

Plimmerton Rotary

Weekly E -Update



Tuesday 12 September 2023

Meeting Update

President Tania opened the meeting by posing the question of what the significance of 12noon 1972 was. Of course, we all remembered it was when the Māori language petition was presented to Parliament and the point being that this week is Māori Language Week.

A modified meeting format was in play as there was no one available for the rostered Viewpoint and the speaker so carefully arranged, had called in sick, very wisely, with a positive Covid test.

Club Notices

Denise Traill spoke about the opportunity to run a fundraising event around the election requiring temporary staffing on the day. You will recall there was a letter from the Mana Electoral Office in last week's E-Update outlining the need for staff across the day. The fundraising proposal is for us to register as individuals to work for the day and then donate the equivalent of our earnings to our Charitable Trust. Remember the exciting days of Kirk's stocktake which David Knight pointed out was a great past fundraiser.

Please let Phillip Reidy know if you wish to register.

In case you have forgotten Election Day is 14 October 2023.

Items Of Special Interest

Speaker Programme

>26 September

Nick Jolly

NZ Beef and Lamb

< 3 October

Dane Ambler

NZ Made

Social Programme

Melbourne Cup Night

Bowls Night



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From the Almoner

From Almoner John:

Brett Jones has had surgery and is in good spirits and is now at home recovering. Time is the healer.

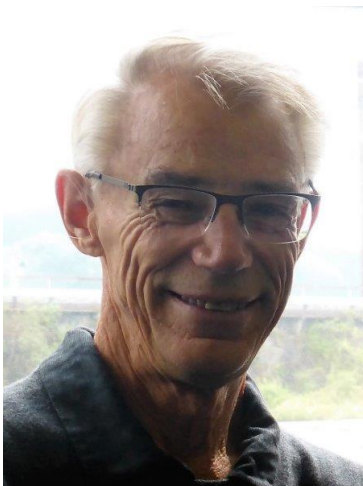
David Pine is home now, on new meds, is very tired, but is hoping for better progress.

Graham Craig is at home on the Sunshine Coast and has a Friday appointment at the Sunshine Coast Hospital.

George Wyman had heart surgery in Auckland last Monday and we trust he is progressing well.

The prayers and good wishes of the Club go out to all these Rotarians and their wives.

Speaker



As Roster Manager Graham Wallace had the unenviable task of trying to produce a speaker out of somewhere at short notice. Having gone through a list of possible candidates many times he came to the conclusion that he was the only possibility so instead of an erudite topic he proceeded to write and speak on the fly about the person behind the badge in all its technicolour grace.

He comes from Auckland having grown up in Mt Albert before studying engineering at Auckland University. He was good at sport (Football) amongst

other things. Much to his astonishment he managed to convince Carolyn of his potential and they were subsequently married and of course are now very proud parents and grandparents.

Graham then started his career as an engineer in Auckland working with such notables as Brian Paget (a past club member) and Tim Shadbolt (distantly).



The family moved to Wellington with Graham working for Tonkin and Taylor. He worked on a number of infrastructure projects around Wellington such as the storage lakes at Te Marua, the wind farms and landfill design and construction. He also did the engineering design work for Te Aro Piko.

He joined Rotary in 1997 and amongst other highlights his and Carolyn's involvement with exchange students stands out.

A concluding Viewpoint as that just having spent a month in Noosaville we should all go over there and stay. Some things are not so good, but the weather is great.



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Valedictory Commentary

It seems appropriate to have the opportunity to say some wise words when you choose to leave Rotary. Here are some such words from Wendy Betteridge:

In 1972 (when *was* that?) I was approached by a friend who had become pregnant in the middle of the school year and couldn't complete the summer term. The principal had asked her to find someone to replace her and although she knew I wasn't a teacher, I was a qualified hockey and tennis coach. The principal employed me on the basis that I couldn't do any work with the students in the gym.

One morning I had a group of students on the tennis courts and soon noticed that one girl was being shunned, ignored, and ostracized by the other students. As I saw her attempt to hit a ball, there was some derision when she missed. I set some exercises for the other students to work on and moved over to the girl. To cut a long story short, I showed her how to take her racquet back and swing it forward to my count. It was then my responsibility to make sure that I bounced the ball in exactly the right place so that it contacted the middle of her racquet as she swung.

