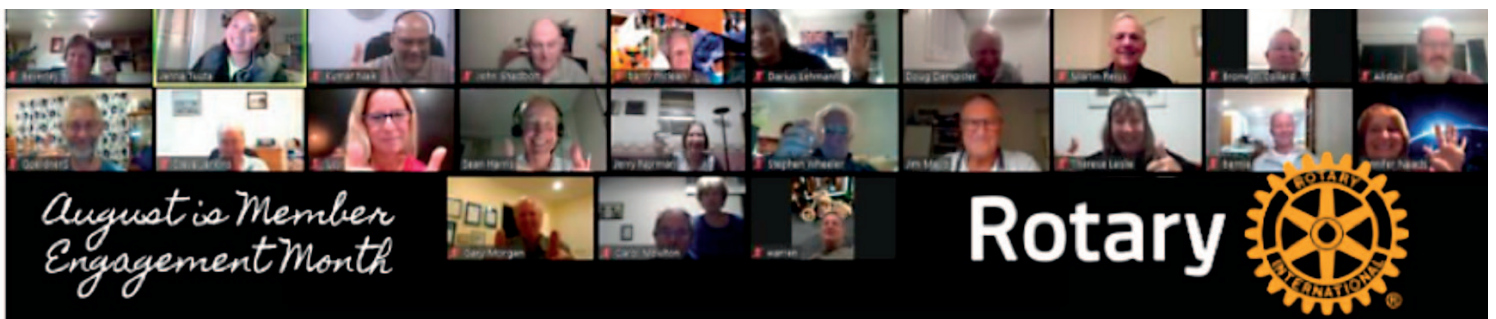




Elaine Mead and Peter Garnett

## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2020

**Greetings everyone; Kia ora koutou; Bonjour à tous; Halo evriwan; Watewieh yorlye**



I admit it. I'm one of those complacent people who did not see that coming.

We returned home after a stimulating Governor Q&A session at Rotary Milford and North Shore NRG and the smartphones started sounding their piercing alert around 21:00 (9pm). Auckland to go back to Level 3 lockdown from 12:30 the next day! Now we know our Level 3 is extended to Sunday 30 August and then Level 2 with gatherings limited to 10 people until Sunday 6 September.

The line from Scottish poet, Robbie Burns' poem comes to mind, "The best laid plans o' mice an' men gang aft agley" (The best laid plans of mice and men, often go astray).

Scheduled Governor Q&A sessions with clubs moved to an online format from 12 August or were postponed. My thanks to those clubs who were adaptable enough to make the shift to a Zoom meeting. We learnt some things along the way and even managed an online induction! Many club projects or fundraisers had to be cancelled or re-scheduled and some iconic annual events, such as the Rotary North Shore Book Fair are not going ahead this Rotary year. It is difficult to plan in a COVID-impacted environment and frustrating for clubs who want to use projects as a means of promoting their club and attracting members. Member engagement at this time is a challenge and many bemoan the return to online meetings.

However, during lockdown earlier this year I heard General-Secretary John Hewko share (in an online meeting) that membership in his district in the Ukraine had increased by 300 during this time due to the flexibility of online meetings.

Some of our clubs now provide a mixed schedule of Zoom, face-to-face and project or vocational visit meetings. Providing some diversity in the connection methods available and hopefully more scope for a broader catchment of interested people.

On the flip side, there have been some really positive events in the last month.

Some specific to our district, such as the [interview](#) with Rotary Waitakere President, Kriddles Roberts on Radio New Zealand and the induction of new members; or at Rotary International level with the breakthrough announcement of [Jennifer Jones](#) as RI President for 2022-2023; or the outstanding global news this week the Africa region is now confirmed free of wild virus polio.

There is a moment early in the tale of "The Lord of the Rings" when Frodo discovers from his wizard friend Gandalf, the dark power of the ring he inherited and the associated rise of evil. He comments, "I wish it need not have happened in my time". Gandalf sagely replies, "So do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us". (J.R.R. Tolkien, The Lord of the Rings – Book 1, Chapter 2)

Let's focus on what we can influence and achieve through Rotary in these times to 'open opportunities' and leverage the power of the 'original social network' to serve our members, our club and our community.

*Elaine Mead*  
Governor - District 9910  
2020-2021

## Rotary National Science & Technology Forum UPDATE

With the current lockdown in Auckland, and the wider community concern with Alert levels, we have extended the application deadline date an additional 2 weeks, until September 15th, have been added to get applications in from schools. However, participating Clubs will still have until September 21st, to conduct interviews and forward their choices to District Coordinator. Please no later. Clubs and students should then be notified by mid October.

15 September : Application deadline to Rotary clubs  
21 September : Deadline of club nominations to District Co-ordinator

Murray Allison [m.allison12@xtra.co.nz](mailto:m.allison12@xtra.co.nz)

## District Directory

District Directory can be found on the district website at the following link  
[District 9910 Directory](#)



## Buzzin' Around with Governor Elaine



27 July 2020 : At the Rotary Auckland Korean changeover with new President Myeonghee Choi



29 July : Rotary Waitakere's guest speaker, Tigilau Ness, musician and Polynesian Panther with President Kriddles Roberts and AG Patrick Howard



3 August : Demonstrating the strength of Rotary with Takapuna President, Neil Murray (L) and Devonport President, Ian Cunliffe (R)



4 August : Supporting Rotary Browns Bay's fundraising for "Days for Girls"



4 August : The 'attaché case' makes an appearance



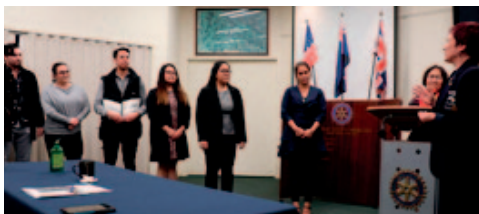
4 August : Rotary Browns Bay President Derek Smith (L) and Rotary North Harbour President Bruce Morrison (R)



