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Rotary District 9910

From Governor Ian - December 2019



Kia ora koutou - watewieh yorlye - Bonjour à tous – halo evriwan

Warm seasons greetings to all Rotarians, family & friends.

Jasmine and I are currently at home on Norfolk Island enjoying time with family & friends and we hope that you also are spending a Christmas break with loved ones. We recognise that some will be experiencing challenging times or personal difficult circumstances, as indeed Jasmine and I have with a recent family bereavement. We hope that you are able to find solace in the companionship of those closest to you during the Festive Season.

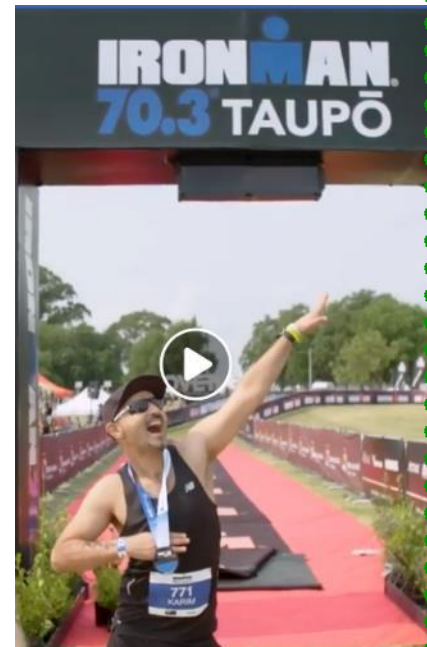
Whilst our Newsletter Editor enjoys his break, this communiqué will feature snippets of Club activity taken from Bulletins, Facebook etc. During December many of our clubs have been involved in projects to benefit the needy during Christmas and we applaud the great work you have been doing to assist those less fortunate.

A special mention about Karim Rostami who achieved his dream of completing the Taupo Ironman event and has already raised over \$11,000 for Polio Eradication. The GiveaLittle page will remain live for another couple of weeks at

<https://givealittle.co.nz/.../raising-funds-for-the-polio-era...>

You can view some videos about Karim's exploits online at NewsHub and Facebook.

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2019/11/the-polio-survivor-competing-in-this-year-s-taupo-ironman-70-3.html>



<https://www.facebook.com/seven8digital/videos/2524283387621357/UzpfSTeWMDAwMjM0MDMzMzQ1MDpWSzoyNzk4OTY1NTc2ODM0ODY0/>

Jasmine and I would like to thank you all for your service during the first six months of this Rotary Year. We have very much enjoyed visiting all the clubs, meeting the members, hearing about the wonderful community and international work you are all involved in, and participating in some of your projects. We look forward to being involved in more of your events and projects when we return from Norfolk after Christmas.

Wishing you beauty, blessings and joy this season and hoping that the new year brings you welcome opportunities and possibilities in both your personal and Rotary life.

Governor Ian & Jasmine



Season's Greetings
& Happy New Year

Gay Maloney *Mark Maloney*

Gay and Mark Maloney
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From our family to yours

**JOHN, MARGA,
& MARIA HEWKO**

John Hewko

Rotary International General Secretary

Polio update ... December 2019

Dear Rotary friends,

It's disappointing to report 125 cases of wild polio virus (101 in Pakistan and 24 cases in Afghanistan) to December 17 – especially when the total for 2018 was only 33!



However, the situation has changed significantly with the ongoing conflict along the Pakistan/Afghanistan border and senior leaders have emphasised over and over again that we cannot hope to reverse the situation until the end of the conflict and our END POLIO NOW teams have access to all remote areas in both countries.

As many of us break to enjoy the holiday and festive season with our families, it is important to come back in 2020 refreshed and invigorated to continue the fight to eradicate polio. Our senior leaders have expressed concern that many Rotary clubs around the world have not supported the fund raising campaign for some time. Without an ongoing flow of funds, there is a real danger that surveillance and immunisation standards will not be maintained and the wild polio virus will become rampant again – undoing 35 years of intensive humanitarian service.

So, my plea to all leaders is to emphasise the vital importance of unified club support with END POLIO NOW fund raising around the world in 2020.

Thank you all for your dedication and amazing service.

