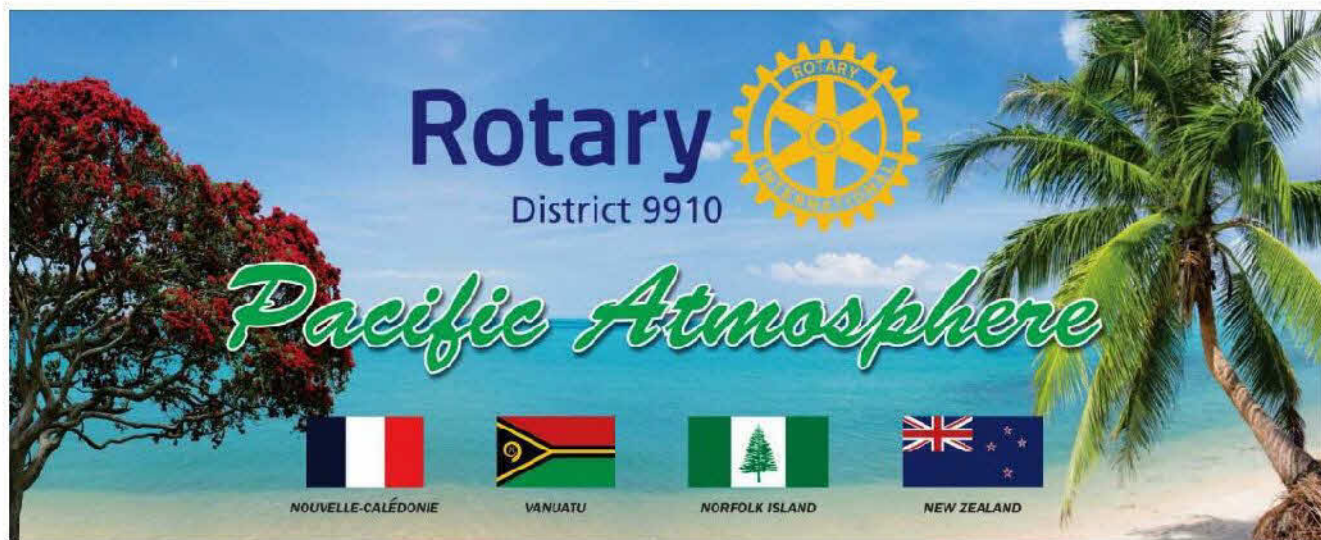




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VANUATU WEATHERS MULTIPLE DISASTERS



CYCLONE HAROLD AFTERMATH: Vanuatu needs your help now.

On 7th April, Cyclone Harold vented its force on the Islands of Vanuatu.

With COVID-19 impacting the world, it is important now more than ever for a locally-led emergency response in Vanuatu during the aftermath of Cyclone Harold.

Our Vanuatu-based Rotary Clubs need your financial support through our District 9910 Project account:

****ASB 12-3109-0122080-05****

****ASB Swift Code ASBBNZ2A (for any payments from overseas)****

Please reference "Cyclone Harold" / Name

There has been widespread destruction to property and the damage inflicted has made it very difficult and, in most areas, impossible for these communities to manage.

Local Rotary clubs in Vanuatu need these funds to fulfil an urgent need for emergency assistance. Please support Vanuatu now, by donating to the District 9910 Project account above.

For more information about the response, please contact Past District Governor and Vanuatu Projects Group lead Lindsay Ford at ford.rotary@outlook.com

- The Northern Provincial Hospital in Luganville is reporting that a number of patients have been treated for lacerations and spinal injuries. Approximately 50% of the hospital infrastructure has been destroyed by TC Harold, although power has now been restored to the hospital.
- Aore Island and Malo Island (pop 4,365), off the coast of Luganville, are reportedly destroyed. Villages, jetties, crops and orchards have been significantly damaged.
- The majority of evacuation centres around Espiritu Santo remain full as there is significant damage to housing. Large numbers of those displaced to Luganville from Ambae following volcanic eruptions in 2017 and 2018 are in evacuation centres because they did not have permanent dwellings in Luganville.
- The runway at Santo-Pekoa International Airport is functional, although damage to lighting means that flights are limited to daylight hours.