4 August : In flight at Rotary Epsom and Rotary Westhaven Q&A session



4 August : LtoR-AG Min Roche, Epsom President Richard Ryan, Westhaven President Charlie Inggs



5 August : Rotary Hillsborough, Lynfield, Mt Roskill inducting six new members



8 August : First 'G-Train' meeting - Nominee Matthew, Elect Grant and Governor Elaine



10 August : Rotary Northcote and Rotary Glenfield's interesting Q&A session



09 August : Helping out with Rotary Westhaven's 'Cash or Can' collection



10 August : Northcote President David Hansen and Glenfield President Nigel Green give it the thumbs up



11 August : Intro to Rotary Milford and North Shore NRG satellite evening by President Derek



11 August : Vice Governor Bruce and his "Knock, Knock, Knock" joke (see below)

### Joke:

Knock, Knock, Knock  
Who's there?  
ROO  
ROO who?  
Rotary Opens Opportunities







# Buzzin' Around with Governor Elaine



11 August : A Gagggle of Governors. LtoR: PG Peter Garnett, Governor Elaine, PG Charles Wilson, PG Bruce Rasmussen



12 August : Talking with Rangitoto Observer and Flagstaff Devonport reporters



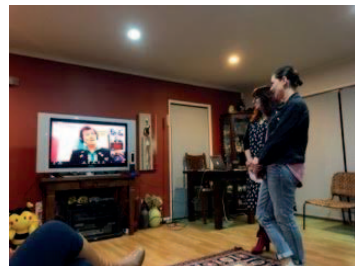
12 August : Breaking ground on Rotary Milford's planting project



13 August : Governor Q&A by Zoom with Rotary Warkworth & Rotary Whangaparaoa



18 August : Governor Q&A by Zoom with Rotary East Coast Bays & Rotary Takapuna North



19 August : Online induction of new member into Rotary Whangarei City



20 August : Governor Q&A Zoom into Rotary Whangarei South & Rotary Whangarei Sunrise

19 August : Governor Q&A by Zoom with Rotary Whangarei & Rotary Whangarei City

## Global Friends

Buzzy Bee now has a companion whilst out and about on Governor meetings and projects.

'Nessie' is the subject of a competition in Rotary District 1240, Essex, England. DG Keith Brownlie met Buzzy Bee and Governor Elaine earlier this year and sent Nessie to them.

School children are invited to enter a colouring competition or write a story or piece of poetry on 'How did the Loch Ness monster travel from Scotland to Essex'.

Read more at <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryChelmsfordCity/>



Satellite Club of Chelmsford City

### Loch Ness Monster Kids Competition

**How did the Loch Ness Monster travel from Scotland to Essex?**

We want you to be creative and tell or show us how/why the Loch Ness Monster went on a journey from Loch Ness to end up at our Chelmsford City Rotary club.

- 1) Write a story, poem, rap or song to describe the journey or
- 2) Colour in our Loch Ness Monster colouring page (downloadable) or draw your own picture

You could win a Nessie toy or pin!

To enter, take a photo of your completed Loch Ness Monster picture or story and send it to us by the **31<sup>st</sup> of August**. Entries will also be entered into the district competition closing in November. Please include the child's name, age and contact details.

Email to [rotarychelmsfordcity@outlook.com](mailto:rotarychelmsfordcity@outlook.com)  
Or post it on our social media:

@RotaryChelmsfordCity

@chelmsford\_city\_rotary  
#chelmsfordcityrotary

Entries will be judged in three age groups:  
Under 5 years  
5 - 7 years  
8 - 11 years



## District Diary

- 2 September Area 4 & 5 Presidents' meeting
- 2 September Rotary Dargaville - NW Schools Junior Speech Contest
- 3 September Governor Q&A - Auckland Korean
- 6 September Rotary Orewa - Orewa Beach clean-up
- 11 September Rotary Birkenhead - Trees for Survival Planting Day
- 14-20 September  
Maori Language Week - Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
- 15 September Rotary National Science & Technology Forum applications close
- 15 September Rotary Milford - Final Intermediate School Speech comp
- 19 September Rotary Noumea Ducos Boulari - 45th birthday
- 19 September World Clean Up Day
- 19-20 September  
Zone 8 Virtual Conference
- 20 September Rotary ECB - Hobsonville Point Clean Up
- 26 September Rotary Dargaville - Thanks Evening & Citizen's Award
- 28 September Rotary Whangarei - 95th birthday
- 5-10 October Rotary Reconnect Week
- 7 October Area 4 & 5 Presidents' meeting (outside room)

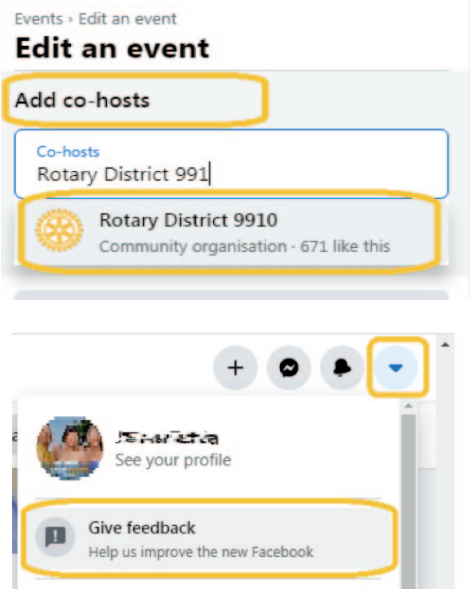
## Events

Events in the district can be found on the district website at the following link [District 9910 Diary](#) - clubs who want their events here should send information/flyers to District Administrator, [district9910@gmail.com](mailto:district9910@gmail.com)

## Public Image Tip

Add the [District 9910 Facebook page](#) as a 'co-host' for all of your Facebook Events. This will help your Event reach more people, while giving the public one central place to find all events held by clubs around the district.

Please note that from September, Facebook will have a new look! Changes aren't always smooth, but we will have to learn to navigate the new layout. It is important that you keep providing Feedback on any difficulties that you have so that it can be improved. Don't forget that you can contact Public Image Chair Jenna Tuuta at [jennatuuta@gmail.com](mailto:jennatuuta@gmail.com) any time with questions.



## Learning Update

In light of recent events with the shift to COVID-19 Alert Level 3 for the Auckland Area, the Learning and Development team decided to embrace this year's theme of "Rotary Opens Opportunities" by delivering the RLI training programme via Zoom.

With a past RLI already cancelled this year due to COVID-19, the team have worked hard to ensure Rotarians in the district have access to learning opportunities. Please join us in congratulating the Learning and Development team for their ability to adapt so to continue educating the district.

If you have missed out on the RLI training programme via Zoom, contact Georgina Richards at [d9910training.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:d9910training.rotary@gmail.com) to register your interest for the next RLI.



## New Auckland-Based Banners to borrow

The District has a few more pull-up banners and tear drop flags available for loan for your upcoming events. Please go to <https://www.rotarydistrict9910.org/Page/banners-for-auckland-clubs> for more information.

# Centenary Projects

Just a reminder to share your club's 100 years of Rotary in Australasia project to Public Image Chair Jenna Tuuta at [jennatuuta@gmail.com](mailto:jennatuuta@gmail.com).



