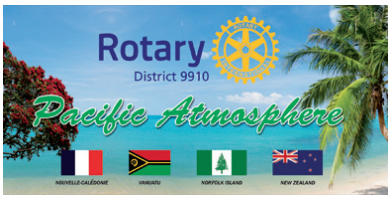




Elaine Mead and Peter Garnett

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020

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



Rotary Opens Opportunities

When I was young, I travelled the world with the courageous young Belgian reporter Tintin and his faithful dog Snowy, without leaving home. Casual Sunday lunches saw my brothers and I either curled up in a chair or sprawled on the floor, each absorbed in one of our 'Adventures of Tintin' books, whilst munching abstractedly on toasted sandwiches. I am fortunate both of my parents supported reading in the home.

There have been a number of literacy articles in this newsletter since July and our district is one of the few to have a Literacy Committee to help clubs support literacy projects across the district. Many of our clubs provide local primary schools with dictionaries, several hold book fairs or assist with reading programmes at their local school. If your club is looking for a literacy project you'll find Literacy Committee contacts in the newsletters or the district directory on the district website ***https://rotarydistrict9910.org/Page/district-directory***.

Thanks to PG Jerry Norman and Public Image Lead, Jenna Tuuta the district supported Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori (Maori Language Week) with daily postings of stories or videos with some te reo. Thanks to Jenna's encouragement, I kicked the week off with a video of me singing 'Tutira Mai'. Learning a second language can boost your brain power and sharpen your memory, as well as improve your first language.

Our digital literacy has certainly been tested and honed over the last few months with the increased use of Zoom. Many clubs and Rotarians have shown great adaptability in using technology and have continued with hybrid meeting formats. A shout out to Rotary Devonport who, during Level 2.5, took their meetings to the local businesses with gatherings of 10 at various restaurants. Now we are at Level 2 and Level 1, Peter and I look forward to re-connecting and joining in your projects.

Elaine Mead
Governor - District 9910
2020-2021

World Food Day

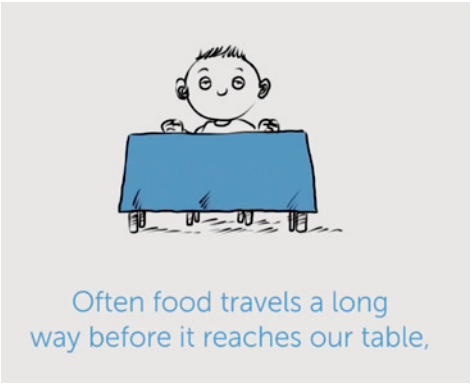
Friday 16 October 2020.

One way to get involved is by contacting your local food bank and donating what you can, being a #FoodHero or sharing a past story of how your club members are Food Heroes.

Examples include helping local students grow their own vegetables or making an effort to curb food waste! Together we fight hunger.

Use the #WorldFoodDay hashtag when you post on social media.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toTCMMy5O18





Buzzin' Around with Governor Elaine

More Zoom meetings!
22 Aug - Rotary Onehunga One Tree Hill board
23 Aug - Rotary Hillsborough, Lynfield, Mt Roskill board
23 Aug - Zone 8 Governors
24 Aug - Q&A session with OOTH & HLMtRoskill
25 Aug - Rotary New Lynn board



27 Aug - Governor Q&A Zoom with Henderson & New Lynn



28 & 29 Aug - Facilitating RLI sessions



1 Sept - Te Whakaora Tangata Trust graduation, Kaitaia



1 Sept - Induction of John Horan to Te Hiku satellite



11 Sept - Trees for Survival planting with Rotary Birkenhead & Verran Primary School



14 Sept - Kicking off Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori singing "Tutira Mai"



19 & 20 Sept - joined the Zone 8 Virtual Conference



26 Sept - At Rotary Dargaville's 'Thanks evening' for its helpers and supporters with President Peter Garelja and Whangarei District Mayor, Sheryl Mai

Ashley & Co for Cure Kids

Ashley & Co enlisted the help of Cure Kids ambassador Eva to create two gorgeous products to raise funds for this much loved children's charity.

It includes Wonder Washup and Soothe & Zap sanitising cream, both boosted with special, ***healing ingredients chosen by Eva***.

$10 from the box set ($49.95) and $5 from the cream sanitiser ($24.95) goes to Cure Kids. ***Buy it here online.***





District Diary

1 October	Governor Q&A - Rotary Auckland Korean
1 October	Governor Q&A - Rotary Norfolk Island
3 - 4 October	Rotary Henderson - Waitakere Hospital pond project
4 October	Rotary Orewa - Orewa Beach clean-up
5-11 October	Rotary Reconnect Week
7 October	Area 4 & 5 Presidents' meeting
10 -11 Oct	Rotary Henderson - Waitakere Hospital pond project
12 October	Norfolk Island Agricultural Show Day
13 October	Rotary Epsom - club birthday & centennial activity
16 October	World Food Day
17 October	NZ GENERAL ELECTION
17 October	Rotary Henderson 60th birthday celebrations
23 October	Deadline for content to District Newsletter Editor
23 October	Tag You On Tag Polio Off - Polio Fundraiser
24 October	Rotary Henderson - Waitakere Hospital pond project
24 October	World Polio Day
25 October	Rotary Henderson - Waitakere Hospital pond project
27 October	Rotary Milford - Final Intermediate School Speech comp
28 October	Rotary Birkenhead - Eat My Lunch Volunteering
29 October	Rotary East Coast Bays - Golf Tournament
31 Oct-1 Nov	Auckland Diwali Festival
31 Oct-1 Nov	Rotary Kerikeri - Garden Safari
31 Oct-1 Nov	Rotary Henderson - Waitakere Hospital pond project