From Governor Ian - March 2020



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

Greetings Rotarians and friends all,

Never in my wildest dreams would I have envisaged the current scenario that we all find ourselves in, particularly the speed with which circumstances changed and escalated. Jasmine and I are currently back in Norfolk Island. Our itinerary always included a few weeks home in Norfolk Island during March, but we were not expecting to have the borders closed two days after our return. Whilst Norfolk Island is pretty much shut down and without tourists, unlike NZ we currently have relative freedom of movement around the island providing we follow social distancing measures. So far so good, there are no cases of Covid-19 on the Island.

Before we departed New Zealand Jasmine and I enjoyed assisting clubs in Northland with some of their projects. We joined the Dargaville Club during the annual Northern Field Days parking cars.



Gov Ian, Jasmine

*and IYE Student Clara
directing traffic and
parking cars during the
annual Norther Field Days
in Dargaville*



Jasmine and I also assisted The Bay of Islands Club with the Paihia Colour Run. A fun event that seemed more about getting wet and doused in coloured powder than running.



Gov Ian, Jasmine & Sue Hamnett from BOI Rotary Club

On our way back to Auckland we called in to Maungaturoto to catch up with the club at their working bee in Nikau Grove constructing a bridge. Wonderful to see members of Orewa Millwater assisting Maungaturoto Club with construction of a boardwalk.



The team on the newly constructed Boardwalk.

Jasmine and I have very much enjoyed the participation in Club projects and activities during this Rotary year. Alas, due to the current circumstances it appears that our involvement for the year may be at an end as club meetings and projects are cancelled or postponed.

We are uncertain when we might be able to return to NZ but remain hopeful that the Covid-19 pandemic will swiftly subside in our region and allow Rotary to re-establish some tentative engagement.

In the interim we trust that Clubs and members will continue to communicate and engage remotely as many have been doing. Please keep circulating your ideas about maintaining Rotary engagement during this difficult time. You will find some suggestions and examples elsewhere in this newsletter.

Stay safe, stay well.

Governor Ian & Jasmine



GOVERNOR PARTNER PROJECT **ROMAC** Fundraiser UPDATE - from Jasmine Kiernan



During February, on offer by silent auction was a one-off mosaic planter pot with hand painted saucer. A number of bids were received on this planter pot.

Photo (left) shows Ron King, a wonderful supporter of **ROMAC** whose very generous bid of \$560.00 took out the silent auction. I delivered the pot to Ron and spent half an hour or so chatting with this lovely man over a cuppa.

Thank you for your support Ron!

Virginia Russell, President of Hillsborough/Lynfield/Mt. Roskill Rotary Club had requested I make for her a Rotary Themed mosaic, and she chose the theme "Sow the Seeds of Love".

A further \$300 was added to the **ROMAC** fundraising account by Virginia for this mosaic.

While delivering the mosaic to Virginia I was also able to get a photo of her team "doing good" in the Rotary way.



Photo (above) shows Virginia and her band of helpers collecting for The Child Cancer Foundation on Saturday 29th February at Countdown Mt. Roskill.

Left to right – Katherine Olmedo (Virginia's niece), Keith Furlow, Venkat Dheen, Virginia Russell (President) & Hide Kanaya.

The **ROMAC** Mosaic fundraising project has raised just under \$7,000 to date.

On offer by silent auction during March has been 4 mosaiced decorative rocks with a "Garden Critter" theme.

BLUE SPOTTED LADYBIRD

Size in cm =
32 x 21 x 10
Weight 10kg



RED LADYBIRD

Size in cm =
24 X 14 X 13
Weight 6kg



BEE

Size in cm = 25 X 16 X 9 Weight 6kg



GREEN GECKO & MOTH

Size in cm = 34 X 25 X 16 Weight 13kg

Unfortunately, I have not received any bids as yet on these mosaiced rocks, so I am unsure as to whether they have any appeal or not. I do assure everyone that they do add some interest and colour to a garden.

Due to the Covid 19 outbreak, Ian and I have returned to, and will for the indefinite future, remain home on Norfolk Island.

The mosaiced rocks will remain open for bids during April. Should I receive no bids, then this will let me know that the garden rocks have had no appeal and I will withdraw then from the **ROMAC** fundraising project and make something else, hopefully with more appeal, for silent auction in May.

If anyone is interested in the decorative garden rocks, bids can be emailed to jasminedawn1960@gmail.com Bidding starts at \$30 per rock. Bids can be made on individual rocks or all 4 rocks as a set. Auction will continue through to 30th April. All proceeds to **ROMAC**.

