

Matt McLeod

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2022

Governor Introduction

Dear Rotarians

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This year has gone very quickly - it seems like not long ago that I began my tour around speaking at Clubs throughout the District.

I have really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with all the amazing members of the Clubs in District 9910 this year and hear about your projects and activities. There is a seriously large volume of action going on behind the scenes at most clubs and our challenge is how to let the public know what we are working on and most importantly how they can become involved.

Rotary Clubs continue to provide some excellent service to their local communities in the lead-up to Christmas. Christmas can be a tough time for many families and this year with the huge increase in the cost of living there are even more families in need. Rotary Clubs around our District have responded by creating Christmas food parcels, presents for Children, functions for kids, Christmas parades and festivals and more. I have tried to attend as many Christmas related events as possible and have attached some photos of many events below.

I wish you a good break and time to recharge over the next month and look forward to resuming the rest of this Rotary year with more visits to participate in your projects in 2023.

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Governor - District 9910
2022-2023



At the Browns Bay Christmas Festival



Have a safe and Merry Christmas

*From the team of
Rotary District 9910*

From Whangarei City Rotary Club's Christmas Function which was a trip around the Bay of Islands on the R Tucker Thompson out of Opua





A few photos attached of the Birkenhead Christmas Parade





Alumni event at Little Creatures

Wednesday 2 November the District Alumni committee and friends caught up with past alumni, young and matured at Little Creatures in Hobsonville, Auckland.

Was great to hear all the fun alumni stories from as far back as 1970 with Denise Mantel and her late husband Dean who were in Rotaract, to international exchange students, Thomas Porteous and Hayley Brown, who went to the US and France, to RYLA students from 2003 with Vicki Hill and Peter Williams. It was an honour for the Alumni to receive an Alumni pin from DG Matt McLeod.

Great to see so many enthusiastic people and we look forward to seeing you all again on our next event and future projects.

If you have any alumni stories or questions, please email the District Alumni Lead Vicki Hill at rotaryd9910alumni@gmail.com or follow us on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Rotary9910Alumni>



Give a family hope this Christmas

With  ShelterBox



As we plan our own Christmas celebrations here in New Zealand, we can't help but think about the more than **120 million people around the globe who will be spending Christmas without a home, including those who we are helping in Ukraine.**

This festive season, you can honour someone special in your life, by paying it forward to people in need, thanks to ShelterBox New Zealand's [Virtual Gift Shop](#). How does it work?

- **Pick a life-changing gift.** For as little as \$20, you can provide those caught in the chaos of conflict or disaster with the gift of hygiene, safe drinking water, shelter and much more.
- **Share the love.** We'll send you an eCard to pass on to the recipient which explains the impact of your gift.
- **Change lives.** Your gift will fund emergency shelter needs worldwide, enabling us to provide shelter and hope to families who have lost their home due to disaster or conflict.



\$20

HYGIENE

Help people stay protected against disease and illness



\$40

LIGHT

Enable a family to spend time together after darkness falls



\$50

WATER

Make accessing safe drinking water one less thing to worry about



\$75

WARMTH

Help a someone stay warm during long, cold nights



\$150

A FRESH START

Provide people with the tools they need to make repairs



\$500

A NEW HOME

Provide a family with a safe place to recover after their darkest days

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Situations Vacant

The District would be pleased to hear from Rotarians interested in using and further developing their skills outside their own Rotary Club by becoming involved in a District committee or helping with specific projects that the District might be working on in future.

In particular, we have vacancies in the following areas:

Membership and Club Development

- Would suit people who are passionate about growing Rotary and encouraging a new generation of members into our organisation.
- Skills in running membership events, talking to people about Rotary, putting together presentations and general administration skills would be useful
- Number crunchers who can assist with monitoring membership numbers and trends within clubs and producing reports to help us analyse and respond to trends

Public Image

- People who are good with graphic design
- People who are good with photography or videography
- People who are good at or have experience in social media and would like to learn more and help others

Finance

- Would suit someone with experience in accounting or bookkeeping
- Familiarity with Xero not essential but helpful

These positions are primarily as members of the relevant committee. This would give you a chance to learn more about the particular area and work as part of a team.



District Leadership positions

- **District Governor** for the 2025-26 year - this will be during the period of the Regionalisation Pilot programme. The Role of District Governor is likely to evolve in this period. If you are a people person, good at communicating and advocating for Rotary and wanting to inspire clubs and individual Rotarians to be the best they can we would encourage you to talk to us.
- **Assistant Governors** - this is a key role for providing liaison between clubs and the District. We are always looking for good candidates who get on well with the clubs in their local area, have a good working knowledge of Rotary and have an entrepreneurial spirit (wanting clubs to collaborate and work together and do deals with each other).

The Rotary Zone 8 Pilot Regionalisation Programme will also give the opportunity for more Rotarians who are interested in leadership opportunities inside the new 'Rotary Community' affinity based club groupings to get involved. We'd like to hear from anyone who has an interest in becoming involved.

Please contact District Governor Matt McLeod at mattmcLeod.rotary@gmail.com for more information or if you are interested.

Whangarei City Tikipunga Sports Complex Chair Repair

A great example of a Rotary Club getting in behind their community.