RYLA 2021

Rotary District 9910 RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

A reminder to all Rotary Clubs that the closing date to reserve a place for your RYLA 2021 delegate is 31 October 2020. If you are resubmitting your delegate who was accepted for the cancelled 2020 RYLA Programme you will still need to reserve a place for them. Places will fill fast and we have limited places available. Approach your local businesses to see if they will subsidise the registration fee.

The fee for RYLA 2021 is $1100 per delegate. This covers accommodation, food, trips and access to top presenters and facilitators. The RYLA Governance Team are investigating ways we could facilitate an alternative look for RYLA in May 2021 should Covid-19 once again place restrictions upon us.

All details and the application form can be found on the D9910 website:
www.rotarydistrict9910.org/page/rotary-youth-leadership-awards
To reserve your club's place please email:
RYLA Co-ordinator Fay Norman – ***ryla9910@gmail.com***

2022 Council on Legislation

As District 9910 Council on Legislation representative I have the responsibility of assisting with any resolutions that members want to submit on behalf of the District. Resolutions are provided by clubs but must be endorsed by the district. Please give some thought to issues that you would like to be raised at the council. The club will have to draft and complete the resolution and it must be supported by club members and endorsed by the Club's Board.

When completed please forward it to my email ***m.neighbour1@gmail.com*** or you can contact me on 027 274 8674. The process is it will then be put to our Club Presidents and supported by the Governor Elaine and the District.

Protocol is for resolutions to be voted on at the District Annual General Meeting. If agreed to it will be signed off by District Governor Elaine.

As our Annual General Meeting isn't till April 2021 and the deadline for Resolutions to be in the hands of Rotary International by 31 December 2020 time is short. Clubs will have till October 20th at the latest. This is due to COVID 19 taking such a huge part of our lives.

We need to give Club Presidents time to vote on the resolutions, either in support or against. If there is a majority support vote Governor Elaine will sign them off and they will be forwarded to Rotary International for discussion and voted on at the Council on Legislation.

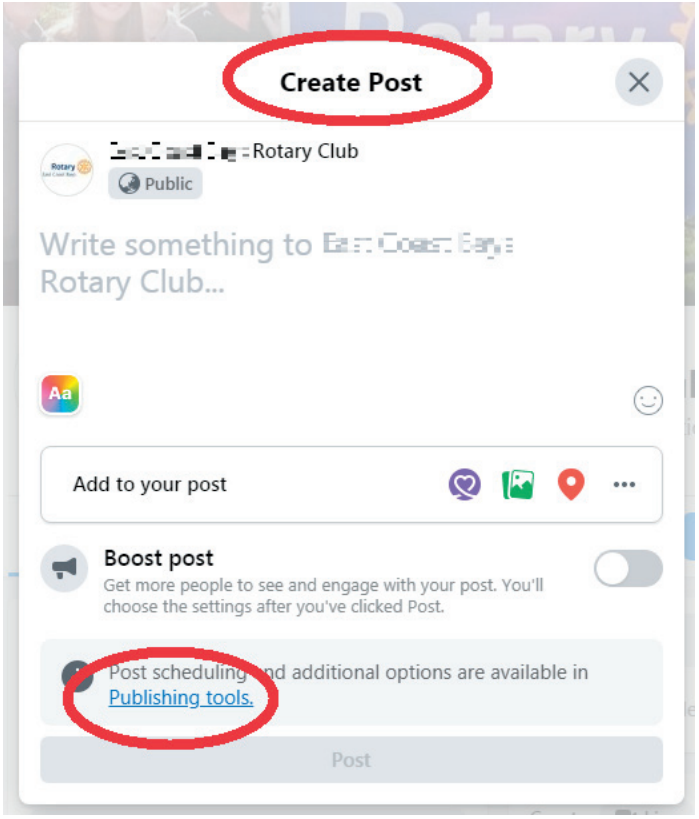
There is further information on My Rotary (***Councils***), if you require more information please contact me.

PG Maxine Neighbour
9910 Council on Legislation Representative.

Learning Update 'scheduling in advance'

Use the online My Rotary Calendar and/or UN Observed International Days to schedule social media posts in advance to have consistent and relevant stream of monthly postings.

Relate the notable day, week or month's theme to a project that your club has completed and encourage readers to get involved in future projects. ALWAYS include an image in your social media post.



Promote Rotary While Keeping Safe!

Rotalite West Auckland - the satellite of Rotary Henderson is running a fundraiser selling these wonderful 'Rotary People of Action' reusable facemasks.

These are selling for $15.00 each, with pickup from Henderson, or delivery for a small additional fee. All profits will go to community projects in West Auckland.

Why not promote Rotary while keeping yourself safe - a great conversation starter about Rotary too.

Order online from ***https://www.hendersonrotary.co.nz/masks/*** and pay by credit card, or email Dr Jackie Lee at ***nzriverhouse@gmail.com*** - we can invoice you if you prefer.



