



Matt McLeod

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

Governor Introduction

Dear Rotarians

The beginning of 2023 has been a difficult time for many people in our District. Areas in our District including Northland and Auckland have been struck by multiple severe floods as well as Cyclone Gabrielle which caused further damage in our area as well as devastation in the Hawkes Bay and Gisborne areas. Like many others, Rotarians and their families have been affected with many encountering flood damage to their houses and being yellow or red stickered. Vanuatu has just suffered two back-to-back cyclones in Judy and Kevin as well as an earthquake. Rotarians have been doing their bit to help their communities and their support is appreciated. There have been a number of appeals organised to raise funds and if you or your club wishes to donate, please refer to this page <https://rotarydistrict9910.org/page/flood-and-cyclone-relief-appeals/> on our District Website to find out more.

Our job now is to support the affected communities and those displaced from housing to recover. We would like to hear from Rotary Clubs who have projects that they need financial, logistics or physical assistance with. There are funds available to help with these projects that we can connect you with.

After considerable planning and preparation by the project team it was exciting to see the official launch of our Te Tai Tokerau Tamariki Mental Health and Wellbeing project in Whangarei on the 3rd of March at Manaia View School. This project is the largest ever funded by our Rotary District and will be delivered to 60 out of the 119 schools in the Northland region which have Primary School aged students attending over the next two years. Quite an undertaking indeed. The project includes in-school sessions with the children, a comprehensive professional development programme for teachers and video content (including some very catchy new songs) which can be used both in school and at home to reinforce the messages being learned by the students. Cat Levine will speak at April's District Conference and give us an update on progress. We also have new pull up banners which your club can borrow to promote the project. A great article was published in the Northern Advocate (available on the NZ Herald site here: <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/mental-illness-prevention-programme-hits-northland-schools/DRK5F6OIZFGURFYZ2OZ4TYXNO4/>)

I was very pleased to be able to join the new Mangawhai Rotary Club on their Charter Night on February 28th. The Club started out life as a satellite club formed by the Maungaturoto and Districts Club. Satellite Clubs can start with as few as eight members and once they reach twenty members they can opt to become a standalone club, which is what Mangawhai's members chose to do. The Club is well known for its extremely popular sailing programme and sandcastle competition but also has some other excellent projects underway. The charter night was well attended with new members, partners, visitors from Maungaturoto and from District in attendance. The District chose to award Paul Harris Fellow awards to President Dennis Emsley and 'Commodore' Grahame Carbery who was instrumental in the formation and success of the sailing programme. Congratulations Mangawhai Rotary on your charter event and on succeeding in bringing a less formal, more hands-on style of Rotary to your community. Good luck for the future!

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Governor - District 9910
2022-2023



District Diary

8 March International Women's Day - Embrace Equity
11 March D9910 Rotary Women Leaders
15 March RDU copy deadline for next month's magazine
18 March Global Recycling Day
Rotary Whangarei South bday (chartered 1975)
22 March World Water Day
24 March Rotary Whangaparaoa Golf Tournament
31 March D9910 Rotary Peace Fellow graduation

5 April Rotary New Lynn bday (chartered 1958)
7 April World Health Day
15 April RDU copy deadline for next month's magazine
22 April World Earth Day
28-30 April District Conference
30 April 9910 Rotary Youth Leadership Award
1 May 9910 Rotary Youth Leadership Award
Rotaract North Auckland bday (chartered 2019)
13 May 9910 Quizz Night

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

ROZops Helps NZ Flooding

Directly after your first flooding event in the Auckland region a few weeks ago ROZops (Rotary Oceania) decided that we needed to set up a National Flood Relief page for both Rotarians and the public to donate.

We accessed 2 prominent digital billboards to go up in Auckland city, which are advertising this week. We also have had it on the Rotary Oceania FB page and I have shared it with outside organisations and groups.

This way we can distribute the funds donated through the Rotary Clubs to those areas most affected. It gives the clubs some ownership and direct connection back to the community.

Liz Courtney

Zone 8 Rotary Public Image-Advisor

District Governor 2014-15

Vice Chair Rotary Oceania Zone Operations (ROZops)

Rotary Oceania Co-Chair Learning & Development 2022-2023

District 9999 Learning & Development Training Chair

Vice Chair Rotary Community Breast Milk Bank

DONATE \$10 TODAY

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The funds will be distributed to affected communities through our network of local Rotary Clubs.

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Passionate about Youth and Global Matters?

The Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is a 2-day simulated United Nations environment for Year 12 & 13 teams from secondary schools across Districts 9910 and 9920.

It is organised jointly across the two districts and the Chair, Jan Malcolm, wants to grow and develop the team and is looking for D9910 representatives to be part of it.

If you are interested, please contact Jan Malcolm directly on janmalcolm1@gmail.com or via mobile 027 4442151.

Model United Nations Assembly is scheduled for 26 & 27 May 2023.

Information will be sent to schools the week beginning 27th February.



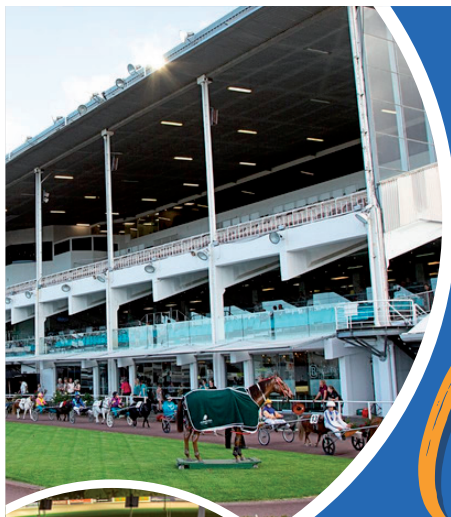
Conference 2023

We are excited to announce that REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

If you have already expressed interest, you can register straight away by clicking [here](#). Don't miss out on this years Rotary 9910 District Conference, hosted by current District Governor, Matthew McLeod. Come and celebrate at Alexandra Park in Auckland, from Friday the 28th to Sunday the 30th of April.

We have an exciting line up of speakers, participatory options, a themed Saturday night dinner and so much more. You can see the current programme (this will be confirmed leading up to the conference) and further information by clicking [here](#).

We can't wait to see you!
The Rotary Conference Team





Rotary District 9910

CONFERENCE 2023

Come join us!

District Governor Matthew McLeod welcomes you to join this years District Conference being held at Alexandra Park in Auckland

The conference starts on Friday, 4pm the 28th of April & finishes on Sunday, 12.30pm the 30th of April 2023

Cost per person is \$199

ALEXANDRA PARK ADDRESS:
Greenlane West Rd &
Manukau Rd, Greenlane,
Auckland 1051

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

- A great line up of speakers
- Fun activities & break out rooms
- An amazing atmosphere with like minded people
- And don't forget the Saturday night dinner at Top of the Park Restaurant!

Saturday Night Dinner with our amazing MC Pio Terei



Play it Again, Sam! Piano Man show, starring Sam Hyde on piano and vocals



TO REGISTER AND FIND OUT FURTHER INFORMATION YOU CAN VISIT:
rotaryconference9910.org.nz

Welcome / Haere Mai / Bienvenue / Welkam



Names as at 31 December 2022 recorded in the RI database for those who have joined Rotary District 9910 since 01 July 2022.

John Briers	Bay of Islands	Duncan Coleman	Bay of Islands
Alexander Croft	Birkenhead	Gareth Roberts	Browns Bay
Willie Nguyen	East Coast Bays	Heather Spencer	Henderson
Linda Bracken	Kaikohe	Uta Claydon	Kerikeri
Sharlene Wagner	Maungakiekie	Colin Jackson	Maungaturoto and Districts
Babe Kapa	Maungaturoto and Districts	Susan Town	Maungaturoto and Districts
Ron Czerniak	Milford	Malcolm Dowling	Norfolk Island
Julianne Gehan	Norfolk Island	Tommy Dupuy	Noumea Ducos Boulari
Caroline Campbell	Orewa-Millwater	Robert Hodgkinson	Orewa-Millwater
Vilashny Lumu	Port Vila	Paulien Van Deventer	Port Vila
Zema Aka	Santo	Chesma Kere	Santo
Segema Olita'a	Santo	Delvin Virailala	Santo
Leisarur Wolem	Santo	Greg Boland	Takapuna
Richard Ward	Waipapa	Raman Kaur	Waitakere
Tony Nemaia	Waitakere	Yolanda Roberts	Waitakere
Joanna Wellwood	Waitakere	Robert Morris	Warkworth District
Cherie Stevenson	Warkworth District	Melinda McCutcheon	Whangaparaoa
Lindsay Dobbinson	Whangarei	Gabe Schoonderwoerd	Whangarei City
Debbie Dennis	Whangarei South	Robert Marwick	Whangarei Sunrise

These people have transferred between clubs or are returnees to Rotary or District 9910

NAME	CURRENT CLUB	PREVIOUS CLUB
Insook Kim	Auckland Korean	Auckland Korean
Chan Hyoun Park	Auckland Korean	Auckland Korean
Daisy Ping	Browns Bay	South Auckland (9920)
Robert Schroder	Browns Bay	Browns Bay
Hugh Bolton	Kaikohe	Huntly (9930)
PG Mitchell Brown	Kerikeri	Takaro (9940)
Craig Jones	Maungakiekie	Epsom
Richard Ryan	Maungakiekie	Epsom
Bruce Webster	Maungaturoto and Districts	Maungaturoto and Districts
Maggie Twaddle	North Harbour	Devonport
Neil Abel	Port Vila	Honiara (9620)
Cindy Bakewell	Warkworth District	Remuera (9920)

Easier Invoice Payments

It took a while for us to comply with the stringent requirements of HSBC in Auckland but I am happy to announce that we have been finally successful in opening a New Zealand Dollar account in New Zealand.

