increasing our numbers but not our wages is not a help.

He proposes more post school education and training, at least three years for all; and more research grants.

He sees the issues for this election as poverty in children
housing shortage

To deal with these problems he would use the money that National proposes to use for tax cuts.

He also referred to the policy change labour announced earlier today that Labour would not implement any tax increases that may arise from its working group until after the next election.

An interesting question and answer session followed.

Graeme Waters proposed a vote of thanks.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2017/18

Your board has agreed to hold these at the same level of \$275 for the current year. They are now due.

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PARTING THOUGHT

To succeed in life you need three things: A wishbone, a backbone and funny bone.

- Reba McEntie

-from Paul Tipping

A reminder that the Bulletin can also be found on the club website www.wellingtonnorth.org.nz

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