

History of the

Rotary Club of Wellington South

This is the History of the Rotary Club of Wellington South. Commenced by Rotarian Doctor Ernest Harold Cluer—Classification Senior Active—Previous Classification Medicine-Physician.

Every Wednesday from 11.30 onwards, some sixty of Wellington's male citizens, each one busily engaged in the pursuit of his particular vocation, each one a recognised leader in his business or profession, glances hurriedly at his watch and registers the time, altering his schedule if necessary, for he has an appointment at noon that he refuses to miss.

What force drives men of such diverse occupations, to adjust the tempo of this special day to a specific appointment which bears no obvious relationship to their daily pattern of life? And yet they converge from all directions to the focal point—the Bandroom of the Boys' Institute in Tasman Street, endeavouring to arrive before 12.15, at which time each one commences his weekly appointment with Rotary—Rotary the organisation which has as its motto "He profits most who serves best".

On entering this room today each man is greeted warmly by his fellow members; a stranger wearing the tiny Rotary emblem in his lapel button is also welcomed by members of the Fellowship Committee who make every effort to see that this Rotarian visitor from another town or from overseas, is given an opportunity to meet his counterpart in this Club, and is made to feel welcome with a friendliness and sincerity probably unmatched in any other association of men.

Such is the calibre of the members of the Rotary Club of Wellington South, playing a vital part in the integrated activity of Rotary District 294.

When approached to write the history of our Club, one accepted the honour with due humility, but felt immediately that this important duty should be entrusted to a Charter member. However, on reflection, and after a careful perusal of the record of the Club's formative months, it is clear to the writer that but for the tenacity, enthusiasm, resource and indefatigable energy of the eight Charter members who are still with us, and indeed some of those who for some pertinent reason are no longer privileged to be members—Wellington South Rotary would have surely perished in the turmoil of its own making, through lack of experience and leadership.

As the story unfolds it will become apparent to which Charter members the Club owes its present stability and strength, and why indeed none of these humble gentlemen wished to accept the credit for establishing the solid foundation from which the Rotary Club of Wellington South has risen to its present healthy structure.

On 5th July 1954 a meeting was called by John W. Collins, a member of the Wellington Rotary Club, and special representative of the then District Governor Pat Fagan (Masterton Club) of Rotary District 40, for the purpose of "opening up" the Wellington territory with particular reference to the South and East areas. This meeting was the result of a full classification survey by John Collins of the regions concerned, the establishment of numerous contacts and the

willingness of the participants to form the nucleus of a new Rotary Club within the Wellington Metropolitan area.

Those who were invited to attend are listed herewith, together with their appropriate business addresses. 24 attended and four apologised but indicated their willingness to serve Rotary. These were the men to be the Club's future Charter members. The reader will recognise many names, although their classifications as we know them now were not yet formulated. These will appear later when describing the Charter Ceremony.

Present at the meeting were:—

Rotarians

District Governor Pat Fagan (Masterton Club)
District Governor Elect. Les. V. Phillips (Hutt Club)
The President of the Wellington Rotary Club Len Greenberg
President Elect. of the Wellington Rotary Club Frank Drewitt
District Governor's Special Representative John W. Collins (Wellington)
Rotarian E. R. Glass (Member of the Wellington Club)

Interested Persons

C. H. Preston	<i>Prestons Service Station, Kilbirnie E.3.</i>
G. Scott	<i>National Film Unit, Miramar E.4.</i>
C. G. Clark	<i>Evans Bay Timber Co. Kilbirnie E.3.</i>
W. A. Wilson	<i>R.H. Wilson & Sons, Funeral Directors, 164 Adelaide Road, S.1.</i>
E. R. Collie	<i>Furniture Manufacturers, Riddiford Street, S.1.</i>
F. E. Bognuda	<i>F. & J. Bognuda, Sand & Gravel Supplies, Riddiford Street, S.1.</i>
W. G. Culpitt	<i>N.Z. Electric Lamp Manufacturers, Miramar E.4.</i>
F. J. Kennedy	<i>Wellington Gas Company, Miramar E.4.</i>
G. L. Davidson	<i>Denhard Bakeries, Adelaide Rd., S.1.</i>
L. Allen	<i>Wellington Joinery Co. Ltd. Seatoun E.5.</i>
H. H. Morrison	<i>Salmon & Spraggon Ltd., Miramar E.4.</i>
A. J. Gurney	<i>Gurney Electric Co. Ltd., Kilbirnie E.3.</i>
S. H. Hayes	<i>Boys' Institute, Tasman St., S.1.</i>
J. H. Taylor	<i>Tailors Dry Cleaners & Dyers, Mansfield St., S.1.</i>
C. J. Cutler	<i>Curator, Wellington Zoo, S.1.</i>
F. B. Baudinet	<i>Baudinet & Co., Colombo St., S.1.</i>
J. B. Cook	<i>Secretary, Wellington Hospital Board, S.1.</i>
V. H. Hebditch	<i>T. R. McLaughlin & Co. Plumbers, Owen St. S.1.</i>
L. W. F. Phillips	<i>Police Officer, Mt. Cook Police Station C.3.</i>
J. R. Marshall	<i>R. Marshall & Co. Carriers, Kilbirnie E.3.</i>
E. Cousins	<i>Principal, Wellington Technical College, C.2.</i>
A. G. Wells	<i>A. G. Wells & Co. Builders & Contractors, Owen Street, S.1.</i>
H. S. Cross	<i>Secretary, Presbyterian Social Service Board</i>
A. D. de Tourettes	<i>Manager, Wellington South Branch, Bank of N.Z.</i>
D. B. M. Malcolm	<i>Archdeacon, Anglican Church, Hataitai E.2.</i>
J. H. Blakelock (Dr)	<i>National Health Institute S.1.</i>
S. B. MacLennon	<i>Director of the National Art Gallery C.2.</i>
R. A. Falla (Dr)	<i>Director, Dominion Museum, C.2.</i>

Mr. Bognuda was asked to take the chair and the following motion was proposed by Mr. Bognuda and seconded by Mr. Allen:

"That a Rotary Club be formed in the Wellington South District and that those present, together with the four absentees, whose names complete the original list of 28 names submitted to the meeting, shall be the Charter members."

The motion was carried by acclamation and thus was born the Wellington South Rotary Club, in the home of John W. Collins, a fitting reward for his efforts and one which will grow with the years to perpetuate his memory.

Points of importance arising out of the meeting:

1. Messrs. Preston and Phillips were selected as delegates to attend the Rotary International District Governor's Assembly in Timaru in July of this year, 1954.
2. Mr. Phillips agreed to act as Secretary (that is Mr. Phillips the interested person not Mr. Phillips the District Governor Elect.) until the election of Club Officers took place.
3. Meeting Place—this was discussed and it was agreed this problem be investigated.
4. Catering—this to be investigated.
5. Time of Meeting—majority show of hands in favour of Wednesdays at noon.
6. Subscription—initially £5.
7. A collection was taken realising £85 to "start the ball rolling".
8. Boundaries—provisionally it was agreed to incorporate the postal districts of Kilbirnie, Hataitai, Wellington South, Brooklyn, Berhampore, Island Bay, Miramar and Seatoun.

At the District assembly, which the recorder was privileged to attend as Vice President of his own Club (Pahiatua) at that time, the District Governor Elect, Les Phillips, referred with some enthusiasm to the formation of the new Club of Wellington South and on behalf of all present, wished the Club every success.

As a forerunner of the fellowship for which our Club is picked out year after year as being outstanding by all who know us, a happy gathering of provisional Charter Members and wives took place at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Baudinet on Saturday evening, 17th July, 1954. On this occasion special representative John Collins stated that there was every possibility that the Wellington South Club might prove to be the first new Club to be formed in the District during Rotary International's Golden Jubilee Year. Although not present, the writer has it on good authority that it was indeed "a night to remember".

On Wednesday, 28th July, 1954 an Organisation meeting was held in the Cafeteria of New Zealand Electric Lamp Manufacturers Ltd., Miramar E.4. This was called by District Governor Les Phillips for the purpose of adopting a standard Club constitution and to elect officers.

Officers elected

President:	C. H. Preston
Vice President:	F. E. Bognuda
Directors:	G. Scott F. Kennedy W. G. Culpitt F. B. Baudinet
Secretary:	E. R. Collie
Treasurer:	A. H. de Tourettes
Sergeant at Arms:	L. W. Phillips



Charter President 1954-55
CYRIL PRESTON

After several exploratory moves regarding meeting places and caterers the inaugural meeting of the Provisional Wellington South Rotary Club was held in the dining room of the Basin Reserve Pavilion on Wednesday 15th September 1954. Visiting Rotarians included Past District Governor Pat Fagan who presented the Club with a collecting box for use by the Sergeant at Arms who lost no time in activating this fine gesture.

