



JUNE 2021



Elaine Mead and Peter Garnett

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



It is appropriate the Governor year is bookended by the Maori New Year of Matariki, which is a time to gather with family and friends to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future. That is exactly what the various club and district changeovers are about as one Rotary year comes to a close and the new one begins.

There has been enough said and written about the challenges of the past year. Let's focus instead on the theme – 'Rotary Opens Opportunities' – and what has been achieved in a very special centenary year for Rotary in New Zealand and the Pacific.



Recently the two founding clubs, Rotary Wellington and Rotary Auckland, held events marking their 100th birthdays and the profile of Rotary was raised with the launch of the 'Mana Tangata – People of Action' book; [an article in the New Zealand Herald](#); an [interview on Radio New Zealand](#) and the lighting of the Sky Tower in Rotary colours. The [Rotary Give Every Child A Future](#) project gained enough funding to start laying the foundation for the work ahead and many clubs have undertaken 'centennial' projects of their own. This last weekend, whilst on a collection for my own club project, a member of the public said 'Happy Birthday' in reference to Rotary's centenary 😊

When the Rotary Foundation announced Environment as its new seventh area of focus this year, clubs and members enthusiastically backed the decision with a number of planting, clean-up, restoration or recycling projects. There has been an environment-related article in the district newsletter each month and the district conference of 'People, Passion, Sustainability – Honouring the Past, Building the Future' had an environment theme in its speakers and arrangements. The conference was a personal highlight and based on the feedback, for many of the attendees as well. Fun and informative with lots of opportunities to network and learn more about Rotary around the district and beyond. We even gained two new members from it with Daniel Crawford (who managed the livestreaming) and one of our speakers, Charlie Thomas, joining Rotary Waitakere and Rotary Orewa-Millwater respectively.

Live-streaming Rotary events such as the district changeover and conference on Facebook is one of many developments this year in using technology and online resources more effectively. Zoom enabled clubs to connect across enforced isolation and broaden their reach, even bringing in speakers from overseas or maintaining contact with sponsored exchange students. President Holger has visited more clubs than any previous RI President, without leaving home. The cost-benefits are obvious and it also helps a parent with sick children to care for or an older member who doesn't like driving on a winter night, to connect with the club.

Have there been disappointments? Absolutely. At a time when the district finally has a NZ-based Governor with an ability to converse in French and prior connections to all our island clubs, not being able to visit in person ranks right up there. The loss of member engagement, sometimes through a lack of communication or thinking outside the perceived rules and traditions, is equally galling. The decline in Rotary Foundation funds and support of the End Polio Now campaign, when the end is more in sight than it was five years ago.

However, Peter and I have enjoyed being involved with club meetings, projects and events in a variety of ways. That is the privilege of the Governor role, to experience and hear first-hand about the breadth of Rotary activity across the district. I have had opportunities to meet people from, and learn about aspects of, our local, national and global communities I would not have had otherwise. I once heard a past RI President liken the Governor role to that of a conductor – bringing in each section of the orchestra at the appropriate moment, providing the guidance for timing, intonation and expression. The conductor doesn't know how to play every instrument but knows how to bring them together to create the performance. I have enjoyed creating Symphony 2020-2021 with you all and wish Governor Grant and Sarah and the G-Train all the best for the year ahead as they pick up the baton.

Thank you, Nga mihi nui, Merci Beaucoup, Tankyu tumas, Thaenk yuu

Elaine Mead
Governor - District 9910
2020-2021



Buzzin' Around with Governor Elaine



26 May - Auckland Korean's Charity Dinner - very yummy



29 May - Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)



Meeting up at MUNA with ex-Science Forum students, Peter O'Sullivan and Nimish Singh



4 June - North Harbour's Great Debate between Carmel College and Westlake Girls High School



10 June - Representing D9910 at the Paul Harris Fellow presentation to Dr Ashley Bloomfield by all six districts



11 June - Talking about Rotary to the new Interact club of Westlake Girls High School



13 June - Last Zoom meeting of the Zone 8 Governors 2020-2021



13 June - SkyTower lit to acknowledge Rotary Auckland's 100th birthday



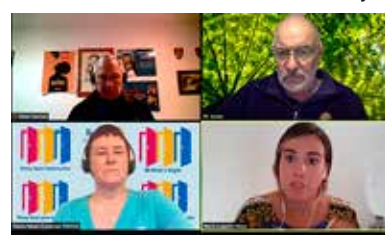
14 June - Kaipātiki - helping out with book sorting for the upcoming Charity Book Fair. Buzzy and Nessie keeping an eye on progress.



15 June - Orewa-Millwater presentation of Major Donor Level 4 to Peter and Vivienne Rowell



15 June - Orewa-Millwater presentation of Brian Mullan's personal giving PHF+1



16 June - Zoom interview with PG Peter Garnet and PG/DRFC Peter Smith and Rotary Peace Fellowship applicant



17 June - Enjoying the Virtual Convention DJ Dance Party



17 June - Whangaparaoa changeover and presentation of PHF+3 to President Ian Hacking



20 June - Last G-Train meeting



23 June - Port Vila Zoom meeting and PHF presentation to President Red Benjamin



23 June - Santo Zoom meeting and PHF presentation to President Heinrich



26 June - District changeover



27 June - Westhaven supermarket collection



27 June - Milford changeover



28 Jun - East Coast Bays - RYLA reunion dinner

District Changeover 2020-2021

Another fabulous district changeover, hosted this time by Rotary Albany and sponsor Mincher Gardens.

Nearly 150 fellow Rotarians and friends joined in the celebrations at Orewa Arts and Events Centre. Thanks to District 9930 Governor Grant Spackman and his wife Wendy Mildon and to Past Governor, District 9920 Beryl Robinson and Colin for joining us to support Governor Elaine. Governor Elaine was particularly pleased to have her lovely mother, Oonagh attend. Many D9910 Rotarians have met Oonagh as she has been at district changeovers since Governor Elaine joined the G-Train.

MC Georgina Richards (Rotary Orewa-Millwater and District Training Lead) brought her distinctive style to the role and the welcome was presented in te reo by Past Governor Jerry Norman; English by Anna McDonald (Rotary Albany Secretary and past RYE); and Finnish by Saana Ramaekers (Rotary Albany sponsored RYE student to Finland in 2020).

It was wonderful to have Past Governor Ian Kiernan and Jasmine with us to be able to acknowledge their 2019-2020 year, an emotional moment for them. Other welcome overseas visitors were Past Governor Lindsay Ford and Alison. Lindsay will be Vice Governor for the 2021-2022 year.

After handover of the chains, the District Nominating Chair, Past Governor Pete Smith introduced our Governor-Nominee, Neil Murray (Rotary Takapuna) who will serve in the 2023-2024 year and the various badges were exchanged amongst the new Governor Train.

A time of reflection, celebration and looking forward as we move from 'Rotary Opens Opportunities' to 'Serve to Change Lives' under RI President Shekhar Mehta and Governor Grant.

Thanks to Daniel Crawford (Rotary Waitakere) for operating the livestream and Bill Horne (Rotary Henderson) for capturing the event.