Please see details below:

Account Name	BSB	Account Number	Nature of Payment	Remitter/Payor	Payment Reference
Rotary International	302904	0414977061	Dues, Club Charter Fees, Convention Registration, Return of Unused District Governor Allocation, Rotaract Fees	Districts, Rotary and Rotaract Clubs, Convention Registrants	Club Name or Club ID, Invoice No or Registration ID; District No/DG Name, Rotary or Rotaract club name

REMINDER: Please email Sally.Furto@rotary.org to advise us of any bank transfer made to this account to assist us in properly identifying credits.

The January 2023 Club Invoice has NOT been issued as yet. When generated, the invoice will already be expressed in New Zealand Dollars. No conversion is necessary. Note that the new HSBC bank account for Dues payments will be reflected on this invoice.

We've updated the bank information in the following resource for your convenience:

[How to Pay Club Dues.](#)

Please circulate this through your newsletters, your websites, and other print/electronic communications. This will be the first time we are sending invoices to Rotaract clubs for their annual membership dues so please make sure you include Rotaract club officers in your email distribution.

Grace Ramirez
Manager, International Office and Financial Services

The Rotarian Minute

One minute of reading at the beginning of each statutory meeting: this is the principle of **The Rotarian Minute**

It is our aim to gradually **improve our members' knowledge of Rotary.**

Each text is limited to **150 words** in order to maintain a reading time of one minute.

Attached are **3 examples** of Rotarian Minutes.

It would be great if you would test The Rotarian Minute in your clubs.

I invite you to join our Facebook group : <https://www.facebook.com/The-Rotarian-Minute-109403985341804>

What do you think of this initiative ?

Best wishes for 2023

Yours in Rotary

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#1 – December 4, 2022

1' to discover an aspect of Rotary's history

The birth of Rotary

On February 23, 1905, after having had lunch with his closest friend, Sylvester SCHIELE, coal merchant, Paul HARRIS, lawyer, and his friend went to the office of Gustave LOEHR, mining engineer. There they met Hiram SHOREY, a tailor.

Paul HARRIS proposes to form a club: "a very simple project of mutual cooperation and informal friendship such as each of us once knew it in his village".

The four friends, of American, German, Swedish and Irish origins, and of Protestant, Jewish and Catholic religions, then decided to meet periodically in a spirit of trust and fellowship, both for the pleasure of meeting but also in order to "make themselves considerate and helpful towards each other" and to widen the circle of their business relations.

They did not then imagine that this would become a great international organization of friendship and service.



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#2 – December 15, 2022

1' to discover an aspect of Rotary's history

The Foundations of Rotary

The second meeting took place on March 9, 1905 in Paul HARRIS' office with 7 participants including 3 new members and the third meeting on March 23, 1905 in Sylvester SCHIELE's office with 15 participants.

During these meetings, a name was given to the club (Rotary Club) on the proposal of Paul HARRIS, the statutory bases were established and Sylvester SCHIELE was elected president.

It was decided:

1. not to institute dues but to impose a fine of 50 cents on members who fail to meet their obligations
2. admit a new member (only one representative member per profession) only if no objection arises
3. to limit the duration of admission to one year
4. to gather a 3/4 majority to remain a member
5. to be named by first names
6. to meet every fortnight except in July and August
7. to appoint a committee and a president (Paul HARRIS declines the invitation)



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#1 – January 2nd, 2023

1' to discover Rotary News

The 2022 edition of the Procedure Manual is published

The Procedure Manual brings together the basic guidelines and procedures of Rotary.

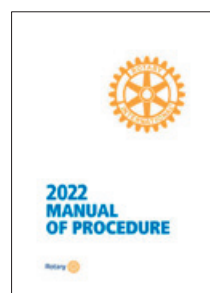
It is accessible to all Rotarians and, more specifically, it provides Club and District Leaders with the information necessary for their mission.

A new edition is published every three years to reflect decisions made by the Convention, the Council on Legislation, and the Rotary and Foundation Boards of Trustees.

It covers the following topics:

- Operation: the Rotary-Club, the District, Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation.
- Mission of Rotary: Guiding Principles, Areas of Service, Programs of Rotary and the Foundation, Strategic Directions, Awards, Marks of Rotary.
- International meetings: Convention, Council on Legislation and International Assembly.
- Documents: Rotary Constitution and Bylaws, Standard Club Bylaws and Recommended Bylaws, Foundation Bylaws

The 2022 edition is now available:
<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/governance-documents>



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Popup BBQ for North Shore Community

Photos from the flood-affected Nile Road area of the North Shore. Popup Barbeque serving sausages and burgers to residents who were without power for some time. A collaborative pop up event organised in two hours by DGN Jenn Wong with help from members from Takapuna, East Coast Bays, Milford and Henderson Rotary clubs. Promoted via local Facebook groups there were a large number of very grateful recipients, as well as some volunteers from the community who wanted to come along and help.



Allely Estate & Wine Time in conjunction with Kumeu Rotary & Muriwai Community Association brings you the **Muriwai Charity Lunch & Auction Fundraiser** - Let's raise \$150,000+ as a community at Allely Estate – Sunday 26 March 2023 from 12 to 4pm.

This event will include a buffet lunch, live music, and an auction. We will be collecting items for the auction over the coming weeks.

Proceeds from the lunch, personalised wine from www.winetime.co.nz and auction will be provided to Kumeu Rotary as the custodians of the funds earmarked for the Muriwai Community Association. We are proposing to raise over \$150,000 for this event.

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.allelyestate.co.nz/events/muriwai-fundraiser/> where you can also purchase a 6 pack of personalised bubbles from Wine Time, along with purchase your wine or bubbles in advance on the day.

We are asking the community to dig deep to help our fellow friends and neighbours of Muriwai. All donations for auction items to be sent to catherine@allelyestate.co.nz

We ask that donations are new items only and we will be providing publicity for those businesses who donate items from their business as they come in. We will also be setting up a silent auction as well as auction on the day.

If you cannot come to the event, you can purchase the 6 pack of bubbles which is in the same link as the ticket above and on this link - <https://www.allelyestate.co.nz/events/muriwai-fundraiser/>

Let's help displaced families get future certainty.

Let's help local Muriwai businesses get back on their feet and let's restore Muriwai - a place of many happy days and memories for a lot of Aucklanders.

P.S. Please share this event to your network and please jump on this amazing opportunity to be the difference we can be. Support should always start at home. Contact Brett Connolly - President of Kumeu Rotary Club for more information - brettconnolly@xtra.co.nz



Muriwai Charity Lunch & Auction
Fundraiser at Allely Estate
Sunday 26 March 2023 | 12 to 4pm



Rotary Community Support For People Displaced After Floods

Rotary has been supporting a local community organisation Sunnynook Community Centre who have been doing a wonderful job supporting members of their community who have been displaced from their houses because of the recent floods. Many of these people are elderly, don't have great support networks or are recent migrants not aware of what services are there to assist them.

On the 28th of February, members from East Coast Bays and North Harbour Rotary helped run a community dinner for the flood victims as well as the team of volunteers who have spent a lot of time assisting these people. Rotary District 9910 was able to provide some funding for this event from our flood relief appeal funds received so far. If your club has a project aiming to assist the victims of the recent floods or cyclone please let us know how we can assist.

A big thank you to Fay Norman from East Coast Bays Rotary for reaching out into your community to find ways to help and bringing this to our attention.



Rotary Waitakere & Unity In Our Community Helping After Floods

Kriddles Roberts, President of Waitakere Rotary has been hard at work supporting flood and cyclone affected people around Auckland and further afield. Kriddles has a network of people who support her and her Unity in Our Community organisation with donations of items. Many Rotarians from our District have been supporting Kriddles (photos below include PDG Bruce Rasmussen and Christine from Milford Rotary, but support has also been received from Westhaven members and Henderson Rotary). Later this month Waitakere Rotary, Unity in Our Community and Hillsborough Lynfield Mt Roskill Rotary will combine to run a street festival in Mt Roskill to support an area badly affected by flooding. If you have any items to contribute, please let Kriddles know - Kriddles Roberts kriddlesroberts@gmail.com 021 0253 2969



Help Citizen Advice Bureau

Rotarians living in Auckland may have heard that Auckland Council has proposed a number of major cuts to funding for valuable organisations within our local community. One such proposed cut is the abolishment of funding for Citizens Advice Bureaus throughout Auckland. Citizens Advice Bureaus provide a very important service for free to a large number of people in the Auckland community. In particular they help a lot of people that would otherwise struggle to find information and assistance elsewhere including migrants and the elderly. Rotary and CAB have a lot of shared values, and many Rotarians are involved with or volunteer at their local CABs and it would be a major loss to Auckland if the Council funding was cancelled. CAB have advised that without this funding they would likely need to shut their service completely in the Auckland area.