DG Elaine Mead and PG Peter Garnett

Rotary Birkenhead Random Acts of Kindness

Tuesday the 1st of September was Random Acts of Kindness Day in NZ. This year Rotary Birkenhead club is doing 100 Days of Random Acts of Kindness.



Next year Rotary is celebrating 100 years in New Zealand and Australia so to lead up to the 100 years we are doing 100 Acts of Kindness and hope the community joins us.

It's not been an easy year for many and sometimes the smallest act of kindness can have a greater impact than you can imagine, so we don't want to wait. Watch out for our posts and check out some of the ***Random Acts of Kindness Day*** NZ suggestions of things you could do.

'100 Days of Random Acts of Kindness' on their ***Facebook page @rotarybirkenhead.***

Every day there is a quote and the opportunity for you to share your RAK for the day. We would love it if you would share your random acts of kindness with us as well. Join in. It's quite uplifting.

A reminder Rotary Reconnect Week is upon us!

5 – 11 October 2020

This is your opportunity to connect with people who have been sponsored by your club and are examples of this year's theme - 'Rotary Opens Opportunities'. It's time to reach out and touch base with this hidden resource, possible future Rotarians or helpful friends.

Don't limit yourself to just this week. Invite an Alumnus along to a club event, or project or just catch up for coffee in October.

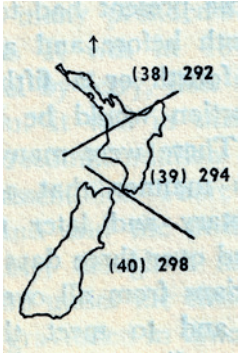


There is more information on the ***Rotary Reconnect 2020*** website, along with resources and ideas.

- Post your activity on the ***@Rotary9910Alumni*** Facebook page;
- Tag your social media with #rotaryreconnect
- Let us know what you did for Rotary Reconnect ***rotaryd9910alumni@gmail.com***

It only takes one person to open up a wealth of contacts and opportunities.

District 9910 Alumni Lead, Craig Jones Mob:0274 943881




A.C. Morcom-Green

Blast from the Past

In 1956, New Zealand was divided into three Rotary Districts (38, 39 & 40).

The next year the numbering changed and the District 292 Governor for 1957-1958 was **A.C. Morcom-Green** (Rotary Club of Onehunga).

The first District Governor from a (current day) District 9910 club.

Morcom-Green stepped in for the last two months of 1958-59 following the death of Governor John Ledgerwood (Hamilton).

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

Polio All Transit Day
23 October 2020

World Polio Day occurs on Saturday 24 October 2020 and to raise awareness and funds for the End Polio Now programme we have a repeat of last year's successful combined districts event.

Districts 9910/9920 are collaborating again to hold a Polio event in Auckland on Friday, 23 October 2020. This is based on the All Train Stations event held last year, and in 2020 harbour ferries have been added to the transport options – hence the change from Polio All Trains to Polio All Transit.

This is an opportunity for all local Rotary clubs to 'jump on board'.

CONCEPT:
A team (dressed in red End Polio apparel) will ride the Auckland Transport (AT) train and Fullers, Sealink and Belaire ferry networks. At each train station or ferry terminal visited there will be a local Rotary Club (also dressed in red End Polio apparel) who will symbolically hand over a cheque for the End Polio Campaign to the Polio Team riding the trains or ferries.

The photo opportunity will be actioned either at the station/platform/terminal but if there is not enough time, club members can join the train/ferry to ride for a couple of stops and have the photo opportunity on board, then return via train or ferry to their base station.

PROMOTION & FUNDRAISING:
AT have given permission for us as Rotarians to undertake this event and to collect donations from passengers travelling on the trains and ferries and at the stations/terminals.

It is anticipated we will not only raise awareness of the End Polio Campaign but it is also an opportunity for local clubs to promote Rotary and invite interested people to join or engage with their club.

Club donations for this event go to:
Rotary Foundation 9910 Account, a/c# 01-0125-0146572-00 with reference [clubname] & code PAT230ct

Public donations can be made directly to:
https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/end-polio-tag-on-tag-you-off

FURTHER INFO:
The event generally commences at approximately 8am and runs through until about 6pm. However, there will be a timetable of when the train or ferry with the Polio Riders will arrive at each club's designated station/terminal. Rotarians will be able to join the Riders group by registering and Riders can ride free on the network as long as they are wearing a red End Polio Now Shirt.

You will need to register with the Registration Form to advise if you or your club will be participating in the event.

There is a Promotion Poster for you to use in your club bulletin or Facebook page. There is also a Sponsorship Form to use if you are able to get any sponsors to support your efforts.

For all of these documents go to ***https://rotarydistrict9910.org/page/tag-polio-off***

For more information please contact Grant Smith at ***grantsmith.rotary@gmail.com***.







District 9920 Online Auction



Enjoy your own unique piece of art

Rotary

Artists create expressing ideas, feelings, state of mind, and polio eradication is about caring people giving the gift of a polio-free world to the children of the world.