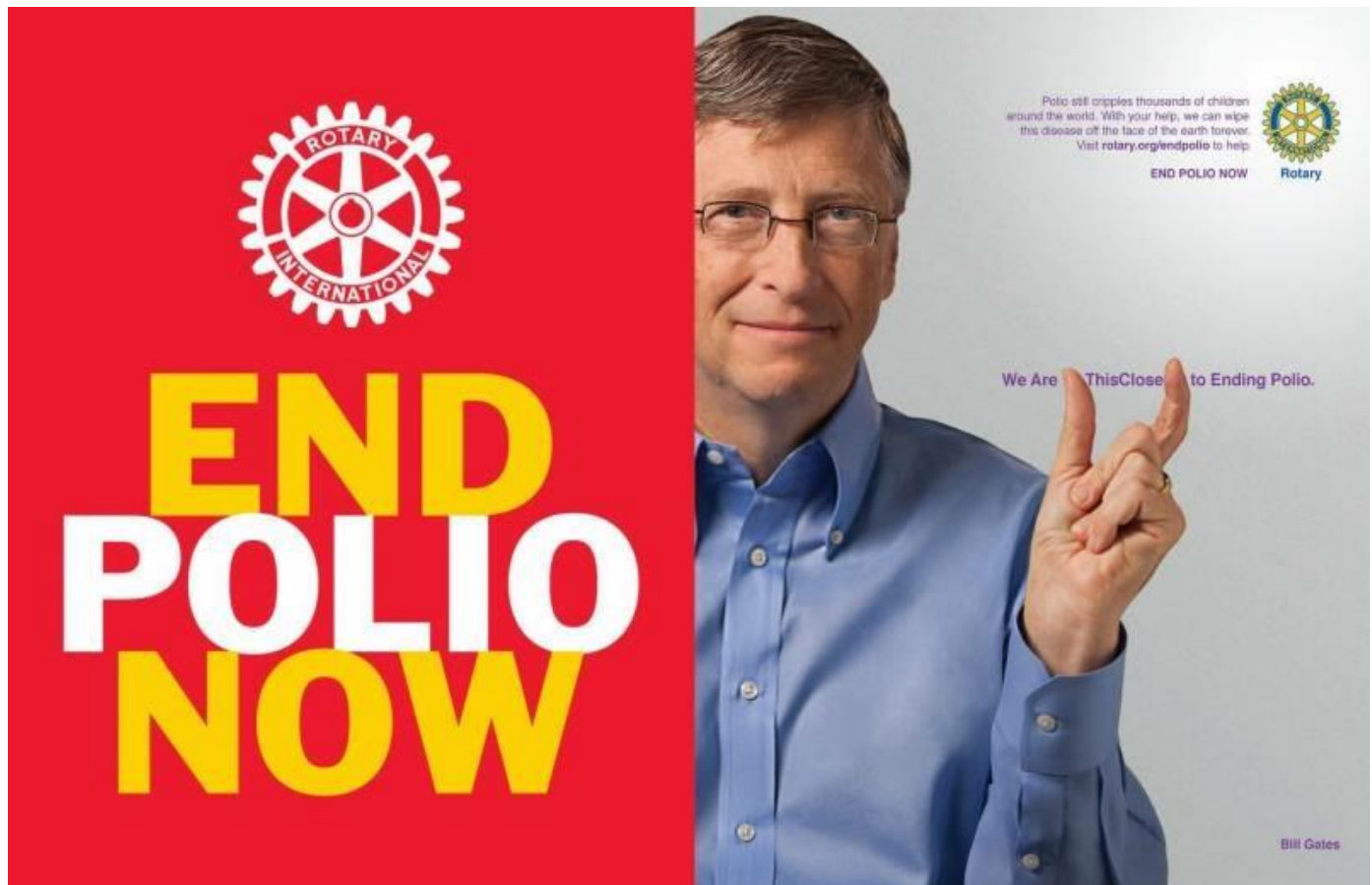
Season's greetings and happy holidays to all.

Warm best wishes,

Bob

PDG Bob Aitken AM JP

RI END POLIO NOW Coordinator, Zone 8, 2018/20





17 December 2019

Rotary
Attention: District Governors Ian Kiernan and Barbara Watt

Dear Governors,

On behalf Hestia Rodney Womens Refuge I would like to extend a huge thankyou to all those from the Northshore and Rodney district rotary clubs that collected Christmas gifts from the various Warehouse stores on our behalf.

For the majority of the families that we assist through our refuge services be that, safe house accommodation, community outreach assistance, education or 24/7 crisis line, Christmas can be a time of upheaval, worry and more often than not, hardship.

The generosity of time given by the designated members of the Rotary clubs by-way of collecting the Christmas gifts from the various Warehouse stores this year has assisted us enormously. We have been able to continue our essential work and have been able to provide Christmas parcels for all of our refuge families.