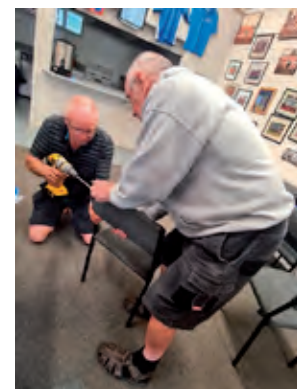
The Rotary Club of Whangarei City is lucky to have the use of the clubrooms at the Tikipunga Sports Complex as their meeting venue.

Rotary noticed that a large quantity of the chairs at the sports club were broken - often the back of the chair was damaged and the seats were no longer safe to use.

The sports club would have been up for a large bill to replace approximately 40-50 of these chairs, not to mention the cost and environmental impact of dumping the old chairs which were otherwise in good condition.

Whangarei City Rotary stepped in and ran several working bees (during their club meetings) to repair these chairs. The club sourced a quantity of good wood that had been obtained from a school in Auckland that was being demolished, thanks to Rotarians from North Harbour Rotary (PDG Jerry Norman) and Henderson who collected and stored the material over the COVID period. They were then able to relatively quickly repair the chairs and bring new life to them.

Well done to the team at Whangarei City Rotary for this very practical project which has benefited the community and the environment!



Browns Bay Visit Vanuatu

Back in 2020, a due to Covid cancelled Rotary conference in Vanuatu, had left some of our Rotary members with a credit for flights and accommodation which was expiring by the end of this year. What better opportunity to go and visit this beautiful part of the world now that it has opened up again and at the same time do what Rotarian's are known for and provide help on the island where we can. 6 Rotarian's left Auckland Airport with approx 30kg of medical gloves and masks for Liz Webb (a dental technician sponsored by Rotary over the years) and a similar weight of reading glasses for the eye clinic at Port Vila Hospital with both having been successfully delivered to the appropriate people.

We all had such a fantastic time while in Vanuatu. While there we were taken on an Round the Island tour by a member from the Vanuatu Rotary Club who afterwards also kindly hosted us for dinner at his place. These people are all so welcoming but interesting and a bit disappointing that the women did not sit with us at the dinner table.

In July 2019 Rotary Browns Bay, through ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children), was asked if they could provide support for a 15 months old girl Jasminah from Vanuatu, and her mother Angelina. The little girl was arriving in New Zealand in need of urgent heart surgery. A group of us looked after them while they were in NZ and we all witnessed Jasminah blossoming after her surgery.

So while touring the island we asked our fellow Vanuatu Rotarian driver if he would help us find both Jasminah and her mother Angelina as we were all keen to see how she would be doing 3 years later. Well, with details of the village name and our driver asking the village chiefs we successfully managed to find her, yeah!!

It was the most amazing reunion which brought tears to everyone's eyes. The moment Jasminah set eyes on us she showed the biggest smile ever and came sprinting straight for us and into my arms giving the tightest hug ever. It was so wonderful to see how well she was doing. The following day we also visited her mother at the local kindergarten in Port Vila where she works.

This trip will be engraved in our memories forever.

A special thank you to Kelda from House of Travel in Browns Bay for attending to all the extra work this trip needed in the end.

[Facebook Link](#)



District Diary

19 December	Rotary Milford birthday (chartered 1967)
28 December	Rotary Waipap birthday (chartered 1994)
7 - 21 January	Rotary National Science and Technology Forum
7 - 12 January	International Assembly
15 January	RDU copy deadline for next month's magazine
25 January	Rotary Orewa birthday (chartered 1964)
11 February	PETS 1- Auckland Rotary Bay of Islands birthday (chartered 1963)

12 February	PETS 1 - Whangarei D9910 New Member Q&A (time TBC)
15 February	RDU copy deadline for next month's magazine
19 February	District Board & Management Meeting DAC Meeting
23 February	Rotary Day
25 February	Zone 8 Rotary Co-ordinators Training Rotary Whangarei City birthday (chartered 2010)
4-5 5th March	SPPEDS (South Pacific President Elect Development Seminar) via Zoom
11 March	Women in Rotary event

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

Rotary Wāhine Rangatira

In recognition of women in key Rotary International roles this year, a group of nine New Zealand district governors (women past, present and future) made a very special presentation to Rotary International Director Jessie Harman at the Zone 8 Conference Gala Dinner.

The presentation of two pounamu toki – one for Jessie and one for Rotary International President Jennifer Jones – was made on behalf of the 31 women who will have undertaken the role of district governor in New Zealand and our Pacific countries between 2001 and 2025.

An initiative of PG Elaine Mead, the presentation was kept 'under wraps' and was a surprise event on the night. The gesture was widely acclaimed by the dinner attendees, as was the group's performance of 'Tūtira Mai Ngā Iwi' as their accompanying waiata. Jessie was quite overwhelmed. During the presentation, PG Liz Courtney (D9970 now D9999) said, "It is important to acknowledge Jessie as the first woman RI director in our zone and in the same year to have Jennifer as the first woman president of Rotary International."

"A toki shape symbolises determination, strength, focus and honour. Wearing a pounamu pendant represents caring for people, shared emotions, empathy, confidence, and reassurance."

