

Rotary

District 9910



Governors Newsletter

August 2015

District Happenings

16 August	Rotary Leadership Institute Whangarei
21 August	Red Nose Day
21 August	National Science Forum Applications close 11th Sept
30 Sept	District Grant Applications Due
1-8 Oct	Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week
3 Oct	Stroke Foundation Blood Pressure Day
9-11 Oct	RYEA 2015 Conference
16-18 Oct	IYE Marae Weekend
24 Oct	World Polio Day

Club Happenings

5 Sept	Rotalite West Auckland Off to the Races
27 Sept	Kaikohe - Okaihau - Kaikohe Traverse
18 Oct	Browns Bay Spring Step Out
31 Oct -1 Nov	KeriKeri Garden Safari



Dear Rotarians,

Where did that first month go? Well it has been an eventful and exciting start to our year.

August is Rotary's "Membership and Extension Month" and I am delighted to reflect that most of the clubs we have visited to date have either already inducted at least one new member or have one in the pipeline. **President Youngshin and Rotary Takapuna are leading the way at the moment with three new members inducted in July and another two prospective members attending on the night of our Governor's Visit.** It was a privilege to be asked to induct two new members during our visits to Rotary Santo and Rotary Kerikeri and one at Rotary Bay of Islands. Well done everyone ☺

We spent ten interesting days in Vanuatu during July. While the prime purpose was to undertake Governor visits to our clubs, Port Vila, Vanuatu Grassroots and Santo, it also provided the opportunity to visit officials to **discuss Rotary's involvement in the ongoing clean-up post Cyclone Pam.** We can certainly be very proud of our Vanuatu Rotarians. Members of Port Vila and Vanuatu Grassroots have been working very hard to provide much needed assistance in Port Vila and the surrounding villages. **I was privileged to present, on behalf of PDG Bruce, PHFs to Rotarians Michael Benjamin and Gary Jordan (of Port Vila) and PP Alma Wensi (of Grassroots) for their personal efforts in the community during this time.** Santo Rotarians have also been busy providing assistance to the islands in the Shepherd group which were hit on the eastern side. Port Vila Rotarians and Past AG Rufino Pineda, as well as our Vanuatu Support Group members PDG Lindsay Ford and Keith Day, are **heavily involved in coordinating or providing advice for many rebuilding or aid projects** being planned or underway, involving not only our District but also many Australian Districts, as well as ones from Japan, USA and other countries.

The other thing that we have **been heartened by is the wide range of community activities being undertaken by each of the clubs** we have visited in New Zealand. It certainly makes one very proud to be a Rotarian when you see the difference Rotary / we can make for individuals and groups in our communities. The extent of Rotary's service to communities in our District was reinforced when we joined the **Whangarei Club for its 90th anniversary**, together with the celebration of 50 years of service by their member George Wilson, and the **Northcote Glenfield Club for its 50th anniversary.**

Congratulations to you all for your ongoing commitment to Service Above Self

Governor Peter

"Build monuments that will endure forever, not carved in granite or marble, but in the lives and hearts of generations"

K. R. Ravi Ravindran





90th Birthday Rotary Whangarei

The first Rotary club of what is now District 9910 was chartered on 28 September 1925 in Whangarei. So with a 1920s dress theme for changeover, Rotary Whangarei had an early celebration of their 90th birthday in conjunction with 50 years service of member, George Wilson, to whom they presented a Sapphire PHF.

President Gail (top right) with a certificate Honouring 90 Years from Rotary District 9910 and a congratulatory letter to the

club from RI President, Ravi Ravindran and (left) Governor Peter Garnett presenting the PHF to George Wilson along a the letter from RI President Ravi.

Congratulations Rotary Whangarei and George.



Rotary Grove - Northcote



In conjunction with representatives of the Kaipataki Local Board and attended by pupils from Northcote Primary School; Rotary Northcote re-opened Rotary Grove in Lake Road, Northcote on Friday 14th August at 10.00 am.

Rotarian Ron Kilham has led this project and has worked in partnership with the Auckland Council and the Kaipataki Local Board to achieve the final result. The Council, Board and Club contributions were supplemented by a Local District Grant from The Rotary Foundation.

The photos illustrate the improvements and replanting of this reserve that updates the original development by Rotary Northcote in the 1980s.