On behalf of our refuge families and the staff here at Hestia Rodney Womens Refuge, please pass on our huge appreciation and thanks to the Rotary Club members within the Northshore and Rodney districts.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas.

Kind regards

Pam Adams
Manager
Hestia Rodney Womens Refuge



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Thank you for supporting The Rotary Foundation!

Dear Rotarian,

We're thankful for donors like you, who make Doing Good in the World possible. Because of you, The Rotary Foundation has supported people of action around the globe who are improving lives through meaningful and sustainable projects.

This year, we funded disaster response efforts like those needed after [Hurricane Dorian](#) devastated parts of the Bahamas. On 24 October, we celebrated [World Polio Day](#) to raise funds and awareness to help us end polio forever. We found [innovative ways to provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene](#) with our partners at USAID. And we continued to grow local economies by [empowering women](#) through meaningful career opportunities.

Your dedication to making a difference through service and your generous support of The Rotary Foundation make all these efforts possible.

Thank you for all you do to create lasting change in your community and around the world.

The Rotary Foundation



THANK YOU



D9910 Int Youth Exchange South Island Trip

In this article I will tell you about the South-Island Trip of the international exchange-students from District 9910. On the South-Island Trip we had two carers, Jenn McKenzie and Peter Smith who planned the trip, drove the Van and took care of the exchange-students.

On the first day we all met at the Auckland domestic airport and flew from there to Wellington where we visited the city and the Parliament (The Beehive). We had a guided tour in the Parliament and the guide explained us how the New Zealand Parliament works, later that night we visited Zealandia and had dinner with the Rotary Club of Wellington.

The next day we saw Weta Workshop and the Museum of New Zealand (Te Papa.) We looked at the exhibition about New Zealand fighting in Gallipoli. We then flew from Wellington to Blenheim and hiked on the Wither hills and ate at the Lights over Marlborough school fair and watched the Firework.

In Blenheim we hired 8 bikes and two Tandem-Bikes and biked around the vineyards for about two hours. We then helped at a Rotary event with Rotary Club of Blenheim to bring disabled and not disabled kids together. We Grilled sausages, offered face paints and played with the kids. We drove to Nelson after that.

We stayed in Nelson three nights and did a lot of activities. We hiked up to "The Centre of New Zealand", went to the Te Waikoropupū Springs, went fishing on a salmon farm and because everybody wanted to catch a fish, we had 20kg of fish in the end. We had dinner with the Rotary Club of Nelson West. On the next day we hiked through the Abel Tasman National Park. After that exhausting day we did White Water Rafting in Murchison and tried the Hot pools of Hanmer Springs.

The following day was an impressive day in Christchurch where we visited Quake City exhibition and saw the pictures of the big earthquake in 2011. We also made a race to get to know the city and saw that the earthquake damaged the city so much that some buildings were not been fixable – an impressive experience. That night we all stayed at a home of Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Papanui, where we had a lovely dinner with them.

The next stop on our journey was Tekapo, where we did Standup paddleboarding and swam in the Lake Tekapo. We also tried to take a look at the stars, but sadly it was too cloudy. However, we did see two planets.

We drove from Tekapo to Twizel and onto Mt Cook and Hiked on the Hooker Valley Track, we then hiked the Tasman Glacier track where two of us swam in a glacier lake which was about 3 Degrees cold.

On the following day, in Queenstown, everybody went their own way because everybody chose two activities like Bungy-Jumping, Skydiving, Swing or Hand gliding, what everybody did on the next two days. The first evening we went up in a Gondola and had a nice dinner with a beautiful view. The second night we had Ferg Burger and went to ice bar.

From Queenstown we drove to the Doubtful sound and stayed overnight on a boat which took us around the Fjord land, where we did Kayaking and swimming in the Sound. After this we drove around Milford sound and visited Mirrors Lakes, Monkey Creek, Mitre Peak and Te Anau.

The next stop was Dunedin where we went Surfing, looked at the city and watched the cute yellow eyed Penguin in a Conservation Reserve. From Dunedin we drove to our last stop Christchurch, where we had a stop over the Antarctic Centre, went out for dinner and did ten-pin bowling.

On our last day, before we took the plane back to Auckland, we visited the Al Noor Mosque, which was a target of the Christchurch mosque shooting on 15th March 2019. We had the time to ask questions about the Islam and learned a lot about the religion on that day.

Finally, we drove to the Christchurch Airport and flew back to Auckland where we all had to say goodbye. That's the end of our great South Island trip.