You can watch the district changeover live-stream at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RotaryDistrict9910/posts/4282400968491310/>



Oonagh Mead and Governor Elaine, holding flowers from Rotary Auckland Korean



Socialising before the event. DG9930 Grant and Wendy in foreground with Governor Elaine and PG Jerry



PG D9920 Beryl Robinson and Christine Rasmussen



Welcome by PG Jerry, Anna McDonald, Saana Ramaekers



Daniel Crawford intent on the Facebook live-stream



Acknowledging Past Governor Ian and Jasmine



MC Georgina commenting on the 'shoes' Grant has to fill



Passing on the mantle



Governor Grant outlines the year ahead



2021-2022 Governor Train - GE Matthew, GN Neil, Governor Grant



2020-2021 Governor Train



President Charlie Ingg (Rotary Westhaven) hands the 'Home of the District Governor' to President Brian McDonald (Rotary Albany)

District Awards 2020-2021

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT SERVICE AWARDS

The Rotary Foundation District Service Award honours Rotarians who are making a difference through the Foundation's programs. This year we recognise the members of the District Grants Committee who have all given their time and commitment over a number of years to ensure clubs are supported in their community projects.

DISTRICT CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

A District Certificate of Appreciation is awarded to Brian Mullan for the huge personal time and commitment he has given to the establishment and support of the Satellite Club of Orewa-Millwater over the past four years.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition was established in 1957 to express appreciation for each US\$1000 donation made to The Rotary Foundation by individual Rotarians. Many clubs and districts present a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) to recognise community members and Rotarians for their meritorious service to the community or to Rotary.



Bruce Rasmussen (Rotary Milford)



Christine Rasmussen (Milford - Honorary)



Jenna Tuuta (East Coast Bays)
Maxine Cooper (New Lynn)
Red Benjamin (Port Vila)
Heinrick Seosse (Santo)



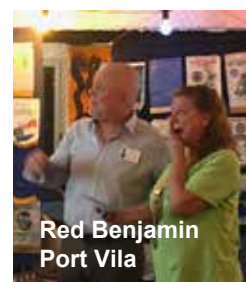
Min Roche (Hillsborough-Lynfield-Mt Roskill)
Tony Hooks (Browns Bay)



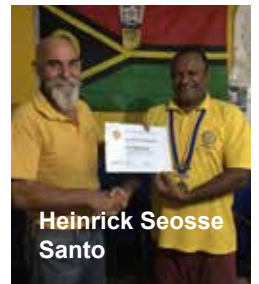
Georgina Richards (Orewa-Millwater)



Murray Allison (Browns Bay)



Red Benjamin
Port Vila



Heinrick Seosse
Santo



LtoR: Murray Allison (PHF+4), Tony Hooks (PHF+1), Min Roche (PHF+1), Maxine Cooper (PHF), Georgina Richards (PHF+2), Jenna Tuuta (PHF)

THE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Les Colgan Trophy

Donated by Rotary Club of New Lynn for the club recording the greatest increase of membership over the Rotary year to date.

Rotary Birkenhead



DIVERSITY IN ROTARY AWARD

This award recognises the commitment a club has made to represent the widely diverse New Zealand community in their membership.

Rotary Whangarei City



NEW GENERATIONS TROPHY

Donated by Christine and Ron Bray to encourage and challenge clubs to induct and retain younger members in Rotary

Henderson Rotalite West Satellite



EFFECTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA / BEST WEBSITE AWARD

This award recognises a club which best demonstrates the most effective use of electronic media and the attraction of membership through this source

Rotary Birkenhead





BULLETIN EDITOR'S AWARD

The Jack Keys Trophy

Donated by the Rotary Club of Warkworth to the Bulletin Editor and Club for the best Bulletin throughout the year, based on presentation, information, Rotary coverage, interest and style

Rotary Browns Bay



THE FOUNDATION SHIELD

White Dixon Trophy

Donated by the 1991 Group Study Exchange team from D1200, SW England, for the club making the greatest per capita contribution to The Rotary Foundation in the preceding Rotary year



Rotary Nouméa Ducas Boulari



FORTUNE GROUP CUP

Donated by Past Governor David Oliver, this award recognises the club with the highest total donations to The Rotary Foundation this year to date

Rotary Orewa



MILLENNIUM CUP

Donated by Past Governor Michael Hill for the club project which provides service to the community, innovation, membership involvement, public perception and presentation

Rotary Henderson Waitakere Hospital Pond Project



ASSISTANT GOVERNOR of the YEAR

Recognises outstanding contribution by an Assistant Governor in fulfilling their tasks, who is well respected by Area Presidents and has acted as strong support to the District Governor

Area 3 - Gary Richards (Orewa-Millwater)



CLUB MAJOR DONOR

Recognises a club's all time giving to the Rotary Foundation This includes all contributions a CLUB makes to the Foundation, including to the Annual Fund, Polio Fund, Global Grants, the Endowment and the Disaster Response Fund.

East Coast Bays	USD \$175,891.99
Henderson	\$126,159.66
Nouméa	\$116,139.27
Milford	\$114,739.90
Takapuna	\$112,584.28
Whangarei South	\$111,342.56
Kerikeri	\$104,742.86



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE AWARD

Mark Taylor Trophy

Donated by a Past RYE Chairman, Mark Taylor for the club making the greatest contribution to the RYE programme during the current year

Rotary Takapuna



ROTARY CITATION

Recognises a club's achievement of at least 13 out of a possible 25 goals in Rotary Club Central

Albany
East Coast Bays
Milford
Waitakere
Whangarei City

Birkenhead
Henderson
New Lynn
Westhaven
Whangarei South

Browns Bay
Kerikeri
Norfolk Island
Whangaparaoa

ROTARIAN of the YEAR

David Oliver and Geoff Dainty Trophy

Presented to the Rotarian who best epitomises the Rotary motto "Service above Self" in the Rotary year

Kriddles Roberts (Waitakere)



District Directory

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

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARD

The strength of Rotary is founded on the service carried out by club members worldwide.

The Rotary International Avenues of Service Award is presented to an individual who has achieved distinction in all five Rotary Avenues of Service.

Past Governor Peter Garnett joined the Rotary Club of Wellington in June 2004 and soon became involved in their mentoring programme for immigrants to which he brought his vocational skills and contacts from the business world. After moving to Auckland he joined Rotary East Coast Bays in March 2008 and was President in 2011-12. He has actively supported his club's projects and is a regular participant in their Trees for Survival partnership with Murrays Bay Intermediate. Peter was a counsellor for the club's RYE student, Oscar Steen, from Sweden in 2012-13 and for the last two years has been the Programme Director for the District's Rotary Youth Leadership Award programme, as well a Camp Parent at the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum twice. From 2012 - 2014 he was an Assistant Governor for Area 4 and has been a Club Visioning Facilitator and Training Facilitator for the District. In 2013 he led a Group Study Exchange team to D3730 in South Korea and after his year as District Governor (2015-16) took on the District Rotary Foundation Chair role. This year, as well as being the "attache" case for Governor Elaine he is an Assistant Regional Foundation Co-ordinator and from 1 July will be the Regional Foundation Co-ordinator for Zone 8 (Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands)

Congratulations to PDG Peter Garnett.



Peter Garnett - PDG

At the Rotary Milford changeover, Governor Elaine presented another RI Avenues of Service Award to Past Governor Bruce Rasmussen. Through his 25 years of Rotary service, Bruce has Served his club as President and held many club events at his home, as well as being an active supporter of NRG North Shore satellite club. He has participated fully in club projects particularly in this year's Milford Beautification Project. He and Christine have hosted several Rotary Youth Exchange students and he is part of the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum governance team. Bruce's vocational skills have been put to good use at the district level and in associated Rotary programmes and organisations, and he has served as District World Community Service chair, District Foundation Chair and attended two Rotary International conventions.