Song session was conducted by Syd Cross with the aid of a tape recorder. This proved a successful if unusual method of testing the acoustics of the Dining room. This by the courtesy of Geoff Scott at the piano and vocalist Rotarian Ken Macaulay of the Wellington Club. This method remained standard for some months, Geoff Scott cutting a fresh record almost every week. Thus was a deficiency hurdle (lack of a piano) overcome.

The meal charge was four shillings and the standard appeared to meet with general approval.

A further fellowship evening followed on Tuesday, 28th September 1954, when 35 members and wives together with invited guests met for cocktails at 5.30 p.m. in the Palm Lounge of the St. George Hotel, followed by dinner and a visit to the Opera House where a block booking had been made for the party to see "The Desert Song" presented by the Wellington Operatic and Theatrical Society. Chairman "Beau" Baudinet and his fellowship committee were again responsible for a most successful evening which could only serve to cement the bonds of friendship being rapidly established within the Club.

On October 6th the Club was privileged to have as its guest speaker, Rotarian Len Greenberg—Immediate Past President of the Wellington Club and Secretary to the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation. His address "*Mirth and the microphone*" was accorded a very warm reception.

The first Christmas Party, again organised by the Fellowship Committee was held in the Cafeteria of N.Z. Electric Lamp Manufacturers Ltd., on Wednesday November 24th. There were a number of distinguished guests including District Governor Les Phillips, Presidents of adjacent Clubs and their wives and

once more fellowship took the lead in our concept of Rotary which the writer believes is the forerunner of Rotary's higher ideals of service above self.

The final meeting for the calendar year 1954 was held on Wednesday 15th December when the Club was addressed by Dr. Deitrich of the German Legation who at the time was a Junior Gunnery Officer to Captain Langadorf of the "Graf Spee" during the Battle of the River Plate. Dr. Deitrich was accompanied by Mr. A. Stacey, who at the same time was an Able Seaman serving on H.M.S. "Achilles". Needless to say this meeting was a huge success and the attendant associated Press coverage gave Wellington South Rotary Club some well deserved publicity.

It was at this meeting that Past District Governor Fred Hall Jones was present and indicated that his book "Rotary in New Zealand" was about to be printed and that although Wellington South had not yet received its Charter, he was satisfied that the Club should be included. Reference to his book, published in March 1955, shows in fact that "*Wellington South*" was formed on July 5th, 1954, comprising 28 members meeting at 12.20 p.m. every Wednesday at the Basin Reserve Pavillion. He refers to it as "*A new suburban Club in the City of Wellington and although still a provisional Rotary Club at the time of writing Wellington South is included in this volume for all purposes*".

The Club re-assembled on January 27th 1955 at which meeting Rotarian Victor Young, a guest from overseas presented our first banner from the Rotary Club of Southampton England. President Cyril promised to reciprocate when our own banners became available. During the ensuing weeks disaster overtook our young Club in the form of two resignations—President Cyril Preston, who sold his business and Secretary Len Phillips by reason of transfer, both Officers thus losing their respective classifications.

A general meeting was called on Wednesday 30th March to elect a "Care-taker" directorate for the remainder of the Rotary year (ending 30/6/55) and a general re-organisation of Committees was also undertaken at this time. The following members were elected.

President:	Beau Baudinet
Vice President:	Geoff Scott
Directors:	F. J. Kennedy, W. G. Culpitt
Secretary:	Ted Collie
Treasurer:	Arnaud De Tourettes
Sergeant at Arms:	Sam Hayes

Furthermore, a regrouping of Committee Chairman took place resulting in the following elections:—

Classification Committee:	D. B. M. Malcolm (Ch), Arnaud de Tourettes.
Membership Committee:	John Cook (Ch), Bill Wilson.
Vocational Service Committee:	Greg Culpitt (Ch), Jack Taylor, Les Allen.
International Service Committee:	Geoff Scott (Ch), Harold Morrison. Colin Clark, Bob Falla.
Fellowship Committee:	Geoff Scott (Ch), Aub Gurney, Jack Marshall, Jim Blakelock.

Community Service Committee: Frank Kennedy (Ch), Gordon Davidson,
Eric Cousins, Bom Wells.
Programme Committee: Syd Cross.
Club History: Charlie Cutler.
Press Liaison: Stewart McLennan.
Social: Victor Hebditch.
Music: Geoff Scott (Ch), Syd Cross, Sam Hayes.

With this regrouping the Club continued steadily with weekly meetings preparing for the Charter presentation which was to take place on May 5th.

The Charter Presentation Meeting

This auspicious event took place in the main Dining Room of Kircaldie & Stains on Thursday the 5th May 1955 at 6.30 p.m.

In attendance were the District Governors of both Rotary Districts (then 39 and 40) and the Presidents of the following Clubs, Wellington, Hutt, Petone, Paraparaumu and Upper Hutt. There was a good representation of members from all these Clubs as well, the total numbers being around 250. All the Charter members were present, save one, who was ill, and I make no apology for again presenting their names together with their appropriate classifications.

On this occasion their Club names are given as they appeared on their badges:—

Les Allen	<i>Joinery—Manufacturing</i>
Beau Baudinet	<i>General Merchandise—Distributing</i>
Jim Blakelock	<i>Public Health Service</i>
Colin Clark	<i>Timber—Retailing</i>
Ted Collie	<i>Furniture—Manufacturing</i>
John Cook	<i>Hospitals—Administration</i>
Eric Cousins	<i>Education—Technical Schools</i>
Syd Cross	<i>Institutions—Homes for the Aged</i>
Greg Culpitt	<i>Electrical—Lamp Manufacturing</i>
Charlie Cutler	<i>Exhibitions—Zoo</i>
Gordon Davidson	<i>Baking—Retailing</i>
Arnaud de Tourettes	<i>Commercial—Banking</i>
Bob Falla	<i>Exhibitions—Museum</i>
Aub Gurney	<i>Electrical Supplies—Retailing</i>
Sam Hayes	<i>Associations—Boys' Institute</i>
Victor Hebditch	<i>Plumbing</i>
Frank Kennedy	<i>Gas—Manufacturing</i>
"D.B.M." Malcolm	<i>Religion—Anglican</i>
Stewart MacLennan	<i>Exhibitions—Art Gallery</i>
Jack Marshall	<i>Cartage—Contracting</i>
Harold Morrison	<i>Drugs—Manufacturing</i>
Geoff Scott	<i>Motion Picture Industry</i>
Jack Taylor	<i>Cleaning and Dyeing</i>
"Bom" Wells	<i>Building—Construction</i>
Bill Wilson	<i>Funeral Directing</i>

The evening commenced with dinner and following a call to order by President Frank Drewitt of the Wellington Club, the meeting was addressed by past District Governor Jimmie Robbie (Invercargill) who was introduced by District Governor Les Phillips and thanked by Past Second Vice President of Rotary International, John Ilott. Songs were presented at appropriate intervals by Rotarian Ken MacAulay (Wellington Club) and Russell Laurenson (Hutt Club).

The Charter was presented by Immediate Past District Governor Pat Fagan (Masterton Club) to President Beau Baudinet who accepted on behalf of the Wellington South Rotary Club and replied with an impressive and moving address.

This was followed by the induction of the Club's first new joining member—Alan Fleming—the induction ceremony being performed by Past district Governor David Ewen (Wellington Club).

Presentation of Furnishings

Rotary Gong:	Wellington Club
Photograph of H.M. Queen:	Hutt Club
Lectern:	Petone Club
Scroll:	Upper Hutt Club
Sunshine Box:	Past District Governor Pat Fagan (Masterton)
Rotary Wheel:	Rotarian Les Allen (Wellington South)
President's Chain of Office:	Sir Alexander Roberts (Wellington Club)
N.Z. Flag:	Ex Rotarian Cyril Preston who was present by invitation.
Gavel:	District Governor's Special Representative John Collins.

The gavel has a special note of interest. The gavel had been made by Disabled Servicemen from a beam of Kauri taken from the home of John Collins at Island Bay in which the original meeting of interested persons was held on 5th July 1954. To the gavel was attached a length of ribbon in the Rotary colour of blue which was to be kept intact for the current year commemorating Rotary's Fiftieth anniversary.

The evening concluded on a happy note in an atmosphere of cordiality and goodwill—albeit a loss of £35 had been incurred, which was generously met by our sponsor Club, the Rotary Club of Wellington.

