

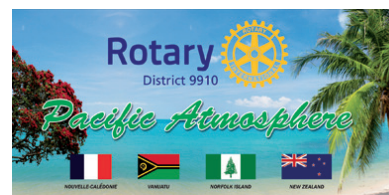


FEBRUARY 2021

Greetings everyone; Kia ora
koutou; Bonjour à tous; Halo
evriwan; Watewieh yorlye



Elaine Mead and Peter Garnett



I started writing this on Rotary's 116th birthday (23 February) and the next day watched President Holger's video message to acknowledge the event. He referenced the difficulties of the past year, yet the message is more about the highlights of the last eight months and looking forward. You can watch it at <https://fb.watch/3R7ZH0kKoG/>

Holger's message was timely for me. After a challenging year to date, I admit to feeling a bit weary and whilst not quite 'running on empty' certainly with reduced energy levels. One of my fellow Zone 8 Governors recently shared a link to a 2019 TEDx talk by Lucy Hone, director of the New Zealand Institute of Wellbeing & Resilience.

Resilience is a pertinent topic for our time. How it is acquired, developed or applied. Lucy's experience concerns the anguish of parental grief, but her message that loss is a natural human condition, and her three strategies on how to rise up from adversity, are worth noting.



1. **Resilient people understand that 'shit happens' – they know suffering is part of life.**

They don't welcome it in they just know that suffering is part of every human existence. This observation made me think of the line from poet Kahlil Gibran's, 'The Prophet' on Joy and Sorrow – "The deeper that sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain."

2. **Resilient people are really good at being able to switch the focus of their attention to also include the good.**

They focus on the things they can change and accept the things they can't and make an intentional, deliberate, ongoing effort to tune into what is good in their world. Simple exercises, such as thinking of three good things that have happened to you each day.

3. **Is what you're doing / the way you're thinking / the way you're acting – helping or harming you?**

Asking yourself this question puts you back in the driver's seat in relation to your response to loss and gives you some control over your decision making and strategies going forward. Be kind to yourself and take time to experience the things you enjoy or give you a sense of peace.

Link to [The three secrets of resilient people | Lucy Hone | TEDxChristchurch](#)

To reach 116 years of age, Rotary has survived through periods of adversity. The Great Depression, two World Wars, polio epidemics, genocides, famines, droughts, religious differences and regional conflicts. It is almost fitting its birthday falls in the month associated with Peace & Conflict Prevention / Resolution. I wonder what resilience strategies Rotarians practised to get through those times?

In relation to where we are now, I hear and read some clubs comment, "We'll do that when we return to normal....," or "....when things are stable....". The fact is, this is the new normal, this is the new stable (refer point 1 above). COVID exists and it is likely we may move in and out of management levels to respond to the virus status in our community. What we can focus on is making the most of the opportunities when we are together and when we are together, think of ways to continue Rotary when physical distancing is required. Maybe take those opportunities to upskill or set up those not so familiar with online meetings. If amongst all the noise you need a touchstone – look to the Four-Way Test – like point 3 above – it is the measure for the things we think, say and do.

The focus of my attention is looking forward to the District Conference. A break away with Rotary friends and family in the beautiful Bay of Islands sounds restorative. Let alone a programme with interesting speakers, club updates and some free time to 'Support Local'.

"But you know, happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

Professor Albus Dumbledore, 'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban' (movie 2004)

Elaine Mead
Governor - District 9910
2020-2021

THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
3. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Buzzin' Around with Governor Elaine



27 Jan - Rotary Dargaville - Buzzy and Nessie amongst the 'Great Spud Reveal' entrants



27 Jan - Nessie checking out Bill Fitness' vintage scales - after all he won and she's a canny Scot



27 Jan - the final crop off to the Dargaville Food Bank



28 Jan - Rotary Maungaturoto - trying out the Rotary seat outside the Paparoa dairy



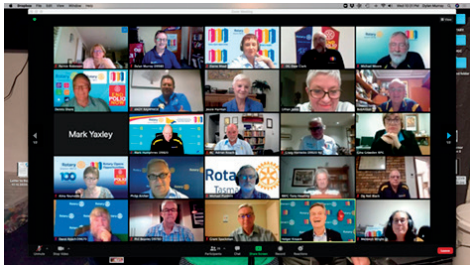
11 Feb - Rotary Warkworth - inducts two new members from their information evening