Introducing Neil Murray your D9910 Governor Nominee for the 2023-2024 Rotary Year.

In introducing Neil, let me tell you some things you may not know about him. First, Neil knows a little about cricket. In the day he was a New Zealand Cricket qualified Level 3 coach and looked after the Auckland Under 19 cricket team for 6 years. He managed the Auckland Aces in 2001 and had a hand in the development of a number of NZ players, Neil is the Patron of the Takapuna Cricket Club, currently the national club cricket champions. Do not be surprised if Neil addresses us in "cricket speak" most of the time. Secondly, Neil is a space nut. His nuttiness started in 1969 when he was taken from New York to Cape Canaveral for the launch of Appollo 11 to the moon by his Rotary host family. If the event was one small step for man... then it was equally life changing for Neil.

Neil joined the Takapuna Rotary Club in 1980 shortly after becoming a partner in the law firm of what is now Armstrong Murray in Takapuna. He says he still gets letters addressed to Neil Armstrong. - If only they knew Neil was his club's president in 1987 and again this last year. Being a Rotary Exchange Student himself it is natural that he would find his way onto the District Youth Exchange Committee. He has served on this Committee for 20 years, including 5 years as Chair and says that

Youth Exchange is his passion in Rotary. Neil is currently the District Youth Protection Officer. Over the years Neil and his late wife Jan have hosted numerous students, and their sons Scott and James have been RYE to Portland Oregon and Angers, France. Neil and Jan enjoyed travelling to meet their son's extended Rotary families, and Neil is still in touch with his Rotary families in upstate New York. Such is the way with RYE, so you can understand his passion.

Neil, has spent 45 years in legal practice, retiring last year from his law firm as senior partner last year. In cricket speak Neil, we know you have a safe pair of hands. We expect you to lead the Rotary First XI on the front foot and always play with a straight bat.

District Diary

1 July	Rotary Bay of Islands changeover Rotary Whangarei South changeover
3 July	Rotary North Harbour bday (chartered 1989) Rotary North Shore Clubs - Tree Planting Rotary North Harbour changeover Rotary Waipapa changeover
4 July	Rotary Westhaven changeover
5 July	DG Visit - Onehunga One Tree Hill Rotary East Coast Bays changeover Rotary Kerikeri changeover
6 July	DG Visit - Browns Bay (AM) DG Visit - Kumeu (PM)
7 July	Area 4 & 5 Presidents' meeting Rotary Dargaville changeover (Time TBC)
9 July	DG Visit - North Harbour
12 July	DG Visit - Devonport DG Visit - Westhaven
14 July	DG Visit - Birkenhead ROZops Board Meeting
15 July	DG Visit - Auckland Korean RDU copy deadline for next month's magazine
16 July	Rotary Kaipātiki Book Fair
17 July	Rotary Kaipātiki Book Fair Rotary Westhaven - supermarket collecting
18 July	Rotary Kaipātiki Book Fair Rotary Westhaven - supermarket collecting
20 July	DG Visit - New Lynn Rotary Whangarei Sunrise bday (chartered 1990) Farewell Rotary Epsom Cocktail - Ranfurly House, Heritage Lounge
21 July	DG Visit - Hillsborough, Lynfield, Mt Roskill
23 July	Deadline for content to Governor Newsletter Editor
24 July	Rotary Westhaven - supermarket collecting
25 July	Rotary Westhaven - supermarket collecting DMM & DAC
26 July	DG Visit - Takapuna North
28 July	DG Visit - Waitakere
2 August	DG Visit - East Coast Bays

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



www.readypress.co.nz

Bags Packed

Local Hibiscus Charity I Got Your Back Pack (IGYBP) put out an urgent appeal for items to provide a starter pack of personal hygiene items for women. The appeal was picked up by the Rotary Satellite Club of Orewa-Millwater, who took to social media and broadcast the call for help. A great variety of items were donated by the lovely people on the



Hibiscus Coast, collated by Rotarian Kristy Wei on Sunday 13th June to Mel Jack, representing IGYBP. Mel was delighted and said, "We are so grateful to Rotary for this immediate response and what you have brought today is exactly what we need."

Photo: Mel Jack (right) receiving the packed bags from Rotarian Kristy Wei

Brian Mullan
Rotary Satellite Club of
Orewa-Millwater
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Shop while giving to Rotary Foundation



Earlier this month, AmazonSmile made a charitable donation to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, in the amount of \$3,230.79 as a result of qualifying purchases made by customers who have selected this charity.

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you.

AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support. You shop. Amazon gives.

AmazonSmile has the exact same products, same low prices, and same convenient shopping experience as amazon.com, with the added benefit of generating donations for charity -- at no additional cost to you.

Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com

Vale Rotary Epsom

Members of the Rotary Club of Epsom passed a resolution to wind up the club effective 30 June 2021.

Rotary Epsom was chartered in 1992 by Rotary Mt Roskill and has a respectable history of working with Rotary International and the community for almost three decades. District 9910 would like to thank the club and its members - past and present - for their service to Rotary.

Fellowships – a little known gem of Rotary!

Did you know that allied to but not controlled by Rotary are a whole range of Fellowships? These are like hobby groups or special interest groups whose members get together to share a common interest and have some fun. There are over 70 Fellowships, so chances are there is one that would interest you. And one of the great things is these Fellowships are global, so you can develop contacts and friends all over the world.

And now anyone with an interest can apply to join one of these Fellowships, being a Rotarian is not a requirement.

I am International Commodore of the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians [IYFR]. I live in Auckland NZ and I am a member of the Auckland Fleet. Recently, while the Americas Cup competition was being sailed my Fleet chartered a boat [see below] and went out to watch the racing. This is the sort of fun we get up to. Sadly Covid prevented overseas friends from joining us on the water.

Interested in a particular subject? Visit the group's website or email listed at <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships> to learn more.

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June is Rotary Fellowships Month

www.rotary.org/fellowships

Rotary Fellowships provide a chance to make lasting friendships with people outside your club. Members of these groups share an interest, wish to further their vocational development, or want to make new friends, explore opportunities for service, and enhance their experience in Rotary. Fellowships must have active members in at least five countries and may include Rotarians, Rotarians' family members, Rotaractors, alumni, and programme participants. To join a fellowship, visit the group's website or use the email address provided. If you would like to start a fellowship, write to rotaryfellowships@rotary.org.



"Fellowship is wonderful; it illuminates life's pathway, spreads good cheer, and is worth a high price." - Rotary Founder Paul Harris

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Rotary  **Charity**
Kaipātiki

BOOK FAIR

16 - 18 JULY

NORTHCOTE COLLEGE HALL
Onewa Road, Northcote

Friday 16 July: 11am* - 7pm
Saturday 17 July: 9am - 5pm
Sunday 18 July: 9am - 3pm

*\$10 Entrance Fee for first hour on Friday only, otherwise FREE entry

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



Rotary 
Birkenhead
Presents

QUIZ & GAMES NIGHT

In aid of
 **cure kids**
big research for little lives

Help us raise 2 million dollars to wipe out
Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease
in New Zealand

Friday 6th August
7.30pm
Barfoot & Thompson
Netball Centre
44 Northcote Road
Northcote

\$250.00 per table
(seats 10 people)
Cash bar & snacks
Quiz, games prizes
and an auction!