**Rotary Browns Bay** quickly took up the challenge to undertake a '100' project to celebrate the centenary of Rotary in Oceania. Their first Centenary project has been completed with donation of 100 t-shirts to the Kapa Haka group at Northcross Intermediate.

Their other ideas include

- 100 plants for the internal courtyard in the new wing at North Shore Hospital
- 100 dictionaries/atlas to Browns Bay, Long Bay, Pinehill & Torbay Schools
- 100 manhours at Glenfern Lodge
- 100 dental kits for Liz Webb's Aneityum project
- 100 Days for Girls kits for Vanuatu.
- Re-enacting the Uncle Eric's Picnic for 100 disadvantaged children at Long Bay, in conjunction with MERC

## Outstanding work Rotary Browns Bay!

Take a look at photos from the 'Welcome to Northcross' morning for year 6 students at the school earlier this month.



## Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori in September

To kick off this year's Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori, share a Māori language moment at 12pm on Monday the 14th September 2020 by singing waiata, organising a reo lesson or other ideas available online.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXTECDGt4gk>

In 1972, 30,000 signatures were delivered to parliament to safeguard Te Reo Maori. This year on the same day and same hour, everyone is invited, from wherever they are, to join the Maori language moment. The goal is to have 1 million of us, speaking, singing, celebrate Te Reo Maori together in one moment to grow to achieve 1 million speakers by the year 2040.

## My Rotary Login issue following the recent upgrade



The new and improved My Rotary is LIVE. It is planned to provide members with "a faster and redesigned site that is easier to navigate and accessible on mobile devices.

" Unfortunately there have been some issues with the upgrade. We have been assured that the people working on the project are doing all they can to fix/improve the current situation many Rotarians are experiencing. Although most are already enjoying the new features, we have received feedback some members are experiencing technical difficulties with logging in.

The Rotary Support team advise clearing the cookies in your cache seems to resolve the log in issue. Given the many internet systems members are using, we recommend Googling: "How to delete cache and cookies".

This provides how to guides for Chrome, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, Laptop, Mac, iPhone, and Android. PG Peter Garnett advised "After the recent major upgrade to My Rotary, I could no longer log into My Rotary on my Microsoft SurfacePro. I took this advice and after deleting the cookies/cache I was successfully able to log in again".

The Rotary project team is very sorry for the inconvenience and they appreciate your patience as they continue to provide you with a better online member experience.

PG Peter Garnett [pgarnett.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:pgarnett.rotary@gmail.com)



# Australia-New Zealand Rotary Conference September 2020

Take the opportunity to hear from our Rotary International and Zone leaders from the comfort of your own home!  
Zone 8 Virtual Conference, 19 & 20 September (13:30 - 15:00 NZ time)

[Australia-New Zealand Rotary Conference: Registration](#)

Facebook [@Rotary Zone 8 Conference](#)



## DAY 1

Saturday, 19 September 13:30 - 15:00 NZ time



11.30am - 11.45am

**HOLGER KNAACK**  
**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2020-2021**

*Welcome address*



11.45am - 12noon

**IAN RISELEY**  
**(PAST RI PRESIDENT AND TRF TRUSTEE)**

*The Rotary Foundation - the charity of choice for Rotarians*



12.00 - 12.15pm

**STUART HEAL**  
**(PAST RI DIRECTOR)**

*Winds of Change*



12.15pm - 12.45pm

**ROTARY SHOWCASE**  
**NEW ZEALAND**

*(New Zealand Coordinators)*



12.45pm - 1.00pm

**SARAH BROWN**  
**(CEO, THE PURPLE HOUSE)**

*Continuing story of the Purple House*

## DAY 2

Sunday, 20 September 13:30 - 15:00 NZ time



11.30am - 11.45am

**JENNIFER JONES**  
**PAST RI VICE PRESIDENT AND TRF TRUSTEE**

*A Modern Rotary*



11.45am - 12.00pm

**BARRY RASSIN**  
**PAST RI PRESIDENT AND TRF TRUSTEE**

*The Rotary Foundation, doing good in the world*



12.00pm - 12.30pm

**ROTARY SHOWCASE**  
**AUSTRALIA**

*(Australia Coordinators)*



12.30pm - 12.45pm

**MIKE MCGOVERN**  
**CHAIR END POLIO NOW, PAST RI VICE PRESIDENT AND PAST TRF TRUSTEE**

*Eradicating polio in the Covid era*



12.45pm - 1.00pm

**DR JESSIE HARMAN**  
**RI DIRECTOR ELECT**

## Rotary Milford - Milford Beautification

Milford Rotary made a decision 3 years ago to support our local community and get involved to get more visibility of the work that Rotary does both locally and Internationally. The work we do with Murray Hill (Milford Business Assn) is coordinated by Alison Waugh - Rotary Milford and delivered by our Rotary volunteers

We started the Beautification Programme (Pots and plants) last year when the Milford Bus Assn met the cost of doing Stage One. We got a great response from the community through the Milford Shops Facebook, so this time last year we applied for a grant from the Devonport/ Takapuna Local Board for Stage 2 and were successful getting \$5,000. Due to Covid lockdown delays, we have just finished spending the last of the funds completing Plants and Pots in the Village, and the hedge plants at the Bus Stop which is what you see in the photographs. Kings Plant Barn - Forrest Hill have been very supportive with their guidance on plants and supplying the Pots and potting mix. To ensure these plants are well cared for and watered the MBA has hired Mike for a couple of days during the week. Auckland Transport funded the Pots and Plants that we also planted today at the main Bus Stop on Milford Road.

Our next project will be barking the garden in the Car Park off Omana Road. The longer term project with consultant assistance is to design and build a feature garden as you come into Milford. Currently this is a "garden" overgrown with ivy.



## Stoney Homestead Community Garden

MEDIA RELEASE- 17 August 2020

The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board of Auckland Council has approved plans to begin construction of a community garden at the Stoney Homestead Community Hub in Millwater.

Rotary Satellite Chair Caroline Butland said; "Our young Rotary Club has strong local focus and the Stoney Homestead community garden fits well with our plans for a Rotary Centennial Project."



Chair of the Stoney Homestead Trust, Dave Adams (shown here), presented plan details to Bunnings Silverdale on Tuesday 4th August, who confirmed they will be providing some of the materials to help get the project started.

"We are excited to be involved in this new Millwater initiative to support an important community hub," said Chrissy Morrish, Activities Organiser at Bunnings Silverdale.

"Bunnings Silverdale will assist by providing materials as well as some hands-on help setting up the community garden," continued Chrissy.

Rotary International will celebrate 100 years' continuous service in New Zealand and Australia in 2021, and the Rotary Satellite Club of Orewa-Millwater plans to coordinate local volunteer labour to install the community garden.