I would like to encourage you to support the petition that CAB is running to ask Auckland Council not to cancel their funding, and to reach out to your local CAB and see if you can get the local bureau Manager to come and talk to your club's meeting about what they do. You can download a link to a printable petition form at <http://bit.ly/3ZIEp7C> or fill it online at www.cab.org.nz/petition

Why not print this out and circulate this around your Rotary meeting in the coming week?

You can also make a submission to the Council (make sure you mention saving CAB funding in the comments) - first read the budget documents here: [Visit AK Have Your Say](#) and make a submission here: [Annual Budget feedback form](#)

TELL AUCKLAND COUNCIL

**CONTINUE
FUNDING
AUCKLAND
CABS**



Sign the petition

- our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/save-auckland-cabs
- scan the QR code
- sign a paper copy at a CAB



Citizens Advice Bureau

Ngā Pou Whakawhirinaki o Aotearoa



February is Peace & Conflict Prevention Month

District 9910's Rotary Peace Fellow, Scarlett Hawkins, is rapidly heading towards the end of her time at the Duke-University of North Carolina Rotary Peace Center with graduation scheduled for 14 May 2023.

She started her studies in 2021 for a Master in Global Studies, Migration and Labor Rights and is also undertaking two Graduate Certificates: International Peace and Conflict Resolution at UNC, and International Development Policy at Duke University.

Scarlett is a Gender-Based Violence Specialist who, at the time of selection for the prestigious Rotary Peace Fellowship in 2020, was working in Vanuatu on the Spotlight Initiative to Eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls, first with the United Nations Population Fund, and then with the International Organization for Migration, the UN migration agency. Here is an update on her time so far:



“Over the summer of 2022, I undertook a three-month internship with the International Organization for Migration (the United Nations migration agency) in Montevideo, Uruguay. It was a tremendous experience, my Spanish has improved exponentially as a result, and I enjoyed my birthday in a beautiful local winery where I did what I do best: Pestered the barnyard cats. I reflected on the experience for the Duke-University of North Carolina (UNC) Rotary Peace Center blog following my return, which can be found here:

<https://rotarypeacecenternc.org/from-scarlett-innovation-resource-mobilization-and-la-vida-mejor-an-applied-field-experience-in-uruguay/>

I am now in the home stretch of my Master's Degree at UNC, where in addition to my classes, I have enjoyed working as a Research Assistant for a combined project between the UNC School of Law and the Gillings School of Global Public Health called Project RESTART (which stands for Restorative, Effective Solutions to Accountability, Responsibility, and Treatment). Project RESTART has conducted empirical analysis of domestic violence intervention programs to inform the development of an innovative program model that draws from principles of restorative and transformative justice. In this role, I have supported the development of several academic articles, the first of which is currently under review by an academic journal. Watch this space!

I am working assiduously on my Master's thesis which proposes a conceptual framework for operationalising the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus to remedy structural drivers of violence. I am proud and honoured to present this research at the Duke-UNC Annual Spring Symposium on the 1st of April, 2023 as the first Rotary Peace Fellow to come from District 9910. I suspect the time difference will make it difficult to tune in, but in case there are some night owls from the District who are interested in tuning in, the registration link is here:

<https://rotarypeacecenternc.org/annual-conference/spring-2023-conference/>

Throughout the degree, I have continued to think about the next steps of my career. A fun project for personal growth I have been working on carefully this semester is not to focus too far into the future that I miss the magic of the present moment. It is a wonderful way to celebrate the small things, and removes the pressure to have everything figured out just yet (though I would not be me if I wasn't also applying for interesting roles here and there in the lead-up to graduation!).

Also, I recently enjoyed a visit from my foster dog from Vanuatu, Pumpkin. She lived with me for a year during the pandemic and has gone from a crab-chasing beach dog to snow-bounding squirrel-chaser. I enjoyed walking her around the UNC campus as an honorary ambassador of the school. Following graduation, I am excited to return to the professional world and put into practice everything I have gained from this experience - after a lovely summer break in Spain, where I look forward to some quality time with my husband's family.”

Last year, Scarlett spoke to Rotary Westhaven via Zoom. Watch the presentation via this link:

[Scarlett Hawkins-Peace Scholar_Rotary Westhaven Zoom_4April2022](#)



Applications are now open for the Rotary Peace Fellowship for Master's Degree and Professional Development Certificate programs around the world. To anyone considering taking the next step in their commitment to service before self, Scarlett says: "Don't hesitate to apply for the Rotary Peace Fellowship – it's a life-changing experience!"

The application deadline is 15 May. Learn more and start your application:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>



The Centurion Programme

Would you like to **PERSONALLY** support the Rotary Foundation and help make the world a better place? Joining the District 9910 Centurion programme is the simplest way to make your personal contribution to The Rotary Foundation.

An annual donation of \$100 to the Centurion programme helps the Rotary Foundation provide grants which empower Rotarians to confront challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition and deliver sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives close to home and around the world. By being a member of the District 9910 Centurion programme, you make these life-changing projects possible so that together, we can keep Doing Good in the World.

The Centurion programme welcomes all supporters.

- It is an excellent way for Rotarians, Foundation Alumni, Friends of Rotary and all non-Rotarians to support the Rotary Foundation's efforts for the improvement of the lives of millions of people around the world.
- By joining the Centurion programme you will be playing a small but vital part in this effort.
- A contribution of \$NZ100 or more annually will enrol you as a member of the Centurion programme – and remember, your partner, family, friends, colleagues and companies are all welcome to join.
- Every new member receives a certificate and a distinctive lapel pin.
- Your donation to the Centurion programme will be receipted and is tax deductible.

Please pledge your donation today and become a part of Rotary's life-changing work!

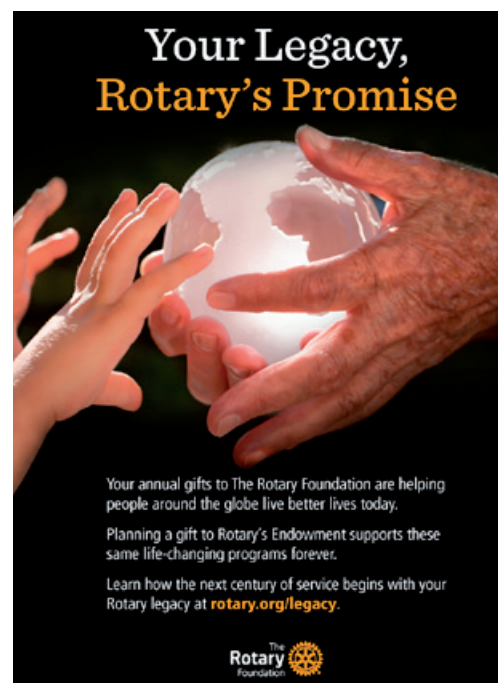
HOW TO DONATE:

For electronic payment, please use your name and your club as references and pay to:
ANZ Bank Account name: Rotary District 9910 Foundation Committee Centurion Account
Account No: 01-0125-0146572-02

Receipts are sent by email so please advise David Oliphant of your email address
doliphant.rotary@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Rotary Foundation.

Grant Smith
Rotary Foundation Chair 2022-24



Mental illness prevention programme hits Northland schools

By Jaime Lyth, The Northern Advocate 4 Mar, 2023

Northland tamariki will be taught the skills to cope with mental illnesses under a mental health project that has just been launched.

Manaia View School in Whangārei hosted the launch of the Rotary Te Tai Tokerau Tamariki Mental Wellbeing Project on yesterday, the first of its kind in New Zealand

A whopping \$600,000 “global grant” has been provided to the project which is sponsored by The Rotary Foundation.

The project’s purpose is to support teachers and provide them with the necessary resources and training to address the rise of mental illness in children.

Twenty per cent of the Northland population under the age of 15 have had a mood or anxiety disorder diagnosed as of 2021, [according to Northland District Health Board](#).

Chief executive of Think and Be Me, Cat Levine, created the organisation in response to the growing rate of mental health issues among youth.

“They call it this youth mental health pandemic, but what are we doing? We’re obviously not doing something right,” Levine said.

Levine was working for free in the mental health space with children when Rotary came along and sponsored her to do a two-year well-being project.

“My actual deep passion comes from the statistics of mental health, which actually relate to me personally,” Levine said.

One in four Kiwi kids will experience mental health issues before the age of 18 and 50 per cent of mental health conditions start before the age of 12, Levine said.

She and her team of experts and volunteers will train 450 teachers in more than 60 Northland primary schools over two years and will visit each school three times delivering educational mental health presentations, resources and fun activities for the children.