Tickets available from
secretary@rotarybirkenhead.org.nz

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The 2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention is a wrap

Great feedback on the content from the Rotarians who participated. I particularly liked rocking out to the DJ Dance Party!

It was a step up from the first-ever virtual convention last year with more cool online activities, Rotary Trivia quiz and clever tools. All the usual stuff of general sessions, breakouts and House of Friendship.

I had a couple of early morning sessions with the 'Meet and Greet with Jennifer Jones' and the 'Alumni Celebration' – without even getting out of bed LOL.

Fortunately there were later recordings of the early morning General Sessions.

These focused on Opportunities to Reflect; Opportunities to Grow; and Opportunities to Serve. The breakout sessions programme is [right/left].

The General Sessions are still available to "Watch on Demand" in the Convention Theatre for registered participants.

International Convention 2022 is in Houston, Texas

International Convention 2023 is in Melbourne, Australia

Saturday, 12 June

12:00 - Advocacy, Leadership, and Sustainability: A Recipe for Impact (EN, ES, PT)
12:00 - Alumni: A Hidden Gem for Membership and Service (DE, EN)
18:00 - Innovative Ideas to Start a New Rotary Club (DE, EN, ES)
18:00 - Rotary's Action Plan for The Future (EN, JA, ZH)

Sunday, 13 June

12:00 - Bridging Cultures: Public Image Success Stories (EN)
12:00 - The Annual Fund: Grow Rotary's Global Impact (EN)

Monday, 14 June

8:00 - Grow Rotary Through Engagement (DE, EN, ES, FR, IT, JA, KO, PT, ZH)
8:00 - Sowing the Seeds for Sustainable Development (EN)
12:00 - Achieving a Polio-Free World (EN, FR, IT)
12:00 - Enhancing STEM Education in Kenya (EN)
18:00 - Promoting DEI in Rotary Youth Programs (EN, ES, PT)
18:00 - Donating Money is an Art; Using it is a Science (EN, JA, KO, ZH) ***presented in Chinese**

Tuesday, 15 June

8:00 - Intercountry Committee's Contribution to Rotary's Priorities (DE, EN, FR, IT)
8:00 - Protecting the Environment through Global Grants (EN, ES, JA, KO, PT, ZH)
12:00 - Expanding Club Visibility to a Non-Rotarian Audience (EN, ES, FR, IT, PT)
12:00 - From Zone Strategy to Club Activity (EN)

Wednesday, 16 June

8:00 - Mission Inclusion: Accelerating DEI in Rotary (EN, ES, IT, PT, ZH)
8:00 - Matchmaking: Discovering International Partners (EN, JA, KO)
12:00 - Young Leaders Become Governors! (DE, EN, ES, IT) ***presented in English and Spanish**
12:00 - Building Better Community Health, Effectively! (EN)

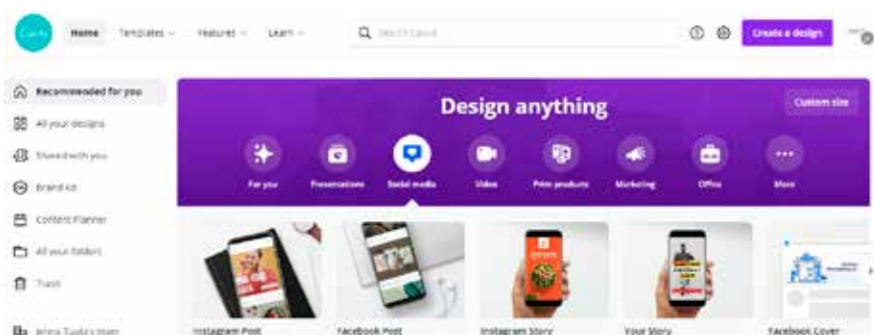


PI Tip - Design Anything

Images and videos are a must when it comes to posting on social media and there are online tools that help you to create exciting images.

Canva helps you to create images that are the perfect size for most social media sites including Facebook and Instagram: <https://www.canva.com/>

The application has templates available if you needed to make imagery for an upcoming event quickly. The app saves time and produces imagery that looks professional. Best of all, it's FREE!



If your club has a registered charitable trust, you can get the paid version of Canva by [applying here online](#).

Other helpful links include:

- <https://brandcenter.rotary.org/en-GB> (note you will need a MyRotary login)
- <https://www.poaphotos.com/>
- <https://dzynspace.co.nz/>

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Capturing Creativity

Rotary Whangarei South held its 4th Rural Schools Photo Competition this month at Forum North, attended by competitors, parents and Rotarians. What an awesome success and a great night. Special mention of club members Murray Neighbour, Mina Crisp, Bill Roberts, Al Kirk and Murray Inder for all their hard work and to all the other Rotarians that stepped up to help on the night

We had photos exhibited from 48 students from Mangakahia Area School, Tangiteroria school, Tauraroa Area School and Te Horo School.

The judges were David Kelsey and Megan Pearson, both long time camera club members and photographers and Olivia Garelja from Creative Northland. She is also a photographer with work currently on exhibition at the Whangarei Museum. The judges were all very impressed with the high standard of all the photographs.

A big thank you to our sponsors- Newberrys Funeral Home, Northland Surgical & Endoscopy and Creative Northland. Without their support we would be unable to have such an event that gives local youth the opportunity to show their talents.

The winners were divided across the school years - Years 0-6 [the Small World photo] the ; Years 7-10 [the Bodyart photo] and Years 11-13 [Sports action photo]. The winner of Years 11 -13 also won the Supreme Award.

Presentation were made to winners and runners up in several categories, and the supreme winner was presented with her award by Whangarei Mayor, Sherryl Mai, and President Anne Grbin.

~ Anne Grbin



Sports action photo



Small World



Bodyart photo



A Taste of Home

A suggestion from the Governor to share their food culture with others led Rotary Auckland Korean to host a Charity Fundraising Dinner where they introduced a number of guests to yummy Korean food, made by club members.

It was wonderful to see support from local Rotary clubs such as Birkenhead; Browns Bay; Albany; Henderson; Rotalite West Auckland; East Coast Bays; Takapuna and Westhaven.

The Auckland Korean team were taken by surprise at the number of attendees and delighted by the response. Look out for next year's event!

The event raised \$2,800 for [Food For Hungry International-NZ \(FHI-NZ\)](#); [Harbour Hospice - North Shore](#), [Reconnect NZ](#), [De Paul House](#) and [All Nations Mission Centre \(ANMC\)](#).



NEW ZEALAND & PACIFIC ISLANDS			
District	May 20	May 21	↑↓
9920	31,671	36,889	+16%
9930	14,642	21,618	+48%
9980	31,268	20,266	-35%
9940	25,100	19,366	-23%
9910	46,415	18,888	-59%
9970	13,988	13,059	-7%
TOTAL	163,085	130,087	-20.2%



Support as at May 2021

NEW ZEALAND					
District	ANNUAL	POLIO	ENDOW'T	OTHER	TOTAL
9910	+29%	-68%	∞	∞	-15%
9920	-7%	+10%	+984%	+35%	+16%
9930	-4%	+84%	-100%	+500%	-68%
9940	+112%	-21%	∞	+112%	+75%
9970	-5%	-38%	∞	+32%	-10%
9980	-14%	-46%	∞	+249%	-20%
Total	+7%	-28%	-96%	+83%	-18%

**TO SLACKEN OFF NOW IS FLIRTING WITH CALAMITY AND
POTENTIALLY WASTING ALL THE HUGE EFFORT (AND
VACCINATOR LIVES) UNDERTAKEN SINCE 1979.
WE OWE THIS TO THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD - - -
AS WE PROMISED IN THE BEGINNING.**

The Reality:

We will need every Cent of the Gates Foundation US\$100 Million matching Grant to continue funding every aspect of our Campaign. To qualify, RI must raise US\$50 Million by June 30, and, at this time, we are lagging by US\$4,482,000 compared to the same period last year.