Rotary Year 1955-56

On July 6th the following officers were elected for the ensuing Rotary year:

President:	Frank Kennedy
Vice President:	Greg Culpitt
Directors:	Geoff Scott Jack Taylor Syd Cross Beau Baudinet
Secretary:	Ted Collie
Treasurer:	Arnaud de Tourettes
Sergeant at Arms:	Sam Hayes



President 1955-56
FRANK KENNEDY

In this year President Frank made his objective the establishment of friendly relations with our parent Club and our immediate neighbouring Clubs. He further expressed his wish that our best contribution to Rotary as a new Club was to become a "100 percent" Rotary Foundation Club—particularly as this year (1955) was Rotary International's Golden Anniversary Year.

With the departure of Vice President Greg Culpitt overseas, the Club moved cautiously forward establishing its position in the community.

Two Club assemblies were held and a full and thorough Classification survey of the territory was conducted, resulting in the opening of further classifications, which brought in the following new members during Frank's year of office.

The Club's constitution and by-laws were thoroughly revised by Director Geoff Scott and copies were distributed to all members. It was also envisaged that Past District Governor Fred Hall Jones' book "Rotary in New Zealand" would be purchased and read by all members to bring them up to date with Rotary activities both prior to and during the Golden Anniversary year.

Nibby Scotland	<i>Paint—Manufacturing</i>
Ken Melvin	<i>Water Heaters—Manufacturing</i>
Oscar Burt	<i>Education—Public Schools</i>
Peter Stannard	<i>Storage Batteries—Manufacturing</i>
Don Steptoe	<i>Pharmacy—Retailing</i>
Eric May	<i>Petrol Pumps—Manufacturing</i>
Doug Hand	<i>Building Construction—Housing</i>
Ernie Gardner	<i>Building Construction—Surveying</i>
Cesar Cohen	<i>Clothing—Manufacturing</i>
"Mac" McKelvey	<i>Timber—Retailing</i>
John Kerr	<i>Aeroplane—Manufacturing</i>

Jack Livingstone
Lew Parsons

Leather Goods—Manufacturing
Shop & Office Fittings—Manufacturing

Resignations

Colin Clark
Les Allen
Charlie Cutler
Eric Cousins
Don Steptoe

Obituary

Dr. J. H. Blakelock

The sunshine fund provided a source of income from which allocations were made as follows

£15 Old Peoples' Homes
£30 Childrens Homes
£30 Scorching Bay Life Saving & Surf Club

Rotary Year 1956-57

Officers

President:	Greg Culpitt
Vice President:	Jack Taylor
Immediate Past President:	Frank Kennedy
Directors:	Sam Hayes Syd Cross Jack Marshall Aub Gurney
Secretary:	Nibby Scotland
Treasurer:	Arnaud de Tourettes
Sergeant at Arms:	John Kerr



President 1956-57
GREG CULPITT

President Greg elected to apportion the duties of the Directors following the pattern suggested by Rotary International—his plan ensured that every member of the Club, then 33 in number, had a specific job to do.

Prior to the official visit of District Governor Stuart Hayton (New Plymouth Club) President Greg made available to all members a document giving an outline of the duties and responsibilities of the District Governor, incorporating the reciprocal obligations of individual Rotarians. Even the most enlightened Rotarian may learn a little more by reading this most balanced summary of the District Governor's duties together with the state of this fledgling Club at the beginning of its third Rotary year.

The President of Rotary International, Gian Paolo Lang put forward these three targets which he considered Rotary's most pressing objectives in 1956/7. They were:

1. Keep Rotary simple
2. Put more Rotary in Rotarians
3. Learn more about each other

President Greg adopted these targets in broad principle, having due regard to the youth of the Club. His concept was given thus "*Strengthening of the basic foundations of the Club structure, whilst consolidating what has already been accomplished.*"

In addition to formidable undertakings already outlined, there was an urgent need for change of venue, consideration of which must have occupied much of the Directorate's time. After thorough investigation the Boys' Institute Music Centre was selected and the Hallmark Caterers were engaged. Considerable assistance was rendered President Greg by Rotarians Sam Hayes, Victor Heb-

ditch, Frank Kennedy, Lew Parsons, John Kerr and Doug Hand in making the hall tenable at this stage and members today can enjoy the results of improvements added over the years by these Rotarians and others who will be mentioned later.

No doubt District Governor Stuart Hayton was reassured on his official visit that the Rotary Club of Wellington South was in good heart and under capable leadership because President Greg and his energetic team were asked to undertake the organisation of an Interclub Forum, which became an annual event known as the Kapiti Forum. This between the Clubs comprising Area No. 8 of the District.

One of Rotary's Golden rules is "*One never refuses an assignment*" and so it was—this assignment was attacked with the vigour and enthusiasm of a dedicated team with most gratifying results.

A well planned publicity campaign: an outstanding panel of speakers which included:

Sir Arthur Tyndall
Rev. J. S. Somerville
Professor C. L. Bailey
Dr. C. L. Beeby
Sir John Ilott
Colonel Dr. A. B. Cook
Dr. George Currie

The allocation of specific duties to every member of the host Club, Wellington South; split second timing: all weaved the fabric of success—as evident by the attendance of 180 Rotarians from Masterton, Levin, Paraparaumu, Petone, Hutt, Upper Hutt and Wellington Clubs. The Forum Executive committee was made up as follows

Greg Culpitt
Nibby Scotland
Jack Taylor
Jack Marshall
Sam Hayes
Gordon Davison
Arnaud de Tourettes

An outline of the Forum Committee's of this Forum, will give a more complete understanding. The Committee Chairmen only are mentioned but these give an indication of how specific duties were allocated.

Remembering that there were less than 40 members in the Club this was a formidable undertaking. The Chairmen of the Forum Committees were as follows:

Programme:	Gordon Davidson
Finance:	Arnaud de Tourettes
Entertainment:	Syd Cross
Reception and Fellowship:	Bom Wells
Decorations:	Lew Parsons
Hall Arrangements:	Jack Livingstone

Publicity and Registrations:	Nibby Scotland
Lighting and Sound:	Aub Gurney
Song Leader:	Syd Cross
Pianist:	Geoff Scott
Musical Interludes:	John Parkin
Programme Cover Design:	Stewart MacLennan
Club Banner:	Rotarianne May Culpitt

The Forum was held in the Wellington College Hall on Saturday, 13th April 1957 commencing 9.45 a.m. and concluding at 8.30 p.m.—altogether a fantastic effort which was to put Wellington South Rotary Club well and truly on the map.

During the Rotary year four new members were inducted. President Greg introduced the sung grace to open the regular luncheon meetings, also President Greg introduced the "President's Monthly Letter" as a means of sustaining interest and making members better informed.

Other manifestations of President Greg's mammoth strides in advancing claims of Wellington South Rotary Club to recognition were:

1. The nomination of a candidate from the Wellington South Region for a R.O.T.A. Scholarship (Trevor Johnstone).
2. The offer of Caesar Cohen to provide banners for the Club.
3. Complete classification survey and review of current classifications.
4. The attainment of the Club's 100 percent contribution to Rotary Foundation.
5. The donation and erection of a plaque to the Scorching Bay Life Saving & Surf Club Reel, previously donated reading:

"Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wellington South"

6. During the year the Club was asked to have a representative on the formative committee for Birthright. Caesar Cohen accepted this assignment and has proved a stalwart and active member of this organisation ever since.

It is hoped that the reader is now convinced that this Rotary year 1956/7 under President Greg's dynamic leadership, supported by a team of directors and members infected with his enthusiasm was without doubt the most momentous year in the history of Wellington South to date.

New Members

E. H. Cluer (Doc)	<i>Medicine—Physician.</i>
J. E. Parkin (John)	<i>Electroplating—Manufacturing.</i>
A. D. Priestley (Don)	<i>Education—Technical Schools.</i>
W. F. Dorman (Bill)	<i>Farming—Sheep.</i>

N.B. Doc Cluer a new resident and practitioner in the Club's district came from Pahiataua as a Rotarian and Past President of that Club.