“I’m really keen on being that preventative space because rather than having the counsellors, that’s great, but what are we doing to prevent children needing it?” Levine said.

“Every child should be given the skill and knowledge and the strategies to take care of their mental health just like they do with physical health.”

Levine’s ultimate goal is to provide children with the means to manage anxiety early in their early years. The programme uses Cognitive Behavioural Therapy principles which help individuals develop resilience and coping skills.

Rotary Tai Tokerau Tamariki Mental Health chairman Peter Smith said the project had been brewing in the background after a conference looking at why Northland is behind in its health and education.

“Kids, there’s no real support for them in primary school, so when they’re angry or sad, they know they are, but they don’t know why.

“This is this program here, tells them sort of take a breath and understand why I am sad, why am I angry, what can I do,” said Smith.

Smith said the project started off very small and it’s now grown to even tackle the truancy issues Northland schools face.

“When we were talking to the principals, they said, well, you’re going to be talking to the converted. These are kids who come to school every day, we need to be talking to the truants.

“So, we then got into the fun day activities... it’s some reason for the kids to come to school, whether it’s connecting four or wheels on the bus.

“If you do nothing, then nothing changes, so we’re doing our best,” Smith said.

The Northern Advocate 4 Mar, 2023



How Much Does It Cost to be a Rotarian?

It's a question often posed by prospective members before deciding to join, and current members when they start to become disengaged from their club or Rotary. The final answer can vary dependent on the club and individuals.

There are five sections to the total cost of Rotary membership, some are fixed at an international or district level, some a club determines, and others where an individual member has a choice.

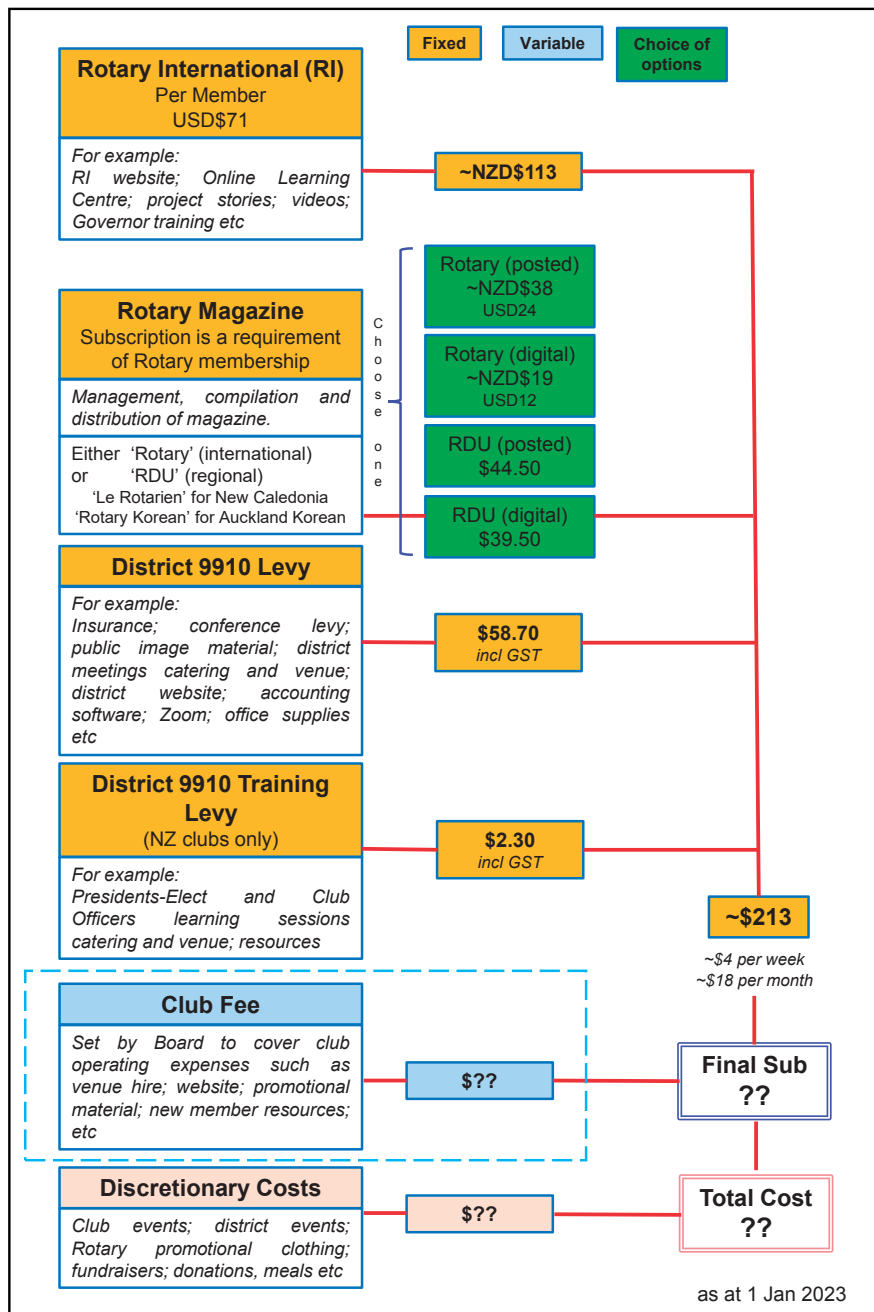
Clubs receive three invoices based on its number of members – one from Rotary International, one from the Rotary Down Under magazine (for those who have chosen it) and the other from District. Clubs set their membership subscription to cover these and the club costs.

This is where clubs and members can influence the annual costs by reviewing club operating expenses for cost reductions and efficiencies. Fundraising should be separate and not part of a subscription.

The breakdown illustrated uses figures for the 2022-2023 Rotary year, with the USD exchange rate as at 1 January 2023. It shows the annual cost of the Rotary portion for an individual member in a NZ based club who chooses to receive the Rotary Down Under (RDU) regional magazine digitally. The tilde (~) means 'approximately'.

For your information, here are a selection of other club subscriptions around the district, Rotary membership isn't too bad. So why would someone pay more elsewhere? Because they are getting a return for their investment – it may be fun, health, friendships or a sense of community.

Pupuke Golf Club (Full Playing Membership)	\$1,721
Les Mills 12-month multi membership	\$1,537
Bay of Islands Golf Club, Kerikeri (Full Playing aged 26-35)	\$993
Henderson Squash Club	\$499
Milford Cruising Club (aged over 20)	\$225
Mairtown Tennis Club, Whangarei	\$190
Royal Oak Bowls (full member)	\$180



Perhaps the question is not the cost of Rotary membership, rather, "Do you feel you are getting value from your investment?". Why did you join Rotary? Is your club meeting your expectations? If not, how can you help your club increase the value of your membership?

For more information on costs of membership go to [Club Development](#) on the district website.



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District 9910

CONFERENCE 2023

Come join us!

District Governor Matthew McLeod welcomes you to join this years District Conference being held at Alexandra Park in Auckland

The conference starts on Friday, 4pm the 28th of April & finishes on Sunday, 12.30pm the 30th of April 2023

Cost per person is \$199

From Satellite to Stratosphere



What started out 20 months ago as a desire to provide a sailing programme to youngsters, then morphed into the Rotary Mangawhai-Maungaturoto Satellite club of Rotary Maungaturoto, has now fully evolved into the Rotary Club of Mangawhai with 22 members.

At an evening meeting on 24 June 2021 and with only one boat this was the launch of the “Learn-to-Sail” project, which today encompasses nine boats plus two rescue craft.

The satellite club charter was on 30 June 2021 [insert photo of charter night] and Governor Matt is looking forward to presenting the club’s charter certificate

to them at an event to be schedule. Flooding and road closures delayed the original date of 28 February.

The team have sailed a long way since Rotary Maungaturoto member Graeme Carbery floated the idea of a sailing programme in the Mangawhai estuary to his fellow club members. Under then President Rodney Tyson and with the energetic support of fellow member, Dennis Emsley the idea became the genesis of a satellite club.

The club started its first Learn to Sail classes in September 2021 and have gone from strength to strength. It has established great partnership with local community groups, businesses and charitable foundations and acknowledges the support of its amazing community, local and nationwide businesses and organisations, and Rotary District 9910.

It is not just about sailing. In the last 20 months they have held two successful Sandsational events, participated in the local Santa Parade and completed some local ‘hands on’ projects, with more in the pipeline.

They also managed to feature in Rotary Down Under and in the international Rotary magazine.

Congratulations to all the members of Rotary Mangawhai



Extended Whānau

Rotary Maungaturoto and Districts has spread the message of Rotary across to the east coast, thanks to the initiative and drive of Rotary Maungaturoto member, Graeme Carbery, with the establishment of a satellite club at Mangawhai. Graeme is joined by fellow Rotarian, Dennis Emsley in supporting Rotary Mangawhai and the G-Train travelled north to welcome eight new, three returning and two current Rotarians (Graeme and Dennis) as members of the Rotary Satellite of Maungaturoto-Mangawhai.

