

Rotary

District 9910



Governors Newsletter

October 2015

District Happenings

23 Oct	World Polio Day
10-15 Nov	GETS & Institute Nelson
16 Nov	Area 1 Dinner
20 Nov-10 Dec	IYE South Island Tour
29 Nov	PETS 1 Training Whangarei
6 Dec	PETS 1 Training Northcote
9-22 Jan	National Science & Technology Forum
Apr 10-12	District Conference - Vanuatu

Club Happenings

31 Oct - 1 Nov	KeriKeri Garden Safari
3 Nov	Takapuna NZ Rotarians Gambol
12 Nov	Whangaparaoa Movie Night "Spectre"
14 Nov	Kumeu Garden Tour
23 Nov	Albany Movie Night "Spectre"
10 Jan	Paihia Beach Dig

October

is

Economic & Community Development Month



Dear Rotarians,

The Rotary theme for the **month of October** is **"Economic & Community Development"**. During our club visits we have had the opportunity to see first-hand many community based projects being undertaken around D9910. As Rotarians you can be very proud of the meaningful differences you are making in development for your community. I know I am as your Governor for this year of **"Be a Gift to the world"**.

One of the wonderful youth programmes we are involved in is the annual **National Science and Technology Forum** held in Auckland in January. This year has been a good year for our district's participation in the Forum. With the selection process now completed I can confirm that:

- D9910 has had 35 students accepted, out of the 180 places available for students NZ wide
- Clubs put forward a record number of applicants - 50 (40 last year)
- A record number of schools put applicants forward - 24 (20 last year)
- 17 clubs in our district sponsored students

Well done and thank you to the clubs and individual Rotarians involved

It is world **Polio Day on 23 October** and I am looking forward to seeing the activities many clubs are planning to celebrate this special Rotary activity. As we know, we are "this close" however it is important we do not stop supporting the Polio Plus campaign. In RI President Ravi Ravindran's words **"A future without polio is a gift we have promised to the Children of the World. And indeed it is a gift that we will give"**. As I am asking each club during my Governor visit, please continue to support our PolioPlus programme. **We must complete this promise we made 35 years ago.**

All clubs have now received their annual **District Dues Invoice**. A big thank you to those clubs who have already paid and a special request to the rest of you to please pay promptly. These funds are important to enable us to provide the support expected of the District.

October is an exciting and eventful month for Elaine and I with **visits to our clubs New Caledonia and Norfolk Island** as well as in NZ. While we are looking forward to joining **Noumea Ducos Bouari to celebrate their 40th anniversary**, the highlight will be joining **Past District Governor Ned Lenthall OAM** and his fellow Rotarians in celebrating his **50 years as a Rotarian**. I am sure there will be many stories and photos from this event for next month's newsletter.

Best wishes to you all for a successful and rewarding Rotary October



Bon voyage Grant & Sarah

This month we say "Bon voyage" to our **Rotary Foundation Chair, Grant Smith and his wife Sarah.**

Grant has helped many clubs understand the Foundation process of applying for District and Global Grants. His knowledge of Foundation and all things Rotary will be missed within the District. Always willing to be a guest speaker at clubs, Grant has never missed an opportunity to promote Rotary. The photo **opposite** is Grant and Sarah taking part the \$10 Queenstown Challenge for Cure Kids, dressed as a Fork N Spoon. They had to hitch all the way from Auckland to Queenstown and raised more than \$9000.

Both Grant and Sarah are members of Rotary Albany and were **made Honorary Life Members** before they left.

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology in today's global community, **Grant has agreed to continue as the D9910 Rotary Foundation Chair until 30 June 2016.** We wish Grant and Sarah and the "fur babies" (Dougal & Lily) all the best for their new adventure as Grant starts a new role as General Manager for Porsche Hong Kong & Macau and will be based in Hong Kong.

Grant's email for Rotary Foundation queries is grantdsmith@ymail.com

Annual School Speech Competitions

Many clubs have held speech competitions and we highlight three.

Rotary Dargaville in association with Northern Wairoa Primary Principals Association, held their **annual event which is keenly contested** and judges' spokesperson, Liz Segreue, praised the young contestants' range of topics, and the clarity and entertainment value of their presentations. She urged those who did not win to keep trying, saying; "people achieve from trying." **Rotary Dargaville President Brian Burnett** (*opposite with the winner*) was very pleased with the quality of the speeches, noting that for some **"this might be their first public speech on the way to a great career."** The speech contest's Kauri Shield will be proudly held by Te Kopuru School until next year's speech competition.



Rotary Milford hosted the North Shore Intermediate Competition with **28 participants reduced to 7 finalist.** The winner, **Taurima Elisa Hopa** (*left*) from **Birkdale Intermediate** who not only speaks **Te Reo** but is **fully conversant in sign language** was honoured by her family with a haka on winning the **Gordon McGee Shield.** Judges Philip and Sonia Oliver and Judith Fergusson "said the standard of speeches this year was excellent". Each finalist received a book voucher.