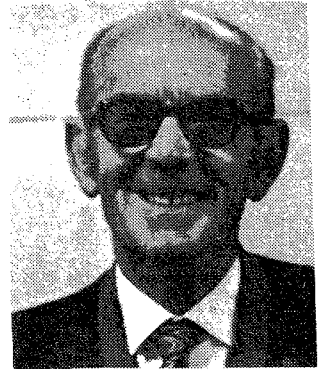
Resignations

Ted Collie
 Beau Baudinet
 Peter Stannard
 Oscar Burt

1957/8

Officers

President:	Jack Taylor
Vice President:	Syd Cross
Immediate Past President:	Greg Culpitt
Directors:	Sam Hayes (2nd term) Jack Marshall (2nd term) Gordon Davidson Nibby Scotland
Secretary:	Ken Melvin
Treasurer:	Arnaud de Tourettes
Sergeant at Arms:	Caesar Cohen



President 1957-58
JACK TAYLOR

In this Rotary year under President Jack Taylor's quiet but determined leadership, supported by a strong and experienced Directorate, an approach was made to the Wellington Club for an extension of boundaries to include both sides of Tory Street to the waterfront and all territory east and south of this line including Mount Victoria. Our sponsor Club was most co-operative and with R.I. sanction this was incorporated into the Club's constitution later in the year.

The major community service project for the year was the collection and donation of £225 to the Pencarrow Sea Scouts for the purchase of a suitable training boat. This was presented with due ceremony and attendant publicity and the lion's share of credit was undoubtedly due to the efforts of Nibby Scotland supported wholeheartedly by his fellow directors and the Club who gave generously for this worthy cause.

Other projects undertaken were:

1. The provision of curtains for the Band Room—donated and erected by the Club and presented to the Boys' Institute at a cost of £60 for materials, and the reader can assess the labour costs for himself.
2. The donation of £5/5/0 to Birthright.

During the year another feature which could be regarded as evidence of Club strength was the spontaneous elevation of the meal charge from 4/6 to 5/6. Our directors were so pleased with Hallmark caterers and the standard of meal presented, plus the excellent service provided, that they offered the caterers an extra 1/- per meal spontaneously. This offer was naturally accepted by the caterers and the standard remained as high as ever and as readers will know has not altered over the years.

Another major event in President Jack's year of office was the Vocational Committee's major arrangement for all "Kapiti" Clubs (those who attended the original Kapiti forum) to visit Pinchin Johnson's paint factory at Miramar.

Again the Club was indebted to Director Nibby Scotland and his Committee for providing a large number of visiting Rotarians with an instructive and memorable evening.

New Members

C. H. McKenzie (Colvin)
Alex Irvine (Alex)
B. C. Wilson (Brian)
C. W. Haines (Bill)

Hospitals—Casualty Officer
Funeral—Directing
Stationery—Retailing
Electrical—Battery Manufacturing

Resignation

Victor Hebditch
Bill Wilson

Obituary

Ernie Gardner

1958/9

President: Syd Cross
Vice President: Arnaud de Tourettes
Immediate Past President: Jack Taylor
Directors: Nibby Scotland
Bob Falla
Eric May
Gordon Davidson
Secretary: Ken Melvin
Treasurer: Harold Morrison
Sergeant at Arms: John Kerr



President 1958-59
SYD CROSS

The year started well but the Club strength was put to the test by the impending resignation of Arnaud de Tourettes who was due to retire in 1959 with consequent loss of classification. It is a tribute to Arnaud's profound knowledge of Rotary rules that he did not allow himself to "coast along" for a few months after retirement in order to earn the new classification of "Past Service". He chose to resign instead and the Club lost one of its pillars of strength who had assisted it along through difficult years. A reshuffle ensued, and Nibby Scotland emerged as Vice President with John Kerr taking over as Director in Nibby's place and Don Priestley accepting the onerous duty of Sergeant at Arms. Again the Club geared itself into activity, the three service Committees exploring new territory and ideas.

During this year the Club responded to a direct appeal for funds for the "Bridge" and an attempt was made by the International Committee under Eric May to provide U.N.U.M.S. (small gifts to the value of about 35/- per unit for the carrying out of relief work as nominated via overseas clubs in order to establish contacts.). The Vocational Committee under Bob Falla provided a "Kapiti" vocational evening at the Blue Room of the Dominion Museum which again was well attended by the "Kapiti" Clubs.

Towards the end of the Rotary year a further reshuffle was forced on to the Directors with the transfer of President Syd to Christchurch thereby leaving vacant the post of Immediate Past President. In view of the large intake of members and the impending loss of Sam Hayes who was to be transferred to Auckland, Past President Greg was asked to take this important post. In this way the strength of the Directorate remained consistent with an experienced team of Rotarians to inculcate the theory and practice of Rotary to a steadily increasing Club membership.

New Members

- A. B. Cook (AB)
- B. Benseman (Ben)
- S. Lowe (Stan)
- R. Slade (Ralph)
- C. Bowie (Colin)
- I. Garvie (Ian)
- R. Dougall (Ron)
- A. F. Wilton (Alan)
- J. Redstone (John)

- Associations—Salvation Army*
- Municipal—Milk Distributing*
- Business Services—Accountancy*
- Electrical—Electronic Engineering*
- Business Services—Auctioneering*
- Medicine—Dentistry*
- Engineering*
- Hospitals—Administration*
- Transportation—Airport Operating*

N.B. John Redstone came from Paraparaumu as a Rotarian and a Past President of that Club.

Resignations

- Sam Hayes
- Arnaud de Tourettes
- Syd Cross



1959/60

President:	Nibby Scotland
Vice President:	Eric May
Immediate Past President:	Greg Culpitt
Directors:	Bob Falla Ken Melvin Caesar Cohen Don Priestley
Secretary:	Alex Irvine
Treasurer:	Harold Morrison
Sergeant at Arms:	Doug Hand
Corporal:	Bill Haines



President 1959-60
NIBBY SCOTLAND

Under Nibby Scotland's energetic leadership the Club broke new ground in all avenues of Rotary Service.

Within the Club, a further edition of the Club constitution and bylaws was printed and circulated to all members and once more Past Presidents Greg Culpitt and Jack Taylor showed their dedication and resources by initiating and completing this unenviable task. They further instituted a thorough Classification survey with a "clean-up" of existing classifications.

The Information committee produced a cyclostyled sheet of material to be used in the approach to a new member, advising him of his responsibilities and obligations, arranging series of fireside meetings for new and old members which proved very successful and which continue to the present day.

The Community Service Committee engaged in several worthy projects including.

1. The provision of £70 for a tape recorder donated to the "Bridge".
2. The installation of a children's slide in the play area of the Occupational Therapy Centre, Coromandel Street.
3. The organisation of a combined picnic for children of various orphanages and the provision of Sunday outings for inmates of old age Homes within our territory.
4. Support of the Wellington Club in its campaign for funds for the Wellington Hospital Nurses Chapel.
5. Support of the Teenagers Club in Island Bay which brought Constable Gilmour, an Island Bay Police Officer to address the Club on local aspects of juvenile delinquency.

6. A concert party organised by Dcn Priestley, successfully entertained inmates of the Mount Crawford Prison.
7. Presentation of two bench seats to the City Corporation on the Reserve outside the Newtown Library, for use by the public.

This formidable list of achievements was most satisfying to Rotarians and helped to establish a public image of Rotary to the People of Wellington South Club territory. Other avenues of service were directed at improving International understanding and a specific project was undertaken in asking the Mount Lavinia School for the Blind in Ceylon to be the recipients of this year's U.N.U.M.S.

Cesar Cohen was responsible for the manufacture and supply of a renewed supply of Club Banners and for the presentation of the Rotary book "Seven Paths to Peace" to selected speakers on subjects of international importance.

The Vocational Committee under Bob Falla again provided a "Kapiti" Vocational evening at the Dominion Museum and a further vocational step was taken when the secondary schools in the Club's area were asked to send selected pupils to a luncheon in May, which proved entertaining and popular.

Rotarians also gave three minute job talks at regular intervals which proved an interesting method of getting to know about new members.

New Members

N. J. Baxter (Neil)	<i>Pharmacy—Retailing</i>
K. Tocker (Ken)	<i>Mineral Oil—Distributing</i>
W. J. Ross (Rossie)	<i>Finance—Banking</i>
R. M. Robinson (Robbie)	<i>Toilet Goods—Distributing</i>
N. M. Porter (Norman)	<i>Paper Bags—Manufacturing</i>
C. E. Fuller (Claude)	<i>Electrical Industry—Supplies</i>
D. H. Meiklejohn (Doug)	<i>Associations—Boys Work Organisations</i>
M. Field (Maurie)	<i>Automobiles—Petrol Retailing</i>
J. Dow (John)	<i>Mineral Oil—Refined Products Distributing</i>

Resignations

Harold Morrison
 Brian Wilson
 Stewart MacLennon
 Ron Dougall
 Ken Tocker

Obituary

Colin Bowie

1960/61

President: Eric May
Vice President: Don Priestley
Immediate Past President: Nibbie Scotland
Secretary: Alex Irvine
Treasurer: Jack Livingstone
Directors: Lew Parsons
Ken Melvin
Doug Hand
Bill Haines

Sergeant at Arms: Bill Haines
Corporal: Neil Baxter



President 1960-61
ERIC MAY

President Eric May's year of office proved to be one of consolidation with limited expansion in membership. Highlights of the year were:

Community Service

Continuation of drives for Senior Citizens on Sundays and another enjoyable picnic for orphans at Reikiorangi, being the site of the Boys' Institute Camp, for which the club is indebted to Doug Meiklejohn and the Boys' Institute Board for allowing us to use this site year after year. The Island Bay Youth Club had three stalwarts on its adult committee in the form of Frank Kennedy, Bill Dorman and Mac McKelvey and maximum financial support was given by the Club including a generous donation by Director Bill Haines of a table tennis table and set. Further financial support was asked and generously given to the Wellington Medical Research Foundation which became established during this Rotary Year.