If you or anyone you know is interested in connecting with the club, contact them via their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RotarySatelliteMaungaturotoMangawhai>



Pictured LtoR: GE Grant; Graeme Carbery; Wayne MacLennan; Karitin Taves (ex-Saskatchewan, Canada); Daniel MacIsaac; Gillian Whitley; Dave Kitson (Secretary); Marlene Dragicevich (Treasurer); Dennis Emsley (Chair); Governor Elaine, President Rod Tysoe
Absent: Howard Jury (ex-Rotary Whangaparaoa); Miles Wilson (ex-Rotary North Harbour); Hilary Carbery, Emily Fornieri; Stephen Tennent



YOU ARE HERE: Mangawhai, New Zealand
WELCOME: Hello (English) or kia ora (Māori)
AMBIENCE: Located on the east coast of the North Island of New Zealand, Mangawhai is surrounded by beautiful beaches and countryside, isolated from the big cities of Auckland to the south and Whangarei to the north. This magical place is country and coast rolled into one and is a popular tourist destination.
THE CLUB: The Mangawhai River is an ideal environment for sailing. The Rotary Club of Maungaturoto and Districts Mangawhai developed a Learn to Sail project because of a desire in the community for young people to gain the skill. Within a few months, the club had raised more than US\$20,000 and had seven small Optimist boats, two rescue boats, and 25 students. The club's dream is that one or more of the students will reach the global sailing stage.
THE FUTURE: The year-old Rotary Club of Maungaturoto and Districts Mangawhai was chartered as a satellite club and continues to expand, now counting more than 30 members. — DENNIS EMSLEY

Photograph by Nina Gestricks

Mangawhai Rotary mag

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Hosting a prospective member event

These tips can help you plan a successful event for prospective members at the district or club level:

1. Select an accessible location and time for the event.

Consider:

- Traffic around the time of the event
- The availability of parking or public transportation
- Physical accessibility
- Whether you want attendees to bring their families to the event
- Whether there are free or low-cost venue options (If a free location is not available, consider charging a nominal registration fee for the event.)
- Whether your event can include a service project so that participants can get involved
For example, you could hold your event at a park shelter and do a park cleanup as part of the event.

2. Be strategic with outreach and invitations.

Consider:

- Prospective members assigned to your district or club through the Manage Membership Leads page in My Rotary
- Members of young professionals groups
- Members of Toastmasters clubs
- Members of business networking clubs
- Alumni of Rotary programs such as Interact, RYLA, and Rotary Youth Exchange
- Owners and employees of local businesses
- School and university students, faculty, and staff
- Friends and family of members

3. Establish a clear communication plan, including save-the-date notices, event reminders, and follow-up messages.

Consider:

- Using a platform such as Eventbrite that simplifies registration
- Sending tailored communications to your target audience
- Providing ways for prospective members to get involved after the event
- Creating fliers that can be shared via email and on social media

Encourage current members to bring a guest. This ensures a good balance of current Rotary members and prospective members.

4. Structure your event to include a networking activity or service project, as well as time for people to chat and get to know each other.

Consider:

- Having a host to set the tone and flow of event
- Showing a compelling video to demonstrate Rotary's impact
- Showcasing projects your club or district has done

5. Delegate responsibilities to specific club and/or district leaders.

Consider:

- Having current members welcome people and talk with them about their interests and needs
- Designating someone to follow up with prospective members to ensure that they connect with a club
- Appointing or hiring someone to take photos so that you can share them on your club or district website and social media pages. Be sure to get photo releases from anyone in the photos that you plan to post.



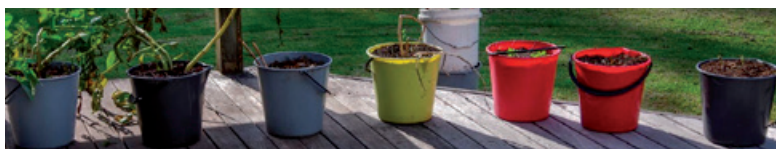
Rotary Dargaville Spud Night

Our Spud Night is always a social highlight and this year's not only scored on that count, but produced some potatoes as well. Twenty five, including family, friends and our Alaskan guests Charles and Cynthia Steiner again enjoyed Corin, Bailie and Hunter Schick's warm hospitality. The evening followed the familiar format of excellent pizza, washed down with ice-cream, flowed by the Great Unveiling. As in past years, participants paid \$10 in October for a standard bucket and (hopefully productive) seed potato and were left to their initiative to turn these into a prize-winning crop.

After last year's horticultural disaster, this year's crop was a welcome surprise and did produce a bucket of spuds that we can offer to Foodbank without embarrassment. Entry numbers were down a bit but no bucket produced only a rotten seed spud and most revealed a decent number of rather small but edible potatoes.

Bill's innovative/dubious/productive technique of expanding his bucket produced a clear winner with 1.5kg, followed by Rob's 550 grams and Brian with 490grams. Bill retains the Spud Trophy for another year, but the night's real winner was Dargaville Rotary fellowship. Perhaps we need to include more of these social outings in our programme.

Again, thanks to Corin and the boys for their hospitality and Brian for catering (Pizza shopping) our tasty dinner.



Frontline Heroes Project

I would like to share with you my Community Engagement Initiative in hopes that you will consider sharing it in your club members and neighboring districts. See attached PDF.

This is a tool used to engage and connect with your community, and local newspapers always pick up the story to promote the Club in local newspapers. Consider it a tool for attracting new members to your club!

Over the past several months, I have worked with Rotary International licensing department to design and approve a Medal of Honor for local Rotary Clubs and Districts to award to local heroes in their cities and districts that have gone above and beyond the call of duty and displayed acts of heroism and bravery. I know Rotary Clubs already honor their local heroes, however, there is no national standard among clubs for doing so.

I am reaching out to you today to ask for your support and to help spread the message of this new program to all Rotary Clubs.

Rotary is a vast network and it is tough to share the project with other clubs. I'd appreciate you sharing the PDF with your district.

Here are 3 quick stories out of many received to date. More stories and photos can be found on my project facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/TheFrontlineHeroesProject>

1) District 7475 in New Jersey, during their annual District Conference, clubs were given the opportunity to present medals of honors to firefighters, police officers, and EMTs. Roughly 30 frontline heroes were recognized during this virtual event. an impressive display of recognition from one district.

2) Bill Robson, current Rotary Zone 28 coordinator, past District 5050 Governor, presented the Langley Memorial Hospital COVID cohort with a plaque and the medal of honor to the nurses. See attached photo. The presentation included a drive-by with all the Fire Trucks and Police Cars, Rotarian vehicles and much honking and banging on pots and pans. A very small way to say thank you to everyone at Langley Memorial Hospital for the dedication in serving the community during this pandemic.

3) Rotary Club of Brampton presented Constable Micahel Mallari with the Police Officer of the Year award at an impressive ceremony and proudly displayed the Rotary Medal of Honor of the awardees uniform. See photos attached.

I hope you can continue to help me share the attached PDF with your Rotary network. I would love to see this project carried out more broadly across the world. We must remember and recognize our hometown heroes!

To learn more, please visit the Project Website at www.heroesmedal.com

Follow us on [Facebook https://www.facebook.com/TheFrontlineHeroesProject](https://www.facebook.com/TheFrontlineHeroesProject)

The Rotary Club of Americus recently awarded the "Service Above Self" National Medal of Honor to four outstanding individuals. In Rotary's ideals of Vocational Service, our Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, First Responders, and other public safety personnel serve above self within their profession each day. In this second year of awarding the Rotary National Medal of Honor, the Rotary Club of Americus recently recognized four public service personnel for providing exemplary service to the citizens of the Americus and Sumter County community. The club honored them with a luncheon held on Tuesday, May 10 in the Marshall Private Dining Room on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University.

Corporal Sherman Anthony of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office was awarded the Rotary "Service Above Self" National Medal of Honor for Deputy of the Year, nominated by Sheriff Eric Bryant.

Theo Baldwin was recognized with the National Medal of Honor for Firefighter of the Year, nominated by Chief Jerry Harmon of the Sumter County Fire Department.

Scott Manucy, was nominated by Chief Roger Bivins and awarded the National Medal of Honor for Firefighter of the Year.

Detective Sergeant Cedric Smith received the National Medal of Honor for Police Officer of the Year, nominated by Americus Police Chief Mark Scott.

Rotarian Joe Wutkowski _rotarianjoe7475@gmail.com
Past President, Rotary Club of Carteret (D-7475), Paul Harris Fellow



Pictured are Rotary "Service Above Self" National Medal of Honor recipients Corporal Sherman Anthony, Detective Sergeant Cedric Smith, Engineer Scott Manucy, and Firefighter Theo Baldwin.

Showcasing Sustainability at Rotary's Melbourne Convention

Are you going to Rotary International Convention in Melbourne?

Do you care about the Environment?

Then the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) has organised a range of options for you to experience.

These are pre-convention events and you don't have to be registered for convention to enjoy them. A great way to ease into conference or provide your partner and/or family with an activity.