The pendants were carved by Sheree Warren, a Māori woman carver on the West Coast of New Zealand and both have a woven pattern on one side, representing the weaving together of Rotary stories, cultures, and people. Jessie's pounamu is carved on the other side with a koru design, which means new beginnings, growth, and regeneration. Jennifer's toki is carved with the Imagine Rotary theme. It is planned to present Jennifer's pounamu personally when she visits the GECAF project in the Pacific.



RI Director Jessie Harman with her toki pounamu



NZPI Governors with RI Director Jessie Harman

LtoR: Governor Marilyn Stevens (9940); GE Vineeta Nand (9920); PG Elaine Mead (9910); GN Jenn Wong (9910); Governor Jan Boustead (9999); Jessie; PG Ingrid Waugh (9920); PG Jennie Herring (9920); PG Liz Courtney (9970); GN Jocelyn Hogg (9940)



What do you think your club meetings and events contribute to the total carbon emissions? You may be surprised by what you discover.

Now you can get some indication, thanks to a carbon calculator tool, commissioned by ESRAG Oceania and developed by Toitū Envirocare in New Zealand, which can be used by any Rotary club in Australia or New Zealand, to estimate their club's carbon emissions.

Assisted and hosted by Governor Matthew McLeod's company, Vivid Computers this tool is found on the ESRAG Oceania website at [ESRAG CO2 Calculator](#).

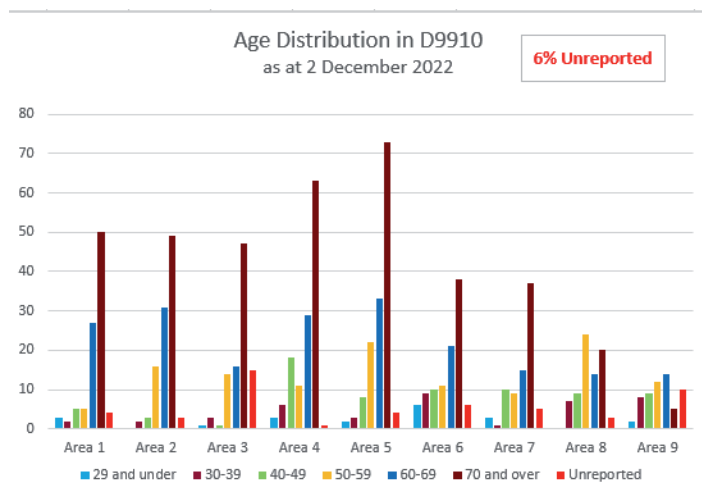
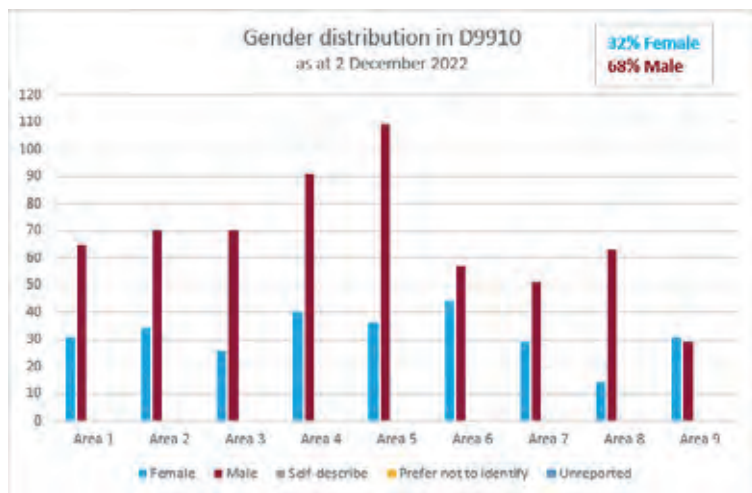


Where are we at?

As at 2 December 2022 the district is showing 891 members and since 1 July we have gained 50 members and lost 58. Around 37% of these were 'uncontrollable losses' (death, health, relocation) and of the relocations, a third joined another Rotary club which is very encouraging. Great examples of clubs working with the members and the district. Reasons for the remainder are not so clear – could the club have done something differently or provided some flexibility in time or financial commitments to keep them?

Out of the new additions, just over 20% were returning Rotarians or those relocating from clubs elsewhere in New Zealand. A reflection of how Rotary is more than just a geographical location or one club.

The graphs below show the gender and age demographic of the district across the nine areas as at 2 December 2022.



All the demographic and contact data for members is helpful to both the district and Rotary International.

It is recommended all clubs review the accuracy of member and club data in the RI database from time to time, particularly the following clubs which are missing data:

Area 1 - Bay of Islands; Kaikohe, Waipapa;

Area 2 - Whangarei City, Whangarei Sunrise;

Area 3 - Maungaturoto; Orewa Millwater; Warkworth;

Area 4 – North Harbour;

Area 5 – Albany, Auckland Korean;

Area 6 - Henderson; Waitakere;

Area 7 - Hillsborough, Lynfield, Mt Roskill; Maungakiekie;

Area 8 – all clubs

Area 9 – Port Vila



Heads up New Members!

If you joined this calendar year and have **NOT** received a New Member Welcome email from Rotary International contact:
Jenny Grace, District Membership Team on president@birkenheadrotary.org.nz

You should have also received:

- ✓ A Rotary magazine, digitally or in the post, either 'Rotary Down Under' or 'Rotary'. Check with your Club Secretary that they have advised the appropriate magazine administrator.
- ✓ A copy of the District Newsletter by email. Check with your Club Secretary that they have recorded your email address correctly in the RI database.