CONTRIBUTIONS

.On line payments for Annual Giving and Polio Plus:

District Rotary Foundation Account # 01-0125-0146572-00

.On line Payments for Centurion:

District Centurion Account # 01-0125-0146572-02

If you deposit Funds directly into either of these Accounts please ensure you:

1. Clearly Identify the Club or Individuals Name which relates to the Donation, and
2. Send an Email to the District Treasurer (Details below) stating what the deposit was for, how much and when it was deposited.

District Foundation Treasurer: Bronwyn Ellison
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Rotary Foundation's Major Donor Level Four

It was a privilege for Governor Elaine and I to attend the Rotary Orewa / Orewa-Millwater Satellite changeover function on 16 June, where we were able to present Peter and Vivienne Rowell with their Major Donor Level 4 Crystal and Pins.

When Peter reached the age to receive the government superannuation he was continuing in his dental practice and felt he didn't need his superannuation payments at that time. At the encouragement of PG Merv Huxford, he elected to donate his regular superannuation payments directly to the Rotary Foundation and subsequently Vivienne did too.

We acknowledge the foresight and generosity of Peter and Vivienne, who are the first donors in our district to reach this Level 4 pinnacle of giving to the Rotary Foundation.

Thank you.

If any other Rotarians are interested in becoming Major Donors please contact DRFC Peter Smith pcsmith.rotary@gmail.com or me pgarnett.rotary@gmail.com
ARRFC PG Peter Garnett



Blast from the Past

AUCKLAND CLUB'S WELCOME.

The reception hall at Milne and Choyce's was crowded to excess yesterday on the occasion of the first visit to the Auckland Rotary Club of Mr. Paul Harris. Visitors included a dozen members of the Whangarei Rotary Club, as well as 28 ex-members of the local club. The stage was decorated with the national flags of U.S.A., Britain and New Zealand, and Mr. Harris received a typical Rotary welcome. On his introduction the chorus, "Paul Harris! You're a Friend of Mine," was given vociferously as an impromptu item.

The president, Rotarian G. L. Taylor, presided.

Mr. Harris delivered a half-hour's address upon the sixth object of Rotary, treating his subject in conversational style, with his points strikingly illustrated in humorously-related incidents.

At the conclusion the ex-president, Rotarian J. Ewen, proposed a vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation.



TREE PLANTED IN AUCKLAND DOMAIN BY FOUNDER OF ROTARY The gathering in the Domain near the Wintergardens, when Mr. Paul Harris (with black hat), planted a Tree of Remembrance prior to his departure for the United States by the Mariposa on Saturday morning. Mrs. Harris, with a bouquet, is standing next to her husband.

New Zealand Herald, Vol LXXII, Issue 22101, 6 May 1935, Page 8

"Photo contributions to 'Blast from the Past' can be sent to rotarynewsletter9910@gmail.com with short descriptive caption"

Membership Commentary

Coming to the end of my three years as District 9910's Membership Chair, I would like to thank the Clubs in District 9910 for their continued work to promote Rotary, gain new members and retain the existing members we have. We all know this isn't necessarily an easy task and looking at our overall membership numbers sometimes it feels like we've taken one step forward and two steps backward. We have a lot of clubs which are slowly bleeding members whilst others who are making good progress in attracting new members, engaging their existing membership base and therefore growing their clubs. Numbers aren't everything but consider what new things could your club take on with a larger membership base? How much easier would your existing projects and programmes be to run with some extra hands to help along with the additional connections they bring?

So, what do these clubs which have grown over the last few years have in common?

These clubs are making an active effort – that means that they have a plan and are working it. Generally speaking, they are also providing an environment that works for the kind of new members that they're trying to attract. When you visit their clubs, they have a lot going on – fundraisers, hands on community projects and social activities which are the glue that holds their clubs together. Members are having fun and enjoy attending their meetings. If the format of their meetings isn't attractive to new members they're adapting and trying other options until they find something that works. A club which is fun, with good projects and opportunities for new members to feel like they're achieving something is an attractive proposition to guests. By running regular Rotary Information Nights they're sharing what they're doing with the public and getting them enthusiastic about joining.

We've also seen success with new club formats – in particular Satellite Clubs which allow for a less formal style of Rotary designed for busy people who want to focus on hands on activities within the community. In Australia we've seen new Rotary Clubs being formed for people passionate about Koala Conservation, Nursing and Midwifery and for busy CEOs (amongst many other new formats). I can see more of these developing over the next few years including some which might be formed based around shared interests – a Satellite Club of Environmentalists tackling environmental projects would be a great idea given Rotary International's new seventh area of focus.



I would like to thank Governor Elaine Mead for agreeing to take on the role as District Membership Chair starting from 1st July 2021. (Just when Elaine thought she was going to have time for a rest after her busy Governor year!) Elaine has a great in-depth knowledge of the clubs in our District and is well equipped to assist clubs with ideas on how to strengthen their Rotary offering, grow their club and engage and retain their existing members.

We would love to hear from more people who are passionate about growing Rotary – either have you as part of our District Membership team or assist you with ideas and initiatives within your own club. Please contact myself, Matthew McLeod: mattmcleod.rotary@gmail.com or Elaine Mead: elainemead.rotary@gmail.com

Matthew McLeod
District Governor Elect (2022-23 year)

Extended Whānau

Rotary Maungaturoto and Districts has spread the message of Rotary across to the east coast, thanks to the initiative and drive of Rotary Maungaturoto member, Grahame Carbery, with the establishment of a satellite club at Mangawhai. Grahame is joined by fellow Rotarian, Dennis Emsley in supporting Rotary Mangawhai and the G-Train travelled north to welcome eight new, three returning and two current Rotarians (Grahame and Dennis) as members of the Rotary Satellite of Maungaturoto-Mangawhai.

If you or anyone you know is interested in connecting with the club, contact them via their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RotarySatelliteMaungaturotoMangawhai>



Pictured LtoR: GE Grant; Grahame Carbery; Wayne MacLennan; Kaitlin Taves (ex-Saskatchewan, Canada); Daniel MacIsaac; Gillian Whitley; Dave Kitson (Secretary); Marlene Dragicevich (Treasurer); Dennis Emsley (Chair); Governor Elaine, President Rod Tysoe

Absent: Howard Jury (ex-Rotary Whangaparaoa); Miles Wilson (ex-Rotary North Harbour); Hilary Carbery, Emily Fornieri; Stephen Tennent

Together We Transform

Five years ago, Rotary Orewa established the satellite club of Orewa-Millwater which went from strength to strength over the years, making an impact on its community and supporting local charities.

Recently, Rotary Orewa and its satellite amalgamated to form the new Rotary Club of Orewa-Millwater. At the change over event, 2020-2021 President Karen Bonnici and Satellite Chair Caroline Butland handed over the President's chain to Rakesh Mistry.