Matthias Groppe – Germany

South Island trip is the longest trip that I joined. We did plenty of hiking. We did lot of water activities such as white-water rafting, surfing, paddle boarding, kayaking and swimming. It was my first time to do these things except swimming. I did bungy jumping and hand gliding, which is my favorite part of this trip. We went on the boat and stayed in for one day. We saw plenty of magnificent landscape. My leader, Jenn, taught me a lot. My friends treated me good. I had completely new experiences in this trip. I want to improve my English faster after the trip. Only 7 months left. I will more enjoy and cherish the exchange. After the best trip that I joined.

Ye-Hsien Wu - Taiwan





Albany Rotary

December 12 at 8:11 PM ·

Amazing day today for Albany Rotary packing Christmas Hampers for the Salvation Army. From our recent fundraising events we have purchased gifts and materials to put together 70 Christmas hampers - 40 Pamper Hampers for solo mums and grandmas raising children, 15 Men's Hampers and 15 Senior hampers. These hampers were put together with real thought and care and will surely bring some amazing cheer on Christmas Day to those less fortunate than us. Great team building event which has warmed our hearts today. Proud to be an Albany Rotarian!

Albany Rotary

December 13 at 12:02 PM ·

The team from Albany Rotary have been assisting in the transportation of gifts and presents for Women's Refuge Rodney after they were very kindly donated by customers and staff from The Warehouse in Albany. These gifts will make a real difference to those children and Mums who are being taken care of by Women's Refuge. Thanks so much to Jatti from Albany Warehouse for all your help. More to come next week!





Monique Fredatovich

Yesterday at 8:11 AM

Kumeu Rotary Christmas parade was held a couple of weeks ago ! Great evening and then families joined us for food and entertainment at the Kumeu show grounds 😊



Elaine Mead-Rotary shared a post.

Admin · December 16 at 6:06 AM

Well done Rotary Epsom - projects can be simple



Rotary Club of Epsom is at Salvation Army Epsom Lodge.
December 14 at 9:12 AM · Auckland, New Zealand

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Auckland City Salvation Army Epsom Lodge - where some early birds from Epsom Rotary cooked breakfast for the residents ... crispy bacon, no eggshell in the scrambled eggs and well-stirred baked beans- ready for service at 9, with all elements on the plate...



Robin Harper shared a post.

December 6 at 9:25 PM



Bay of Islands Rotary Club

December 6 at 9:23 PM

Thing 1 and Thing 2 just weren't holding the banner up properly. Great Paihia Xmas parade this year. So many different, very colorful floats. Hats off (pardon ... See More



Sue Hill

November 30 at 1:29 PM

Whangarei South Rotary at the Kamo Christmas Parade today 😊





The Rotary Club of Henderson-New Zealand

December 18 at 6:53 PM · 🌐

The Rotalite crew are working hard putting together 'Pesh' Packs' for the homeless tonight. They are full of necessities for men and women; a towel, wash cloth, socks, water, soap, dry shampoo, moisturiser, snacks and a little chocolate treat. An awesome effort by Matt Mcleod Chloe Maree Naylar Uisa Michael Hope Tom Hendriks Ray White Andrew Alexander Brenda Shepherd Pesh Ness Nathu Jess Hendriks Wendy Coyle Pradeep Singh



Brian Mullan is with Georgina Richards and 7 others.

Visual Storyteller · December 15 at 10:00 AM

Rotary Satellite to the Rescue!

The Rotary Satellite Club of Orewa-Millwater heard about a family in the community, where, due to increasing ill health, a proud gardener had been unable to care for his garden for a few years.

Rotarian Mick Shaw, owner of Auckland Garden Services, learned of the need and led the initiative by cutting back the badly overgrown trees and shrubs on Friday 13th and then leading the nine Rotarians who cleared out the borders and various accumulated rubbish on Saturday 14th.

Around a dozen 1m3 grass bags were packed, manhandled and loaded onto Mick's trailer. A couple of showers didn't dampen our enthusiasm to complete a job well done. Smiles all round!

Rotary in the community, doing what it does best!



The Rotary Club of Henderson-New Zealand

December 18 at 7:23 PM · 🌐

And the finished products; 31 packs for women, 70 packs for men. With 101 in total Rotalite are supporting the many people who are doing it tough.



Sue Hill shared a post.