- ESRAG Environment Actions Summit on the afternoon of Thursday May 25 with great speakers, example club projects and workshops;

Register:

- Various Environmental excursions around the Melbourne area;
- Environment breakout options during the convention;
- ESRAG booth at the House of Friendship - drop in and say 'Giddy' or volunteer a couple of hours to be on deck;

More information and registration details in this newsletter [ESRAG - Special February edition](#)

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Environment Action Summit
Harnessing the Power of Rotary
Pre-RICON

25 May 2023, Thursday
12.00 - 17.00
Melbourne Central

US \$60 Rotarians
US \$30 Rotaractors
***Lunch included**
10% discount for ESRAG members

Leading environmental speakers, actions planning workshops
Come and develop Rotary Club and District Environment Action Guides

Sponsorship Opportunities for 9910 District Conference Friday Night

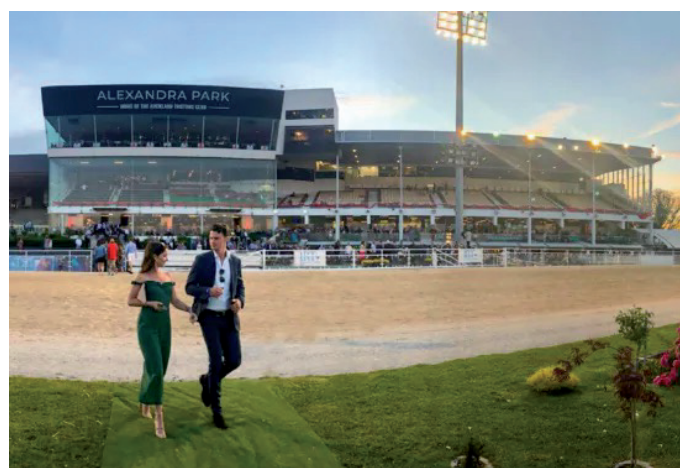
The opening night of Governor Matt's District Conference will be held at the Alexandra Park Race meeting, and you have the opportunity to sponsor one of the races.

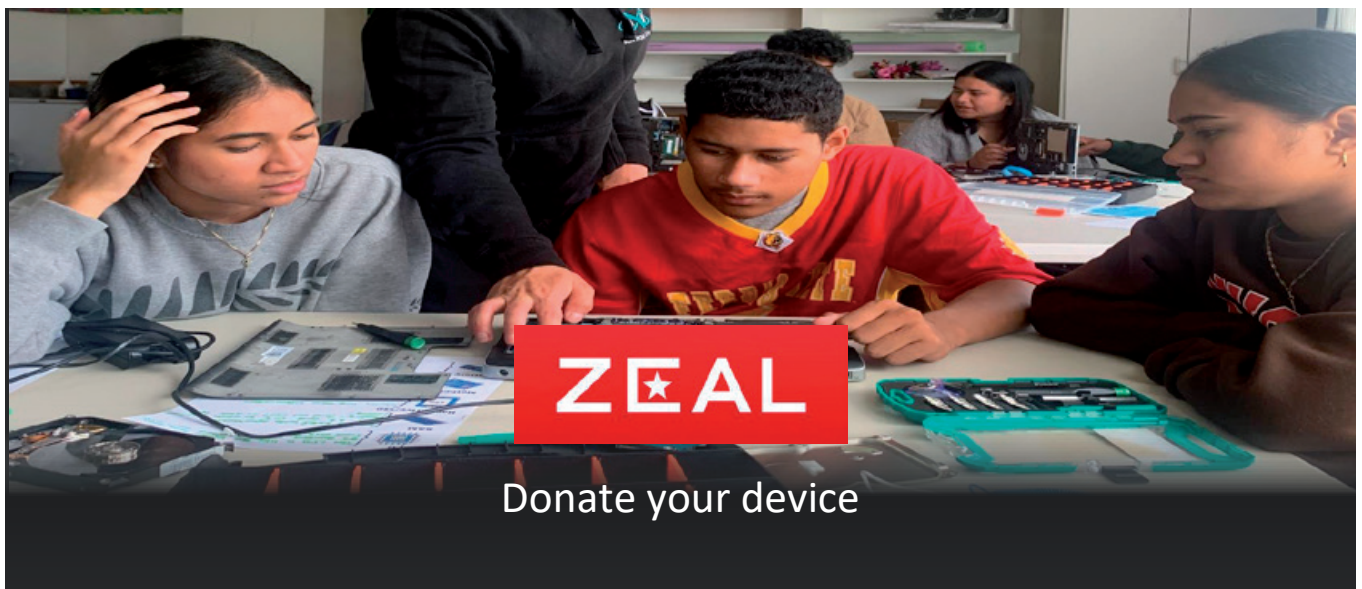
For just \$750 plus GST you can have naming rights to one of the races on the night!

Included in the package are naming rights to a race, a race book advert, you get to meet the winning owners, have your photograph taken in the victory circle and celebrate with them, along with a framed photograph to take home as your memory of an amazing night.

What an opportunity. Don't miss out.

For more information or to reserve a race, please contact Grant Smith at grantsmith.rotary@gmail.com





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:

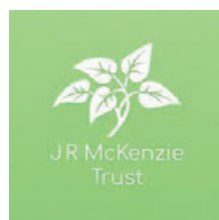
- Monitors
- Keyboards
- Mouse
- Power, network, HDMI, VGA cables

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>

Expanding Our Reach

PDG STEPHEN LAMONT, ROTARY COORDINATOR

— JAN 24, 2023

Have you considered Corporate Membership?

Article by PDG Stephen Lamont, Rotary Coordinator

A corporate membership allows Rotary clubs to involve a corporation – or for that matter - any business, non-profit, or government entity. It simply means that any business can offer an alternative Rotary membership to its employees. Sometimes the word “corporate” scares people because they think it only refers to “big business” in major cities. In discussions with clubs in smaller communities they ignore the corporate option because they do not see themselves as a corporate identity.

Do not be scared by a word - the emphasis is to look at businesses in your local area that are an untapped source, and to establish a partnership and connection.

A starting point may be to look at the top three employers in your local area. Do you currently have club members from these businesses? If not, make a connection – because having corporate members increases the club's membership while expanding its network and visibility in your community.

Corporate membership also allows access to club fellowship and service opportunities with the possibility of a much smaller time commitment.

So, what are some of the advantages to offering corporate membership?

For your club:

- Attracts new members who might otherwise be unable or reluctant to join.
- Increases the club's profile by expanding its reach to new, current and expanding businesses.
- Diversifies the club's skill base and brings in new ideas.
- Creates new partnerships that can be used to address community challenges.
- By raising awareness there is increased resources and capacity for new service projects and activities.

For the Corporation or Business:

- Reduces the time commitment of any one member by allowing employees to attend meetings or service projects on each other's behalf.
- Elevates the image in the community that they are a partner in service and so are committed to social responsibility.
- Emphasises a commitment to serving others as part of the corporate or business culture.
- Employees have access to a global network of volunteers.

So how does it work?

Your club can define corporate membership however it chooses, as long as you document in your club bylaws how the exceptions and benefits differ from traditional membership. Corporate membership involves an agreement with a business, which then pays for or subsidises the dues for employees who have this kind of membership.

The corporation itself cannot be a club member – only people can be members of a Rotary club. The club offers corporate membership to individuals based on their employment at a corporation or other entity.



How can clubs implement corporate membership?

Your club can use the following examples or adapt them to fit your club:

- A business pays or subsidises dues for the primary member. Dues are not charged for alternate members who can attend club meetings in place of the primary member. This is often for up to 3 alternates.
- The primary corporate member is charged RI dues – so that person is reported to RI as the active member and is listed on the club's membership list and Rotary database. The alternative members are not charged RI dues – and so are not listed in Rotary's database.
- The primary member is provided with more flexibility because that person is not required to attend every club meeting or event – the alternative member can attend instead.
- A club charges a company a flat rate for a certain number of corporate members (often 3-5) and all may regularly attend club meetings or events.
- If RI dues are included in the flat rate – all corporate members are full active members of the club – and listed on the club's and Rotary's database.
- Dues may be charged at a different amount for club and district dues. This is determined by the club.

Clubs can decide the structure and model they wish to use – you have the flexibility. However, you need to make sure you document in the club's bylaws what you decide so that all members understand the relevant differences and dues structure. Districts may also determine a different dues structure for corporate members – discuss with your District Governor if this is done or is a possibility.

Corporate membership is another way of expanding our reach and membership flexibility. Explore it as an untapped option for your club.

A vertical poster with a pink and white floral border. At the top, the text 'INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST' is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this, in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, is 'CELEBRATING WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP'. Further down, 'GUEST SPEAKER: NICOLA WILLIS' is listed. The date and time are given as 'SAT 11TH MARCH 2023' and '8.30AM FOR 9AM START. FINISH BY 10.45AM'. The location is 'WYNYARD PAVILION, 17 JELICOE ST, AUCKLAND CBD'. The cost is '\$40 + BOOKING FEE' and the purchase link is 'https://events.humanitix.com/rotary-women-in-leadership-brunch'. Contact information for Jenn Wong is provided at the bottom: 'CONTACT: JENN WONG, 021 562 536, jennw.rotary@gmail.com'. The Rotary logo and 'District 9910' are in the bottom right corner.

