



BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH DISTRICT 9940



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

8 February 2018

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TODAY

**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
Attendance	Lionel Nunns
Fellowship	Rory O'Connor
Tables	Bob Laybourn
AV	Maurice Scott

15 February 2018

**John Bonallack "An author's
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read".**

Reflection	David Young
Introduce Speaker	Tomy Fryer
Vote of Thanks	David Pickering
Parting Thought	Morris Robertsom
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President Ross Foubister welcomed District Governor Mitch Brown. He came straight from a meeting with the Board.

BOARD MEETING TUESDAY

Apologies and guests advise

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by Noon Wednesday.



Adrian Ellingham was happy with getting Power Ball and donated one third of his winnings. Margaret Emerre was glad to have given up the Gold Coast to come and see us. Tony Fryer continues to be proud of his new grandson.

Revitalisation Project

We learnt from Margaret that the revitalisation report has been finalised and condensed down to 30 pages. We expect it to be presented to the Board on Tuesday night.

TODAY'S SPEAKER District Governor Mitchell Brown



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DGN John Mohi

PDG Tony Fryer
PDG Morris Robertson

John Mohi introduced District Governor Mitch Brown who was born in Eltham. He told us that early on Mitch worked as a sail maker in Auckland and later joined the Fire Service. Eventually he became Area Commander in Palmerston North.

His address covered membership, district conference, district organisation, tree planting, international projects, and the importance of cooperating with other clubs. He also told us a little

about the history of Rotary in New Zealand and steps being taken towards commemorating the hundredth anniversary of this. Rotary started in NZ in the YMCA in Willis Street with the formation of the RC of Wellington.

On membership he told us about the RC of Stratford which found itself with a membership of eight who had an average age of 80. The club decided that recruiting younger members was not likely to be effective. Instead they sponsored a twenty year old to the Rotary Youth Leadership Award programme (RYLA) and he subsequently started a satellite club of young men. They have engaged in community projects and done some fundraising. They meet frequently to do things but with out the framework that we have. It is expected that they will eventually morph into the RC of Stratford. He did not put this forward as a pattern to follow so much as an example of what can be done if a club is able to realise its situation and what can be done to maintain Rotary in a community.



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RYPEN

He spoke about his plan to make this year's **District Conference** more of a festival and involve the community and young people and not just Rotarians

He also reminded us about the **Rotary International Conference in Toronto**

and the visit next month of RI President Ian Riseley.

He will be in New Zealand for our Presidents Elect training weekend at Waipuna Conference Centre, Auckland. Our District Presidents Elect will enjoy a great weekend of networking with Rotary peers, training, development and learning for their incoming role of Club President with the unique opportunity to hear from and experience first hand the inspirational leadership of our Rotary International President Ian Riseley.

For more details about these events see <http://rotary9940.org/>

David Bennett proposed a vote of thanks.

The following media release features Mitch Brown representing Rotary

Super stars step up for Diabetes NZ

Some of the country's most famous faces and top business minds are stepping up to the plate this February for Diabetes New Zealand's annual Fitbit MoveMeant Challenge.

Every year Diabetes NZ partners with champion sponsor, Fitbit and prominent New Zealanders help drive awareness of diabetes in New Zealand. Through the Fitbit MoveMeant Challenge participants are challenged to step up their exercise to outdo fellow competitors.

In previous years, this challenge has attracted some stellar competitors like Jacinda Ardern and Andrea Hewitt. This year a new group of Kiwis has accepted the challenge to 'Join the MoveMeant'. Health and wellbeing heavyweight Art Green will be up against the nation's sweethearts Brett and Angel Renall (Married at First Sight NZ) to out step and claim the championship for 2018. Other competitors include the formidable Mark Richardson, yogi Rachel Grunwell and leading presenters Nickson Clarke, Sam Wallace, Mel Homer, Carly Flynn and Toni Street.

This year, the celebrity line up will go up against the nation's brightest business leaders and industry professionals. Previous winner, Andrew Barnes from Perpetual Guardian was champion in 2015 and is back on board this year armed with the task of reclaiming his title. National MP Hamish Walker will compete against Sir Eoin Edgar, Dr Lee Mathias, Deputy Commissioner Mike Clement and Assistant Commissioner Richard Chambers (from New Zealand Police) and Mitchell Brown from Rotary New Zealand

Diabetes New Zealand's new CEO, Heather Verry, says the challenge of helping New Zealander's living with diabetes is growing each year. "Diabetes in New Zealand touches the lives of so many. Nearly everyone knows a friend or a loved one managing diabetes on a daily basis. Unfortunately, we estimate that there are still around 100,000 people that are living undiagnosed, which can lead to serious consequences. Our aim is to raise awareness, with the help of our influential friends competing. If one person is diagnosed with diabetes and given the tools to manage it effectively because of this challenge, then all the steps are worth it."

Verry is excited to see the Fitbit MoveMeant Challenge line-up for 2018. "What a turn out! We are proud to have so many supporters stepping up and out for diabetes. No doubt there will be some serious competitive banter between the participants!"

Diabetes NZ is a charitable organisation that helps support the New Zealand community living with diabetes. Diabetes is New Zealand's fastest growing health concern, affecting more than 257,000 children and adults nationwide. Diabetes NZ has branches across the country specialised in providing support, information and resources to New Zealander's living with diabetes.

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Jeremy Spanjaard is home again He sent this message to the club.

"On behalf of Vivienne and myself I would like the Rotarians of Wellington North to know how much we appreciate their friendship, visits, emails. Baking (spouses!) and support over the last 3 and a half months. It has made a positive difference to my recovery. Although I won't be confined to Kenepuru I will be rather restricted to 2 Iazard Rd for some time so you would be most welcome to drop in if you are round our way."

PARTING THOUGHT

**Honesty is the key to success.
Once you can fake that, you've got it made.**

Ed Nelson

- from Adrian Ellingham

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