Whangarei Club hosted the High School Speech Competition finalist from 4 zones: Kaitaia, Dargaville, Maungaratoto and Whangarei. **Rotary Kaikohe have sponsored a contestant for 54 years and were very disappointed when their contestant withdrew due to nerves.**

DG Elect Peter Smith presenting the cup to winner, Nardine Tupp from Rodney College. **Over the last 54 years Rodney College has won 20 times, more than any other college.** The college has had great support from the teachers who have put time and effort into the students which has been rewarded with results. **Tony Savage from WRMK Lawyers presented Nardine** (*right*) **with a cheque for \$1,000** to be used towards her education.





NEW WORLD

Kerikeri

ROTARY GARDEN SAFARI

words, there's something for everyone. Rotary Kerikeri is sincerely thankful to our sponsors, Kerikeri New



World and the other organisations, whom without them, this event just wouldn't be possible.

Most gardens are on the **south side of Kerikeri Inlet and within an easy, 15-minute drive of Kerikeri Township.**

Refreshments will be available to purchase in some gardens, while others contain sculpture and art. **Kerikeri Rotarians and Friends of the Rotary Kerikeri** will be on duty in the gardens, supporting the gardeners and helping

you enjoy your visit.

Tickets are \$25 each and available from New World, Unichem and Kwan's Garden Centre in Kerikeri, and Shoestyles in both Kerikeri and Paihia. For out of town visitors, visit the website <http://www.gardensafari.co.nz/> for ticketing and accommodation options.

Caption Competition

September Caption Winner, Ian McKenzie, Rotary Henderson
"Crikey – I'm getting bugs on my hard copy as well!"



The caption competition is becoming very popular, don't forget to submit your caption to Governor Peter and Elaine by 29th October via

email to miselaineous@xtra.co.nz the winner will be posted in the District Facebook page on the 1st of the month.

October Caption... to the right, budding Chef, Past Governor Phil Ashton needs a caption!



The **header from September newsletter** has interested many Rotarians, but none has named the beach correctly.

It is lovely **Baylys Beach Dargaville**



Rotary Alumni Week 1-8 October

Rotary Norfolk Island were the first to kick off celebrations internationally with a BBQ gathering of current & past members, Alumni, partners and invited guests, including



Past District Governors Ned Leanthall (1982-83), Lindsay and Alison Ford (2012-13) and Island Administrator, His Honour Gary & Lorraine Hardgrave.



Above PDG Ned with Rotarians, current and retired, celebrating his 50 years as a Rotarian.

Left is Elaine Mead (District Alumni Chair), Nicole Giovanelli, Pascal Rathon (Group Study Exchange to D9600 in 2009), Governor Peter, Mélodie Genty (International Youth Exchange 2014 to USA), PDG Georges Giovanelli,

celebrating Alumni Week in Noumea.

Has your club reconnected with Alumni?

Take part in a conversation with [Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran](#) during a Twitter chat on 19 October at 1:30 pm Chicago time. Use [#Rotarychat](#) to get involved. <http://bit.ly/RotaryChat>



Nigeria One-Year Milestone

Our world is 99.9% polio free!



<https://vimeo.com/140204502>

just two: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Nigeria is the last polio-endemic country in Africa. The continent reach its own first full year without any illness from the virus on 11 August.

24th July 2015 marked one year since Nigeria last reported a polio case caused by wild poliovirus, putting the country on the brink of eradicating the paralyzing disease.

The last case was reported on 24 July 2014 in the northern state of Kano. If no cases are reported in the coming weeks, the World Health Organization is expected to remove Nigeria from the list of countries where polio is endemic, leaving



<https://vimeo.com/132868193>

World Polio Day – 23 October 2015 - Join the live stream (check NZ time zones)



MILES TO END POLIO

On 21 November, Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and a team of staffers will join Rotary members to bike up to 104 miles in El Tour de Tucson to raise funds for polio eradication.

The event is one of the top cycling events in the U.S., attracting more than 9,000 cyclists each year.

John and the Rotary team aim to raise \$3.4 million, which will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of more than \$10 million, for the fight to end polio.



Make a contribution to help Rotary create a polio-free world.

Future Leaders' Seminar 12 November 2015 - Nelson

The Future Leaders' Seminar entitled **Be A Gift To The World**, is in Nelson on Thursday 12 November 2015. This will be held as part of the training opportunities offered in advance of the 2015 Rotary Zone Institute.

RI Past Director Stuart Heal has set a high goal for us to achieve. We are hoping that the AGs will rise to this challenge and help Stuart to achieve his second goal. **AGs have been trained as facilitators and the Future Leaders Seminar Committee will be seeking two AGs from each District** to facilitate the discussion groups that are part of the programme.

It is envisaged that Clubs will see this programme as an investment in their development and support



a minimum of two members to attend on 12 November in Nelson through payment of travel, accommodation and even registration (\$60.00).