International Service

Plans were laid for the greeting and entertaining of Colombo Plan students, together with financial backing for the World Refugee appeal when the Wellington South Rotary Club gave a total of £40 to support the training of two students in Gaza (one male to a carpentry training course—£25, and one female to a sewing training centre course at a cost of £15). The Club also donated £100 for the purchase of U.N.U.M.S. for the Mount Lavinia School for the blind, together with a descriptive atlas of New Zealand.

Vocational Service provided

1. Visit to the Lion's Club of Wellington.
2. Visit to the newly erected Bowen St. Government Building.
3. Another "Kapiti" vocational evening at the Blue Room
4. Continued job talks including thumbnail sketches of new and old members.

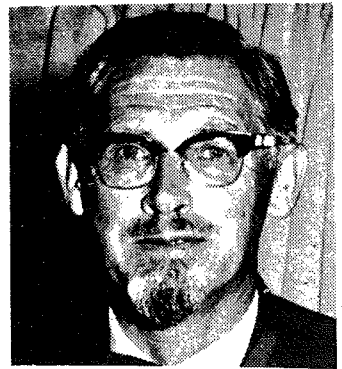
New Members

Ross Walker (Ross)
H. W. Reed (Hollis)
A. N. Taplin (Alf)
G. Leary (Gordon)
S. Billborough (Sam)
M. N. Press (Murray)
E. Holecek (Ernie)
R. Allison (Roly)

Fruit—Importing
Confectionery—Manufacturing
Dry Goods—Distributing
Education—Secondary
Education—Intermediate
Grocery—Wholesaling
Shoe—Manufacturing
Restaurants

1961/62

President:	Don Priestley
Vice President:	Aub Gurney
Immediate Past President:	Eric May
Secretary:	Stan Lowe
Treasurer:	Jack Livingstone
Directors:	Bill Haines Doug Hand Lew Parsons Mac McKelvey
Sergeant at Arms:	Neil Baxter



President 1961-62
DON PRIESTLEY

Another setback to stability might have occurred this year when President Don retired from his teaching vocation thereby losing his classification. He was however, eligible for "Past Service" membership which privilege he was accorded by the Directors prior to his leaving almost immediately for overseas. Past President Greg Culpitt again exercised his Rotary strength in being unanimously appointed as acting President in Don's absence. Furthermore he was able, with the help of Past Presidents, Directors and willing Rotarians to reshuffle the Directorate. At a later stage Aub Gurney also found himself unable to continue in office. From early in the 1962 calendar year the Directorate included the following:

President (Acting):	Greg Culpitt
Vice President:	Lew Parsons
Immediate Past President:	Eric May

The remainder of the team being as aforementioned.

Director Lew Parsons was prevailed on to accept the Vice Presidency with a view to his assuming the Presidency for 1962/3 and Acting President Greg Culpitt remained on the Board for a further Rotary year to ensure the smooth running of the Club.

Thus the Club work was hardly interrupted as a result of this extensive re-organisation and a battery of projects were undertaken and completed during this disturbed year which included

1. Renovation and repainting of the Band room of the Boys' Institute which is our meeting room.
2. The nomination and acceptance of a Rotary Foundation Scholar (Miss Margaret Clark).
3. A complete revision and reprinting of the song books carried out by the Music Committee under that veteran of music, John Parkin ably supported by another such veteran, Geoff Scott.
4. A 100 percent Club support for a reception held by Wellington Club in honour of R.I. President J. Abey, who was visiting New Zealand in the course of a whirlwind tour of Pacific Rotary Districts.

5. The continuation of annual projects established over previous years such as the orphans' picnic, entertainment of Colombo Plan students, donations to selected charities the size of which increases steadily each year.
6. The purchase of new furniture, a duplicating machine, new badges and a gas heater which is with us today.

New Members

A. Hildreth (Brownie)
W. White (Will)
A. F. Collins (Alan)

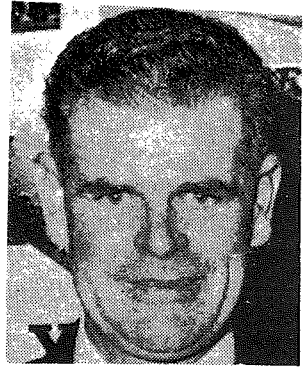
Laundering—Towel Supply
Furniture—Retailing
General Merchandise—Importing

Resignations

D. B. Malcolm
Ben Benseman
M. Field
J. Dow

1962/3

President: Lew Parsons
Vice President: Alex Irvine
Immediate Past President: Greg Culpitt
Secretary: Stan Lowe
Treasurer: Rossie Ross
Directors: Bill Haines
Alan Clark
Alan Wilton
Mac McKelvey
Doug Meiklejohn



President 1962-63
LEW PARSONS

Sergeant at Arms:

President Lew, accepting his responsibilities humbly and with a determination characteristic of him, set about leading the Club through a further period of consolidation. He paid particular attention to Club Services and presided over FIVE Club assemblies during his year of office. He further instructed John Redstone, then Chairman of Information to prepare and circulate a document to remind Rotarians of their obligations, privileges and responsibilities, which was timely and well received.

Another unique feature was the issue of quarterly newsletters together with a masterly summation of the Club's activities at the end of his term. During his year of office the following notable highlights are recorded, but it should be mentioned that President Lew supported by a very strong and capable team of Directors wielded a powerful baton over his growing Rotary orchestra and members responded well to the example set by his energy and rugged tenacity.

Community service

Mac McKelvey (later followed by Ian Garvie). These two took the committee through a very busy year indeed.

Major Donations

Birthright £80.

Projects

The Paulina Home £25 towards the purchase of a TV set.
Annual Orphans picnic.

Film Evening for Senior Citizens at Kilmarnock.
Meals on wheels coverage, especially over holiday periods.

The presentation of a decorated Christmas tree laden with soft toys (donated by Club members) each toy was to the value of 10/- to 15/-. This tree was presented to the St. Barnabas Home in Seatoun.

Full Club participation in House to House collection for Foundation for the Blind appeal plus direct donation of £21/5/- for the purchase of a talking book frame to the Foundation Secretary at a special ceremony held at one of the luncheon meetings.

Members participation in Corso Collection.

Vocational Service

Committee undertook the following projects during the year.

1. Visits to new clubs of Porirua and Naenac, with vocational visit to Kodak factory at Porirua after the official visit.
2. A visit to the Wellington Polytechnic.
3. Celebration of the 8th Anniversary of the Club receiving its Charter—a special function was held for this.
4. Continuation of Aunt Sally sessions with job talks as before (new and old members)
5. The continuation of fireside evenings for new members.

International Service

Donation of 24 Braille frames to the Mount Lavinia School for the Blind in Ceylon plus dress lengths donated by the Rotariannes and boys shorts donated by Alan Clark. Members participated most generously.

Donation of £50 to Dr. Paul White known as the Jungle Doctor, who addressed the Club giving a fascinating account of his work in Tanganyika (Tanzania). The continuation of support and encouragement for our Rotary Foundation Scholar, Miss Margaret Clark. Caesar Cohen was the Rotary Counsellor for Miss Clark. Caesar produced a very capable and distinguished young lady who represented the Club and the Dominion with distinction and deserves a lot of credit for this.

The acceptance of responsibility as Host Club for a Californian Rotary Foundation Scholar Miss Betty Jo Muller. Rotary Counsellor was Don Priestley.

The Committee's culminating effort was a magnificent evening for Colombo Plan students held at the Skyline Cabaret. This was attended by our two lady students and by a large following of Club members, wives and their children. This was a magnificent function and one of which the Club was justly proud.