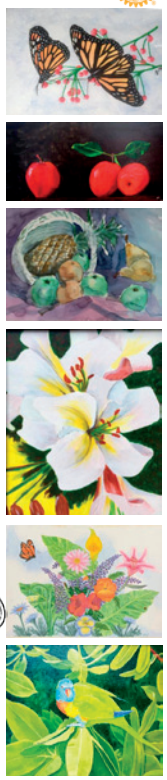
To support Rotary's goal to eradicate Polio worldwide and World Polio Day on 24 October a group of talented artists have donated art for auction.

This provides YOU with a very special opportunity to bid for one of these framed art pieces and become part of the global drive to eradicate polio. ALL proceeds supporting the End Polio Now campaign

Website for more on the artists and the auction links to BID

https://rotarydistrict9920.org/page/art-auction-for-polio-2020

between 17-24 October 2020



End Polio Now and World Polio Day Resources

Newsletters
- End Polio Now newsletter (*https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/newsletters#_secure/16821*)
- Polio News monthly e-newsletter (sign up at *polioeradication.org*)
- Polio Current Case Count (*http://www.polioeradication.org/Dataandmonitoring/Poliothisweek.aspx*)
- Polio Weekly Update (*http://www.polioeradication.org/Dataandmonitoring/Poliothisweek.aspx*)
- PolioPlus Resources (*www.endpolio.org*)

Videos
- 5 Ways to End Polio (*https://endpolio/2ZcKmaf*)
- World Polio Day Global Update 2019 (*https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day-online-global-update*)
- Sticking to Zero (*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jY4AaZq9sSY*)
- Polio Documentary 10 minute and 15-minute versions (*https://vimeopro.com/rotary/polioplus-video-resources*)

Websites &Social Media
- *EndPolio.org*
- *PolioEradication.org*
- End Polio Now Facebook (*http://www.facebook.com/pages/End-Polio-Now/78976274836*)
- End Polio Now Twitter (*http://twitter.com/endpolionow*)

This October let's get together and paint it End Polio Red!

District 9800 in Australia is inviting Rotarians and non-Rotarians across Australia and New Zealand to Walk with Us in an End Polio Now event throughout October to raise funds to eradicate polio.



100% of funds raised by walkers will go to Rotary's End Polio Now programme. Register now and donate at *www.rotarywalkwithus.org*

The customised user-friendly fundraising platform will:

a. Allow everyone registering, to select 10k, 20k, or 50k (or set your own target) to walk as well as determine your own fundraising goal.
b. Provide donation links for walkers to share with friends, family and others.
c. Add walks, track distances and fundraising totals for individuals and teams including leader boards.
d. Have fun

You will have from October 1st to 31st 2020 to walk when you want and with whom you want to reach your target.

Clubs could consider running a similar event locally for one day or across the month.



https://www.facebook.com/events/774440050040812/

In Memorium
PDG Keith Rogers (Governor 2007-2008)

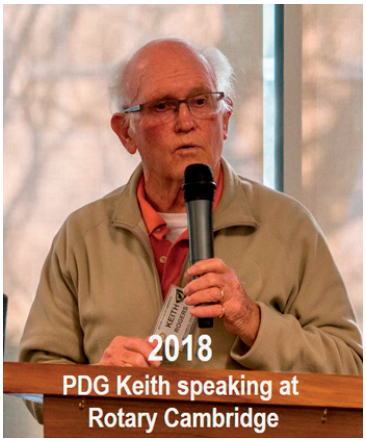
Rotary Birkenhead (1990 – 2016)
Rotary Cambridge (2016 - 2020)



Keith was President of Rotary Birkenhead for the year 2001/2002 and had an outstanding year in office after a successful year as Club Secretary. He served on numerous Club and District Committees and his leadership qualities were recognised with his appointment as District Governor, the fifth DG from Rotary Birkenhead.

In 2003/2004 Keith introduced the D9910 Oral Hygiene Programme, initially into two schools in Whangarei. It involved the daily brushing of teeth, supervised by staff and Dental Therapists. Keith was instrumental in obtaining funding from The Harold Thomas Trust and Colgate – this along with funding from Rotary Clubs allowed the programme to be extended to schools in West Auckland and throughout the North of the District. Many will remember Keith's passion and energy for this project. The Oral Hygiene Programme continued for a number of years and approximately 7000 children at 25 schools in D9910 benefited. After 10 years, Colgate started supplying a programme directly to schools, the Bright Smiles, Bright Futures kits.

Keith and Bev had a very successful Governor year and it was fitting Keith achieved his goal in supporting Beverley to become President of Rotary Cambridge this year, especially as she had done so much for him in his Governor year. Bev said, she would not have accepted the Rotary Cambridge Presidency if it was not for Keith's support.



Since being District Governor Keith maintained a keen interest and commitment to Rotary, even after moving to Cambridge, where he continued his contribution to the District 9930 District Advisory Council of Past Governors.