Interplast's Surgical Teams Return

Imagine hearing your child required life-changing surgery, only to have it delayed for nearly three years. The wait would be agony. Sadly, for the 5 billion people worldwide who don't have access to timely, and accessible surgery, this is not a new feeling, however, with the emergence of COVID19 as a global pandemic, the waiting lists have grown longer.

Interplast is therefore thrilled to announce that the first of our specialist surgical teams are returning to the Pacific.

COVID-19 had a profound impact on Interplast's capacity to deliver on the ground specialist medical programs to our Asian and Pacific neighbours. Yet, the inability to mobilise in-country over the past few years proved to be an interesting opportunity in the evolution of the training programs Interplast undertakes with its partner countries. Interplast's ability to adapt in response to the needs and requests of communities regarding mentorship and education during the pandemic provided new and important opportunities, however we know that nothing beats a well-trained specialist plastic surgeon, together with their highly skilled team providing life-changing care, in country.

For Interplast, a return to Fiji offers that opportunity.

Interplast's team of volunteers, led by experienced Interplast volunteer and surgeon Dr Anand Ramakrishnan depart Australia in mid-November for Labasa, on the island of Vanua Levu where patients will be treated by a team of two surgeons, two anaesthetists and two nurses working alongside local medical professionals. The Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Suva will then host the surgical teams to facilitate general plastic and reconstructive surgical services and in-person training.

The absence of Interplast's surgical teams over the past few years has seen the number of patients waiting to be treated grow and it is with your support we can now continue our critical care. Living as we do in a society with readily accessible health care, it is only when we are exposed to the ongoing health issues in developing countries do, we truly understand the lifesaving work Interplast undertakes. Socially, economically and emotionally – our patients are impacted across the spectrum without Interplast's surgical intervention. Serious burns left untreated influence educational and financial prospects. Cleft palates impede the ability to communicate. Interplast's work goes beyond the surgical – with your help, we are transforming lives.

The generosity of Interplast's supporters over the worst of the COVID-19 period has underpinned and strengthened the continuity of the important work Interplast undertakes. We value the support of the community and consistent stewardship of Rotary Australia and New Zealand to achieve the goals of transforming lives and society as a whole. This will be Interplast's 145th visit to Fiji since 1983 and is made possible through the generosity of Rotarians and other individuals committed to repairing bodies and rebuilding lives.



Short Note

From the Rotary International South Pacific Support officer in Sydney:

We have some good news to share with our New Zealand districts. We now have a NZ dollar account where clubs can send their payments via funds transfer. We will send out communications about this in January, closer to when the invoices are emailed to club officers.



Your Legacy, Rotary's Promise



Your annual gifts to The Rotary Foundation are helping people around the globe live better lives today.

Planning a gift to Rotary's Endowment supports these same life-changing programs forever.

Learn how the next century of service begins with your Rotary legacy at rotary.org/legacy.



Rotarian participating in the "Pork Pie Charity Run" for KidsCan



An adventurous local Wanaka duo will join 50 other teams from all over New Zealand to fundraise and drive their MINIs the length of the country next March all in aid of children's charity, KidsCan.

The Pork Pie Charity Run, inspired by the iconic Kiwi film 'Goodbye Pork Pie' has become a popular event for MINI enthusiasts in New Zealand and internationally. Team Lake Wanaka, made up of Jarrod Frazer from the Mount Aspiring Rotary Club in Wanaka, and his 17 year old daughter Zoe Frazer, will make the epic trip together from Paihia to Invercargill just before Easter in 2023.

The fundraising and Mini preparation has already started with Team Lake Wanaka kicking off what is to be a fun few months of encouraging generous Kiwis to donate to KidsCan.

"This will be our third time participating in this Charity event for KidsCan with our first being in 2019, then in 2021, and are again one of the lucky teams to register in time to take part in the 2023 event. We know it's going to be a memorable six days, a lot of travelling, and plenty of fundraising and a whole heap of fun." The 2023 event will be the eighth Pork Pie Charity Run since 2009 with the 2021 charity run raising more than \$325,000 for KidsCan, a mammoth effort by all.

Team Lake Wanaka's individual team goal is to raise 'well in excess' of \$5000 which is why we're starting to fundraise several months out from the event. The charity rally takes six days, and we will cover over 3,000kms through the country's biggest cities, smallest towns and highest mountain highways. KidsCan CEO and Founder Julie Chapman says the Pork Pie Charity Run is one of her favourite events on the calendar. Some Rotarians would have heard Julie Chapman of KidsCan speak at PETS in Auckland a couple of years ago.