The bench seat has a plaque commemorating Rotary Northcote's 50 years of service to the community.



Rotary District 9910 Conference Vanuatu 10-12 April 2016

Governor Peter Garnett and Elaine Mead invite you to star at
Warwick Le Lagon Resort, Vanuatu.

A little bit of chill time, a little bit of play time, a little bit of kids time (future Rotarians welcome)

Be a star, come to Vanuatu and help make a difference.



Rotary NorthTec Science Programme 2015



This year, 16 highly motivated students attended the Science programme at NorthTec, July 6-8. Tutor Toni Daley and her team provided a hands on experience covering Chemistry, Fresh Water Ecology, Forensic Science, Microbiology and Chemistry.

This experience provides the students with opportunities that they do not get at school. They are able to use equipment and undertake hands on experiments they are not able to do in their schools. They also visited the Planetarium one evening. A Year 13 student who had attended the **Rotary National Science & Technology Forum** in January came and spoke to them about her experience.



With a diverse range of Year 11 students from 10 different secondary schools we were amazed how quickly they moulded into a cooperative and conscientious group and their work output was fantastic.



The experience for the students can be demonstrated by the feedback they gave in their programme evaluations as follows: "the learning was amazing. I learnt a lot and I gained knowledge that can help me with my school work. I would like to thank those who fed us and looked after us – thank you all."

"Many thanks to the Rotarians for organising everything for us. I thoroughly enjoyed myself. I got to meet new people and new things. Thanks to the tutors and the rest for that."

"This was fun. Thanks to everyone who fed us and drove us to NorthTec. It should go on for longer and every year."



ROTARY EPSOM & ROTARY MT EDEN

Invite you to a private screening of the British Comedy

Man UP

Starring Simon Pegg and Lake Bell

When Nancy is mistaken for Jack's blind date, she decides to just go for it. What could possibly go wrong!

When
Time
Where
Cost

Wednesday 26 August
8.00pm for 8.30pm movie start
Lido Cinema 427 Manulau Rd, Epsom
Tickets \$25 include complimentary glass of wine

Purchase tickets from club members

E epsomrotary@gmail.com or mtedenrotary@gmail.com

Contact: Craig 027 4943881 or Frances 021 635027

OR

Chapter Book & Tea Shop, 442 Mt Eden Rd, E info@chapter.co.nz T 6232319

Net Proceeds to Heart\$Kids for heart surgery for children in Fiji



Caption Competition

Each month, we provide a photograph in need of a caption. You, the reader, submit your caption, Governor Peter and Elaine will choose the winner and post on the District Facebook page on the 1st of the month.

Please send your captions to Elaine Mead miselaineous@xtra.co.nz by Friday 28th August

If you take photos at club projects that would be good for the caption competition please send to Editor janice@boatandbach.co.nz by 5th of the month





END POLIO NOW

The Good News Story of the Month...

Africa's last polio case occurred in Somalia on August 11 last year. Nigeria, one of the last three polio-endemic countries, reached one year without a reported case on July 24. The World Health Organization (WHO) may soon remove Nigeria from the list of polio endemic countries. When Africa goes three years without a case of polio, WHO will certify the region as polio-free.

A polio-free Africa has been within sight for over a decade. Health workers, community leaders, government officials, and global partners helped reach 230 million African children with the polio vaccine, in some of the most difficult conditions imaginable.

There is still work ahead to improve vaccination campaigns and surveillance. The next two years will be critical to ensuring Nigeria and Africa remain on-track. The support of donors, governments and partners is needed more than ever to ensure high-quality polio campaigns.

While Africa has achieved an important public health milestone, as long as polio exists in the two remaining endemic countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan, the virus still has the potential to spread and to spark new outbreaks. Pakistan, accounting for nearly 90% of the world's cases in 2014 has seen recent progress with nearly 70% reduction in cases in the first half of 2015 compared to the same time in 2014.



Rotary  **END POLIO NOW**

Africa has gone **one year without a new polio case**. We are on the cusp of a polio-free world, but we aren't there yet.

Join us in the fight to **#endpolio**

endpolio.org

Following RI President Ravi's theme ***be a gift to the World*** – this is such a gift! News so good for the world, especially the young and vulnerable. Only Pakistan and Afghanistan to go! Great starting point when socialising; **tell your friends, family and colleagues** about how you as a member of Rotary have **never given up on the eradication of Polio**. Rotary and the world are on the **cusp of a polio free world.....tell the world how fantastic Rotary is!**

Is this your gift to the world?