Keith lived a life which epitomised the Rotary motto of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" and his service to Rotary was recognised with a Paul Harris Fellow and two sapphires. He passed away peacefully on 13 September after a battle with cancer and his service was held in Cambridge on Saturday 18 September. He will be sadly missed by all Rotarians, especially his fellow members of Rotary Birkenhead and Rotary Cambridge. (Abridged from PDG David Oliver's eulogy at the service)



He rau aroha ki a Keith Rogers – A tribute, with sincere love, to Keith Rogers	
Kua hinga atu te Kauri o te wao nui a Tane	The great majestic Kauri tree of Tane has fallen
Kua hinga he kaka wahanui, kua rere atu, kua wheturangihia	A great orator has fallen and has begun the journey to the celestial realm
Kua hinga te Pou o te whānau. Kua hinga te Pou o Rotari	The pillar of the family has fallen. The pillar of our Rotary family has fallen
Haere atu ra e Keith ki tua o te Arai ki te Ao rangimarie, ki te Ao mamae kore.	Farewell Keith to beyond the horizon of the living, rest in peace in that pain-free world.
Ka korerotia o mahi e nga hau e wha.	Your legacy will be oft proclaimed throughout the four winds.
Haere ki te ao wairua, ki te wahi i whakairohia mo te tangata.	Farewell to the spiritual realm that has been sculpted for all
E moe te moengaroa	Sleep the everlasting sleep.
Haere atu ra, haere atu ra, haere atu ra	Farewell, farewell, farewell
Mai i o roimata pouri, roimata aroha, whakanui i nga mahara mo tenei Rangatira.	From your tears of sorrow and love, celebrate the life of this great Chief.
Ina te mahi he Rangatira. Ko Keith tenei.	By deeds a leader is known. This was Keith.
Ki a Beverley me te whānau pani. Ta matou aroha nui rawa ki a koutou.	To Beverley and the bereaved family. Our sincere condolences.
Arohanui D9910 whanau o Rotari	

District Directory

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Got some unused drugs??

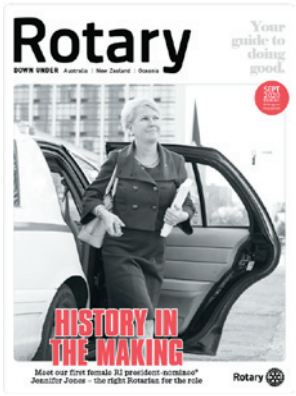
No – it's not a shady deal offer but referring to a clean out of your home medicine supply.

Don't stockpile. Take a few minutes to review what is in your home and get rid of anything that is no longer needed. It is fine to have good supplies of pain relief, antihistamines and other "emergency" medications as long as they are all in date and out of reach of small children, but don't keep other unused medicines at home.

Don't put medicines in the rubbish or down the toilet. This can harm the environment. If you have leftover medicines, take them to your pharmacy for safe disposal or contact ***Medical Aid Abroad (maa.org.nz).*** MAA is a charitable trust, which accepts all unused, undamaged and in-date medicines from around New Zealand, and redistributes them to developing countries as needed.

Murray Kerr (Rotary Browns Bay) is a retired pharmacist and chairman of MAA. He is happy to accept donations of unexpired drugs and can be contacted at ***maachairman1@gmail.com***

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Why is the RDU Magazine in plastic?

Hard copies of the magazine are sent out in a plastic bag made from BioWrap.

Normally the above green logo is printed on the plastic bag, but the mailing house is currently dealing with a new supplier who use BioWrap, but don't yet have the equipment to print the logo on the plastic bag.

D&D Mailing Services advised their BioWrap, is produced with a 50% recycled formula (50% recycled & 50% virgin resin).

The technology behind BioWrap introduces a pro-degradant into the polymer that acts as a catalyst and causes a rapid breakdown of the long molecular chains.

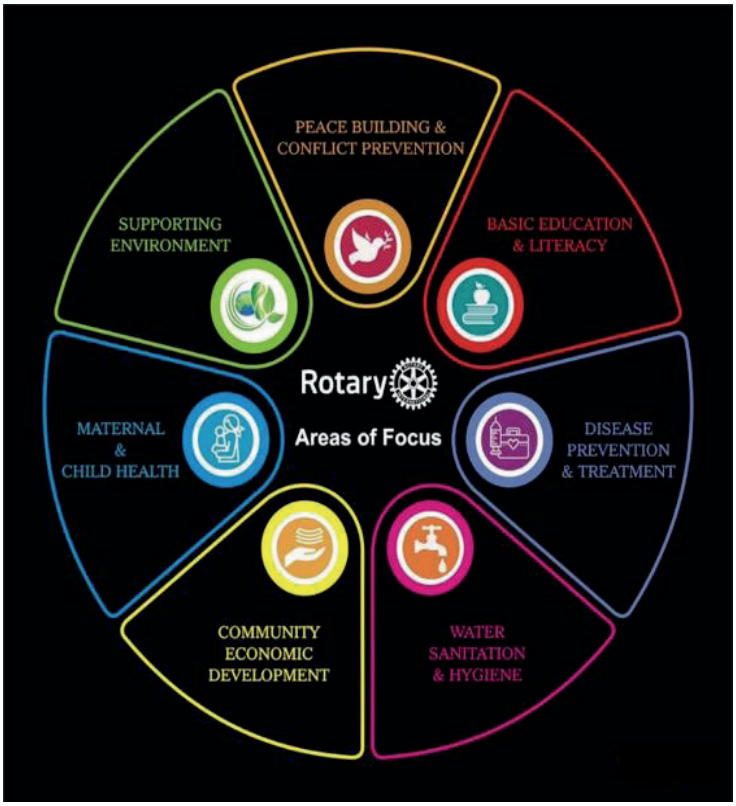
BioWrap is a recyclable product that can be placed in your recycling bin.