A direct donation of £75 to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign and the achievement of a 300 percent Rotary Foundation Club by direct contribution of members all indicate the dedication and enterprise of those Rotarians who were supporting President Lew in his year of "consolidation".

New Members

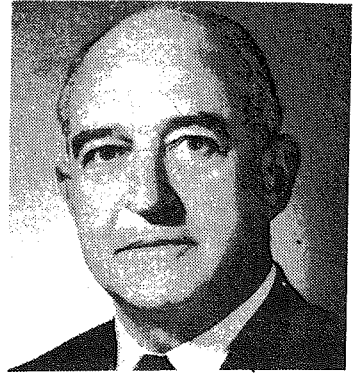
Rev. S. D. McConchie (Stewart)	<i>Religion</i>
B. W. Potter (Bas)	<i>Education—Technical</i>
D. M. P. Martin (Don)	<i>Public Safety—Police</i>
C. R. Clayton (Colin)	<i>Match Manufacturing</i>
R. Brewster (Sandy)	<i>Toilet Goods—Distributing</i>
V. J. Gotlieb (Vic)	<i>Finance—Building Society</i>
P. K. Arnold (Peter)	<i>Automobiles—Industry</i>
R. F. Old (Ron)	<i>Government Service—Social Security</i>
H. G. Wilde (Harold)	<i>Shoe Machinery—Distributing</i>

Resignations

Mac McKelvey	(Loss of classification through transfer.)
Neil Baxter	(Loss of classification through transfer.)
Robbie Robinson	(Transferred to London.)
Jack Marshall	(Resigned on account of ill health.)
Jack Livingstone	(Sold his business.)

1963/64

President:	Alex Irvine:
Vice President:	Bill Haines
Immediate Past President:	Lew Parsons
Secretary:	Ron Old
Treasurer:	Rossie Ross
Directors:	Stan Lowe
	Alf Taplin
	Bom Wells
	Alan Clark
Sergeant at Arms:	Harold Wilde
Corporal:	Allan Collin



President 1963-64

Alex Irvine:

President Alex assumed leadership of a Club whose members were enjoying full Rotary participation in numerous projects in all avenues of service. His quiet confidence and vast knowledge of Rotary was a source of inspiration to many Rotarians, both inside and outside the Club and it is to his credit that the two resignations throughout his year of office were entirely fortuitous and unavoidable.

It was this year that Wellington South had the privilege and strength to nominate the successful candidate for the District Governor for 1964/65—Russell Laurenson of Hutt Club.

Projects which dominated the year's activity in addition to the regular annual undertakings previously mentioned were

1. The visit of Kapiti" Clubs to the Wellington Hospital. For this Rotarian Alan Wilton and the Vocational Service Committee were to be congratulated on a most successful venture.
2. The Club visit to the Disabled Servicemen's League, Re-establishment Training Centre in Lloyd Street.
3. The preparation and despatch of a film on New Zealand and a tape recording of Christmas greetings prepared by the International Committee under Bom Wells direction to the Rotary Club of Elsinore in Denmark. This followed a request from R.I. President Carl Miller that Wellington South Club should "pair off" with the Elsinore Club to assist in a better understanding between our two countries.
4. The organisation of a select function at the new Broadcasting Service Building in Bowen Street for the purpose of celebrating World Understanding Week in March. Director Bom Wells and his International Service Committee worked for many weeks on this project which developed into a spectacular diplomatic reception, resplendent in evening gowns, jewels and complete with the N.Z.B.C. Symphony Orchestra playing appropriate musical gems from representative countries.

At the end of the year the Club was to lose the service of Vice President Bill Haines who together with Marjorie his wife, had worked tirelessly since his induction in 1961.

It is recorded in the minutes (No. 9 dated 2/4/64) "*A vote of appreciation to Bill Haines expressing the indebtedness of the Board for his service to the Club and the Board, was carried.*"

New Members

N. V. Holyoake (Noel)

V. G. Skilton (Vin)

M. Lewis (Maurie)

R. D. Trounson (Reg)

S. Hill (Seddon)

Air Conditioning—Warm Air Furnaces

Government Service—Public Defence Army

Beverages—Non-alcoholic Carbonated—

Manufacturing

Animal Husbandry—Veterinary Medicine

Education—Secondary

Resignations

Gordon Leary

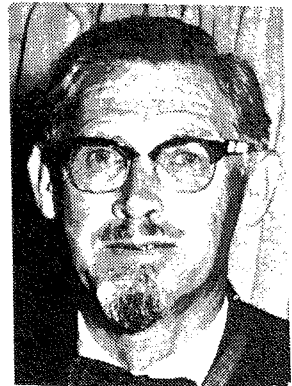
Bill Haines



1964/65

President: Don Priestley
Vice President: Alf Taplin
Immediate Past President: Alex Irvine
Secretary: Ron Old
Treasurer: Norman Porter
Directors: Bom Wells
Brownie Hildreth
Nibby Scotland
Doug Meiklejohn
Alan Collin

Sergeant at Arms:



President 1964-65
DON PRIESTLEY

President Don returned to the Chair at the head of a re-organised Directorate and a Club which was to set itself a target of 60 members during 1964/65 in keeping with R.I. President Charles Pettengill's policy of expansion.

This year was also the 10th Anniversary of the Wellington South Club's Charter, and the occasion was celebrated with a mass visit to our sponsor Club, the Rotary Club of Wellington, whose members were suitably impressed by the growth of their "baby".

Early in the year another reshuffle was precipitated by the resignation of Stan Lowe from the Board, and later from the Club. Stan's service to our Club over the years was considerable, both in the capacity of Secretary and Director, and the Board's appreciation is recorded in the Minutes. Past President Nibby Scotland was prevailed on to return to the Board, and the Club continued resolutely with its prime objective of expansion. A full classification survey was undertaken and during this search it was first rumoured that a new Club was to be started in the Wellington East region. Rotary Foundation continued to receive maximum support from all members and we achieved the status of a 400 percent Club before the end of the Rotary year, largely due to Caesar's brilliant efforts.

President Don restarted the Choral grace before the meal, which had lapsed, for some years, with a framed copy of the Rotary Grace placed above the piano. This added to the dignity of the formal proceedings and has received favourable comment on all sides.

All projects undertaken were completed and the Club increased its membership by thirteen to 63 at the time of changeover, although resignations did reduce the number to 59—there were four resignations through the year.

New Members

L. Marshall (Leo)
F. Manoy (Frank)
W. Waite (Bill)

Communications—Postal Service
Chemical Industry—Adhesives Manufacturing
Mineral Oil Industry—Distributing

D. Loveridge (Darrell)
K. Cunliffe (Keith)
P. B. Wong (Paul)
R. Moore (Ross)
A. Hamilton (Archie)
R. Griffiths (Ron)
J. W. Backhouse (Joe)
Major W. Simpson (Wes)
B. Parsons (Bryce)
K. J. Reid (Keith)
S. B. Irvine (Sam)

Publicity—Advertising
Confectionery—Licorice Manufacturing
Medicine—Physician
Associations—Trade Associations
Rubber Goods—Manufacturing
Floor Coverings—Wholesale
Furniture—Manufacturing
Associations—Salvation Army
Bread Baking—Wholesale
Steel Office Equipment—Manufacturing
Fire Fighting and Prevention—Fire Services

Resignations

Ian Garvie
Stan Lowe
Sandy Brewster
Vin Skilton

1965/66

President: Alf Taplin
First Vice President: Hollis Reed
Second Vice President: Bas Potter
Immediate Past President: Don Priestley
Secretary: John Redstone
Treasurer: Norm Porter
Directors: Brownie Hildreth
Doug Meiklejohn
Peter Arnold
Ron Old
Don Martin



President 1965-66
ALF TAPLIN

President Alf headed a powerful team for his year which was to prove a landmark in the history of our club, for it was in this Rotary year that we launched our own infant—the Rotary Club of Wellington East. Past President Alex Irvine, guided by Past District Governor Russell Laurenson and ably supported by a team of past Presidents of this Club, was in charge of the “operation”. After an immense amount of exploration, contacts, interviews and all the attendant expenditure of time and energy, a function was held at the White Heron Lodge on October 12th 1965 which was attended by the prospective Charter members and their wives, together with the Directors and Committee Chairmen (and their Wives) of Wellington South Club. The new Club was given its Charter at a separate function on February 5th 1966 at the Winter Show Building, when some 350 Rotarians and wives witnessed the Charter presentation ceremony by District Governor Vel Velven.

Twenty six members, headed by President Reg Vowles were welcomed into Rotary, forming the new ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON EAST, with full participation in all avenues of Rotary Service. Its foundation and successful operation is a source of great pride and pleasure to our Club and especially to Past President Alex Irvine.