The evening was a celebration of both groups' achievements over the year and an acknowledgment of 57 years of service for Rotary Orewa charter members, Gordon Cashmore and Bill Earwaker.

To kick the new club off in the right direction, three new Rotarians were inducted. Charlie Thomas – one of the speakers at the 2021 D9910 district conference and 2020 Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange student, Lucy Brannigan, who was sponsored by Rotary Orewa to Finland, along with Orewa local, Megan Brice.



JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund

" Winter is here, with the cold and the wet and kids need a winter uniform to keep them warm. It's also the time kids seem to have a growth spurt, leaving many families struggling to afford new winter school uniforms. If you are aware of pockets of poverty within your community, or your schools, please let us know. The J R McKenzie Youth Education Fund may be able to help. This fund is set up to help families in dire need, to purchase school uniforms, and or text books.

The Fund does need a statement of need from a sponsoring agency such as a school, budgeting or welfare service or a Rotary Club. When the costs of the uniform or texts is approved, funds will be paid to the school or the supplier, they are never paid to individuals, nor are they paid retrospectively.

Occasionally we get requests for special assistance with assessments or school camp attendance. All applications are judged on their merit and how well they fit with the ideals of the JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund and the sponsoring agency is informed of the decision and when funds are available to the supplier.

Contact Ali Chamberlain
JR McKenzie jrmckenzie.rotarynh@gmail.com
021 599 395

to receive a copy of the latest application form or to chat about specific requests for assistance.

Ali and her committee at North Harbour Rotary administer the J R McKenzie Youth Education Fund on behalf of District 9910"



Delayed but not thwarted

Rotary Give Every Child A Future (RGECAF) continues to wait for news that our first child has been immunised! Never in the planning phase could we have imagined this project to vaccinate 100,000 children against life-threatening rotavirus, pneumococcal disease and human papillomavirus (HPV) would be delayed by an epidemic of measles (Samoa late 2019) or rolled out in the midst of a global pandemic. Neither could we have anticipated this project would assist the delivery of COVID-19 vaccines in the project's nine Pacific Islands.

While this is the reality of RGECAF in 2021, progress has been made. Storage equipment to maintain the vaccine 'cold chain' (storing vaccines in a specific cool temperature range from manufacture to administration) has been purchased, distributed and installed. This consists of fridges/freezers to store vaccines, ice blocks and chilly bins to transport the vaccines to communities near and far, as well as temperature monitoring equipment. Communication strategies have been developed to educate and engage communities, policies and procedures drawn up and health care worker education is underway. These planned project logistics and activities are now also being utilised to support the COVID-19 vaccine rollout.

While Rotarians 'down under' are heartened our Centenary project supports the battle to control COVID-19 in the Pacific, we remain eager the RGECAF project be delivered as soon as possible. Our partners UNICEF, share our anticipation and are doing all they can to ensure RGECAF vaccine programmes commence in a manner that is safe for both families and healthcare workers.

Meanwhile the efforts continue across Australia and New Zealand to fund the project. We've successfully applied for Rotary Foundation funding for our initial commitments, but need to continue fundraising to reach all of the 100,000 children we're targeting. While all six New Zealand Rotary districts are supporting RGECAF with essential District Designated Funds we need clubs and individual Rotarians to get behind their Rotary centenary project.

So what can you do?

1. **Ask.** What is my club doing to support RGECAF? Remember this is a three year project and we would like clubs to support every year for three years.
2. **Donate.** Every \$45 could potentially save a child's life, or protect a future family from losing a mother/wife/sister/aunt to cervical cancer.
3. **Gift.** Young people especially appreciate gifts of giving. Kudos with your mokopuna maybe?
4. **Promote** RGECAF and Rotary in your community. RGECAF is a fantastic project to showcase the relevance of Rotary in the 21st century.

One Rotarian challenged his club's members to donate \$45 for each of their children and grandchildren. Or maybe your club could count up the total number your members have and share the amount out equally across Rotarians to make personal donations. Do you have other ideas to share? If so, please [email us](#).

If you or your club has not donated please consider doing so, and a huge thank you to those who already do.

RGECAF DONATIONS

Rotary New Zealand World Community Service (RNZWCS)
03-1702-0192208-01 quoting Ref No 419 (RGECAF).
Please include your club's name to ensure Foundation giving recognition points

For more information please visit everychildafuture.com

To request a club talk (in person or via Zoom) please [contact us](#).

For the June RGECAF newsletter please [visit here](#).

Michelle Tanner
Marketing Chair and Social Engagement Chair
ROTARY GIVE EVERY CHILD A FUTURE
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Give Every Child A Future - Our Australasian Centenary Project





By Gina Growden
Rotary Public Image Coordinator,
Zone 8, 2018-2021



PDG Gina
Growden
Public Image
Coordinator,
Zone 8

FEW people would argue that a major contributor to the success of most – if not all – large, multinational organisations is the way they religiously protect their brand and always display a consistent logo. A strong brand promotes trust, reliability and dependability, and the key to establishing the desired relationship with their customers is the clarity and consistency of the organisation's message.

Rotary's 'new' (now eight years old) logo featuring the word 'Rotary' alongside the traditional Rotary wheel provides a very clear message to the community that the great work we do throughout the world is unmistakably Rotary's. But to achieve a strong brand, it is critical that we all always use the correct logo when we promote our activities.

I know that protecting our environment is one of our *Areas of Focus*, and there is a reluctance by members to add to landfill by discarding 'perfectly good' merchandise including banners, club polo shirts and roadside signs just because they are a few years old and have the wrong logo. However, by continuing to use these old, outdated items, the clarity and consistency of our message is being diluted and, along with that, the strength of our brand. There is no denying that the more unified our voice is, the greater our impact will be.

Unfortunately, old, outdated banners and Rotary signs keep popping up!

Rotary deserves to have a brand equal to successful multinationals, but to achieve this we need to be unified in our voice, be clear and consistent in our messaging, and not 'mess with our logo'. •

A unified voice

NEW LIFE FOR OLD MERCH

How do we recycle/reuse/repurpose our old merchandise to keep it out of landfill while keeping the old logo out of the public eye?

Here are a few ideas to get you thinking:



COMPOST THEM

Looking to dispose of clothing items made from natural products? Earthworms will happily eat them!

Cut them up first, as earthworms will happily munch away on small pieces of fabric. You can also add them to your compost bin in small volumes, just like you would shredded paper.

TEXTILE RECYCLING



A number of organisations offer textile recycling programs utilising different methods:

- Mechanically shredding down textile items into a fibrous form to be used in the domestic and international market. These fibres can then be spun back into yarn to be woven or knitted into fabric.
- Mechanically shred the garment into rags to be repurposed. End uses include padding for chairs, car seats, general vehicle upholstery, carpet underlays, floor matting, insulation, and cleaning rags.
- De-branding and re-distributing the garment into local or international second-hand clothing markets.

Planet Ark's Recycling Near You initiative lists a bunch of organisations you can talk to about recycling textiles. Visit recyclingnearyou.com.au/clothing Clothing retailers H&M, Zara and Upparel (formerly Manrags) each have garment collection programs for clothing or textiles, which they reuse or recycle. They accept all brands.

A BLANK CANVAS



Could your out-dated pull-up banners be painted over and donated to a local school or childcare centre to be used as a plain canvas for colourful artwork?