Dave Adams welcomed the offers of materials and labour.

"We are keen to get this project started, as we have a number of indigenous fruit trees ordered and need to get the planting done as soon as we can," said David

"The raised veggie beds will be mobility-friendly within the area we have set aside, including a space for potting up new seedlings.

"Once the initial phase has been completed, there are plans for further community development within the Stoney Homestead gardens," he concluded.

For further information, please contact Rotarian Brian Mullan, Rotary Satellite Club of Orewa-Millwater  
[brian@mullan.com](mailto:brian@mullan.com) 021 031 1232





## D9910 District Grants Update for 2019/20

Last year we had 20 Grants of \$2500 on offer.

There were 18 requests for Funding assistance of which 17 were successful.

Clubs invested \$60,000 into their Projects and District granted a further \$35,000 making a total of \$95,000.

We were also able to assist with 3 Grants from surplus cash flow— Comfort Packs for Vanuatu, Inverter for heating meals for Street dwellers and Possum Traps.

Successful Grant Applicants need to complete their 2019-20 Grant Reports and send to :

Roy Dykes

Chairman of District Grants Committee

[roy@dykes.co.nz](mailto:roy@dykes.co.nz)

### Reminder

A reminder applications for 2020-21 District Grants need to be with Roy Dykes by 30th September 2020

[rotarydistrict9910.org/page/district-grants](http://rotarydistrict9910.org/page/district-grants)

## Your Legacy, Rotary's Promise



Your annual gifts to The Rotary Foundation are helping people around the globe live better lives today.

Planning a gift to Rotary's Endowment supports these same life-changing programs forever.

Learn how the next century of service begins with your Rotary legacy at [rotary.org/legacy](http://rotary.org/legacy).



## Alumni Reconnect Week 2020

October 5th to 11th 2020 is Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week.

It is an opportunity to reconnect with people who have been a part of your Rotary Club's programme for as long as your Club has been chartered. It's an opportunity to promote your Club as an alternative organisation that would be worth having a look at with a view to membership, friendship or a future valuable resource – however you play it, there are Alumni who just need a push to come on board.

Who are Alumni you say. Well they are anybody who has been connected with Rotary; Past Rotarians, Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Model United Nations Assembly, Rotaract, National Science and Technology Forum, Rotary Australia & New Zealand Student Exchange, Interact, Global Grant Scholarships, Vocational Training Teams (members and leaders), Rotary Peace Fellowships, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships or for that matter anyone who has had an associated with Rotary!

Tap the wise old heads of the Club for names and contact details of known associates. Make a Club date for early October (remember Alumni Reconnect Week is 5th – 11th Oct this year), get a good speaker and put out invitations to attend, then stay in touch via your bulletin etc. If you are Facebook, Linked In or Google, get the word out there.

You can run a report from My Rotary called "Programme Participants and Alumni", which has people associated with your Club (Alumni) who have been recorded in the Rotary International Data Base, see; Manage / Club District Administration / Reports / Alumni.

It's the old saying – Who Dares Wins. If you don't try, you don't gain. Remember to record your new contacts onto Rotary's Programmes Participants and Alumni Data Base. District Governor Elaine is calling on us to make Reconnect Week a celebration for Rotary.

Craig Jones

District 9910 Alumni Chair (2020-2021)

Rotary Epsom member Ph 0274 943 881



## Polio Movie

This year's Polio Movie Event is I Am Woman - the story of singing sensation Helen Reddy.

Information and promotional material will be sent to clubs soon.

Contact District Foundation Chair, Pete Smith [pcsmith.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:pcsmith.rotary@gmail.com)



# Do You Know About Rotary Fellowships?

These are quite possibly the best kept secret of Rotary, perhaps because they are not part of the mainstream discussion/communications to and from Rotary Clubs. And most of them exist for their members' enjoyment, so why not join one.

They are hobby or special interest groups affiliated to Rotary. They have to abide by some Rotary rules but are not controlled by Rotary in the way Clubs are. For example, the District Governor has no control over a Fellowship.

Think of a hobby/special interest and there is likely to be a **Fellowship** for it – for example wine, surfing, music, motorcycling. These Fellowships operate on a global basis and currently there are over 70. Each has their own rules and membership charges [which are usually quite small]. Membership is open to Rotarians, past Rotarians, partners of Rotarians, Rotaractors and anyone who has been on a Rotary programme ie RYLA attendees, IYE students, etc. (Rotary Alumni)

Many of them have a booth in the House of Friendship, which can be found at the International Convention every year. [last year was a virtual House of Friendship – a new experience for all!] One benefit of joining an international group of people with a similar interest is the global contacts this gives and the friendships made.

Here are two Fellowships active in Auckland.

The first is the International Caravanning (ICFR) Fellowship of Rotarians which is active in NZ and is looking for more members. They organise regular getaways to lots of interesting places. For more information contact Bennie Gunn, email [bennie.gunn@gmail.com](mailto:bennie.gunn@gmail.com)



## New Club Model in D9910

District Governor Elaine asked Jenn McKenzie and Kelly McLuckie (Past Rotary Presidents and young professionals) to lead the development of a district-sponsored e-club.

They are looking to build a flexible, online, professional Rotary club with a focus on:

- Greater service/social & engagement - less meetings;
- Business networks, community impact & personal development;
- Empowerment by digital communication tools and technology

Here is an opportunity for our Rotary Alumni with time or travel limitations in their current careers to become involved in Rotary or continue their relationship with Rotary D9910.

Whilst Jenn and Kelly have some ideas on the club framework your input and enthusiasm can help build it further. An online interest meeting will be advised in September.

For more information contact them through [tm.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:tm.rotary@gmail.com) or via the Facebook page [Tangata Moana Rotary](https://www.facebook.com/Tangata-Moana-Rotary).



The second is the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR) with a global membership of over 3,000. This Fellowship is comprised of Fleets that organise their own social and on water events. You do not have to own a boat to join. There is a strong Fleet in Auckland – contact the Fleet Commodore Youngshin Watkins, email [youngshin.watkins@gmail.com](mailto:youngshin.watkins@gmail.com).

Every year after International Convention, the Yachting Fellowship organises their own 'Cruise'. The tall ships in this photo were chartered from Kiel, Germany, for the 'Cruise' following the 2019 Convention. Approximately 150 Rotarians participated in this 'Cruise', including a number from Germany who joined with their own boats.