12 Feb - Governor Elaine checking out the conference room at the Copthorne Hotel, Waitangi



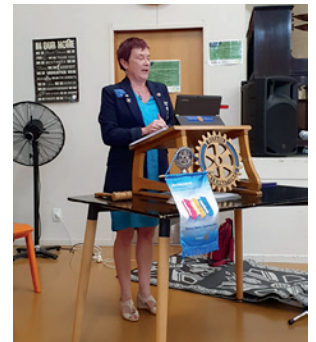
13 Feb - Governor Elaine with the D9910 returned Youth Exchange students



17 Feb - Governor Elaine with the Zone 8 (Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands) Governors on a Zoom call with President Holger



22 Feb - Rotary Kaipātiki official launch and presentation of community Paul Harris Fellow recognitions



22 Feb - Rotary Kaipātiki launch - speaking about Rotary



22 Feb - Rotary Kaipātiki launch - catching up with Science Forum students Lto R Maja and Jasmine



23 Feb - Rotary Westhaven - new member induction



23 Feb - Rotary Westhaven - Happy 116th Birthday Rotary!

District Diary

27 February	Coastal Challenge
	Rotary South Kaipara - Helensville A&P show
3 March	Area 4 & 5 Presidents' meeting
4 March	Rotary Dargaville - Northland Field Days car parking
	Rotary Milford - Golf tournament
	Rotary South Kaipara satellite bday (chartered 2015)
5 March	Rotary Dargaville - Northland Field Days car parking
	President-Elect Training (wash up)
6 March	Rotary Dargaville - Northland Field Days car parking
	South Pacific Presidents-Elect Development Seminar (SPPEDS), Christchurch
	Foundation Day
	Rotary HLMtRoskill - Wairaki Stream clean up
7 March	SPPEDS, Christchurch
	Rotary ECB - Hobsonville Clean Up
	ROZOps Board meeting
8 March	International Women's Day
14 March	Rotary Nouméa DB - Duck Race
16 March	North Shore NRG - Naughtical Theme Quiz
18 March	Rotary Henderson Golf Tournament
	Rotary Whangarei South bday (chartered 1975)
19 -21 March	D9940 Conference
	D9980 Conference
21 March	Rotary Maungaturoto District 9910 picnic, Kauri Settlers Museum
22 March	World Water Day
	Worldwide River Cleanup Day
23 March	Deadline for content to Governor Newsletter Editor
27 -28 March	RLI - Rotary Learning & Information
30 March	Rotary Milford - information evening
31 March	Deadline for Governor-Nominee nominations
1 April	Rotary Devonport - Movie evening

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



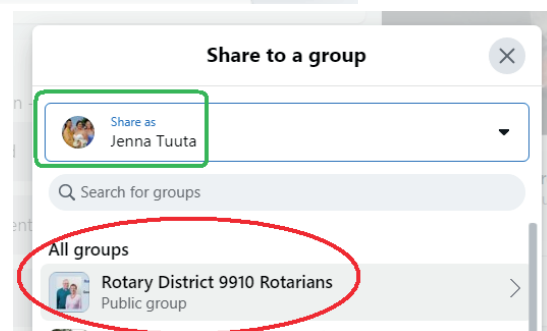
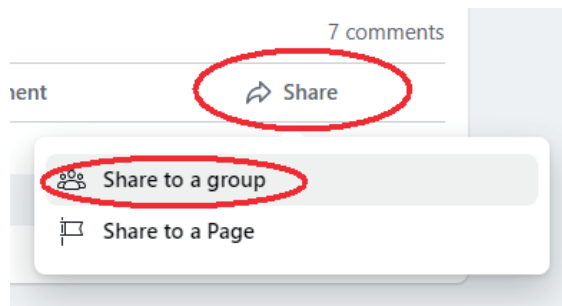
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PI Tip - Image Tip

To help The Public Image Chair to find more Facebooks posts to share on the Rotary District 9910 public-facing Facebook page, share your stories in the Rotary District 9910 Rotarians group.

Make sure to set your "Share as" as your personal Facebook profile so that you can see the Rotary District 9910 Rotarians group..



