



# BULLETIN

## ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH

### DISTRICT 9940



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31 May 2018

## TODAY

President Ross Foubister welcomed a small gathering on a definite winter's day.



Tony Fryer was the only happy chappy and he announced that he is away for three weeks to the RI conference.

President Ross reminded us that next week there will not be a meeting on Thursday but there will be a social evening for members and friends at the Khandallah Bowling Club from 5 P.M. on Friday 8 June. Cash bar responds to low denomination notes only. Take away food can be ordered at 6:00 P.M.

### Future meetings

**21 June**  
Revitalisation transition meeting

**30 June**  
Changeover Saturday evening at Khandallah Bowling Club. Roy Ferguson to speak on the Korean Peninsula and the Winter Olympics.

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**DISTRICT 9940**

<http://rotary9940.org/>

<http://rotaryforum.org.nz/>

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

**But no meeting 7 June**

**Friday 8 June 2018**  
**Social Evening from 5 P.M.**  
**At the Khandallah Bowling Club**

Take-away food can be ordered at 6:00 P.M.. Cash bar responds to low denomination notes only. Bring partners and friends.

Tell **Maurice Scott** of apologies and guests by noon Thursday

**14 June 2018**  
**Peter Campbell**  
**(ex dam engineer)**  
**Dams on the Waikato**

Reflection	Maurice Manttan
Introduce Speaker	Margaret Emerre
Vote of Thanks	Peter Gibbons
Parting Thought	Maurice Scott
Attendance	Ross George
Fellowship	Denys Pinfold
Tables	Pat Helm
AV	Bob Laybourn

Apologies and guests advise  
**Maurice Scott**  
by Noon Wednesday.

## TODAY'S SPEAKER

**Eric Fairburn**

**Robbie Burns Tam o' Shanter**



Laurie Bond introduced Eric Fairburn who he told us comes from the Border Country and after roles in submarines and then the army went to Sierra Leone to work in diamond mining. After contracting river blindness he went to Scotland and became an Assistant Governor of a Glasgow prison. He retired in 2012 and is now working in the Ombudsman's office looking at human rights in prisons.

Eric told us a little about the life and times of Robbie Burns who lived for 37 years after his birth in 1759. He then recited his epic poem Tam o' Shanter.

This was entertaining albeit somewhat different from our regular fare. Some members may have had a little difficulty with the speaker's accent. You can read the poem and a translation into current English at [http://www.robertburns.org.uk/Assets/Poems\\_Songs/tamoshanter.htm](http://www.robertburns.org.uk/Assets/Poems_Songs/tamoshanter.htm) The translation is in fact unnecessary as few words are different.

Ross George proposed a vote of thanks.

## THE PARTING THOUGHT

**There is no such uncertainty  
as a sure thing"**  
**-Robbie Burns**

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