Our thoughts are with everyone during the coming months. Particularly our hearts go out to our friends in Vanuatu who must now be reeling from the double whammy of the Covid-19 crisis and the damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. A District Wide appeal has been initiated and we hope that clubs will consider contributing.

Be safe, stay healthy and reach out to anyone who may need help, or just someone to chat with.

Lockdown amusement! – How Smart is your right foot!

This will boggle your mind.

While sitting where you are at your desk in front of your computer, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.

Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot WILL change direction.

You can keep trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but you can't. Its pre-programmed into your brain and there's nothing you can do about it.

Send this exercise to your friends and frustrate them too.





Dear Rotarians,

In every corner of the world, it seems that not a single person or community is unaffected by COVID-19. You may be wondering how to stay focused on our work eradicating polio when we are dealing with a pandemic caused by a virus for which there is not yet a vaccine — a situation similar to what the world faced with the poliovirus not so long ago.

The COVID-19 pandemic response requires worldwide solidarity and an urgent global effort. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), with thousands of polio workers and an extensive laboratory and surveillance network, has a moral imperative to ensure that these resources are used to support countries in their preparedness and response.

We can be proud that in the ever-connected world of global health, the polio infrastructure that Rotarians have helped build is already being used to address — and stop the spread of — the new coronavirus, in addition to serving countless other health needs. In Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, where polio personnel and assets have a significant presence, workers from all GPEI partners are engaged in surveillance, health worker training, contact tracing, and more. In 13 countries, polio volunteers have been deployed to address COVID-19 preparations and response.

We recognize that the COVID-19 emergency means that some aspects of the polio eradication program will be affected. While addressing the new challenges of today, the most important thing that Rotary members can do to continue the fight to end polio is to sustain our commitment. We are aiming to reach our fundraising goal of \$50 million this year so we can work to safely reach all children with the polio vaccine. In the midst of a global pandemic, we understand that attention to polio eradication will be diverted, and this makes it all the more vital for Rotarians to remain strongly committed to fighting polio and not let our progress be eroded.

It is imperative that we remain committed to our work eradicating polio. Learn more about how our work fighting polio is supporting the COVID-19 response and consider making a contribution to PolioPlus.

Kindest regards,

Mark Daniel Maloney
2019-2020 President, Rotary International

Gary C.K. Huang
2019-2020 Chair, The Rotary Foundation

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SOUTH PACIFIC PRESIDENTS ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (SPPETS) 2020

“Amazing event, fantastic re-energizer!!”

Learning, networking and having fun – that’s what happens at the annual multi-district event for incoming club Presidents known as South Pacific Presidents-Elect Training (SPPETS).

Over 300 Rotarians from across New Zealand and the South Pacific islands gather in Auckland for a weekend, with a programme designed to help them prepare for the role ahead.

“I had a great weekend at SPPETS. I enjoyed all the speakers and I learnt heaps.”



This year we were privileged to have two awesome keynote speakers join us, Jennifer Jones and Dr Nick Krayacich. Jennifer is a past RI Vice-President, current Rotary Foundation Trustee and was moderator for the 2020 International Assembly. She had a lot of inspiring stories to share from her Rotary experiences and her husband Nick, gave a timely account of rejuvenating his club from ‘hanging on’ to ‘active and engaged’. They were also active participants in our Pacific Island PE session.



“A great weekend for resources and connections”

The six District Governor-Elects presented incoming RI President, Holger Knaack’s theme for 2020-2021 – ‘Rotary Opens Opportunities’ – along with his key messages. Attendees spent time in district-specific and mixed district breakout sessions sharing ideas and discussing a range of topics from membership to public image, Rotary Foundation and more.



If you’re an incoming President don’t miss this opportunity for your club, or if you can’t attend, offer the chance to one of your club leaders.

2021 SPPETS will be 6 – 7 March



GE Elaine Mead and the 2020-21 Centennial Team

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"Rotary Connects the World"

"Hello, I'm travelling in New Zealand and would like to locate a golden totara my cousin planted on a visit in the '90s. Can you help?"

A query to D9920's website led to an email to D9910's Governor-Elect Elaine Mead and then a search for Past Governor Leo Dixon's widow Jill, on whose property the totara was planted. Leo was D9910 Governor from 1990-1991 and then a member of Rotary Onehunga. At the time of his death in 2017, he was an Honorary member of Rotary Albany.