During the year President Alf and Mavis invited every Club member and his wife to dinner in four separate groups. Each evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present and ensured a high standard of fellowship, with the formation of many new friendships.

These evenings were tremendously successful, and it was to the credit of President Alf and Mavis that Club Fellowship (although never wanting) positively blossomed during this Rotary Year, enabling new members to become rapidly assimilated.

Under Past President Greg Culpitt's directorship the Club achieved a 500 percent status in its Rotary Foundation contributions—an achievement paralleled only by the Hutt Club.

New Members

C. K. McPherson (Cliff) *Chemical Industry—Pharmacy Retailing*
R. F. Johnson (Roland) *Optometry*

W. H. Lee (Bill)
P. R. Harvey (Peter)

*Electrical Equipment Supplies—Wholesale
Banking*

Resignations

John Kerr
Seddon Hill

Obituary

W. Waite

1966/67

President:	Hollis Reed
First Vice President:	Bas Potter
Second Vice President:	Bob Falla
Immediate Past President:	Alf Taplin
Secretary:	Ken Melvin
Treasurer:	Darrell Loveridge
Directors:	Keith Reid
	Norman Porter
	Doug Meiklejohn
	Peter Arnold
	Ron Old
Sergeant at Arms:	Keith Cunliffe



President 1966-67
HOLLIS REED

This Rotary year under President Hollis' energetic leadership, commenced with 62 members and got away to a flying start with continuing accent on fellowship. This was further enhanced when President Hollis and Edna invited the Club and wives to dinner and show at Downstage Theatre. The evening was particularly successful in making all Rotarians better acquainted and in helping our wives to get to know all others in a different environment.

Three Club assemblies in five months ensured a large variety of ideas and each avenue of Rotary source was thoroughly explored by its committee with a view to increasing the impact of Rotary on the community and within the Club.

Notable highlight of the year was the function of "Teen Aid"—a counselling service for teenagers by teenagers. This project was the culmination of 12 months research of the Community service Committee under Director Ron Old and has been acclaimed by all sections of the community, especially established Youth Organisations.

Past President Jack Taylor was able to report towards the close of the Rotary Year that the Club reached 600 percent status in Rotary Foundation contributions—which was the more commendable having regard for the large intake of new members during the year.

The Club was saddened at the sudden death of Darrell Loveridge who had only recently joined our ranks and was proving himself in every way to be a good Rotarian. He was serving the Club as Treasurer when he died.

New Members

A. B. Lockie (Al)
H. W. Clarke (Harry)
J. Van Praag (Jim)
F. Turnovsky (Fred)
K. I. Mitchell (Ken)
J. G. Staples (Jim)
I. F. Rankine (Ian)
J. A. Pountney (John)
J. M. Setters (Jack)
K. F. Paterson (Keith)
J. C. Fraser (Campbell)

Electrical Industry—Manufacturing
Senior Active from Porirua Club
Jewellery Manufacturing
Leather Specialities
Architecture
Record Manufacturing
Hardware—Distributing
Foreign Govt.—Diplomatic Service
Electrical Industry—Lamps and Lighting
Glass—Wholesaling
Rubber Goods Manufacturing

Resignations

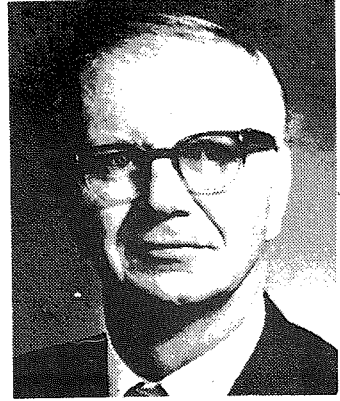
A. Hamilton
W. Ross

Obituary

D. Loveridge

1967/68

President:	Bas Potter
First Vice President:	Bob Falla
Second Vice President:	Ron Old
Immediate Past President:	Hollis Reed
Directors:	Maurie Lewis
	Don Martin
	Norm Porter
	John Redstone
	Roland Johnson
Secretary:	Ken Melvin
Assistant Secretary:	Murray Press
Treasurer:	Gordon Davidson
Assistant Treasurer:	



President 1967-68
BAS POTTER

President Bas left New Zealand on a travelling scholarship on 20 March 1968 and did not return until the beginning of the 1968-9 Rotary year. Past President Alf Taplin acted as President for the last three and a half months of the year under review.

Main Activities of Club

1. Establishment of Teen-Aid (R. Old and K. Mitchell).
2. Assistance with travel and arrangements for the Green Room Theatre Group (C. McPherson).
3. World Community Service—Educational assistance for boys in N.E. Thailand (A. Irvine).
4. Supply of artificial limbs for disabled in Malaysia—Kuala Lumpur.
5. Working bee to redecorate national headquarters YWCA in Courtenay Place.
6. \$320 to Mt Lavinia School for the Blind, Ceylon (Caesar Cohen's Rotary key rings a source of income to make this possible).
7. Commencement of Central Park project to:
 - (a) give group entertainment
 - (b) provide visits for patients on their birthdays.
8. Arrangements for Keith Harwood and his wife. Keith was a Rotary Foundation Technical Award scholar from Lancashire attending the Polytechnic.
9. Assistance with goods and cash to the Otaki Health Camp.
10. Major payments from Sunshine Fund:
Boys' Institute \$250
11. Vocational visit to Dunlop (N.Z.) Ltd. at Upper Hutt.
12. Club members dinner guests of the Wellington South Lions Club.

13. Fellowship dinners with Rotariannes on:
 - (a) district basis.
 - (b) committee basis.
14. Two careers evenings at St Patrick's College—talks under headings:
 - (a) manufacturing (C. Fraser)
 - (b) selling (T. A. Drakeford)
 - (c) management and administration (T. M. Kimble)
15. Panel discussion at luncheon on a management problem: *"Promotion from within, or a new appointee from outside the firm?"*
16. Industrial Thanksgiving Service at St Thomas's (Rev. S. McConchie).

New Members

Leth Algie
Brian Cardiff
Bill Dyson
Ian Garvie
Alex Hillock
Jack Forsyth
Dennis Taylor
Jack Upton

Resignations

Peter Arnold
Joe Backhouse
Colin Clayton
Aub Gurney
Leo Marshall
Ken Melvin
Jim Staples
Harold Wilde

1968/69

President:	Ron Old
First Vice President:	Bob Falla
Second Vice President:	Don Martin
Immediate Past President:	Bas Potter
Directors (Second Year):	Maurie Lewis
Directors: (First Year):	Sam Irvine Wes Simpson
Secretary:	Roland Johnson
Treasurer:	Bill Lee



President 1968-69
RON OLD

Unfortunately, due to ill health, Wes Simpson was unable to continue in office from early in the year and he was replaced by Murray Press.

Outstanding Events during the Year: Highlights of the year included:

1. The nomination of Past President Alex Irvine as District Governor. This event was celebrated by a combined Fellowship Evening with Wellington East Club at the Display Centre. 150 attended this function.
2. The honouring of Miss Hartill of the Wellington High School for her many years of devoted and outstanding Community Service. She was presented with a framed certificate in the presence of many of her colleagues at one of our luncheons.
3. The presentation of an electric typewriter to the Kimi-Ora Cerebral Palsy School on behalf of six Japanese Clubs who had contributed.
4. Vocational Visit to Wellington East (Courtenay Place) Telephone Exchange.
5. Careers Guidance Evening for pupils of our three Colleges.
6. Campaign to find employment for disabled civilians.
7. World Understanding Week—Overseas Students hosted and entertained.
8. Artificial Limbs forwarded to amputees in Kuala Lumpur.
9. Technical Books supplied to Pacific Islands Schools.
10. Rotary Foundation—contributions raised to 700 percent rating.
11. Financial assistance to Birthright, Teen Aid, "Busy Fingers", Home of Compassion. Christmas parcels and Birthday gifts to elderly citizens.
12. Assistance to Night Shelter.

13. Final Luncheon programme comprised a brief summary of activities given by each Committee Chairman and Director.

New Members:

The Club was most fortunate in being able to admit to its ranks 12 new Members during the year. They were:

Peter Bennett	Thor Pedersen
Cyril Bradwell	Huntly Ross
Jim Diack	Jim Staples
John Moore	John Taylor
Stan Moore	Bruce Upham
Chris Nyberg	

It was a unique occasion and a great honour to me to be able to induct Past District Governor Chris Nyberg who came to us from the Feilding Club.