The Rotary Foundation

TODAY'S DONORS ARE "CAUSE" RELATED

The Rotary Foundation has **SEVEN CAUSES** that are very Attractive to today's donors.

To grow our fundraising we need to expand our donor base beyond Rotarians.



Rotary Kerikeri Garden Safari Tickets on Sale Now

The Kerikeri New World Rotary Garden Safari is the fund-raising brainchild of the town's Rotary club. There's been a Garden Safari in Kerikeri every year since the inaugural event in 1987 and it has now earned a well-justified reputation as one of the must-do events on the town's social calendar.

And not just the town's social calendar. Each year the Garden Safari attracts people from all parts of the country – it's become a Kerikeri tourist attraction in its own right.

This is a great day out for the whole family; a once-a-year opportunity to see beyond the gates and explore some of the most interesting gardens in the region. It's a real 'must do' for gardeners and non-gardeners alike.

Tickets are available from local retailers, to see the full list of outlets visit our Tickets page.

When you buy your tickets you'll receive a brochure containing a detailed write-up about each garden and a map showing its location. Choose the gardens that interest you and plan a route accordingly. Then just follow the trail to the amazing homes and gardens you've selected.

Spend as much time as you like at each; after all, you've got the entire weekend to play with. Food and drink is frequently on offer in at least one of the gardens and the brochure will contain details.

Proceeds are used to support local and international community and youth development projects. To see what the club spends the income from the Garden Safari ***please click here***.

So thank you for supporting the Rotary Club of Kerikeri and helping us make a difference in our community.

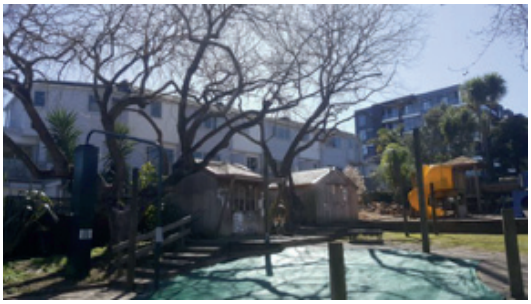
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Takapuna Playground Project Report

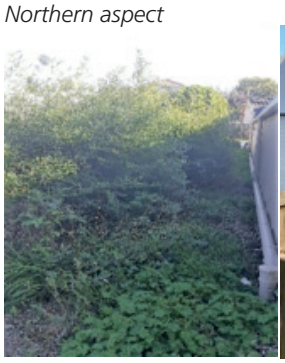
Takapuna Playcentre reached out to Rotary Takapuna after seeing our Facebook page and request for community projects.

David and Michelle Morrison visited Playcentre during a morning session to see what projects we could assist with. The initial observation was how cold the outside area was because it was shaded on the north and east by large trees; even though it was a fine day the children were not playing on the slides and climbing frame as they were completely in shade.



Northern aspect

Our first suggestion was that removing some of the very fast growing alder trees on the northern boundary and trimming some trees on the eastern boundary would let much more light and sun onto the outside playing area during winter mornings. Consequently an Arborist, Chris White of BranchOff, was contracted to carry out the specified work. With his expertise it was also agreed to trim back and safely secure two very large magnificent Golden Elm trees that in summer provide important shade to the playing area and sandpit. This work was carried out in August.



Before



After

A follow up visit during Playcentre hours saw children and parents using the swings and climbing frame and enjoying the sunshine that was now available on the playground area, and the parents commented on how much nicer it was for both them and the children to use. So a very successful project.

Southern aspect

The second project that Playcentre was keen to progress was clearing a large area of bamboo at the back of the property. This area is not used by the children but was very overgrown with bamboo and moth plant and is a haven for rats.



Before



After

So, recently some Rotary Takapuna members spent 2.5 hours cutting down the bamboo and removing and bagging as much of the moth plant as we could. Playcentre parents will get rid of the cut bamboo and other waste. Once this is done we can re-assess the next steps of trying to control the regrowth of both pest plant species to avoid a repeat of this problem in the future.

Both projects have been very well received by the Playcentre parents we have spoken to, and they are most appreciative of our help.

David Morrison - Project Leader



My Rotary Updates - Club Officers

Saturday 10 October 2020

10:00 – 11:00 (NZDT)

Click on this link to register

Register for My Rotary Session

This session covers updates to My Rotary and how this has changed some of the administration tasks such as adding members, paying invoices, editing club details which you were used to doing previously.

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 sent information/flyers to District Administrator, ***district9910@gmail.com***



Speakers' presentations from the Zone 8 conference (19 & 20 September) are now uploaded on our Rotary YouTube channel at this link.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCINXDFUA4cLHCCQ4AWYMZgA.



Living Tribute to Local Orchid Grower

Following the unfortunate passing of a local orchid grower in Whangarei, NZ, SRotary Whangarei South fell into an unexpected fundraising opportunity that has brought in significant funds for the club.

Extremely passionate about his orchids, Gary Hampton knew his family could not continue the business when he passed as his wife works full-time and his two children are still in school. So, he asked his family to choose an organisation to donate his precious orchids.

Rotary Whangarei South was the lucky recipient and members wasted no time in organising the sale of the plants to raise funds for club projects.

Over two Saturdays in September, (and many drop offs and collections in between) the plants were sold off at $5 each, raising more than $14,000 for the club. People came from as far as Kerikeri and Ohakune to collect individual orders.