District Conference 2021



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Join us in winterless, restorative Northland at our annual conference. Share the invite with your family and friends of Rotary and show them how 'Rotary Opens Opportunities'.

Different registration options are available and a great room and breakfast rate at the Copthorne, Waitangi.

More information on the conference website www.rotaryconference9910.org.nz.



Rotary Theme for February is Peace and Conflict Resolution

2022-23 Rotary Peace Fellowship – calling for applicants

Do you know someone dedicated to facilitating peace and development and who wants to further their studies in this field? Encourage them to consider a Rotary Peace Fellowship

The Rotary Peace Fellowship application for the 2022-23 academic year is now available for both master's and certificate programmes. The application deadline is 15 May 2021!.

Go to [Rotary Peace Fellowships](#) to review requirements and to apply.

Follow [Rotary Peace Centers](#) on Facebook for the latest updates.

Note applicants for the Masters programme must have at least 3 years work experience and for the Certificate programme 5 years. Rotarian descendants are not eligible to apply.

PG Peter Garnett, District Rotary Peace Fellowship Sub-Committee Chair.

Email: Pgarnett.rotary@gmail.com



The Future of Peace Leadership

Registrations for the Rotary Melbourne R100 Peace Symposium, The Future of Peace Leadership, is NOW OPEN. Online over two days from 21 – 22 April 2021.

An incredible line-up of leaders in peace and conflict resolution will provide their perspectives on challenging global and domestic issues.

For program details and registration go to <https://peaceleadership.org.au/> #peaceleadership #rotarypeacesymposium

A poster for 'The future of PEACE LEADERSHIP' symposium. It has a teal background. At the top, it says 'Plenary Lecturers' in white. Below this, there are six circular portraits of speakers. To the right of the portraits is a vertical list of session topics. At the bottom, there is a section for a 'Panel Discussion' with three more portraits. The bottom of the poster contains registration information.

Plenary Lecturers

PROF TILMAN RUFF AO
Founding chair of 2017 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, ICAN

NATASCHA HRYCKOW
Coordinator UN Panel of Experts on Somalia

DR EMMA LESLIE AM
Executive Director, Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies

JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA AC
Nobel Laureate, Former President of East Timor

THE FUTURE OF PEACE LEADERSHIP

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- FAMILY VIOLENCE
- ECONOMICS AND PEACE
- HUMANITY & HUMANITARIAN AID
- BUSINESS & HUMAN RIGHTS
- WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR PEACE

Panel Discussion: How do we reverse the Doomsday Clock?

IAN H.S. RISELEY OAM
Past President of Rotary International

THE HON GARETH EVANS AC
Former Politician & Academic

STEVE KILLELEA AM
Founder, Institute for Economics and Peace

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D9910 2021-22 Peace Fellow - Scarlett Hawkins - Update

Scarlett changed roles earlier this year and is now working for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Vanuatu, the United Nations Migration Agency. She is a Gender and Migration Specialist supporting the implementation of the Spotlight Initiative to Eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls, a global programme funded by the European Union. She will be undertaking this role until she commences her Masters studies at the University of North Carolina later this year. She is visiting Rotary Port Vila meetings whenever she can.

According to the Vanuatu National Survey on Women's Lives and Family Relationships (2011), Vanuatu has one of the highest prevalence rates in the world of physical and sexual abuse against girls and women, with 2 out of 3 women and girls surveyed reporting experiencing physical and/or sexual violence, and 1 in 3 reporting experiencing sexual abuse before the age of 15 years - usually by an intimate partner or family member.

"When we speak about peace, we must look beyond the obvious landscapes and conflict zones," Scarlett says, "When a person is unable to experience critical milestones in their life out of fear for their own safety, they are living a life without peace. To feel secure in one's family home or in a loving partnership; to have in the ability to walk in the streets outside without fear of violence - these are normal human experiences that every person should be free to seek out, if they so desire."

Through her work with IOM, Scarlett is supporting the Vanuatu National Disaster Management Office, emergency practitioners and other humanitarian actors in strengthening gender-based violence interventions in emergency responses, as well as developing training and educational tools for labour migrants to challenge gender inequitable social norms, attitudes and behaviours at the community level that contribute to violence against women and girls.