IYFR Vice Commodore  
David Hansen - Rotary Northcote  
[davidlizhansen@gmail.com](mailto:davidlizhansen@gmail.com)

*Ed Notes:*

*David will become International Commodore in 2021 at the Taipei Convention.*

Rotary Rotary Opens Opportunities

12 - 16 June 2021

Rotary TAIPEI 2021

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/taipei>

D9910 Convention Co-ordinator  
Paul Mees  
[mees49@gmail.com](mailto:mees49@gmail.com)

## Ancestry in Rotary

Do you have a Rotarian family member in your past or present?

It may not be as extensive as 'Who Do You Think You Are?' or as medical as AncestryDNA but you can have your Rotary record linked to Rotary family members.

Send your name and Rotary ID#, along with your family member's name, club, Rotary ID# (if possible) and the relationship to [data@rotary.org](mailto:data@rotary.org).

Relationship links currently available are: Parent, Brother, Sister, Child, Spouse/Partner

There are also relationship links available for those from Rotary Youth Exchange who have become Rotarians. Provide your Host Counsellor's or Host Parent's name, along with club, Rotary ID# (if possible) and the 'Relationship start date' and 'Relationship end date'.



## NZ voice in the Zone 8 team!

I am pleased to announce our own Past Governor Peter Garnett has accepted the invitation to serve as Regional Rotary Foundation coordinator (RRFC) for Zone 8, beginning 1 July 2021.

Zone 8 covers all districts in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific and the RRFC role is a three-year appointment. The last RRFC from New Zealand was John Cole (D9940) in 2011.

The role of RRFC is to proactively promote The Rotary Foundation's goals and Rotary's strategic plan. RRFCs work in collaboration with the districts to support and encourage Rotarians and clubs to fully participate in The Rotary Foundation's fundraising, programs, and grant opportunities.

Peter is currently an Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, assisting RRFC Sam Camporeale (D9520 South Australia) in NZ with D9910, 9920 and 9930. Peter takes over from RRFC Tony Heading (D9640 Queensland) who, for personal reasons, will step down at the end of the 2020-21 year when RRFC Sam also completes his term. Peter will continue as the sole Zone 8 RRFC, as the regional co-ordinator roles have reduced to one Zone position under the recent re-zone of Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific to Zone 8.

As RRFC Peter will be a member of the Rotary Regional Leader Team in Zone 8 under Zone Director-Elect, Jessie Harman. The others are Rotary Coordinator Adrian Roach (D9670 New South Wales), Public Relations Coordinator Gina Growden (D9685 New South Wales) and Endowment/Major gifts Adviser Dennis Shore (D9800 Victoria).

The Regional Leaders work together in the districts they serve to encourage participation in and contribution to Foundation programs, strengthen membership and enhance Rotary's public image. They provide a link between Rotarians at the club, district, and regional levels and also between Rotarians and the RI support structure.

Peter is looking forward to his new role and the challenges ahead in the new environment we find ourselves in. He believes there are huge opportunities ahead for Rotarians to "do good in the world" through continued support of The Rotary Foundation and participation in global and district grant projects.



1983 Ron Trotman



1980 GSE Team to Norway

## Rotary Westhaven Winter Warriors

Rotary Westhaven was really excited to be able to get out amongst the public during July and early August to hold our annual Winter Appeal, raising funds and kai for Auckland City Mission (ACM) and other Rotary Westhaven supported projects.

The timing couldn't have worked out better as it happens!

The club has been collecting at local supermarkets since 1997 and running the 'Cash or a Can' format over the last 11 years. This year our collection ran over five weekends instead of the usual six and one of our regular supermarkets, Countdown Grey Lynn was unavailable as since March it has been operating as a distribution centre. So we added Pak n Save Mt Albert on our roster for the first time and this was actually one of our highest performing supermarkets this year.

As always, we were all delighted and humbled by the generosity of others. ACM lent us two of their paywave machines, which covered the, "I only carry plastic" response and was used several times at each location.

The community spirit was strong out there this year and we collected almost \$10,000 towards ACM and other Rotary Westhaven projects. All of the estimated \$7,000 in food went directly to support the Mission's clients in need this winter.



## Blast from the Past

By 1981 District 992 had grown to 68 Clubs and it became obvious a new District had to be created. Past President Ron Trotman of Rotary New Lynn accepted the position of Charter District Governor and the new District 991 came into being on 1 July 1983.

Far left, Ron receives the chain of office from the last Governor of District 992, Ned Lenthall (Norfolk Island).

Ron also led a Group Study Exchange team to Norway in 1980. Two of these team members are Rotarians in our district today.

Can you identify Peter Johns (Rotary Orewa) and Peter Gareja (Rotary Dargaville)?



## 25 August - A momentous day in the End Polio Now campaign

As reported in the current issue of Rotary Down Under, the World Health Organisation African Region will be officially certified free of wild poliovirus.

**August 25** is the red letter day and certification will come four years after Nigeria – the last Polio endemic country in Africa – recorded its last case of wild Polio!

When the African region is certified as wild Polio-free, FIVE of the six WHO regions – representing over 90% of the world's population – will be free of the wild poliovirus.

Rotary members have played an invaluable role in the effort to rid the African region of wild polio. We should be proud of all the hard work that we've done to eliminate the wild poliovirus throughout Africa and in nearly every country in the world. We look forward to recognizing this historic achievement together on 25 August.

This progress is the result of a decades-long effort across the 47 countries of the African region. It has involved millions of health workers travelling by foot, boat, bike and bus, innovative strategies to vaccinate children amid conflict and insecurity, and a huge disease surveillance network to test cases of paralysis and check sewage for the virus.

In 1996, Rotary and our partners joined with Nelson Mandela to jumpstart Africa's commitment to polio eradication with the launch of the 'Kick Polio Out of Africa' campaign. Mandella's call mobilized African nations and leaders across the continent to step up their efforts to reach EVERY child with polio vaccine.

Since 1996, nine BILLION doses of oral polio vaccine have been provided, averting an estimated 1.8 million cases of wild poliovirus on the continent - thanks to the dedicated efforts of thousands of Rotary members, health workers, traditional and religious leaders, parents, and country leaders.

Rotary and its members have contributed nearly US\$980 million to eliminate polio in the African region.

These are amazing statistics and they were highlighted during a END POLIO NOW Zoom meeting – involving 60 EPN Coordinators, Rotary senior leaders and Rotary International staff – last night.

RI Past President and TRF Trustee Chairman Elect John Germ announced Rotary's fund raising details from the 2019/20 Rotary year – in which we just scrambled over the line to reach the coveted goal of US\$50 million to ensure the two for one bonus of US\$100 million from the Gates Foundation was achieved ...