Make your donation to the End Polio Now campaign today...
click on the link <http://www.endpolio.org/donate>

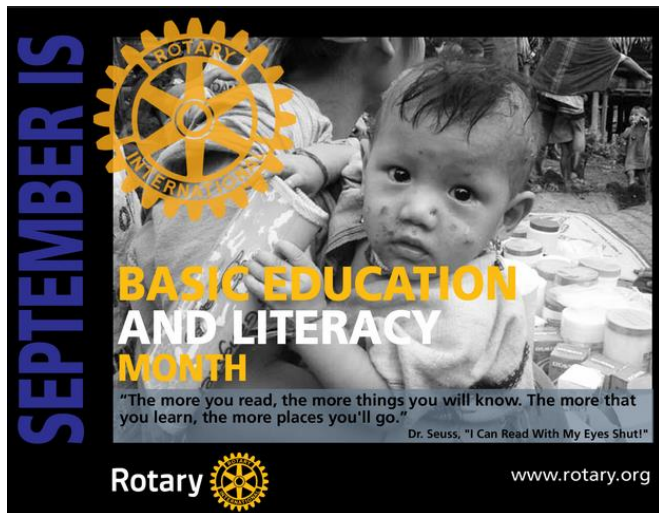
You will be asked if you are a Rotarian or not; make sure you click the Rotarian button. If you are not registered with **"my rotary"** you will have to do this first before proceeding to the payment section. Completing **"my rotary"** will ensure the funds are credited to your club's annual giving plus opening many aspect of Rotary ... just follow guides and be patience as website can be slow.

Rotary Devonport Fine Homes Tour

To be held on **FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2015**, from **9.30am-4.00pm** and will be run by Devonport Rotary in partnership with Bayleys Real Estate. This event is in support of Alzheimers. This is a special day which all home lovers will remember, as many differing homes, home ideas and designs will be on display and we are sure that as the event is further developed over the years it will become 'the event of the year' for home owners and prospective owners alike.

Ticketing is limited, in advance and on sale September – for more information E info@devonportrotary.co.nz





Basic Education and Literacy

one of Rotary's six areas of focus.

We know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

Consider these facts:

- If all women completed primary education, there would be 66% fewer maternal deaths.
- A child born to a mother who can read is 50% more likely to survive past the age of five.

- If all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, 171 million people could be lifted out of poverty, which would be equivalent to a 12% cut in world poverty.

The world is making good progress in this area. According to a 2014 United Nations Millennium Development Goals progress report, literacy rates among adults and youths are on the rise and the gender gap in literacy is narrowing. But pressing global needs remain:

58 million children worldwide are out of school.

Even after four years of primary schooling, as many as 250 million children cannot read and write.

781 million adults are illiterate.

Rotary supports educational projects that provide technology, teacher training, vocational training teams, student meal programs, and low-cost textbooks to communities. The goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

What is your club doing to support Basic Education and Literacy?

The Rotary National Science & Technology Forum 2016

The 27th Rotary National Science & Technology Forum will be held in **Auckland, 9th – 23th January 2016**. This programme is for **OUTSTANDING** all round science, maths and technology students in Year 12 who will be returning to school in Year 13 and are planning to study the sciences or technology at tertiary level.

This fully residential programme is conducted by **Rotary and the Tertiary Institutions of Auckland**. By the end of the Forum students should have a better understanding of the tertiary courses they wish to follow and a fuller appreciation of the place of science and technology in the wider community. It also provides an **opportunity for high achieving students** to spend time with similar minded people and the experiences gained invariably result in overall personal growth and a renewed motivation to succeed. For information on the 2016 Forum check the following links:

[2016 Science Forum brochure](#) [2016 Science Forum letter and checklist for Rotary Clubs](#)

Applications from **Students closes on 28 August 2015** and your club must interview and forward recommendation/s to **District Youth Committee by 11 September 2015**. More information E mandmtait@hotmail.com



Out and About with Governor Peter and Elaine



Does anyone know where the newsletter header photo was taken, check out the same photo on District 9910's Facebook page and tell us the name of the beach and location.