She didn't just hit one ball – she hit every ball and the look on her face was one of astonishment and joy. She might never have hit a ball again, but in that moment, she was a star and many of the other students gathered round – there were even a few hugs.

In my thirty years with Plimmerton Rotary, I have often watched with great pleasure as some new members have embraced their own magnificence and grown before our very eyes. Many join the club, already brimming with confidence and the desire to make a difference. Some exude a modicum of self-doubt, and it has been those whose growth and development has filled me with excitement and pride. I'm aware that I was one of the latter variety and owe a great debt of gratitude to the club for giving me so many wonderful opportunities to serve and to grow.

As I stand down, I offer my sincere thanks for those opportunities and wish the club all the very best for its future.

Wendy Betteridge
1993-2023

Note: Those with long memories will remember Wendy's work with RDA (Riding for Disabled) and the consequent funding of a pony. Hence the photo.



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Speaker Programme

September	October	November	December	January 2024
	3 rd Dane Ambler Buy NZ Made	7 th Melbourne Cup	5 th	2 nd Recess
	10 th Committee Meeting	14 th	12 th Christmas Function	9 th Recess
19 th Committee Meeting	17 th Sir Ron Young Parole Board	21 st Committee Meeting	19 th Recess	16 th Social Meeting
26 th Nick Jolly NZ Beef & Lamb	23 rd John Huston Water Project In South India	28 th	26 th Recess	
	31 st Social meeting			

Duty Roster

	Viewpoint	Thanks	Speaker Host/Intro	Speaker Thanks	Parting Thought	Door
19 September 2023	David Knight	Leigh Corner			Mike Doig	Bruce Phillips Barry McEwen
26 September 2023	Donna Reed	Rhonda Sweetman	Denise Traill	Ann Scannell	Bryan Waddle	Graham Wallace Michael Parker
3 October 2023	Allan Nichols	Les Callear	Phillip Reidy	John Barber	Bill McAulay	John Gillon John O'Connell
10 October 2023	Mike Scott	Bill McAulay			Barry McEwen	Brett Jones Colin Whyte



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Supplementary Viewpoint



Dexter Traill added to the information provided by the person behind the badge stories by explaining his quite significant involvement with New Zealand Rugby League and in particular the Warriors.

There is much hidden sporting talent behind all those badges with Bryan Waddle (cricket), Bruce Couch (rugby), Dexter Traill (league) and Alan Nichols (football).

Parting Thought

Colin Whyte suggested that:

A negative mind will never give a positive life.

Rotary International Convention



Singapore's first prime minister became known as the "Chief Gardener" for his vision of the city's green future. Today, the merging of nature and ultra-modern cityscape is an example of the 2024 Rotary Convention city's frequent self-reinvention. In this issue of *Rotary* magazine, editor Wen Huang examines how Singapore's shape-shifting is a key to its success. [Register for the convention](#) and experience it for yourself.



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Chatterbox

For the adventurous amongst you here is something to think about:

As you might be aware, RID 3181 organizes an International Motorcycle Ride / Drive event - Ride for Rotary, in India. The aim of the event is to promote International fellowship and exchange of Rotary views.

The last 7 editions of the event have been an overwhelming success. More than 150 participants from 18 different countries have attended the event and have had wonderful experiences to take back home.

The proceeds from this event go to The Rotary Foundation. We have contributed close to \$150,000 to TRF from the last 7 editions.

This year's event will be held from 5th to 20th January 2024. The 15 days event will start-off from Udaipur (India) and can either be a motorcycle ride, or a four-wheeler drive.

The ride will cover multiple Rotary Districts and many Rotary Clubs. Route map will be - Udaipur - Ahmedabad - Statue of Unity - Surat - Nashik - Pune - Kolhapur - Goa - Mysore

Let me know if you want more details (Phillip Reidy).

The Rotary International all-member survey is coming in October.

The 2023 Rotary International All-Member Survey is your chance to tell us about your experience as a member — what you like, what you don't, and how we can make your membership experience even better.

The survey is sent to all Rotary and Rotaract members for whom we have a current email address. To ensure that you receive it, sign in to My Rotary and [update](#) your email address by 1 October.

Then, look for the Rotary All-Member Survey in your inbox in early October.



"My smart watch alerted my smart home which alerted my smart coffee maker which alerted my drone that I needed some coffee."



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