"Eliminating violence along the faultlines of gender is one of the greatest steps we can make towards achieving positive peace," says Scarlett, "It is essential to the fulfilment of human rights, thriving societies and happy, healthy communities."

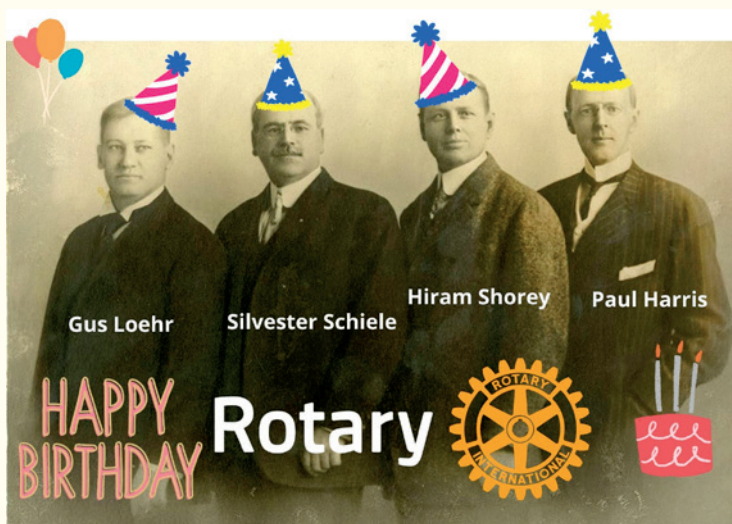


Rotary Birthday Quiz

Here's the Rotary Westhaven Bosun's Rotary Birthday Quiz – no peeking - how many do you know?

Answers are located elsewhere in the newsletter

1. What is the Rotary theme for the month of February?
2. In what year was Paul Harris born?
3. What date was the first Rotary meeting held and in what city?
4. What year was 'Rotary International' established?
5. What year was the Rotary International constitution changed to allow women to join?
6. What status does Rotary hold at the United Nations?
7. Name two world leaders who were Rotarians?
8. Name the former New Zealand Prime Minister who was a Rotarian?
9. Name the world-famous New Zealander who was a Rotarian?
10. Name the former Governor-General of New Zealand who is a Rotarian?



Takapuna Beach Summer Days Festival

NRG North Shore and Rotary Milford took the opportunity to assist with a local event - Takapuna Beach Summer Days Festival, held on Saturday 23 January on Takapuna Beach Reserve. Members from both Clubs took charge of the ever-popular Sandcastle Building Competition, which involved registering groups, monitoring the build-time, and then assisting with judging and handing out the prizes on stage.

Everyone was a winner on the day (three categories of registered teams had an overall winner plus honourable mention, and everyone else also received sweet rewards for their participation!), including the Club members who loved getting out in the community with a fun event, and used the opportunity to get Rotary out in our local community to kickstart the 2021 year.

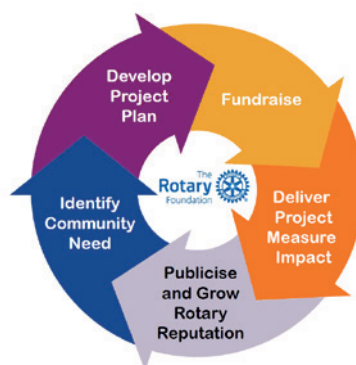


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Bay Of Islands Beach Dig

The annual Rotary Bay of Islands beach dig was held on Saturday 23rd January on Paihia Beach. The Club had games for children and adults to participate in, including egg and spoon race, tug of war and a sack race. The children take part in digging through the sand to find wooden sticks and win prizes. Children of all ages love to take part. The club also had a sausage sizzle in the morning to raise funds for the club.

Our annual Sandcastle Competition, held the prior weekend, was an absolute joy to organise for the local community. The Sandpit Bar (venue of the club's weekly meetings) took on the project and the Rotary Club put on a sausage sizzle and helped with the judging. Sandcastle entries stretched the length of Paihia Beach and had entries of all creations from family, children and adults, all in for a chance to win fantastic prizes sponsored by local businesses. Participants had two hours to make their creations before judging.



JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund

COVID 19 has had a huge impact on everyone in New Zealand, but particularly on school students of all ages.

In addition to provision of dictionaries and atlases, and Rhyming with the Alphabet books, the District also has the honour of supporting educational opportunities through the J R McKenzie Youth Education Fund.

This fund aims to support families struggling to meet the basic educational needs of students; paying the costs of uniforms and text books, subject and camp fees. A case may be made for covering costs of special educational assessments.

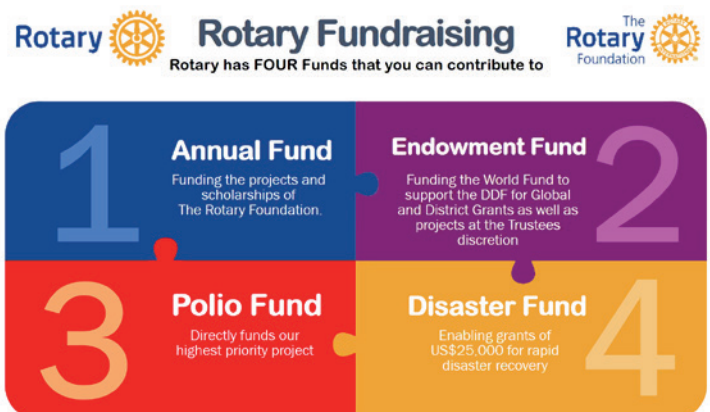
The District 9910 funds distribution is managed by Rotary North Harbour and administered by a small committee led by Ali Chamberlain and she can be contacted on the J R McKenzie email JRMckenzie.rotarynh@gmail.com or 021 599 395.

Each application must be on the attached form and be sponsored by either a school, Rotary Club or budgeting service. The funds are paid to suppliers of uniforms and texts, not to individuals. We do need a financial statement and we understand that this may feel like an intrusion, but we must ensure the funds go to the areas of greatest need.

Education is a major focus of Rotary and supporting schools is one of the projects that gains a huge amount of support from clubs in the district.

District Literacy Committee

Our district is one of the few in the world that has a committee focused solely on Literacy. The committee meets several times a year, face to face and via zoom. To broaden support for literacy, Rotarians are invited to join the District 9910 Literacy committee. Contact Geoff Chamberlain geoff@chamberlainz.com 0221240455.



Clear Plastic Recycling Program for Business Owners



Do you own a business that generates a lot of clear soft plastic waste (shrink wraps, etc.)? If so, please consider hiring a commercial bin for clear soft plastic recycling program by your rubbish collection company. It costs no more than hiring a rubbish bin and will reduce the amount of the rubbish that goes into a landfill. Clear soft plastic waste can be recycled directly without being sorted, which makes the recycling process more efficient and effective.



Water Saving Tip – Check your home for leaks



Dripping taps, dripping showerheads, and leaky toilets all contribute to water being wasted in the home. To assess whether your home has a leak, check whether the dial on your water meter is turning when no water is being used. You can detect small leaks with a simple overnight test. Read your meter at night before bed, then again first thing in the morning. If the meter number is higher in the morning, you likely have a leak. If you discover a leak, you then need to identify where it is.

Checklist:

- Check all taps, inside and outside the home.
- Look behind the dishwasher for any signs of water.
- In dry weather, look for damp patches in the garden, lawn, or driveway.
- Listen for running water inside your home when no taps, hoses, or showers are turned on.
- If you discover the source of a leak, get in touch with a registered plumber.

How About Leading Our District In 2023-2024?

All Information **MUST** be in the hands of the Chair of the District Nominating Committee
PDG Peter C Smith by
31 March 2021.

email: pcsmith.rotary@gmail.com



**ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS.
You're
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TO SUBMIT TO ME, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE, YOUR CLUB NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF D9910 DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2023-2024 ROTARY YEAR.

Launched with Community Recognitions

Our newest club Rotary Kaipātiki, formed on 1 November 2020 with 25 members from the Rotary clubs of Northcote and Glenfield. At its official launch, six community members were recognised with Paul Harris Fellows (PHF).

The D9910 Governor train, three Past Governors, visiting Rotarians and representatives from local community organisations joined Rotary Kaipātiki President Nigel Green, members and partners for an inspiring evening.