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](#)

20 - INVOCATIONS AT CLUB MEETINGS

In many Rotary clubs, particularly in Judeo-Christian nations, it is customary to open weekly meetings with an appropriate invocation or blessing. Usually such invocations are offered without reference to specific religious denominations or faiths.

Rotary policy recognizes that throughout the world Rotarians represent many religious beliefs, ideas and creeds. The religious beliefs of each member are fully respected, and nothing in Rotary is intended to prevent each individual from being faithful to such convictions.

At international assemblies and conventions, it is traditional for a silent invocation to be given. In respect for all religious beliefs and in the spirit of tolerance for a wide variety of personal faiths, all persons are invited to seek divine guidance and peace "each in his own way." It is an inspiring experience to join with thousands of Rotarians in an international "silent prayer" or act of personal devotion. Usually all Rotary International board and committee meetings begin with a few moments of silent meditation. In this period of silence, Rotary demonstrates respect for the beliefs of all members who represent the religions of the world.

Since each Rotary club is autonomous, the practice of presenting a prayer or invocation at club meetings is left entirely to the traditions and customs of the individual club, with the understanding that these meeting rituals always be conducted in a manner which will respect the religious convictions and faiths of all members and visitors.

21 - OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Most Rotarians are successful professional and business executives because they hear opportunities knock and take advantage of them. Once a week the opportunity for Rotary fellowship occurs at each club meeting, but not all members hear it knocking.

The weekly club meeting is a special privilege of Rotary membership. It provides the occasion to visit with fellow members, to meet visitors you have not known before, and to share your personal friendship with other members.

Rotary clubs which have a reputation of being "friendly clubs" usually follow a few simple steps: First, members are encouraged to sit in a different seat or at a different table each week. Second, Rotarians are urged to sit with a member they may not know as well as their long-time personal friends. Third, members invite new members or visitors to join their table just by saying: "Come join us, we have an empty chair at this table."

Fourth, members share the conversation around the table rather than merely eating in silence or talking privately to the person next to them. Fifth, Rotarians make a special point of trying to get acquainted with all members of the club by seeking out those they may not know.

When Rotarians follow these five easy steps, an entirely new opportunity for fellowship knocks each week. Soon Rotarians realize that warm and personal friendship is the cornerstone of every great Rotary club..

22 - HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

"Honorary" is one of the two types of membership a person may have in a Rotary club. This type of membership is the highest distinction a Rotary club can confer and is exercised only in exceptional cases to recognize an individual for unusual service and contributions to Rotary and society. Honorary members cannot propose new members to the club, do not hold office and are exempt from attendance requirements and club dues.

Many distinguished heads of state, explorers, authors, musicians, astronauts and other public personalities have been honorary members of Rotary clubs, including King Gustaf of Sweden, King George VI of England, King Badouin of Belgium, King Hassan III of Morocco, Sir Winston Churchill, humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, Charles Lindbergh, composer Jean Sibelius, explorer Sir Edmund Hillary, Thor Heyerdahl, Thomas Edison, Walt Disney, Bob Hope, Dr. Albert Sabin, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and many of the presidents of the United States. Truly, those selected for honorary membership are those who have done much to further the ideals of Rotary.

23 - DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The Rotary district governor performs a very significant function in the world of Rotary. He or she is the single officer of Rotary International in the geographic area called a Rotary district, which usually includes about 45 Rotary clubs. The district governors, who have been extensively trained at the worldwide International Assembly, provide the "quality control" for the 27,000 Rotary clubs of the world. They are responsible for maintaining high performance within the clubs of their district.

The district governor, who must make an official visit to each club in the district, is never regarded as an "inspector general." Rather, he or she visits as a helpful and friendly adviser to the club officers, as a useful counselor to further the Object of Rotary among the clubs of the district, and as a catalyst to help strengthen the programs of Rotary.

The district governor is a very experienced Rotarian who generously devotes a year to the volunteer task of leadership. The governor has a wealth of knowledge about current Rotary programs, purposes, policies and goals and is a person of recognized high standing in his or her profession, community and Rotary club. The governor must supervise the organization of new clubs and strengthen existing ones. He or she performs a host of specific duties to assure that the quality of Rotary does not falter in the district, and is responsible to promote and implement all programs and activities of the Rotary International president and the RI Board of Directors. The governor plans and directs a district conference and other special events.

24 - THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

In view of the annual turnover of Rotary leadership each year, special effort is required to provide the 27,000 club leaders with appropriate instruction for the tasks they will assume. The annual district assembly is the major leadership training event in each Rotary district of the world.

The district assembly offers motivation, inspiration, Rotary information and new ideas for club officers, directors and key committee chairmen of each club. Some of the most experienced district leaders conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects. The assembly gives all participants valuable new ideas to make their club more effective and interesting. Usually eight to ten delegates from each club are invited to attend the training session.

Another important feature of a district assembly is a review by the incoming district governor of the program theme and emphasis of the new RI president for the coming year. District goals and objects are also described and plans are developed for their implementation.

The success of each Rotary club is frequently determined by the club's full representation and participation in the annual district assembly.

RYE - Rotary Youth Exchange



Want to spend 12 months overseas next year?

A Rotary scholarship can give you that chance!



Please call us on **021 562 536** or **jennw.rotary@gmail.com** for all questions.

www.rotaryyouthexchange.co.nz

Rotary Youth Exchange is a life changing opportunity for our young people to spend a year overseas. This is one of Rotary's oldest and longest running programmes and we are seeking applications from young people aged 15 – 18 years. Applications close 1st March 2023. This is a great opportunity to get back in touch with your local schools, build a stronger network whilst supporting a young person on an exchange. For more info please contact District Governor Nominee and Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Coordinator who can send you all the appropriate info to share with your schools.

Contact:

Jenn Wong

[Jennw.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:jennw.rotary@gmail.com)

021 562 536

Changes to Rotary Months

Did you know there has been a change to the Rotary Month themes? Did you even know each month has a Rotary theme?

<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/calendar>

Month	Theme	Month	Theme
July	Maternal and Child Health 	January	Vocational Service
August	Membership and New Club Development	February	Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention 
September	Basic Education and Literacy 	March	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene 
October	Community Economic Development 	April	Environment 
November	Rotary Foundation	May	Youth Service
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment 	June	Rotary Fellowships

Rotary Foundation
Area of Focus

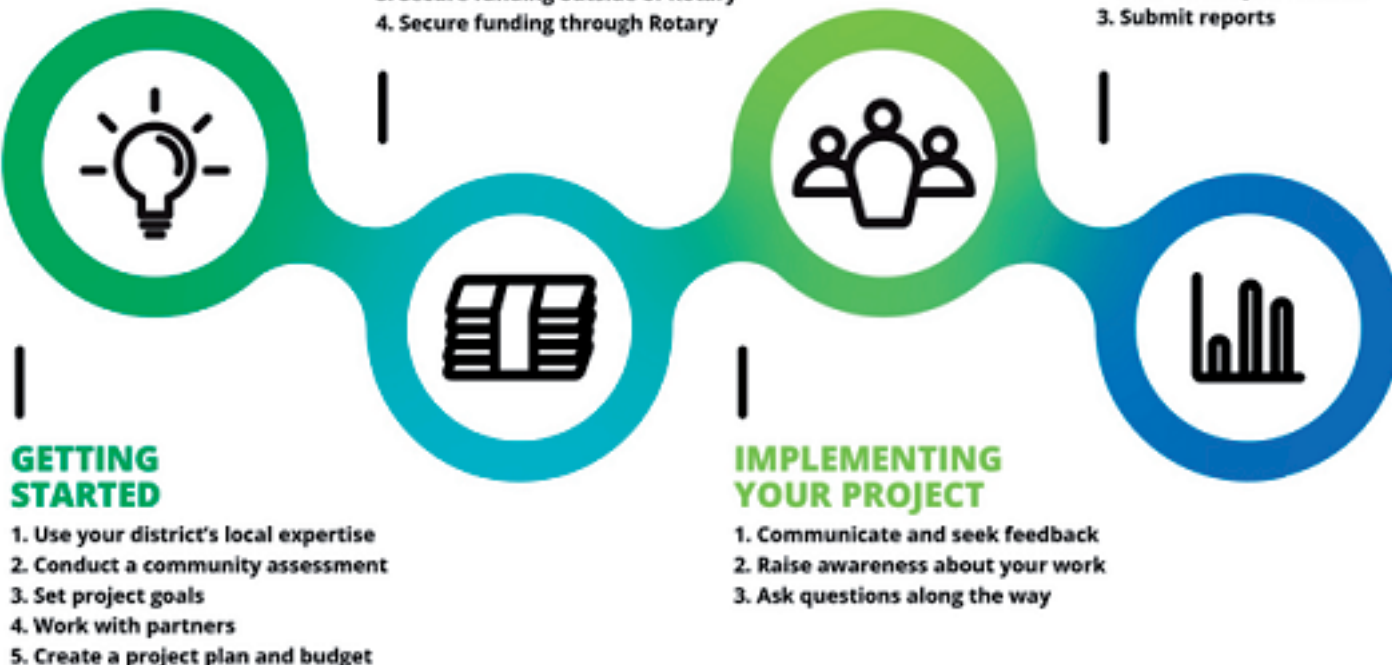
CULTIVATING EFFECTIVE PROJECTS

FINDING RESOURCES

1. Publicize your project plan
2. Participate in project fairs
3. Secure funding outside of Rotary
4. Secure funding through Rotary

EVALUATING & SHARING

1. Measure your results
2. Promote your project and share what you learned
3. Submit reports



Join us for the Cultivating Effective Projects webinar series

All Rotary members are invited to participate in an exciting five-part webinar series designed to support you as you cultivate effective projects that will create a sustainable impact in your community and around the world. These webinars will offer tools and strategies to help you plan, find resources for, implement, and evaluate your projects, including youth service projects.