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| Cash income totalled | US\$32,873,000  |
| DDF                  | US\$8,360,000   |
| World Fund bonus     | US\$9,562,000   |
| For a final total of | US\$50,795,000! |

So my request to you all is to share the above information with all Rotary clubs and team members during the next week – which of course includes August 25.

Fund raising in the shadow of COVID-19, will be difficult again in the year ahead and our senior leaders have urged **END POLIO NOW** Coordinators to encourage their teams to make an early start.

NOW is the time to plan high profile activities for World Polio Month in October – and especially on World Polio Day of October 24.

The September issue of RDU will carry full details of the Sir Clem Renouf Polio Appeal to be conducted over the next six months and to encourage high level fund raising by all Rotary Clubs and members – a fitting tribute to one of our world's great Rotary leaders!

Rob Byrne, TRF Services senior coordinator at the RI South Pacific & Philippines office in Parramatta, will do a direct mailing to all Governors and Rotary Clubs with simple instructions on the banking system to support the Clem Renouf Appeal. Our senior leaders in Bill Boyd, Ian Riseley, Noel Trevaskis and Jessie Harman have prepared brief video messages available via the RDU Studio to promote the Appeal and the concept of the virtual meals.

Please urge your Rotary Clubs to get on board and donate the value of their Rotary meal to the Appeal. Let's make this new concept work and don't forget ... plan your World Polio Day celebrations now!

PDG Bob Aitken AM JP  
RI END POLIO NOW Coordinator, Zone 8, 2020/21  
Email [bob@bobaitkenmedia.com.au](mailto:bob@bobaitkenmedia.com.au)



# Dictionary Project

In 2008, Past Rotary International President (PRIP) Bill Boyd of Rotary Pakuranga offered the 'dictionary project' to D9910 in the Eden Park carpark following a District Rotary Foundation meeting!

The project was, and still is, aimed at low decile schools, where a personal, named copy of the Usborne Illustrated Dictionary is presented by the Rotary club, to year 4 students (aged about 9). Its continuity is based on returning to the same schools in following years to present to the next generation of year 4 students, many of whom have seen previous presentations and know 'their turn' is coming.

The dictionary is full of colourful, eye catching pictures that create a discussion in themselves and ensure the students are more than willing to open the book and see what's inside.

The presentation of dictionaries is a major event at schools, where the students always welcome them, delight in showing them and are proud to have a book of their own. The students are encouraged to write their name on the front cover as part of the presentation. You almost need to be at a presentation to see and hear the comments, that make it a heartwarming experience.

While aimed originally at low decile schools, club's haven't limited themselves here. For example, numerous other schools have been presented with a 'class lot' for use in the school libraries and others have been presented to children coming through a school's reading programme.

We have been able to send some up to Vanuatu, through our own clubs plus with the financial help of our Korean friends. Some of those returning to the islands after a Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) visit, also have one packed in their bag. It has been fantastic over the years to see all the clubs in Area 1, Whangarei South in Area 2, Henderson, including South Kaipara Satellite, & Waitakere in Area 6 and Onehunga One Tree Hill and Westhaven in Area 7, returning to schools year after year. Some of this has been made possible by the financial assistance offered by clubs on the North Shore.

The dictionary is Rotary branded and includes a children's version of the '4-Way Test' on the inside cover.

Through the work of PRIP Bill Boyd (and Lorna), in bringing the project to New Zealand, we are also able to source this resource at just \$9.50 each (\$76.00 for a box of 8), and for that we remain extremely grateful.

Following on from the dictionary, a 'First Atlas' was added to the project several years ago now, with younger students in mind. And

while not usually provided as an individual copy to students, has been presented by Rotary Clubs to teachers to use as a classroom resource. This atlas, as well as the information contained in the book, also provides internet links, through Usborne's Quicklinks.

These Quicklinks provide maps, quizzes, photos, tours and activities that can be expanded on in the school's environment of internet access.

The most recent addition to the 'stable' is the Rotary branded 'Rhyming around the Alphabet'. As the name suggests it is aimed at preschool and kindergarten students. Along with the books, that can be individually presented, the pack comes with alphabet cards as well.

Since 2008:

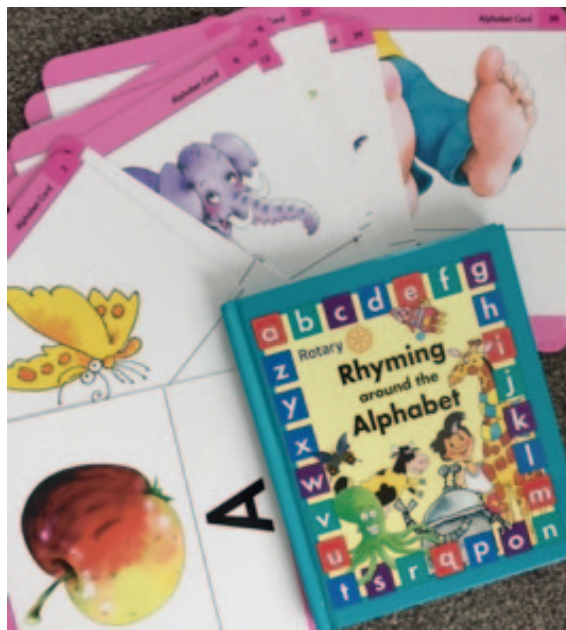
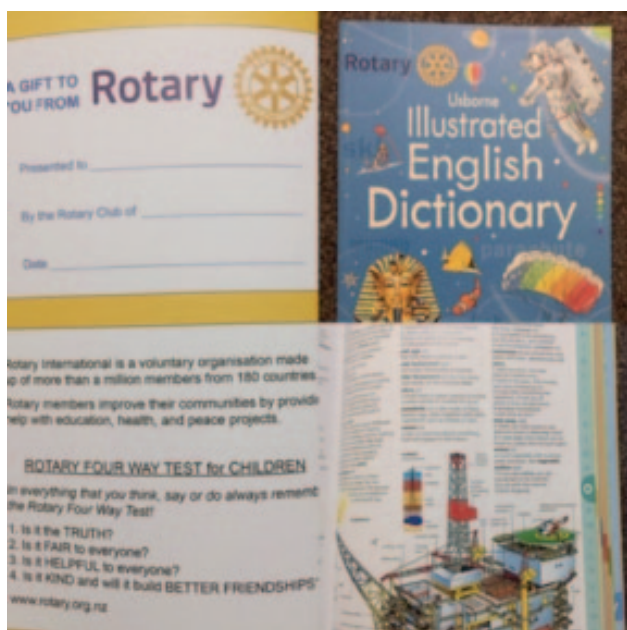
- Over 30 of our clubs have participated in this project at some stage;
- Over 20,000 dictionaries distributed by us.
- Over 500 First Atlas provided to schools.
- Rotary Epsom provided the first major distribution of the 'Rhyming around the Alphabet' books.