A lot of Rotarians across New Zealand already know KidsCan through different previous fundraising events over the years, so would understand the importance of their roll, supporting over 200,000 kids in over 800 schools and over 100 Early Childhood centres across New Zealand, from Northland to Southland. KidsCan believes that education is a child's ticket out of poverty and gives them the opportunity for a better future. They help the 1 in 6 Kiwi kids experiencing hardship by providing food, jackets, shoes and health products to schools and early childhood centres across New Zealand. Please check out their Web site for more about the terrific work they do. www.kidscan.org.nz

Team Lake Wanaka are asking for the help of ALL Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in New Zealand. These kids could all be future Rotarians and will be active productive members of our communities, they just need your support now. We are asking each Rotary club across New Zealand to come on board and support Team Lake Wanaka and KidsCan by making a donation that their club can afford, we are asking for in the region of \$200+ per club. We know most clubs across New Zealand have had their fundraising efforts hampered over the last couple of years, hence why we are keeping our request to what we see as a manageable level per club. KidsCan NZ has set up a 'Gofundraising' web page for each team, so all funds donated go directly to KidsCan NZ. We are currently getting our Classic mini sign written to show our generous main supporters. Every Rotary club that donates at least \$200 to our cause by the end of January 2023 will have their club's name printed on the bonnet of the Mini,

around the Rotary Wheel in appreciation and recognition of their support. We hope to be able to fill the bonnet with a lot of Rotary club names, which will be seen across the country during the rally. Individual Rotarians may also wish to make a donation direct to KidsCan via the same fundraising page. Donations big and small are all encouraged. As an example can \$25 provide several meals or health products, \$50 Helps provide a jacket and a pair of shoes to keep kids warm and dry.

Should you club wish to donate direct to a bank account instead of to the Gofundraising page, Team Lake Wanaka has a dedicated bank account set up. I then transfer those donations directly to the KidsCan via the Gofundraise page and a receipt is generated and sent to the club or individuals email address if supplied. Please let me know if you require the bank account number.

I'd like to thank all the supporting New Zealand Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians in advance. Every dollar raised will go towards helping Kiwi kids by providing them with the basics, so they can be in a better position to learn.

You can support Team Lake Wanaka and KidsCan at <https://porkpiecharityrun.org.nz/page/TeamLakeWanaka> or use your phone camera to scan the QR code.



For further information please contact Jarrod Frazer from Team Lake Wanaka on jarrod.frazerwanaka@gmail.com or 027 2512007

NZ AquaBots

NZ AquaBots is the first underwater robotics programme for school-aged children in New Zealand.

NZAquaBots is an innovative underwater robotics program where youth teams build an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle then compete in New Zealand themed challenges. Students learn engineering concepts and hone skills in problem solving, teamwork, scientific communication, and technical applications. Building an aquabot teaches basic skills in design and encourages students to explore naval architecture and marine and ocean engineering principles. It also teaches basic science, electrical concepts, tool safety and technical procedures. Each year the theme of the programme is changed to reflect what is going on in NZ and the world.

The kit is re-usable, as advanced students need to modify the structure of the AquaBot from year to year in order to compete. Winning teams are invited to compete in the International Sea Perch competition in the USA.

Rotary Clubs in our District have supported teams from a number of local schools to participate in AquaBots.



From Gareth Bodle....

Dear Rotarians and Clubs,

A year of Aquabots competitions ended last weekend 4 December 2022 with the New Zealand National Finals. The Northland and Auckland regions won 6 out of 9 placings with Parua Bay's The Floating Toaster team and Rodney College's Rodney Rays teams winning the Intermediate and High School sections respectively. The full results were:

Primary:

1. The Devil Marines from Rotorua Primary
2. Charlie's Angels from Matarau School
3. Atlantis from Hobsonville School

Intermediate:

1. The Floating Toaster from Parua Bay School
2. Team Lello from Nelson Intermediate
3. Aquabouys from Opua School

High School:

1. Rodney Rays from Rodney College
2. Narwhal from Waimea College
3. Aquaman from Zayed College

Waimauku School and Parua Bay School came 4th and 5th in the Primary section. Tangiteroria School's Tangi Turbos had the best Technical Engineering Report coming first, and Matarau Schools Aquadrifters had the fastest Aquabot coming first in the Obstacle course. In June Hobsonville Schools' Neptune 3D competed in the USA International finals and came 4th overall. The Floating Toaster and Rodney Ray Teams have qualified to compete in the USA at the University of Maryland in May 2023.

I would like to thank the Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians who have assisted in this program throughout the year. Without your help we could not have provided the schools and students with the competition and support to get them through this competition and the opportunity for them to travel to the United States. At a local and regional level without the volunteers to help run the competitions they simply could not have happened. I want to thank you all for that. On the financial side the support of Rotary has also been significant with Swimming Pool hire paid for by clubs, donations to assist Neptune 3D to travel the USA in June, assisting Arapohue School purchase a 3D printer, and the JR McKenzie Trust purchasing Aquabot kits for distribution to schools. This support has given students fantastic opportunities and in the case of schools with rolls of 35 or less pupils the ability for their students to compete on an equal footing against the resources of large urban and city schools. It is important to note that the two teams travelling to the USA in 2023 were recipients of JR McKenzie Trust kits so their success is a direct result of Rotary support.

Thank you again very much, it has been a pleasure meeting you all and working with throughout the year. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Regards
Gareth Bodle



Painless Fundraising - Tiny Homes NZ Ltd

I hope you can share this offer with your members if any of them plan to buy a tiny home, and they do so through me, I will give your organization \$501.

Plus I will give any buyer a special discount of \$500 too. Hence I'm asking for your organization's kind help in forwarding this to your members.