April Berkol's cousin, Inci Tarzi, remembered planting a golden totara at Leo and Jill Dixon's Albany property when she and her late husband Sahab, Past Governor D2420, Turkey were visiting.

GE Elaine met with April and took her to the Dixon's old address, unfortunately, the area has changed a lot and the totara was not located. Despite the mission failure April said, "I am now more convinced than ever that New Zealanders are truly the friendliest, kindest and most generous of people! And Rotarians do truly support and aid those in need - however hair-brained that need may be."

An added bonus, Elaine discovered Jill Dixon is now living in the same village as Elaine's mother and so she recently paid a visit and spent some time chatting about Rotary (pictured).



THOUGHTS ON ENGAGING MEMBERS DURING LOCKDOWN

During a time of physical disconnection and isolation it is even more important to keep our social connections. Rotarians join Rotary to do good in their community and give back and stay because of the connections they make. What might giving back look like in our changed world?

How can we help Rotary stay strong, and even prosper, during a time when nothing is as it was, but people are seeking purpose and an opportunity to contribute. Rotary has resources – people and financial resources. We care and have a strong reputation.

Key is to start with ensuring we engage our existing Rotarians. When people take a break from their regular routine for an extended period, they often find something else to fill that gap, or simply decide it wasn't that important.

Some ideas:

- Communicate, communicate, communicate
- Encourage “user generated content”, i.e. make it a two way communication
- Online club meetings – these are an obvious option, but there are some things that will make these meetings more engaging. Have a look at the article from District 9500.
- District wide online meetings
- Set up a challenge for clubs to engage in – a project, competition, activity they can do in their own homes
- Have online speakers come to your Zoom meeting. What about inviting some of the speakers who didn't make it to your district conference?
- Share ideas for projects you can do collectively but remotely
- Set up a phone tree to keep in contact – e.g. if you have committees or project teams, use this structure to keep people engaged and informed
- Support vulnerable individual members – club buddies
- Change your club newsletter or bulletin – e.g. inject some fun items, not just jokes but stories about members, recipes, travel stories
- Work on updating your club website (see some suggestions below)
- Review and refresh your club strategic plan
- Carry out a needs analysis in your local community by phoning and talking with people – what are the real needs in your community?
- Identify community partners, both for now and the future - which other groups might you partner with?
- Become virtual mentors for young people, especially Rotaractors
- Do some learning through the many learning modules in the Learning Center
 - <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/catalog> . Run a webinar
 - <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/webinars/on-demand>

Learning modules and Webinars can be run through Zoom as a group.

- Within the guidelines for lockdown – volunteer to run errands for those who need it
- Engage with other community organisations, e.g Meals on Wheels
- Start planning for recovery – How do we want our club to look after this is over? What projects could you pick up? Who could you partner with?

No activity can breach the Alert Level 4 (Lockdown) or any other Alert Level conditions and all guidance from the Ministry of Health and Government must be adhered to.

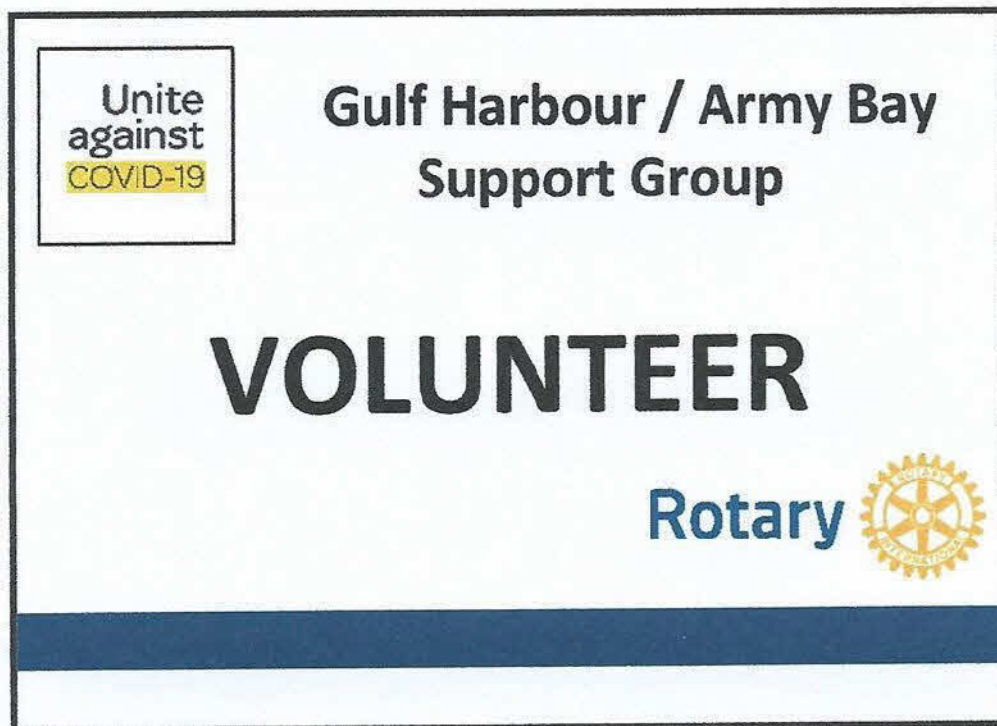
Rotary Coronavirus initiatives making a difference in YOUR District

