



BULLETIN

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON NORTH

DISTRICT 9940



5 July 2018

TODAY

President Michael Gorman thanked members for making changeover a success and in particular those who organised it. He was welcomed with a standing ovation led by Past President Ross Foubister.

Visitors were then introduced, Wilber Dovey by Paul Tipping, Lynn Manttan by her husband, and Rotoract President Madison Faber by President Michael.

Signs of the changes afoot from the revitalisation project were seen in a change in emphasis in the Denys Pinfold Rotary question of the day. Today's was about that project and the winner Brian Poole received not a modest chocolate fish but a bar of chocolate coated Turkish delight. If the club can change the tradition of chocolate fish as a prize then it is surely possible for us to change any current practice.

CHANGES IN THE TREASUREY

President Michael advised that Maurice Scott has agreed to be our Treasurer. Paul Coutts who has held the post for several years as agreed to serve as Honorary Treasurer on an annual basis.

TREE PLANTING

Graeme Waters asked that on July 14 tree planting volunteers assemble at the top of Pirie Street at 9:30 A.M. And not at the end of Coromandel Street. He is also arranging for a barbecue when we are done, weather permitting. He will give more details next week and ask for who is coming. This is an opportunity to share Rotary with friends and family. **SEE LAST PAGE UPDATE**

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

This is one of the simplest projects ever. Anyone who eats out with a companion three or more times a year will probably pay for their book. If you eat out more often or with more companions you will save more. Cost is \$65.

Our club gets \$13 of each book we buy. Go to www.entbook.co.nz/10479xo to buy yours and get your friends and relations to go there too.

Margaret Emerre will deliver your book(s) to you. She needs the space in her garage for her car.

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

12 July 2018

Rt Hon Trevor Mallard

Reflection	John Mohi
Introduce Speaker	Tony Fryer
Vote of Thanks	Peter Gibbons
Parting Thought	Stephen Spence
Attendance	David King
Fellowship	Maurice Scott
Tables	Colin Lawton
AV	Ross Foubister

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**Professor Malcolm
McKinnon**

DUTIES TBA

**Apologies and guests advise
[Maurice Scott](#)
by Noon Wednesday.**

TODAYS SPEAKER

PETER KENNEDY

THE HISTORY of NATO



Maurice Manttan introduced Peter Kennedy who was New Zealand Ambassador to the EU, NATO and Belgium from 2007 until August 2011. He visited Afghanistan with other NATO/ISAF Ambassadors in 2009. He was previously Ambassador to Korea from 1993-95. Prior to this appointment he was International Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister during the Gulf War (and the Kuwait hostage crisis) and the period of New Zealand's last election to the UN Security Council.

Peter told us that NATO was formed in 1949. It was seen as a means of defence against the Soviet Union, particularly by its American members USA and Canada. For the European members its other objectives were also important. These were to foster European integration and prevent a resurgence of militant nationalism. These other objectives were also behind the formation of the European Union. The start of the process had been the French and German decision to combine their coal and steel interests and so prevent each others resources being acquisition targets.

Peter's tenure in the job covered the period of N.Z.'s maximum involvement in Afghanistan with both an army and a police contingent there. He outlined how NATO expanded after the break up of the Soviet Union and described some of the politics involved then and now.

Members found it an absorbing address and relevant to what is happening now.

Ross George propose a vote of thanks.

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STOP PRESS

Rotary Club of Wellington North. Tree planting Saturday 14 July - new more convenient meeting point!

09:30 am at the top of Pirie Street in Mt Victoria, near the playground by the Mt Victoria Bowling Club . Help establish the Forest at the Heart of Wellington. Please bring gardening gloves, water bottle, sturdy shoes/boots, and warm clothes. Bring your family, friends or anybody that values trees or ecology. 'Conservation Volunteers New Zealand' will organise us and provide tools, plants, full health and safety briefing, and a limited number of gloves. This is our project for 2018.

You are welcome to bring your own spade, but these will also be provided. A sausage BBQ is being planned as part of the proceedings. Don't worry if you can't stay on until 2pm - even a couple of hours contribution will be much appreciated, and rewarded with a sausage.

Please let Graeme Waters know if you can attend.

PARTING THOUGHT

Forgive your enemies but don't forget their names.

-John F Kennedy

-from Laury Sinclair