



BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH DISTRICT 9940



CIRQUE GRANDE at APPLETON PARK

1 February 2018

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

8 February 2018

District Governor Mitch Brown

Reflection	Paul Tipping
Introduce Speaker	John Mohi
Vote of Thanks	David Bennett
Parting Thought	Denys Pinfold
Attendance	Lionel Nunns
Fellowship	Rory O'Connor
Tables	Bob Laybourn
AV	Maurice Scott

15 February 2018

John Bonallack "An author's perspective on boys learning to read".

Reflection	Graeme Waters
Introduce Speaker	Ross Foubister
Vote of Thanks	Rory O'Connor
Parting Thought	Brian Poole
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TODAY

President Ross welcomed us to the first formal meeting of the year. Denys Pinfold introduced his son Terry. Denys asked a Rotary quiz question and Morris Robertson was awarded a chocolate bar. Perhaps the hot weather has been hard on frogs.



Tony Fryer has a third grand child. Rick Lowe was happy with the Black Caps. Others were happy for sundry reasons or no reason at all.

Annual Accounts Paul Coutts, Maurice Scott, and David King presented the annual accounts for the Rotary Club of Wellington North and for the Rotary Club of Wellington North Charitable Trust. These had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Maurice Scott spoke to the Club accounts and answered questions about them. He was happy to identify problems but not solutions where they involved policies or actions which would properly be considered at future forums or committee meetings. David King spoke to the Trust accounts.

Maurice Scott moved that the annual accounts for both bodies be approved. This was seconded by Laurie Bond and carried.

Next Week - Can Board members please arrive early for an 11:30 A.M. Meeting with DG Mitch Brown.

Apologies and guests advise
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by Noon Wednesday.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

STEVE BRAZIER

Pike River



Gerald McGhie introduced Steve Brazier who is one of our members and his classification is

“Consultant – Emergency Management.” With his background he had some involvement with the aftermath of the disaster.

He gave us a broad account of what happened and why. This was interesting and topical in that the present Government is about to spend millions of dollars to try and recover the bodies of the 29 miners lost. However anyone who followed the news at the time and the proceedings of the Royal Commission would not have learnt much that was new to them.

Steve stressed the number of people in the company and its advisers and in the government that failed to act responsibly, or competently and listed some of the many red flags that were ignored at various levels. Once mining started the result was inevitable unless changes were made and they were not.

Steve is doubtful that any remains will be recovered.

Kerry Ansell moved a vote of thanks.

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