I act for Gotiny Homes whose cabins are ideal for those who need a first home, another room for your Bach, more space for your teenagers, communal land, a granny flat, an extra bedroom; working from home, art studio, farm workers accommodation; etc. Unlock capital by downsizing--consider buying, say, 2, and live mortgage free! Or buy one or two as a bach amongst a group of friends and share it (and look at getting a composting loo).

No Resource Consent is needed. Also ideal for a camping ground where the services are already in. These cabins are very competitively priced, can be delivered to the desired location, and can be put onto skids if desired; plus, you can add decks and awnings to provide an indoor-outdoor living area.

There are one- or two-bedroom cabins available; plus, a range of different sizes and options-- full details are available below through me as an independent agent. 40% of retirees over 65 have no income other than national superannuation—ease the burden—buy a tiny home; as another 20 % have only super or little more and some have no food in the house oh so, sad. Albeit there's an investment market here if you have a bit of spare land.

Working with me means my contribution of \$501 to you as the organization that kindly introduced me will be reserved automatically. Plus the \$500 discount if one of your members buys one—all up to a \$1001 rebate.

Verbal feedback includes such words as; love my place; brings us great joy; more security by having a rental income; my life's more content; lots more family fun now; a source of contentment & space etc

Here is the range of tiny homes and prices in Silverdale to easily view with me www.gotinyhomes.co.nz

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max@tinyhomesnz.co.nz



Secretaries / Club Admin

Time to get on top of things!



- ✓ Enter the known incoming club officers into My Rotary;
- especially incoming President
- ✓ Check the Club Details in My Rotary are correct;
- ✓ Check the Member List in My Rotary is correct;
- ✓ Ensure each member has a primary email address in My Rotary;
- ✓ Check your club magazine subscription list with Rotary Down Under;
- enquiries@rotarydownunder.com.au

Ask your
Assistant
Governor
for help



Donate devices to young PC recyclers

Bridge the digital inequality gap in West Auckland by donating your used PC laptops or desktops. Zeal are running programmes where rangatahi (young people) learn to refurbish a device and keep it.

We're looking for:

In any condition:

- PC Laptops up to 10 years old
- PC Desktops up to 10 years old, in any condition
- PC Parts

*We're currently unable to process Macs

In working condition:

- Monitors
- Keyboards
- Mouse
- Power, network, HDMI, VGA cables

Your impact

Some of our partner schools have up to 78% of students not set up for e-learning in future isolations/lockdowns. Your computer won't just go to a good home, you'll also be supporting a programme that:

- teaches the skills to thrive in the digital world, learn and earn online, make friends and overcome the tough stuff
- reduces tonnes of E-waste by diverting devices and parts. Extending the life of 1,000 devices by one year will have the equivalent environmental impact of taking 4 cars off the road for a year
- is led by young people - we'll support them to use their digital superpowers to achieve their goals, whether that's building a gaming suite for their community or starting their own businesses
- reduces carbon footprint by sourcing donated devices and parts locally

This mahi wouldn't be possible without our principal sponsor, The Trusts, and our whānau of supporters.



Henderson Rotary Club is facilitating the pickup and drop off of suitable equipment (as per the above list). If you have any of the above, we'd love to hear from you. See our page at <https://www.hendersonrotary.co.nz/donate-your-used-computer-devices-to-young-pc-recyclers>

Fundraising with John Key

On October 6th, the Rotary Henderson and Well Foundation partnered to host Douglas Pharmaceuticals Business Luncheon with the very special guest speaker John Key. It is terrific, after the last couple of years of disruptions to our ability (have the ability), to come together to host a business lunch for 180 people. There is always that moment of doubt when planning these events. Will we sell enough tickets, will people bid enthusiastically on the auction prizes, will everyone enjoy the event and be encouraged to help our fundraising efforts in the future? Fortunately, we had a very good organising committee from our Rotary club who just got to work, contacting all of their business contacts and friends and a flurry of tickets was sold. We were also extremely lucky to partner with the Well Foundation again, they bring great resources, enthusiasm and skill to assist us and we are already planning our next event with them.



John Key spoke about where he saw our country is at the moment, and where we were heading. As always he was an extremely engaging speaker and very generous with his time, answering questions and chatting with guests after the event. We were really proud to put on a professional event. One that showcased our club and raised a substantial amount of money to aid in our, and Well Foundations, upcoming projects. We were so fortunate to again see the generosity of our local West Auckland community both with giving of items for auctions and raffles and the enthusiastic bidding by the audience on all raffle prizes.

As we hosted the event it is the expectation that the President will speak and while there is always a number of topics that can be discussed, I took this, as I do with any events to talk about why you should join a Rotary Club. After what can only be described as a strange couple of years with Covid disruptions, it is I believe more important than ever to have "your tribe". Rotary Henderson is definitely my tribe, great people doing great things to make our local community a better place to work, and live in.

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From left to right: Mike Bush, John Key, Wendy Coyle, Geoff Douglas, Tim Edmonds, Brian Foley

Keith Day - Award

Kerikeri Rotarian Keith Day was presented with the Rotary International Five Avenues of Service Award by Past District Governor Grant Smith, for his contribution and service to the people in our District 9910.

PDG Grant spoke about Keith's passion and drive to help people less fortunate than himself; his dedication to making the world a better place and his commitment to live and breathe the ideals of Rotary which inspire us all.

Congratulations on this well deserved award Keith.