Registration for this Seminar entitles enrolment to a range of other events e.g. the Rotary Zone Institute (13 – 15 November), the Future Leaders' Dinner (12 November)

Goal: NZ Cricket CEO Stuart Heal: Australia New Zealand final in Melbourne – Achieved

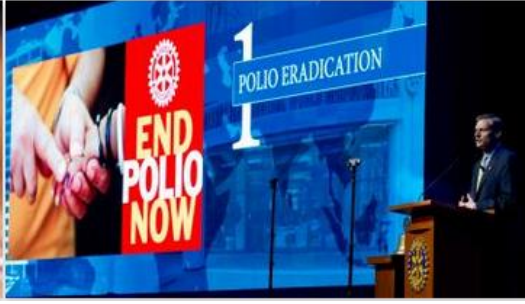
Goal: RI Past Director Stuart Heal: 200 at the Future Leaders Seminar in Nelson 2015.

Risk comes from not knowing what you're doing

Warren Buffett



November is Rotary Foundation Month



The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into [our priorities](#),

such as [eradicating polio](#) and [promoting peace](#). Foundation [grants](#) empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact. Strong [financial oversight](#), a stellar [charity rating](#), and a unique [funding model](#) mean that Rotarians make the very most of contributions.

Mbossung School Rebuild - Vanuatu – *update*

Our Rotary district is underway with the rebuild of Mbossung School classrooms totally destroyed by Cyclone Pam in March, under the leadership of **Rotary Birkenhead**. **Thank you to the clubs who support this project.**

The first group flew out of Auckland on October 10th but they are holed up in Santo, waiting for the wind to



die down, enabling the sailing to Ambrym. Alan Laughton from Rotary [Koo Wee Rup-Lang Lang](#) flew in from Victoria, Australia and has linked up with the rest of the team.



Instead of wasting the time the team has pre-fabricated a large portion of the large building destroyed as it is a

priority to get this building finished so the children can start school next year. It will take until Monday 19th October to complete packing up and getting everything on board the boat (MV Brisk). **The delay in departure is due to large swells into the area where the boat lands.**

The two builders, Jon Wilson and Luke Fraser sponsored by **Rotary Takapuna North**, Harrison Builders and Harry Denham Builders are leaving the team on Tuesday 20th to return to NZ. The remaining members of the team and supplies should make Ambrym on Thursday 22, a 48 hour experience in itself, with the 4 Rotarians having to cook for themselves, sleep among the containers and land the loaded truck complete with the pre-cut materials. **The challenge will be getting the truck off the boat and up the beach with all the building materials and equipment....watch this space!**

The **next team is due to fly out on October 24th** with another young builder Harry Ross, sponsored by RPS Construction, Rotarians from Levin and Nelson, and some of group one staying on, plus non-Rotarians make up this team. **If you can find anyone to help this project it would be appreciated.**

The experience for the two builders in group one has been amazing, not being able to pop down to Carters or Mitre 10 to get the missing items, the diversity of culture and where in the world do you get the opportunity to help find, a water source for a local village, **“a trip of a lifetime” while helping others.**



If your club could contribute \$900 towards an airfare we could get more young builders up on the project. We are also looking for more Rotarians for both the October 24th group and another group leaving in the middle of November with building and/or home handyman skills. Please contact Janice Dowle 09 419 1231 for more information.





28 May – 1 June 2016 SEOUL KOREA

Important deadlines

15 December 2015: Early-registration discount ends

31 March 2016: Preregistration discount ends

30 April 2016: Registration/ticket cancellation deadline

1 June 2016: Online registration ends; deadline for cancellations due to visa denial

What your convention registration fee includes:

- Inspiring and entertaining speakers, including top leaders in our organization
- Informative breakout sessions to help you build your communication, leadership, and project management skills
- Opportunities to network and exchange ideas while browsing the project and fellowship booths in the House of Friendship
- Entertainment provided by local artists and musicians in the House of Friendship and the general sessions



To register <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/register>

Participate in preconvention activities

- Even before the convention officially begins, you're invited to attend special events. Connect with young leaders at the Rotaract Preconvention and share ideas at the Youth Exchange Officers meeting.
- Attend the World Water Summit to learn about the latest water and sanitation initiatives.
- It's Korea! Come early to:
 1. Stay at a temple to relieve the stress of travel
 2. Tour Korea with local Rotary members
 3. Choose from a variety of health screenings and acupuncture therapies



Attend Host Organization Committee events

- As honoured guests of Korean Rotary members, you'll enjoy special experiences throughout your stay.
- The Host Organization Committee is planning unforgettable events that will immerse you in Seoul's distinct culture, including musical and dance performances by local artists.
- Check back often to see all the information about the Convention on the website <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul>



Be a Star
Lead, Guide, Inspire



Rotary District 9910 Conference
Warwick Le Lagon, Vanuatu 10-12 April 2016



Register: <http://rotaryconference9910.org.nz/>



Rotary District 9910 Conference

Port Vila Vanuatu

10-12 April 2016

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



A little bit of chill time,

A little bit of play time,

A little bit of kid's time,
(future Rotarians welcome)



A little bit of project time,

A little bit of conference
time.



**be a star
come to Vanuatu
and
help make a difference**