Governor Elaine gave a brief, interesting presentation about the origins of Rotary and its values, the Rotary Foundation and how it is enabling Rotarians to do good in the world, including some excellent examples of the club's projects in the local community. She explained the background for the PHF recognitions, before Past President Kim Bullus read the citations for each recipient

Helen Ferguson for her service since 2012 to Kauri Glen Reserve, home to a large number of Kauri, some around 400 years old. Helen has spent hours clearing noxious and invasive weeds, working alongside a group of adults with disabilities from IHC, whom she trained and supervised.

Kyle Aitken, a vital member of the Little Shoal Bay Protection Society since 2000. Kyle has extended immensely people's knowledge of the Bay's environment, particularly the behavior of the water both fresh and sea and the movement of the sand.

Josh Torres is a Year 13 prefect at Rossmore College and in his second year of helping at De Paul House, the North Shore's only emergency housing charity. Josh volunteers most Tuesdays and Thursdays at the After School Kids' Club for residents' school-aged children.

Elaine Hutchinson, for 11 years she has lead a team of volunteers at De Paul House, sorting the clothing donated to meet the needs of families seeking emergency housing. She previously spent 21 years with Meals on Wheels, a few years at Hospice and a few years helping the North Harbour Special Olympics group.

Richard Redgrove joined the Glenfield Men's Shed when he retired, prior to which he had 15 years involved with the Scouts Movement. Since being involved with the Men's Shed he has worked on renovations to the St John's opportunity shop in Link Dr, the give and take swap shed at the new housing development in Northcote and constructed a school raised garden.

Roger Dallimore has volunteered for the Coastguard, Browns Bay Boating Club, the Marine Centre and the Kaipātiki Ecological Restoration Project. He joined the Men's Shed in 2013 and spends four days per week there looking after the hand tools, fasteners, hardware etc. He and others make or repair educational aids, toys etc for North Shore Kindergartens and early childhood centres.

Following these presentations. Past President Graham Grant introduced Northcote College Head Girl Jasmine Ho and Prefect Maja Shaw who gave an excellent presentation about their experiences at the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum. Maja said it had reinforced her aim to pursue studies in Medical Science, whilst Jasmine said it had confirmed her interest to study in an area related to Biology. They both expressed their gratitude to the club for sponsoring them to this life changing event.



Photo caption: L-R: Gov Elaine Mead, Helen Ferguson, Kyle Aitken, Roger Dalimore, Elaine Hutchinson, Richard Redgrove, Josh Torres, Pres Nigel Green.



Photo caption: L-R: PP Graham Grant, Jasmine Ho, Maja Shaw

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Generation Homes Rotary Swimmarathon

The Generation Homes Rotary Swimmarathon, run by the three Hibiscus Coast Clubs (Orewa, Whangaparaoa and Satellite Orewa-Millwater) will take place on Sunday 27 June, at the Stanmore Bay Pool and Leisure Centre. This is mainly a fun event and, has already attracted a notable entry from MP Mark Mitchell and his Team Platypus, along with our own Governor Elaine Mead's 'Gurgling Governors'. Teams of six have fun, swimming one lane each relay-style for a total of 45 minutes, which makes it easy for even the laziest of swimmers. Funds are raised from the sponsorship each swimmer acquires for their teams' laps. Competitive teams are also welcome to come and compete for the Basil Blackham Memorial Cup, which is the most lengths in 45 minutes. The cup is in memory of the Rotarian who began the RotarySwimmarathon in 1989, at Rotary Grantham, UK. Due to COVID-19 Rotary Grantham was unable to hold their event so we'll have to make up for it Down Under!

Teams from across D9910 are invited to register for fun, or competitive at <https://www.rotaryswimmarathon.org.nz/>

Refer flyer on page 13



R100 On the Road

To mark 100 years of Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands, Rotary Matamata (D9930) thought of producing car number plate surrounds as a visible centennial memento. D9930 Assistant Governor David Hulme appealed for a champion within each of the other NZ Districts to promote and manage distribution. Brian Mullan (Rotary Orewa-Millwater Satellite) is our D9910 champion and will collate and arrange delivery of orders, which can be placed directly with him by email to brian@mullan.com

Consider offering the number plate surrounds to Friends of Rotary, neighbours and colleagues within your Club area. Brian will personally deliver your order free of charge within the North Shore area.