The Club also donated some of the plants to the Local Hospice, Alzheimers, and the Quarry Gardens and gave some to one of the students, who asked the Club for help with funds to attend Spirit of Adventure, to sell.

"It's been an awesome fundraiser with the whole club being involved in one aspect or another and we are extremely grateful for Gary's forethought and his family for this opportunity for fundraising," said Sue Hill, of Rotary Whangarei South.

Funds raised from the sale of the orchids will go towards Community Projects, meaning Gary's legacy will not only live on in North Island homes and gardens, but in the lives of those helped through these projects.







A home without books is like a house without windows.

Duffy Books in Homes … a district 9910 literacy partnership. This support takes the form of donations to Duffy Books to cover the cost of books presented to children so they have a book of their own at home.

The programme offers:

- At least five books a year, chosen by the child;
- Role Model Assemblies in every school, twice a year;
- Duffy Theatre in every school;
- "Caught Being Good" awards for students, mums, dads and grandparents!

The Duffy Books in Homes support aligns with our dictionaries and atlases programmes and ensures the growth of a love of reading. These books in homes not only support the children, but are enjoyed by siblings, parents and grandparents. The beauty of these books is the fact they are quality books, chosen by the children and teens and are brand new books. This is important.

During COVID 19 lockdowns the work of Duffy Books in Homes has been ongoing, using a mix of face-to-face and video presentations as children to continue to receive their books, participate in the Duffy theatre productions and have visits from Duffy Role Models.



Governor Elaine and PDG Peter Garnett at a Duffy Books presentation (2017)

Check out this video from General Manager, Linda Vagana at ***https://vimeo.com/455989705***

For more information about how to get involved with Duffy Books in Homes and the District 9910 Literacy Committee chat to Geoff Chamberlain ***geoff@chamberlainz.com*** or 0221 240 455

September is Basic Education & Literacy Month

This newsletter has, over the last two months and in this edition as well, included several articles relating to literacy.

Improving Literacy for all ages and for people in all circumstances is one of the headline aspects of the Rotary's mission. Even in New Zealand there are many people who, for many and varied reasons, are functionally illiterate.

Our District responded to this need in the community by establishing a Literacy Committee many years ago. The committee is comprised of 10 people all of whom are passionate about Literacy and who strongly believe that a literate society is a strong and successful one.

We meet four times a year, with a Zoom option available for members around the district and are involved in a range of projects. The main ones are:

1. Supplying Rotary dictionaries and atlases to schools and intermediate age children, both in New Zealand and Vanuatu, with the help of 9910 clubs.
2. Working with "Duffy Books in Homes" to support their aims and to help clubs become involved.
3. Supporting Environmental Education in the Far North.
4. Involvement with the prison service to help prisoners and their families develop and improve their literacy skills.
5. Support for the Vanuatu Little Stars Summer School students.
6. Promoting the need for and the value of Literacy in D9910.

You can find more information on the district website ***https://rotarydistrict9910.org/page/literacy***

If you feel passionate about Literacy, its benefits to the individual and the community and would like to become involved with the Literacy Committee please contact Geoff Chamberlain, (Rotary North Harbour) ***geoff@chamberlainz.com*** or 0221 240 455

Freedom from Prison through Literacy

According to the Howard League for Prison Reform, one of the biggest impediments to inmate rehabilitation is lack of literacy. An inability to read is often at the root cause of offending. A young person who cannot read is unable to pass a driving test and is therefore unable to get a driver's licence. Being caught driving without a licence brings a person to the notice of the police and after a while to the attention of the courts. After several convictions a custodial sentence is handed out and for many this is the beginning of a life in and out of prison.

Dictionaries for Manawatu Prison inmates (2015 Stuff NZ)

The Literacy Committee is in contact with education and rehabilitation services within the Corrections Department to find ways Rotary can help effectively with literacy for inmates and their families, especially with children. To this end, in collaboration with District 9920, the Committee is supplying Rotary dictionaries to the Women's prison at Wiri.

We hope this will grow into a major literacy initiative involving many Rotary clubs.

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The Usborne Illustrated Dictionary has a Rotary faceplate with the Four-Way Test and the student's name

The Cost of Rotary Membership

There are often questions about the cost of Rotary membership and confusion between international and district requirements and the costs arising from club operation and choices. The total cost for a member varies according to each club, its format and its programme. Below is a breakdown and explanation of the fixed membership costs, which vary according to magazine choice, USD-NZD exchange rate and number of active members.

2020-2021 Membership Fixed Costs (Annual)			
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL	**USD**	**NZD**	
Rotary International Dues (1)	$ 69.00	$ 109.71	
Council on Legislation Levy (2)	$ 1.00	$ 1.59	
TOTAL		**$ 111.30**	
DISTRICT 9910 LEVY ***(20/21 budget)***		**NZD**	
District 9910 Per Capita Levy (3)		$ 56.50	
District 9910 Conference Levy (4)		$ 15.00	
GST		$ 10.73	
TOTAL		**$ 82.23**	
DISTRICT 9910 TRAINING LEVY (5) *(Charged to clubs in 19/20 for 20/21 year))*		$ 14.00	
GST		$ 2.10	
TOTAL		**$ 16.10**	**$ 209.63**
MAGAZINE CHOICE (6)	**USD**	**NZD**	
Rotary (posted or digital)	$ 24.00	**$ 38.16**	**$ 247.79**
Rotary Down Under (posted)		**$ 44.00**	**$ 253.63**
Rotary Down Under (digital)		**$ 34.00**	**$ 243.63**

Explanations

(1) RI uses a calculated exchange rate at 1 July and 1 January, when the invoices are sent to clubs. The example above used the 1 July 2020 rate of 1.59 for the whole year but it may alter with the 1 January exchange rate for the Jan-June period. RI exchange rates are found in My Rotary at https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-rates

(2) The Council on Legislation Levy contributes to the costs related to this event held every three years.