Resignations:

We were also sorry to lose the services and fellowship of eight members, some of them with many years of devoted service to their credit. They were:

Bill Dorman
Brian Cardiff
Greg Culpitt
Bill Dyson
Campbell Fraser
Bryce Parsons
Keith Reid
Alan Wilton

Greg Culpitt was a Past President of the Club.

1969/70

President:	Don Martin
First Vice President:	Maurie Lewis
Second Vice President:	Roland Johnson
Secretary:	Ken Mitchell
Treasurer:	Ian Rankine
Immediate Past President:	Ron Old
Directors:	Sam Irvine Murray Press Frank Manoy Bill Lee
Assistant Secretary:	Cliff McPherson
Assistant Treasurer:	Peter Harvey
Sergeant at Arms:	Jack Setters



President 1969-70
DON MARTIN

Don commenced his 'Year of Office' with his message to the Club on Fellowship and Service.

Early in the year he put forward a club project of purchasing through the Rotary Club of New Plymouth small bottles of crude oil from the Maui oil strike on the South Taranaki Bigh, the proceeds to be donated to the I.H.C. and Birthright. All members of the Club gave freely of their services in canvassing the sale of these bottles at the Winter Show Exhibition, and a sum of 300 dollars resulted.

On 15th October. R.I. President James F. Conway, with his wife, were the Guests of Honour at a combined luncheon meeting in the Town Hall for all Wellington Clubs. In his address the R.I. President challenged all present to "Review and Renew" their plans and efforts in the current Rotary year.

Bill Lee organised and chaired a panel discussion on Rotary Foundation and Information consisting of our experts on such matters, Alex Irvine, Chris Nyberg and Roland Johnson. A most successful exercise.

Members of TEEN AID are showing initiative and self-reliance in their fund raising efforts. Ron Old and Doug Meiklejohn provide the guidance for this youth organisation, who are doing splendid work in helping their counterparts in their personal problems.

A Fashion Fiesta was held for the benefit of our World Community Service project, the purchase of equipment for the Crippled Children's Hospital at Nuka-Alofa. It was a very successful function. Not only did it raise funds for a worthwhile purpose, it also provided an excellent opportunity for the further development of inter-club friendship.

D. G. Stan's Visit: He reported that Ron Old's committee made their recommendation for selecting the G.S. Exchange team to visit Dist. 522 California in 1970, and is confident that these young men will comprise a very fine team which will represent the District and New Zealand with great credit.

Christmas Message: From President Don and Rotarianne June, "The Philosophy of Rotary is a practical philosophy for the ordinary man and can be summed up in two words—Fellowship and Service."

On the last meeting of the year a special collection was taken up for the family of Mrs. A. Sushane. We handed over with our best wishes the proceeds of 72.11 dollars.

Christmas Parcels were distributed to Birthright Families.

A function was arranged by Don and June at their Waikanae home to farewell Alex and Doris on Saturday the 21st February, 1970. A good gathering of members and their wives attended to convey 'Bon Voyage' and best wishes for a happy and successful trip overseas and a safe return.

District Conference was held in Wellington. Twenty-four of our Club members attended with their wives.

Club Picnic: This year, was held at the Boys' Institute Camp at Reikorangi for Birthright families. This is an outing of happiness we all look forward to.

Film Evening: Held on the 20th June, as always was outstanding and showed the high standard of the local film unit's productions. Geoff chose excellent films for our enjoyment. A great evening of fellowship.

Frank Kennedy, a Charter Member, celebrated his 80th birthday on 23rd April, and all members present accorded their heart-felt pleasure at his attaining this milestone of four score years with a hearty ovation. At our normal luncheon President Don presented him with a beautiful birthday cake with best wishes for the years that lie ahead.

Rotarianne luncheon held on 3rd June. Speaker was Carol Eckelman, Student Exchange Scholar, who gave an interesting address.

Donations were made from the Sunshine Fund as follows:

St. Johns Ambulance Association.

Presbyterians Home for Children, Berhampore.

The Sisters of Compassion, Buckle Street.

The Salvation Army Home for Women and Children, Newtown.

The Busy Fingers Organisation.

The Weekly Bulletin had this to say: President Don Martin deserves the sincere thanks of all members for his energetic and selfless leadership during the past Rotary year.

Members inducted into the Club:

Dick Bird	<i>Rubber Goods Distributing</i>
Gail Bray	<i>Periodical Distributing</i>
Ken Bridge	<i>Salvation Army</i>
Otto Tiefenbacher	<i>Catering Services</i>
Malcolm McKellar	<i>Hospital Pathology</i>
Colin Reed	<i>Confectionery Manufacturing</i>
John Chapman	<i>Hosiery Manufacturing</i>
Russell Gould	<i>Small Goods Manufacturing</i>

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President:	Maurie Lewis
First Vice President:	Roland Johnson
Second Vice President:	Ian Rankine
Immediate Past President:	Don Martin
Directors:	Frank Manoy
	Bill Lee
	Ken Mitchell
	John Pountney
Secretary:	Cliff McPherson
Treasurer:	Jack Setters
Sergeant at Arms:	Bruce Upham



President 1970-71
MAURIE LEWIS

President Maurie approached his year of office with a determination to strengthen the fellowship within the club thus offering the highest possible form of fellowship particularly to visitors. To this end a new Service Committee was formed and Maurie's aim was consequently achieved in a most pleasant manner to all.

The following contracts during the year provided the opportunities for successful fulfilment of this fellowship service as recorded forthwith:

1. An English group of Rotarians visiting Wellington were suitably entertained.
2. Rotarians en route to the International Convention in Sydney were given home hospitality. This was a large scale project combined with other Wellington clubs and involving hundreds of visiting Rotarians and wives.
3. At our normal luncheon on 12th May 1971 the club had the opportunity of welcoming and entertaining some of the Rotarians and their wives en route to Sydney. This was a further opportunity of breaking down barriers and creating friendships.
4. A group from the Wanganui South Rotary Club were entertained whilst on an instructional visit.
5. Our individual members had the opportunity of providing home hospitality combined with an evening meal for forty children from combined Taranaki Clubs.
6. A G.S.E. team from Canada and U.S.A. were billeted by some of our during their week's stay in Wellington.
7. On the historic occasion of the Rotary Club of Wellington celebrating its Golden Anniversary, also the introduction of Rotary to New Zealand when our club had the honour of being invited to their luncheon on 9th June 1971.
8. Several requests were received from English and American Rotarians to offer friendship to young people coming to Wellington to live. The response by our members was very helpful.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE under the efficient and enthusiastic direction of Bill Lee carried out successfully, a major fund raising campaign for the building of a Skating Rink at Newtown Park. Unique fund raising schemes were employed and the success is proof of our members tangible support, resulting in a most valuable amenity to the City and a great credit to our Club.

"Activity" was the keynote of the Community Service Committee, hence Rotaract—Skating Rink—the continuation of an entertainment evening and birthday visits to the patients of Central Park Hospital—Christmas parcels and picnic for Birthright families—continuation of Braille Week collection for the whole of the Eastern Suburbs—assistance with Free Ambulance street day collection—undertaking responsibility for Health Stamp sales in the Newtown area—and assisting in the transport of I.H.C. Society children to their Annual Sports Day.

President Maurie had during his year the opportunity and good fortune to have our Club Sponsor and organise the Rotaract Club of Wellington South.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE was active in sponsoring an Exchange Student, in Miss Cheryl English, for a year's study in the U.S.A.—Miss Sally Bussell in a "Matched Pairs", three months study to Australia, Mrs. Lyn Pogson, a V.S.A. graduate teacher, to a position in Samoa. In addition some 2,784 books were sent to a Samoan College.

THE VOCATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE was active in organising a visit to Air Traffic Control Centre—an evening function in conjunction with the Wellington Polytechnic School of Design, with a fashion parade, the proceeds of \$112.00 were donated to the N.Z. Craftsmen Foundation.

THE INFORMATION COMMITTEE with instructional meetings continued along traditional lines, to assist new members for their assimilation into the club.

ALL CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEES performed smoothly and efficiently with the additional task of completely repainting the interior of Clubrooms with the assistance of Senior Members of the Boys' Institute.

The Club has gone on increasing its District Leadership in its contribution to the Rotary Foundation by achieving the distinction of being an "800% Club". Most projects undertaken were completed, and the club membership was reduced by one to 74, at the date of changeover.

TREASURER reports donations totalling \$1,814.63 was made during the year, plus \$585 to Rotary Foundation.

New Members:

Alan Irvine
Paul Jeffries
John Millar
Ian Oxley
Bill Brien
Malcolm Thomson
Ken English

Senior Active Membership:

Caesar Cohen
Alf Taplin