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A Centennial Project developed by Rotary Matamata

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District Directory

District Directory can be found on the district website at the following link [District 9910 Directory](#)

Back to School for Rotary Santo



Another successful Global Grant project was completed at Asanvari School, Moewa Island, Vanuatu recently. Members of Rotary Santo attended the official opening of new classrooms at Abanga Primary School at Asanvari village in South West Maewo, Vanuatu. The Project was funded by a Rotary Global Grant with the support management of SHaRM and the technical supervision of Cyrille Mainguy Company. A special opening was organised by the community with an overwhelming welcome made to the Rotary Santo delegation led by President Heinrick Soesse. The new two room classroom block, together with water tanks and a new toilet block provide an excellent WASH capability for the school and the village.



Funds for Northern Hospital and Women's Centre



Rotary Santo held a major fundraising raffle back in December. In a recent ceremony two cheques of VT300,000 (NZ\$3,825) each were given to the Women's Counselling Centre for their work on domestic violence against women and to the Northern Hospital for refurbishing of Covid19 isolation compound to host any patient tested positive.

Browns Bay Starship Children's Hospital Donation

On 19th November 2020 Rotary Browns Bay held a Golf Day at the North Shore Golf Club to raise funds for Starship National Air Ambulance. They raised the incredible amount of \$21,149 on that day. Last week an official presentation was held where a cheque for the funds raised was presented to Krissy Garnham and Kirsty Robinson from Starship National Air Ambulance.

Again we would like to thank everyone who contributed to this fantastic outcome and we are looking forward to this year's Golf Day at the end of the year.



Club Major Donor Awards Presented

Two very chuffed Presidents (Bill Frazerhurst & Neil Blanchfield) display Rotary Kerikeri's recent recognition of Bronze Level Club Major Donor after being presented to the Club by D9910 Foundation Chair PDG Peter C Smith.

Also Rotary Whangarei South's President Anne Grbin receiving her club's award.



Bill Frazerhurst & Neil Blanchfield



Anne Grbin and DRFC Peter Smith

Blast from the Past

The Milford Rotaract club was the 5th Rotaract Club in New Zealand and chartered in 1969, with sponsorship from Rotary Milford and Rotary Takapuna, with thirty-three members.

It soon became a most successful avenue for youth involvement and was an important recruiting ground for Rotary Milford and other clubs throughout the 1980's.

In Rotary Milford President Bernie Layburn's Annual Report (1985), he commented the Rotaract Club continued to "burn along at a hectic pace", always adding to its reputation as one of the best in the District.

By 1988 strenuous efforts had to be made to ensure the continuing good health of the Rotaract Club whose membership had declined to under thirty. There were some active years in the 1990's but membership continued to slide despite careful supervision and encouragement from the club. (Thanks to Rotary Milford archives)

Past Milford Rotaract charter members, John Castle and Graham Jensen are Rotarians today and Graham's wife Shirley was also a member.

John joined Rotary Milford in 2019 and Graham has been a member

of Rotary Albany since 2000.

"The group photo (circa 1967) are all those members who were invited to form the club, which in those days was mostly social..... and a number of those present are known to me now. Most of us all lived locally. I eventually left the Shore to do my OE to the UK in 1969." - John Castle

"They were fun times. We were all keen and enthusiastic and met in a cafe in Milford. We did community work, one of those was cleaning up and tidying an elderly lady's property at Crown Hill in Milford. A whole crowd of us turned up and I think she wondered what the heck was going on! Another project was a competition we ran with free travel, I think to Fiji, as the prize. We got very few entries, from memory only one! We did not award him the prize for some reason, he found out and threatened us with legal action as he reckoned he should have won being the only entrant. A bit interesting for a while." - Graham Jensen

In 1971 - District 292 (our predecessor) had 23 Rotaract clubs. Those located in what is now D9910 were: Avondale, Birkenhead, Henderson, Kaikohe, Milford, Mt Albert, Mt Roskill, New Lynn, Onewunga, Orewa, Wellsford, Whangarei, Whangarei North