Pictured, congratulating Keith are PDG 9940 Mitch Brown, PDG 9910 David Oliphant, AG Area One 9910 Vicki Douglas, Keith Day and his wife Margaret, PDG 9910 Lindsay Ford, President Dawn Laurenson, DG 9910 Matt McLeod, Allison Ford and PDG 9910 Grant Smith



Here are a few more interesting facts about Rotary. For previous number in the sequence, please refer to previous editions of the newsletter. Each month I will give you a few more facts. Some of the facts may have changed since these were put on club runner. Hope you find them interesting.

Fifty Things Every Rotarian Should Know

15 - SHARING ROTARY WITH NEW MEMBERS

Are you aware of the responsibility or obligation most Rotarians fail to perform? Paying their dues? Attending meetings? Contributing to the club service fund? Participating in club events and projects? None of these!

Of all the obligations a person accepts when joining a Rotary club the one in which most Rotarians fail is "sharing Rotary." The policies of Rotary International clearly affirm that every individual Rotarian has an "obligation to share Rotary with others and to help extend Rotary through proposing qualified persons for Rotary club membership." It is estimated that less than 30 percent of the members of most Rotary clubs have ever made the effort to propose a new member. Thus, in every club, there are many Rotarians who readily accept the pleasures of being a Rotarian without ever sharing that privilege with another qualified individual.

The Rotary policy on club membership states: "In order for a Rotary club to be fully relevant to its community and responsive to the needs of those in the community, it is important and necessary that the club include in its membership all fully qualified prospective members located within its territory" One merely has to glance through the yellow pages of the local telephone directory to realize that most clubs have not invited qualified members of all businesses and professions into Rotary

Only a Rotarian may propose a customer, neighbour, client, supplier, executive, relative, business associate, professional or other qualified person to join a Rotary club. Have you accepted your obligation to share Rotary? The procedures are very simple, and everyone must know at least one person who should belong to Rotary.

16 - TOLERANCE OF DIFFERENCES

Occasionally there is a temptation to criticize the laws, customs and traditions of another country which may seem strange or contrary to our own. In some instances illegal practices or customs of one nation are completely lawful and acceptable in another. As members of an international organization dedicated to world understanding and peace, it behooves Rotarians to exercise restraint in judging our Rotary friends and citizens from other countries when their behavior seems unusual to us. A Rotary policy has existed for more than half a century relating to this dilemma of international relationships.

The statement, adopted in 1933, says that because it is recognized that some activities and local customs may be legal and customary in some countries and not in others, Rotarians should be guided by this admonition of tolerance:

"Rotarians in all countries should recognize these facts and there should be a thoughtful avoidance of criticism of the laws and customs of one country by the Rotarians of another country." The policy also cautions against "any effort on the part of Rotarians of one country to interfere with the laws or customs of another country."

As we strive to strengthen the bonds of understanding, goodwill and friendship, these policies still provide good advice and guidance.

17 - VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Vocational Service is the "Second Avenue of Service." No aspect of Rotary is more closely related to each member than a personal commitment to represent one's vocation or occupation to fellow Rotarians and to exemplify the characteristics of high ethical standards and the dignity of work. Programs of vocational service are those which seek to improve business relations while improving the quality of trades, industry, commerce and the professions. Rotarians understand that each person makes a valuable contribution to a better

society through daily activities in a business or profession.

Vocational Service is frequently demonstrated by offering young people career guidance, occupational information and assistance in making vocational choices. Some clubs sponsor high school career conferences. Many recognize the dignity of employment by honoring exemplary service of individuals working in their communities. The 4 -Way Test and other ethical and laudable business philosophies are often promoted among young people entering the world of work. Vocational talks and discussion of business issues are also typical vocational service programs at most clubs.

Regardless of the ways that Vocational Service is expressed, it is the banner by which Rotarians "recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations" and demonstrate a commitment to "high ethical standards in all businesses and professions." That's why the Second Avenue of Service is fundamental to every Rotary club.

18 - ROTARY ANNS / ROTARY PARTNERS

You may have occasionally heard the term "Rotary Anns" to affectionately describe wives of male members of Rotary and wondered what it means and where it came from. This designation was never one of disparagement, but rather grew out of an interesting historical occasion.

The year was 1914 when San Francisco Rotarians boarded a special train to attend the Rotary convention being held in Houston. In those days few wives attended Rotary events, and until the train stopped in Los Angeles, the only woman aboard was the wife of Rotarian Bru Brunnier. As the train picked up additional convention-bound delegates, Mrs. Ann Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann. This title soon became "Rotary Ann." Since the clubs of the West were inviting the Rotarians to hold their next convention in San Francisco, a number of songs and stunts were organized which would be performed in Houston. One of the Rotarians wrote a "Rotary Ann" chant. On the train's arrival at the Houston depot, a delegation greeted the West Coast Rotarians. One of the greeters was Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, whose wife was also named Ann. During the rousing demonstration, someone started the Rotary Ann chant. The two petite ladies, Ann Brunnier and Ann Gundaker, were hoisted to the men's shoulders and paraded about the hall. The group loved the title given to the two women named Ann. Immediately the same term of endearment was used for all of the wives in attendance, and the name "Rotary Ann" was here to stay. Guy Gundaker became president of Rotary International in 1923 and Bru Brunnier was elected president in 1952. Thus, each of the two original Rotary Anns became the "first ladies of Rotary International."