If I was to tell you of a Rotary initiative that has drawn in several senior government and community organisations, gained Essential Worker status, and has a robust system that manages 50 non-Rotarian volunteers to help elderly and vulnerable people at this time in their community, would you be keen to know of this? And then to be told it is capably promoting Rotary to the extent that possible a new club can be formed eventually, is that of interest? Hopefully you have already heard of this.

This is the initiative in Whangaparaoa (D.9910) that has had some exposure via shared posts on the Rotary District Facebook page and elsewhere. Rotary Satellite Club of Orewa-Millwater members Georgina and Gary Richards live at Gulf Harbour, right at the end of the beautiful Whangaparaoa Peninsula. The shopping support group that they set up out there is going well and a group of around 50 helpers, none of whom are Rotarians (yet!), are delivering one or two shops per day.

Georgina reports, "We receive a lot of calls and messages from the community, expressing how grateful they are that our group is available should they need us. We are very aware of our Rotary image and are actively promoting this in our community, using clear Rotary branding on badges that volunteers wear, and on any literature being used."

We look forward to receiving more reports from this amazing new Rotary initiative at Gulf Harbour!





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 9 – THE FISHING IS INSANE

According to a local saying, on Norfolk they don't call it fishing they call it "catching" because there's so many fish it's a breeze!

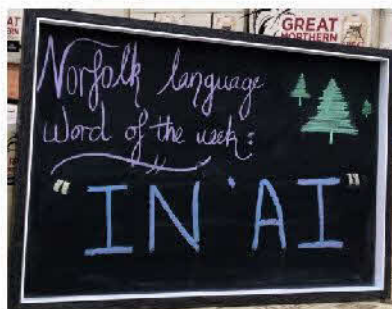
Keen fisherman often snag huge local kingfish, snapper and trevally. The most popular fish amongst Islanders is known locally as "trumpeter" (red throat emperor).

The "Fish Fry" is an institution on Norfolk Island. Most residences have a homemade deep fryer for cooking fish n chips and each "chef" has their personal closely guarded fish batter recipe.



Norfolk words and meanings

1. Mahone - Always ailing
2. Morla - Tomorrow
3. Moosar - Nearly
4. Nufka - Kingfisher
5. Oolie - Often
6. Porpay - Red Guavas



IN'AI (in-a-eye) is a wonderfully cute Norfolk phrase that describes someone that is your very favourite person or the apple of your eye.

Occasionally it's used to humorously wind up a co-worker, friend, family member or partner if you notice them giving someone extra special attention.

Died (dead) is also often used, perhaps because it gives us such a sense of the absolute; 'ai dieden f laik hem' (I am dying in admiration of him), gu died (go to blazes), ai s' died (I am out of trumps); ai died f sohri faret (I am dying of sorrow for him/her) and ai s' died f taiyed (I am dead with exhaustion).

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ROTARY CALENDAR

March 2020

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

April 2020

Maternal and Child Health Month

APRIL DESIGNATION IS

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future."

Past RI President James L. Lacy, 1998-99

Rotary Club of Miri

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved

May 2020

Youth Service Month

MAY IS

YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future." - PRIP James L. Lacy, 1998-99

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June 2020

Rotary Fellowships Month

JUNE DESIGNATION IS

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

"The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood."

Paul P. Harris, 1935

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TAKE ACTION: rotaryfellowships@rotary.org