Learn more about the specific topics and register now:

Promoting Projects: Tell Your Story, [Thursday, 23 March, 10:00 Chicago time \(UTC-5\)](#)

Planning a Project: Design for Results, [Thursday, 6 April, 10:00 Chicago time \(UTC-5\)](#)

Finding Project Partners and Resources: Build an Effective Team, [Thursday, 20 April, 10:00 Chicago time \(UTC-5\)](#)

Measuring Results: Demonstrate Your Impact, [Thursday, 4 May, 18:00 Chicago time \(UTC-5\)](#)

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Timor-Leste Vocational Training Team in Mackay



Thursday, January 5, 2023

Timor-Leste Nurses Learning Life-Saving Skills In Mackay

It's a shocking statistic that a female giving birth in a Timor-Leste hospital is 14 times more likely to die, or have her baby die, than if she gave birth in Australia.

Timor-Leste has one of the highest rates of maternal mortalities, perinatal (stillbirth and newborn death), and infant mortality rates in the world. As a result of the recent conflict with Indonesia, the older generation of mentors is deceased and there is also a lack of infrastructure and training.

To help combat the sad statistics, the Mackay area Rotary clubs are sponsoring a vocational training team of 14 nurses and midwives from Timor-Leste to train at the Central Queensland University Nursing Campus in Mackay.

District Directory (D9560) Bente McDonald said many clubs in the region have been involved in developing a grant application and assisting with the project.

"We have also developed a strong relationship with our partner Central Queensland University which will deliver the training," Ms McDonald said.

The vocational training team will attend a five-week course at Central Queensland University in Mackay, from January 7 to February 12, 2023. There will be an induction ceremony on Sunday January 8 at 9:00am, at CQU's Canefield College, where interested people are welcome to attend.

"The nursing/midwifery training that will be offered in Australia is not available to the vocational training team members in Timor-Leste," Ms McDonald added.

The area of focus will be maternal and child health. The participants all have nursing degrees and have worked for at least two years as nursing midwives, most much longer.

The group will be accommodated at Mackay Central Queensland University Student Accommodation.

"The Rotary clubs of Mackay Region are managing the program for the nurses," Ms McDonald said.

"During the visit, they will be acting as tourist guides to the Timor-Leste visitors, escorting them around to explore many of the region's wonderful attractions.

"On Australia Day our Timor-Leste guests, along with any interested people, will be invited to join our local Mackay clubs' Australia Day celebrations.

"At the end of the Timor-Leste group's five-week study visit to Mackay there will be a Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner at which the vocational training team members will receive course completion certificates from the Dean of Nursing at Central Queensland University.

"This is a Rotary Foundation Project conveying that with good leadership, and determination, we can make a difference and do good in the world!"

Midwives and nurses from Timor-Leste will complete vocational training in Mackay in an effort to reduce maternal mortalities. Photos supplied

To ALL who assisted and supported this project – A HUGE THANKS from us in Rotary District 9560, especially the Mackay/Whitsunday area clubs – D9560 Area 4.

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[Timor Leste midwives to train in regional Queensland \(leadstory.com\)](https://www.leadstory.com)

And - President, Rotary International 2017/18, Trustee, The Rotary Foundation 2019/2023 Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees 2022/23 - Ian Riseley's wonderful speech which was played at the Graduation Dinner https://youtu.be/60w_S5-vXEI

After the wonderful Timorese team had left - We made this slide show to capture some of the activities during the 5-week visit.

Timor-Leste Vocational Training Team in Mackay : 5 Weeks in 10 Minutes!

A group of Timor-Leste midwives / nurses Vocational Training Team in Mackay attending a 5-week Maternal & Child Health Course at Central Queensland University Mackay Campus especially organised to present different procedures and knowledge not readily available to the group in Timor-Leste.

https://youtu.be/RFS0gZn_G3M

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Rotary helping Ukraine Recovery Project

Rotary District 9910 was able to assist our counterparts in Ukraine by applying for a Rotary Foundation Disaster Grant to purchase two transportable buildings which are providing shelter for families who have had their houses destroyed by Russian attacks in the town of Moshchun, just North of Kyiv.

1. **Two Rotary clubs from Ukraine are among founders and will provide its full control**
2. **Donations of Districts and Clubs for complete temporary modular house:**
 - District / Club name plate at the house
3. **Districts may apply for \$ 25'000 USD grants from TRF Disaster Response Fund**
 - Practical involvement of many districts
4. **Rotary Working Groups are planned to bring worldwide solutions and expertise:**
 - Temporary housing efficiency
 - Reliable clean water supply
 - Reliable and renewable energy supply
 - Ecology solutions for waste control
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5. **Permanent support of the community**
6. **Moshchun could get a nickname of 'Rotary village' or 'Rotary town'**



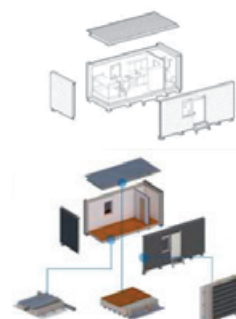
First step – Modular Houses

1. Temporary housing - about 300 of modular houses:

- Cost of one modular house with its installation, some appliances and furniture (fridge, heater, bed, table, etc) – up to \$ 12'500 USD

2. Basic principles:

- No complicated design, innovative materials or sophisticated logistics
- Use of local materials
- «Ready to use "solutions
- Modular house is given for free of charge usage until the restoration of permanent housing



Current situation

- Three modular houses already installed in Moshchun
- Ten modular houses are in production
- Production capacity: 150 houses per month
- First target - to install 300 modular houses in Moshchun before cold season





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Cyclone Judy and Cyclone Kevin - Major Destruction in Vanuatu

SUPPORT is needed for communities in Vanuatu - Rotary International District 9910

Join with other Rotary Clubs and Rotarians together with the public of New Zealand and elsewhere as Rotary responds to the needs of those most vulnerable.

Vanuatu consists of 83 relatively small, geologically islands of volcanic origin (65 of them inhabited), with approx. 1,300 kilometres between the most northern and southern islands.

The Government of Vanuatu is undertaking a series of rapid assessments across the country. The International NGO community including Rotary in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) have offered support and ready to respond.

600 Rotary Emergency Response Kits (ERKs) are already prepositioned at Port Vila and Santo

Additional supplies are available if called upon.

Recommendation

Use RNZWCS Limited if you are donating to this event (or to any other humanitarian assistance project).

RNZWCS Limited require accountability reports. The website <https://www.rnzwcs.org/appeals> /facebook pages and other social media have further details.

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Women in Leadership breakfast

Celebrating Women in Leadership fundraising brunch. This is an opportunity to invite all women (regardless of Rotarians or not) to come and join us for a breakfast of inspiration and fun. Costs and time TBC but we will have tickets available to sell from early Feb. Mark your dates as we'd hate for you to miss out.

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Buy Tickets

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CELEBRATING WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

GUEST SPEAKER: NICOLA WILLIS

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Convention event tickets now available for
non-registered Rotarians/Rotaractors, family
members & friends **Limited time only!**

If you are unable to register for the Convention you can still have the opportunity to be part of it, by booking a ticket/s to attend one or more of the fabulous events planned as part of the convention.

A number of tickets are now available for non-registered Rotarians, Rotaractors, family members and friends. Book between now and **31st March** to take advantage of this great opportunity to be part of the RI 2023 Melbourne Convention!

So what's on offer?

On **Saturday afternoon**, while soaking up the pulsating excitement at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) you will have a great opportunity to ensure our international guests experience the thrill of Australian Rules Football!

On **Saturday evening** enjoy the big **welcome reception** at the Melbourne Museum, where you will savor the finest food and beverages Australia has to offer, meet some of our interstate and international visitors and gain a surprising insight into Australia's history.

On **Monday or Tuesday** evening enjoy a very different food and beverage experience with our ***Streets of Melbourne* events at South Wharf**, where you will be able to sample the best Victoria has to offer.

On **Tuesday** you can enjoy a ride on an exclusive return Rotary express train to **Flemington Racecourse** – the home of the Melbourne Cup for a night like no other – you will enjoy superlative Victorian cuisine prepared with fresh Victorian produce, served with Premium Treasury Wines, all while enjoying the fabulous view of the night sky across Melbourne and great entertainment.

For more information click the link below and book now!!

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