The word Rotary Ann can be heard on a rare occasion, and now you know where it came from.

Given that around 30% (and growing) of the Rotarians in our District are female, perhaps we need to invent a new name (perhaps Rotary Andys) for the male partners of female members!

19 - A BRIEF ROTARY HISTORY

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread throughout the United States in the decade that followed; clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents, and the organization adopted the name Rotary International a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of club members. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its principal motto: Service Above Self. Rotary also later embraced a code of ethics, called The 4-Way Test, that has been translated into hundreds of languages.



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We expect that the number of families waiting to see our surgical teams could be three times higher than usual. That is why your support is so critical this Christmas.

We want to get back to all our Pacific partners within the next six months, but that is only really possible with your help. The children should not have to wait a day longer.

Your generosity helped us return to Fiji and treat many children and adults who had been waiting years for surgery. Now we need your help to get back to our other Pacific partners.

Can you help our volunteer teams get back to help the children and adults who need life-changing surgery?

It's the best gift you could give a child this Christmas.

Iain Wakefield <iain@jollydoc.co.nz>

Rotary Give Every Child a Future Update

Director's update

The Rotary Give Every Child A Future project continues to be rolled out across the nine Pacific Island countries. After the delays and frustrations caused by the pandemic, travel restrictions have now been lifted and implementation is going according to plan.

Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones will be in the Pacific in March 2023. She will visit Fiji and Kiribati and be accompanied by journalists. Her objective is to highlight the impact that Rotary is having, and in this case particularly in the area of maternal and child health.

In preparation for this a planning visit was undertaken in October. You can read more about this on page three.

To complete this project in total, we still need to raise USD 188,000 out of a total of USD 3.9 million. We really are, almost there. We have one final Global Grant application being prepared, for the introduction of HPV into Kiribati.. This will bring the total number of Global Grants from The Rotary Foundation to 23.

James Allen, Project Director



James Allen (Project Director) visits a rotavirus vaccination program in the remote island of North Tarawa, Kiribati. James said of the project, "It's an amazing feeling to come here to Kiribati, just one of the nine countries in which this immunisation program is happening, and actually see what we've initiated."



'ON THE GROUND' PROJECT VISIT

In October, I had the opportunity to visit Kiribati and Fiji with a team from UNICEF. The purpose was to see the implementation of Rotary Give Every Child A Future in one of the Pacific Island countries and to scope out the details for Rotary International President Jennifer Jones' visit next year – a bit of a dress rehearsal. The only way to get to Kiribati is via Fiji. So, we used that opportunity to have talks with UNICEF Pacific which is headquartered there, and to visit the regional vaccine distribution centre in Nadi, operated by UNICEF.

Next, we travelled to Tarawa, the main island of Kiribati, an atoll close to the equator about a three-hour flight north of Fiji. The visit underscored the challenges of distributing vaccines in the Pacific. Tarawa is a series of narrow atolls spread in a horseshoe shape around a lagoon which is open to the ocean at one end. In most places the distance between the ocean and the lagoon is no more than 100-200m.

There is a single road that connects it all, although North Tarawa can only be reached by boat, and then only at high tide. The photo was my first glimpse of Tarawa from the plane and will help explain the geography. While on Tarawa we visited several clinics where infants were receiving their vaccines. One clinic was in North Tarawa which we got to after a one-hour boat trip in the early morning. While in Kiribati we met with UNICEF staff, senior executives in the Ministry of Health and members of the local Rotary club. It was encouraging to see how vaccines we have been supporting have been embedded into the routine childhood immunisation program. However, it is quite confronting to see the living conditions under which many people are living. It is crowded; water and sanitation systems are limited or non-existent; and disposal of rubbish is clearly a problem. Perhaps just some of the other issues that Rotary might help address in the future.



RGECAF member Christine Hurley promoting RGECAF at Wellington North Rotary's Khandallah Fair



(Above) RGECAF member Michelle Tanner presenting to Rotaractors and Rotarians at the Zone 8 Conference in Canberra in October and, (left) time taken out of a holiday in Aitutaki (Cook Islands) to talk to local public health nurses about Rotary Give Every Child A Future. Pictured here is Public Health Nurse Kura Ioane demonstrating their vaccine fridge..



"A project like RGECAF, ... is incredibly valuable. It brings vaccines that we don't have here. Knowing we're able to support families, and the health sector to be able to deliver these programs is something as a Rotarian, that I'm incredibly proud of, not just as a Rotarian, but as an I-Kiribati person to know that this, has been made available." Ruth Cross, President RC Tarawa



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Women in Leadership breakfast

Following on from PDG Elaine's very successful Women in Leadership breakfast, DG Matt has asked me to organise another one! This time on International Women's Day on Saturday 11th March 2023.

As amazing women in leadership I wanted you to have the first "Save the Date" so you could put it in your calendars and invite your friends and families. This is an event open to all women and to all Club Members, friends etc. Please feel free to forward to everyone you know who is keen to be empowered and inspired!

Once we have finalised further details I will share them with you but it will be an amazing breakfast with a speaker and raffles!

We hope you will be able to attend as we are hoping to have 100 guests in attendance!

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