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL BOOMERANG BAG COLLECTIVE



There are a number of Boomerang Bag communities across Australia. These are groups of people who come together to make reusable shopping bags that can be used by others when they are caught short. Most bags are made using donated fabric. Again, make sure you remove any old branding. To find your nearest group visit boomerangbags.org.



Got a better idea?

If you have a creative idea for recycling/reusing/repurposing old Rotary merchandise while keeping the old logo out of sight, let us know at editorial@rotarydownunder.com.au

GIFT THEM TO YOUR LOCAL MECHANIC



Old textiles are often appreciated by mechanics who can use them as rags – just make sure you de-brand them first.

POT THEM



Try adding an old piece of clothing to the bottom of a pot or hanging basket before you add potting mix. The fabric will absorb the excess water which can then be used by the plant when it needs it, rather than have it going to waste.



Why should we grow our own vegetables?



1) The vegetables taste better.

Really really way better. As soon as a plant is picked it starts losing freshness, sweetness and vitality. Think then how much better a plant that was literally living 30 minutes before it is served up is than one that was picked unripe, stored in a cool store for months and then falsely ripened with ethylene gas. Mmm tasty.

2) The vegetables are cheaper.

For the price of a broccoli you can buy a packet of 100 seeds and grow 100 plants, or even buy one 6-pack punnet of baby plants and grow 6 for that price or just slightly more. There is a cheap way and an expensive way to garden. Buying in compost and building fancy garden beds will increase the cost, but they can be considered an investment in to your family's health. However, you can learn to make your own compost for free, use chicken poo on the garden as fertiliser and check out the real benefits and ways to make raised beds.

3) You know what goes into your food.

I haven't even checked what price organic broccoli is at the moment, but I do know the ones in the shops are sprayed with chemical fertilizers and bug sprays to keep them aphid and caterpillar free. When you grow your own food at home it is all organic!

4) Gardening is very rewarding.

Being out in the sunshine, connecting with the earth, breathing the fresh air, the bending/stretching/lifting, pride in feeding yourself/family/friends, having something to barter with – take your pick, they are all good things.

Don't let the winter weather put you off starting your vegetable garden. Here are some tips for winter gardening.

- For root crops, dig over garden beds as all the action happens underground and they require well worked soil. If you have lumps in your soil chances are your carrots won't grow nice and straight.
- In July it is time to sprout new season seed potatoes ready for planting in August or September. Always choose certified seed potatoes, such as Tui Certified Seed Potatoes, as these are specifically selected to thrive in the home garden and guaranteed to be free of viruses and pests that affect potatoes.
- Plant broad beans, beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, celery, garlic, kale, mizuna, onions, peas, shallots, silverbeet, spinach, coriander. Dig in Compost before planting to replenish nutrients used by previous crops.
- Sowing seeds - in warmer parts of New Zealand use sheltered areas of your garden to sow broccoli, broad beans, cabbage, cauliflower, and peas. Lettuce seeds can be sown too, if you choose hardy winter varieties.
- The shortest day of the year is traditionally garlic planting day, but you can plant through into early spring in some areas. Dig the soil over well and add lots of lovely compost. Plant cloves 5cm deep with the pointy end to the sky. Garlic can be harvested mid-late summer.
- If frosts are a concern, plant crops into containers that you can move around to catch the midday sun and keep a cloche or growing tunnel handy.
- Don't forget slug & snail control - slugs and snails love juicy vegetable seedlings!

Pumping Up Rotary

Rotary Devonport reached out to the local community for input to their Woodall Park BMX Pump Track project. The club held a successful information day on-site, with about 80 people stopping by to look at the track plans and to discuss the project. More than 20 people made offers to help with either purchasing some items for the track or to help with working bees.

The track was started by local kids riding through the trees at the western end of Woodall Park, Narrow Neck. The official track is intended to be a 400 metres long unpaved BMX track through the trees suitable for all ages and abilities of riders: from young learners to older 'full-on' awesome riders. The design allows for it to be built in stages and a local cycling enthusiast has offered lots of practical advice on track layouts and other technical matters.

The Council and Local Board have enthusiastically endorsed the project and are assisting with resource consent which the club

is confident will be granted soon and now want to start the planning for getting construction underway in the spring. The information day enabled it to seek input from local volunteers and sponsors to help with

- fundraising e.g setting up a Givealittle page
- working bees
- sponsorship.
- donations of materials.
- applying for grants from charitable trusts

Article sourced from Rotary Devonport's newsletter



Rotary Wellington Centennial Banquet

Governor Elaine and PG Peter flew to Wellington on 24 May to attend the Rotary Wellington Centennial Banquet at Parliament. Rotary Wellington was the first club to be chartered in New Zealand. They made the trip to join the celebration, however more importantly to enable Peter to return to renew friendships with fellow Rotarians of the club where he started his Rotary journey in June 2004.



It was an excellent celebration with speakers including the Deputy Prime Minister Hon Grant Robinson (Honorary member of Rotary Wellington), Sir Annan Satyanand (Past Governor General and member of Rotary Wellington) and guest speaker The Hon Justice Stephen Kos, President of the Court

of Appeal. A highlight event for the evening was three News Flashes on Rotary history. The first one taking everyone by surprise featuring Simon Dallow (PHF recognition by Rotary Henderson in October 2018) seated in the TVNZ 1 news studio desk. We soon realised it was a video, however it initially seemed as though it was a live news broadcast on the history of Rotary. The second he gave was on history of Rotary in NZ and then he started the third on the history of Rotary Wellington from the "desk", before walking into the banquet Hall to give it live at the event.

This was a very professionally organised event appropriately reflecting the mana of Rotary Wellington



Skytower Lights Up

Skytower was lit up in Rotary colours on 13 June 2021 to acknowledge the centenary of Rotary in New Zealand. The sight was wonderful- the night was clear, the tower itself was a stunning shade of blue and it could be seen all over town. At the instigation of Jenn McKenzie, the Takapuna Rotary Club decided to dine out under the tower; we were joined by Governor- to-be Grant, and together we raised a glass of champagne to toast 100 years of service. For just a moment we were able to dwell on Rotary's achievements and what Rotary means to us. I thought of Mana Tangata (our book) and the friendship of the people we know through Rotary, and then got back to degustation- defined as the careful appreciative tasting of food, the senses, high culinary art and good company. After all, we were at Gusto at the Grand which I can recommend!

And oh, the silk scarf! The scarf was made for the Takapuna Rotary Club in 2005 when the North Island Districts held their combined Conference in Rotorua to commemorate 100 years of R.I.. It couldn't have been more appropriate for our special Rotary night out.

Neil Murray, *President Rotary Takapuna*, neilonanzac@gmail.com



Recognition for the 'Curve Crusher'

Earlier this month, the New Zealand and Pacific Islands District Governors made a unique presentation when they combined to bestow a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) on an outstanding New Zealander – Doctor Ashley Bloomfield.

Dr Bloomfield is New Zealand's Director General of Health and has been widely acknowledged for his public health leadership of New Zealand's 'team of five million' throughout the COVID 19 crisis.

We Governors were delighted Dr Bloomfield accepted our wish to acknowledge this leadership and each of the six Districts contributed US\$1000, enabling us to make a very significant award – that of a PHF plus five saphires pin.