It is that time of year again when clubs begin to gather information on likely numbers for the new year, so orders can be placed and books can be on hand for the start of the next school year.

For more information and orders contact Bronwyn Ellison, [bronwyn@otsl.co.nz](mailto:bronwyn@otsl.co.nz)



*The Principal and students of Whau Valley School in Whangarei with their Dictionaries from the Whangarei South Rotary Club*





# Books in Bags

A simple no-cost club literacy project

In our homes many of us have shelves of books we have read and reread and they are still in good condition. These books can become a simple club project for your community. The aim is to provide a variety of literacy material in a bag for families to share the pleasure of reading.

1. Ask club members to bring books, magazines, comics, National Geographic, Rotary Down Under etc of all kinds and levels preschool to adult.
2. Gather up bags –supermarket, conference etc or you may want to spend a little money and get some printed with Rotary Club on them.
3. Sort all so you have a variety in each bag. This is so the whole family can share reading time and older siblings and parents can model reading to younger family members.
4. Deliver the Books in Bags to preselected and arranged groups.
5. The bags are sent home with the children for the family. After a designated time, the family is able to bring that bag back and exchange it for another bag.



Over the years we have delivered Books in Bags to

- The Resource Teacher of Literacy in Primary Schools.
- Local low decile Primary Schools.
- The Teen Parents Schools.

Have fun and enjoy the success of knowing you have helped someone with reading. For more information contact Murray Neighbour [neighbour@xtra.co.nz](mailto:neighbour@xtra.co.nz)



## Impact on the Environment

Are my club actions part of the problem rather than the solution?

When your club holds its next Rotary event has your plan considered...

Paperless registration?

- Re-usable name badges?
- Reusable crockery, dishware?
- Attendees bringing their own drinking bottles/mug?
- Public transport to venue?

The Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) ran a breakout in the Virtual Convention on Greening Rotary Events (this link takes you to the recording). It has checklists and information to assist with your planning.

## The Seabin Project

**Next Rotary Generation (NRG) North Shore** – a satellite group of Rotary Milford – has an environment focus to install a Seabin in the Milford Marina on the North Shore. This will form part of a wider project to start the clean up of the Wairau Estuary and improve the water quality by preventing pollution, rubbish and plastics from making their way into Milford Beach and the wider ocean.

Seabins are a revolutionary ocean cleaning technology, created by the team at [The Seabin Project](http://TheSeabinProject.com) in Australia. The unit is essentially a floating rubbish bin that attaches to a jetty, and floats on the surface of the water using tidal flow to pump water through its catch bag – catching all floating debris including organic matter, plastics and micro plastics (down to 2mm small), as well as being equipped with an absorbent pad that will soak up any oils, petrol or other carcinogens floating on the surface of the water.

There are over 800 Seabins worldwide, and only 5 currently in NZ – one of which was installed in Tutukaka Marina by Huanui College Interact in partnership with Rotary Whangarei City. We want the next one to be in Milford Marina. But we need help to raise funds to purchase the unit, and we will need some community and organisational help to keep the Seabin emptied and maintained while it's in operation. NRG North Shore are working closely with community organisations such as Milford WEEPS (Wairau Estuary Environment Protection Society), Milford Residents Association, Milford Mariners and Milford Business Association, as well as having the support from relevant Auckland Council teams (Healthy Waters, Community Facilities, and the Regulatory and Compliance Team), and are currently seeking support from Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

If you would like to help us raise funds for this project, or would like more information on the project, you can visit our GiveALittle fundraising page here: [www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-bring-seabins-to-milford-marina](http://www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-bring-seabins-to-milford-marina).

If you are in a position to help with the emptying or maintenance of the unit, or have any helpful suggestions or contacts, please feel free to get in touch with project lead, Hannah Stoddart: [hannah.stoddart@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:hannah.stoddart@hotmail.co.nz).



# Bring Your Skills / Interest to the Team



## District Tech Lead

### *Comfortable with technology?*

Interested in using different platforms/apps to innovate and improve processes?

We need someone to help the district use the available technology in the most cost-effective way for effective and efficient operation of district services and committees.

This requires liaising with the G-Train, District Management and clubs, to advise an approach to take, as well as representing the district in the national ROZtech meetings. ROZtech overviews technology platforms, applications and processes used across all districts.

It includes oversight of the district website setup, operation and content update along with reporting to the District Management meeting.

Help us raise technology awareness within our members and build a community of IT-interested Rotarians who can achieve what needs to be done.

Contact Governor Elaine,  
[elainemead.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:elainemead.rotary@gmail.com)



## Public Image

### *Do you know how to use some online social media channels?*

### *Would you like to promote Rotary beyond your club?*

District PI Lead, Jenna Tuuta is looking for people to build her 'Public Image Community'. She has lots of plans for helping clubs improve their promotion skills and getting our Rotary message and images distributed.

She can't do it alone, so if you think you are able to help out or want to improve your own promotion skills get in touch.

Contact:  
**Jenna Tuuta, [pichair9910@rotaryoceania.zone](mailto:pichair9910@rotaryoceania.zone)**



## Mana Tangata/History Champion

### *Help clubs record their stories and history online*

If you like capturing stories, are computer literate and data organised we need a champion to work with our clubs showing them how to use the Rotary Oceania Tiki Wiki for storing their club history and records.

<https://rotaryoceania.zone/sitepage/mana-tangata-centennial-project>

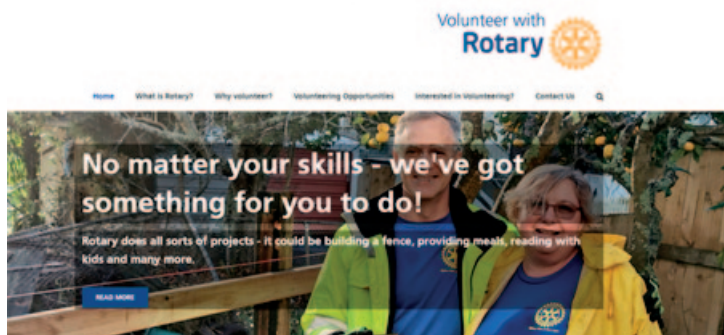
....as well as a few stories to capture of our district history too.

Contact Governor Elaine,  
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## Volunteer Projects Needed

Just a reminder that the new website called Volunteer With Rotary ([www.volunteerwithrotary.org.nz](http://www.volunteerwithrotary.org.nz)) which will aim to introduce people to Rotary via projects.