(3) The District Levy covers operating expenses of the district and is invoiced to clubs based on active number of members as at 31 December of the previous year.

(4) The District Conference Levy provides a fund for initial costs such as venue deposit and a contribution to attendance costs of Youth Exchange students.

(5) The District Training Levy enables the Governor-Elect to meet venue, catering and material costs of preparing their Presidents-Elect. It is usually invoiced to clubs in October based on active number of members as at 1 July.

(6) RI membership requires receipt of either the international (Rotary) or regional (Rotary Down Under) magazine. There are three cost differentials.

CLUB FINANCIALS

A club's outgoings are either in operating or service A club's operating income may come from a variety of sources such as members' subscriptions, club social nights, club bar or sponsorship. Any costs spread across members for these costs are 'additional' to the fixed costs above. A club's service income may come from a variety of sources such as fundraising, grants, donations or sponsorship. This money should be held in either a separate club account or a club trust. Profit raised from the public for a stated project or cause should not be used for club operating expenses.

OPERATING		SERVICE	
These depend on how the club chooses to structure itself, format, programme and may include…..		These depend on the club's service/project plan…..	
Venue hire	Caterer	Youth Exchange	RYLA
Website	Accounting system	MUNA	Science Forum
ClubRunner	Insurance	RANZSE	Challenge Camp
Promotional items	New member kit	Polio	Rotary Foundation
Engraving	Member badges	Give Every Child A	Local projects
Bank fees	Printing	Future	Global projects
Club incorporation	PO Box	Dictionaries	Books in Homes
Stationery	Zoom	Scholarships	Trust costs
Satellite club etc		Requests for support	
		Trees for Survival etc	

Reminder

A reminder applications for 2020-21 District Grants need to be with Roy Dykes by 30th September 2020
rotarydistrict9910.org/page/district-grants

2019-2020 District Grant Examples

Rotary East Coast Bays



New Diagnostic Breast Service (WDHB) - Resuscitation Trolley and ancillary equipment
Project Total: $17,695.95
District Grant: $2500
Club Trust: $5000
Golf Day Fundraiser: $10,195.95

The WDHB Foundation promoted the event and assisted in finding players, sponsors and prizes
Rotary club recognition will be in the form of the club logo on the project website as a major supporter, logo on 'donor wall' in the main reception of new clinic, recognition at ground-breaking and launch events.

Rotary Milford

Wairau Valley Special School - Gym equipment for Transition Centre
Project Total: $5,000
District Grant: $2500
Club Funds: $2500

"On behalf of our school, I write to thank you and the Rotary club for the generous support you continue to offer our school.

The recent grant of $5000.00 you provided enabled us to purchase some much needed gym equipment, primarily for our Transition Centre in Takapuna.

Having access to gym equipment in their own centre gives our students the opportunity to participate in a full programme to help them meet their goals around maintaining healthy goals and a healthy lifestyle."

Rotary Devonport

Humanity NZ - generator
Project Total: $2,124.14
District Grant: $923.50
Club Funds: $1,200.64

Humanity NZ is a small group of people led by Owen Pomana who on a weekly basis
run a food stall in the central city to provide meals for the homeless.

He has a roster of groups who bring along a wholesome meal and set up a table to
feed about 60-80 people. A generator was required to heat up food and drinks.



RLI Goes Virtual!

Level 3 restrictions in Auckland saw some quick action and adaptability by 9910 LEarning Lead, Georgina Richards and facilitators to ensure the Rotary Learning & Information (RLI) course went ahead. Twenty participants, eight cross-district facilitators and one Rotarian tech support made district history with the first weekend online RLI.

Rotary Takapuna's newest member, Heather Masefield had the opportunity to participate and gave this report to her club:
"Last week Geoff Pownall accepted my application for Rotary Membership and immediately asked if I would like to attend the RLI course in a few days' time.

Whilst normally I would not have been able to, as the weekend of 29th and 30th August had been jam-packed, it was now miraculously Covid-19 Level 3 empty.

Information from Rotary [District] was sent within minutes and the links sent on Friday for the Zoom meetings along with three huge files of The Rotary Leadership Institute Part I (The Rotarian), Part II (The Club) and Part III (My Rotary Journey).

As this was the first time District 9910 had done this via zoom instead of in a group, there were more than a few "learning moments" whilst technology was coped with by both facilitators and participants, as all 30 of us worked from home. I thoroughly enjoyed the entire proceedings and learnt an amazing amount about Rotary whilst they covered the three parts to this course.

I encourage anyone who has not done this course to do so. Thank you to Rotary Takapuna for giving me this opportunity to become an RLI Graduate."



Screen 1 of 2 of the participants.
Heather Masefield is top right