December 7 at 3:01 PM

Busy, hot day at the Whangarei A&P Show today with Whangarei South Rotary manning all the entrance gates 😊



Rotary Club of Whangarei South Inc
December 7 at 6:27 AM

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Tuesday 17th December 2019

RE: SPONSOR-A-STAR – VLSSS 2020

Dear Rotary District 9910 Literacy Committee,

Vanuatu's Little Stars Summer School (VLSSS) would like to express our great appreciation for your support in sponsoring two stars for the upcoming summer school in January 2020, and welcome you to the Sponsor-A-Star program. Students don't pay any fee to attend the summer school as finances already pose a barrier to education for most in this developing nation. Your contribution will cover the full cost of both your stars and is invaluable in enabling them to reach their full leadership potential.

You will receive your Sponsor-A-Star pack in early 2020 once activities at the summer school have finished. This may be a while away, but is certainly something to look forward to, and will include:

- A personal letter from your stars
- A photograph of your stars
- A whole school photograph

Each summer school to date has been a resounding success, the achievements and transformation of the students remarkable. We look forward to welcoming your stars to the upcoming summer school, and sharing a little of their story with you.

Thank you for once again for becoming a VLSSS donor through the Sponsor-A-Star program, and welcome to the VLSSS family.

Jayford Sarial

Director

Vanuatu's Little Stars Summer School

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District 9910 Conference
Wed 22nd - Sun 26th April 2020

Warwick Le Lagon Resort & Spa
Port Vila, Vanuatu



The District Conference website is now active and receiving registrations.

<https://rotaryconference9910.org.nz/>

Jasmine and I invite you to join us in Vanuatu for a memorable conference.

We will be taking our entire family and we encourage you to consider this as a holiday opportunity with a little bit of conference thrown in. The conference business program is 3 half days only allowing plenty of time for Rotarians to participate in other events and activities. There are plenty to choose from and you will also have the opportunity to participate in a small community project if you wish or visit a project that your club has been involved with in the past.

We look forward to your company in Vanuatu.



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Norfolk Island is home to Myself and Jasmine and we frequently get asked questions about the Island. We thought that we would share some of the more unique aspects of our Island home with you in the Governors Newsletter during the year along with some information on the Islands unique language.

Unique Fact number 6 – Norfolk Island was once described as “hell on earth”

A remote island paradise in the South Pacific—Norfolk Island looks wonderful, doesn't it? But it wasn't so great for the convicts sent there from England in the 18th century. Norfolk Island served as a penal colony from 1788 until 1855. Norfolk Island was reserved for **“the worst description of convicts”**, which usually meant anyone convicted twice of a crime—**“doubly-convicted capital respites”**—or convicts who were sentenced to death for committing fresh colonial crimes, but were spared the gallows in favour of life on Norfolk Island. In reality, only about 15% of convicts had done anything deserving of the death sentence. Most were guilty of non-violent crimes against property, for which the average sentence was three years. Even so, treatment of prisoners was harsh. One of the more severe governors, Ralph Darling, commanded that,

“every man should be worked in irons that the example may deter others from the commission of crime to hold out [Norfolk Island] as a place of the extremest punishment short of death.”

An 1846 report by magistrate Robert Pringle Stuart exposed the horrors of torture and incessant flogging, the scarcity and poor quality of food, the inadequacy of housing and corruption of overseers.



Norf'k words and meanings

1. Deffy - This way
2. Daffy - That way
3. Dem - Those
4. Dar-de-way - That's the way
5. Dars-et - That's it

Basap (Bussup) - Broken in pieces.

Bas (burst) is a basic concept which is applied and extended in a multitude of ways, *basap* means to burst, break, pull, beat or shatter something or someone. You can also *'bas' gat'*, *'bas' pupu vaelv'*, *'baswana'*, *'musa bas'* or *'bas aut klai'*. On this occasion the list goes on and on. You can also be a *'bas as'* or a *'baswaagas'* – neither is particularly complimentary.

I moosa bas fe glaed - 'I am bursting with joy'

I moosa bas fe sorry - 'I am very very sorry'

I moosa bas fe wawaha - 'bursting with conceit'

shi musa bas f' praud - 'she is almost swelled to bursting point with pride'

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ROTARY CALENDAR

January 2020

Vocational Service Month

February 2020

Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

March 2020

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

April 2020

Maternal and Child Health Month

May 2020

Youth Service Month

June 2020

Rotary Fellowships Month

5-6 June — Rotaract Preconvention,
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

5-6 June — Youth Exchange Officers
Preconvention, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

5 June — Rotary and the United Nations:
Celebrating a 75-Year Legacy of
Humanitarian Cooperation, Honolulu, Hawaii,
USA

6-10 June — [Rotary International
Convention](#), Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

30 June — [Rotary Citation](#) for Rotary Clubs
Award nominations are due

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Charles Mayo

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