Send project information to District Membership Chair Matthew McLeod at: [membership@rotarydistrict9910.org.nz](mailto:membership@rotarydistrict9910.org.nz)



## August is Membership Month - Welcome to the Rotary Family

Rotary Henderson Rotalite

Rotary Hillsborough, Lynfield, Mt Roskill



L to R: President Wendy, Yonade van Bocht, Jacqueline Lee, Olivia O'Donaghue, Melisha Cooper, PE Murray Cooper



L to R: Annika Anderson, Vincent Sacay, Cianell Navarro, Governor Elaine, Daniel Southon, Virginia Russell (Sponsor), Murray Stirling (President), Althea Tarossa, Aloha Quitat



# District Exit Survey Results and How we can better retain new members joining Rotary

One of our ongoing issues in Rotary is our poor retention rate, especially of newly joined members in their 1st to 3rd year of membership.

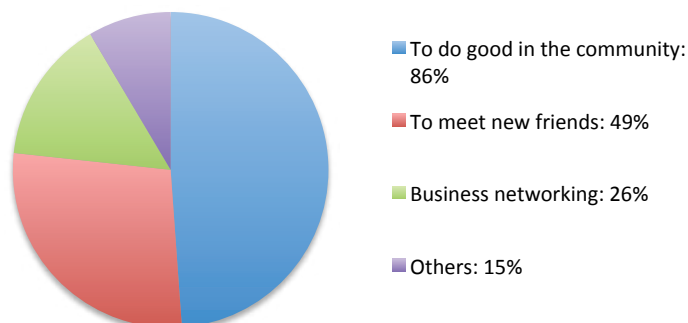
In the 5 years up until March 2020, our District lost 932 members. 157 of those people were members for less than one full year, 158 between 1-2 years and a further 103 between 2 and 3 years. These figures demonstrate that we are losing a large proportion of our new members in those first three years of their membership. Whilst clubs provide reasons for members leaving when they are 'terminated' via the Rotary International website, the choice of reasons are limited and don't often go into a lot of detail that could help us analyse and come up with solutions to potential issues.

To try and see if we could get more insight to where things are going wrong, in July the District membership team ran an electronic exit survey, communicating via email with as many as possible of the members who left clubs in the District over the last 5 years. (We excluded members leaving for health reasons, becoming deceased and where we did not have a working email address).

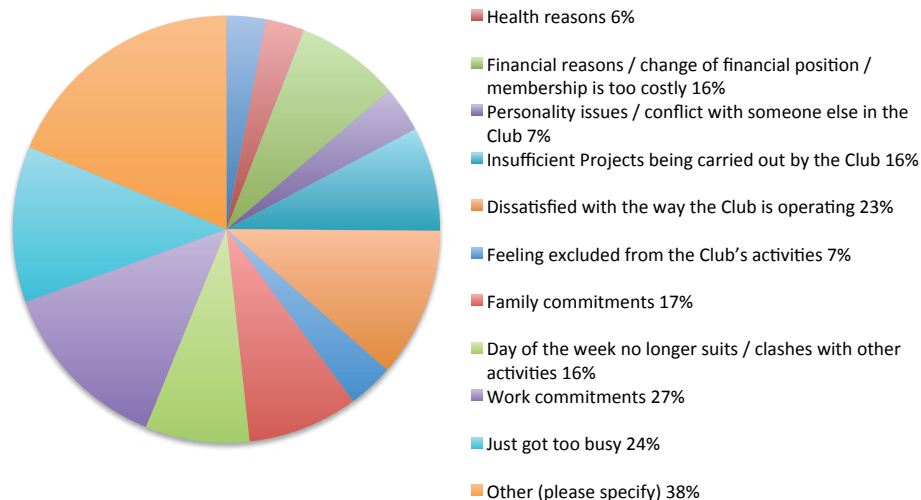
The response rate was around 20% of those who were contacted (which is considered pretty good for surveys of this kind). We allowed the responses to be made anonymously, in an effort to try and maximise our chances of getting full and frank responses from former members. Respondents were also asked whether they would be willing to have their comments released to their former clubs. As a result we do have some feedback which will be sent out to clubs soon.

## Some key findings from the exit survey:

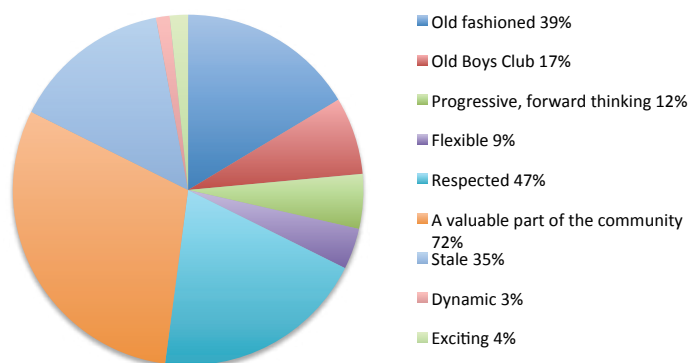
*What were your original reasons for joining Rotary?*



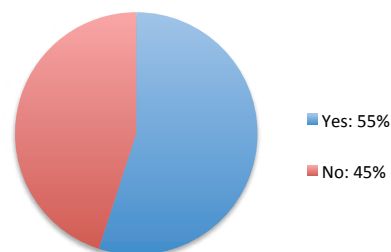
*Reasons for leaving your Rotary Club:*



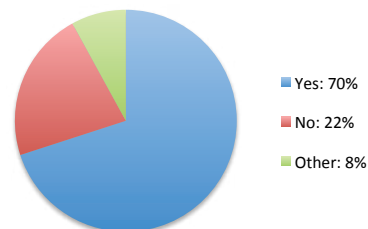
*Which of the following words/phrases do you associate with Rotary?*



*Would you recommend your former Rotary Club to friends, family or associates?*



*When you originally joined this Rotary Club were you given a thorough explanation of the club fees, structure, the level of commitment required prior to joining?*



There were a number of other questions which elicited comments from members. We are in the process of grouping and analysing those answers to be able to provide useful feedback to clubs. We will share a report to clubs in the next few weeks.

There is certainly some interesting food for thought in some of these results. We hope that clubs will take a look at these answers to see where they might be able to make improvements to the way they engage new members. There is certainly no point going to all the trouble involved with attracting new members if we do a poor job of engaging them into the club's activities.

If we can just focus on the key reasons that new members join for: To do good in the community (86%), To meet new friends: (49%) and Business networking: (26%) and ensure that new members feel they are actually getting what they expected in these areas, this will go a long way to addressing our retention issues.

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