Our citation thanked him for his steadiness under fire, his integrity and authenticity, and his courage to own mistakes and undertake to investigate resolution. Dr Bloomfield has noted 'leadership is an invitation to collective action' and we felt he and his team demonstrated this wholeheartedly, bringing a daily 'calming' influence to television screens around New Zealand during the height of the pandemic.

Each Governor spoke, providing some background or connection about this PHF and Rotary, particularly in relation to key centennial projects in two of Rotary's areas of focus – Disease Prevention and Treatment, and Maternal and Child Health.

D9940 is supporting the fit-out of the new Wellington Regional Children's Hospital and across Zone 8, the Rotary Give Every Child a Future project provides three vaccines to 100,000 children in nine Pacific Island countries over three years as well as establishing a sustainable vaccination programme.

These projects, and Rotary's commitment to End Polio Now, align with Dr Bloomfield's demonstrated leadership in keeping New Zealanders safe in this COVID world.

~ District Governors of 9910, 9920, 9930, 9940, 9970, 9980



L to R: Grant Spackman (Governor D9930); Gillian Jones (Governor D9940); Mark Yaxley (Governor D9970); Dr Ashley Bloomfield; Craig Horrocks (Governor D9920); Governor Elaine; Irene Moseley (representing Governor Dylan Murray D9980)

Matariki - New Year

HE TOU HOU | A NEW YEAR

The rising of Matariki (Pleiades) in the sky heralds a new year for many Māori tribes around the country. With the help of Dr Rangi Matamua (Tūhoe), we can understand more about Te iwa o Matariki or the nine stars of Matariki.

Maori espouse, that there are nine stars in the constellation of Matariki not seven. They all hold dominion over particular areas of our environment as seen from a Māori world view. They are; **Matariki, Pōhutukawa, Waitī, Waitā, Waipuna-ā-rangi, Tupuānuku, Tupuārangi, Ururangi, and Hiwa-i-te-rangi**. Traditionally, our ancestors did not just look at the constellation as a whole, but rather viewed each star individually, gaining an insight into the year ahead.

1. **Matariki** is the star that signifies reflection, hope, our connection to the environment and the gathering of people.
2. **Pōhutukawa** is the star associated with those that have passed on.
3. **Waitī** is associated with all fresh water bodies and the food sources that are sustained by those waters
4. **Waitā** is associated with the ocean and food sources within it.
5. **Waipuna-ā-rangi** is associated with the rain.
6. **Tupuānuku** is the star associated with everything that grows within the soil to be harvested or gathered for food.
7. **Tupuārangi** is associated with everything that grows up in the trees: fruits, berries, and birds.
8. **Ururangi** is the star associated with the winds.
9. **Hiwa-i-te-rangi** is the star associated with granting our wishes, and realising our aspirations for the coming year.



Ancient Whakatauki (Proverbs) associated with Matariki:

Ina kore te po, e kore nga whetu.

Without the night (darkness) you will never see the stars

He maramatanga to tena whetu, he maramatanga ano to tera whetu.

Each star has its own luminescence and presence in the universe.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari he toa takitini.

I come not with my own strengths but bring with me the gifts, talents and strengths of my family, my tribe and my ancestors

Kohikohi ngā kākano, whakaritea te pārekereke, kia puāwai ngā hua

Gather the seeds, prepare the seedbed carefully, and you will be gifted with abundance of food

Hinga atu he tete-kura - ara-mai he tete-kura

As one fern frond dies - one is born to take its place

Thank you to Past Governor Jerry Norman for compiling these facts and whakatauki

[Click here to read more about Matariki through Dr Rangi.](#)

Machinery Auction Update

A huge thank you to everyone who made the machinery auction such a resounding success!

Special thanks to Nikki for hosting us, Jasyn for giving his time and skill as auctioneer, Bill for the amazing photos, and to Countdown Helensville for donating the sausages and drinks. The auction made \$10,340!



Whangarei 'Open Arms Project'

To celebrate Rotary's 100 years Whangarei South Rotary decided to support the 'Open Arms Centre' a place where the homeless and needy can gather and receive assistance.

Whangarei South had assisted in the establishment of the Open Arms Centre in the 2018/19 Rotary year. The club provided labour for repairing roofing, building shelving, putting a window into the children's room and built a raised vegetable garden and planted this.



To mark the 100 years the club provided Open Arms with 50 men's and 50 women's Care Packs containing basic hygiene supplies. All members brought items to Rotary during May and then the weekly sergeant's sessions provided the funding for the bags and any items we were short on.

On 18 June a group from the club lead by President Anne Grbin visited the Open Arms Centre and joined in the community breakfast with the homeless and other needy community members who are regular attendees. President Anne presented the 100 packs to the centre and then each person having breakfast was given a Care Pack.

Whangarei South is now planning some future projects with the Open Arms Centre including assistance at the Homeless Women's Home that will be opening soon.



Photos courtesy of Tania Whyte – Northern Advocate

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BUILDING THE ROTARY BRAND THROUGH THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Model United Nations Assembly 2021

It's a wrap!!!

Another exciting, exhilarating and spectacular MUNA was held at Auckland Girls Grammar over Friday 28 and Saturday 29 May. The 94 teams from secondary schools in our combined (D9910 and D9920) districts had completed their research on the countries they were representing and were well prepared to support, rebut or challenge this year's remits:

1. The UN to ensure the fair global distribution of Covid 19 Vaccines.
2. The UN to actively enforce the protection of women's rights in member nations.
3. The UN member states to increase aid to expand the world food programme.
4. The UN to financially support countries to end the use of landmines.
5. The UN to enforce regulations on countries who do not act to reduce their

The excellent results achieved by our District 9910 and 9920 teams are as follows:

- Best overall country representation, Norway, St Dominic Catholic College. RC Henderson **9910**
- Best team costume over the two days, Niger, Springbank School. RC Waipapa **9910**
- Team with the most depth of content, Saudi Arabia, Dilworth School RC Remuera **9920**
- Team who stood up to the most pressure, Israel, Pinehurst School. RC East Coast Bays **9910**
- Team with the best knowledge of the UN Charter, South Sedan, Selwyn College RC Auckland East **9920**
- Best contribution to the Security Council, Russia, Hobson Point Secondary. RC East Coast Bays **9910**
- Runner up to the most engaging speaker, Tunisia. Ivy Mitchell, Westlake Girls. RC Takapuna North **9910**
- Most engaging Speaker, Paraguay, Gabrielle Toreja, De la Salle College. RC Papatoetoe West **9920**
- Runner up to Best Team overall, Spain, Santa Maria College. RC Botany **9920**

- Best Team overall, Supreme Winner, Saudi Arabia, Dilworth School. RC Remuera **9920**

Special Mention

- Bahamas for their rap music, Elim Christian College. RC Somerville **9920**
- Speakers from Georgia, Takapuna Grammar. RC Devonport. **9910**

Acknowledgements

The MUNA Coordinating Committee from D9920, chaired by Pam Deal from the Rotary Club of Downtown Auckland. The Committee accomplished the huge task of ensuring that MUNA 2021 was a success. Pam wants to include D9910 in the committee, so **Peter Rowell is looking for someone from D9910 (younger, enthusiastic about MUNA) to join the MUNA organising team. If you interested please contact Peter.**

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To those Rotarians who missed this opportunity Auckland Girls Grammar is very easy to access by car with on-site parking and entry into the back of the auditorium at any time during the two days. Visitors may come and go as they please without disturbing the proceedings in any way.

See you at MUNA 2022

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