Milford Rotaract charter members provided by John Castle

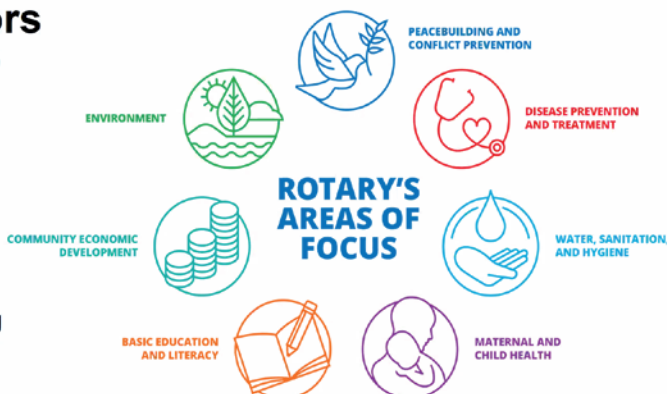
John Castle (extreme right); Graham Jensen (front row, 4th from the left); Shirley Cossgrove, now Jensen (second row, 4th from the left).

"Photo contributions to 'Blast from the Past' can be sent to rotarynewsletter9910@gmail.com with short descriptive caption"

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Quiz Answers:

1. Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
2. 1868
3. 23 February 1905, in Chicago
4. 1922
5. 1989
6. It holds the highest consultative status offered to a non-government organisation.
7. Winston Churchill and John F Kennedy
8. Sidney Holland
9. Sir Edmund Hillary
10. Sir Anand Satyanand

Read about Rotary NZ's legacy

Orders can now be placed for Mana Tangata - People of Action, the book written to celebrate 100 years of Rotary service in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

Clubs received information earlier for orders at a special club price.

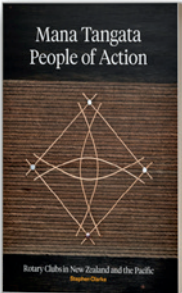
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Mana Tangata: People of Action highlights the changing social needs of New Zealand, and shows how Rotary responded impressively with imagination and hard work.
— Jock Phillips, historian



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2021 Rotary Convention Taipei now Virtual

The Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 12-16 June 2021, in Taipei, Taiwan, will now be a virtual event in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19.

We are sorry that we will not see you in Taipei this year, but this decision, made by the Rotary Board of Directors, is necessary to protect the health of everyone involved. We will share more details about the 2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention soon.

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Generation Homes RotarySwimarathon

Sunday 27th June 2021

Stanmore Bay Pool & Leisure Centre

Raising funds for Rotary-nominated Charities

(In 2019, we distributed \$23,400 to 8 local charities)

(The 2020 event had to be postponed due to COVID -19)

Entry is FREE!

All ages & abilities can swim; mums & bubs, kids, parents and grandparents – and competing athletic teams, too! Each swimmer raises team sponsorship and every cent of every dollar raised is donated by the RotarySwimarathon to local charities

Challenge Cup Trophy for the team swimming most lengths in 45 minutes, plus other awards. EVERY swimmer gets a RotarySwimarathon medal, corporate gift, certificate and team photo.

Rotary Teams* wanted NOW! Sign up at:

www.rotaryswimarathon.org.nz/enter-now.html

* Teams of up to 6 persons, each swim one lap at a time, relay-style, which is super-easy *

Desperately needed medical care in many Asia Pacific nations is financed by out-of-pocket payments made by the patient or their family. In some instances, a household will fall into poverty because there is no choice but to use all available resources to pay for medical expenses. In many other cases, desperately needed medical care simply isn't received as there is no way to pay for it.

Since 2016, Interplast has supported our partners in Nepal with funding to provide complex microsurgery for patients who are unable to afford this life-changing care. Since then, local surgeons have been able to provide essential surgeries for 55 people.

Just as importantly, this program also allows surgeons in Nepal to maintain their skills in microsurgery. Through a comprehensive program of mentoring and remote contact provided by Interplast's volunteer surgeons, Nepal-based surgeons are able to obtain support, case-planning assistance and consultations when confronted with a complex case.

The Kirtipur Hospital, 5 km from Kathmandu, is one of the hospitals Interplast has partnered with.

In January 2021, 62 year-old husband and father Dil was admitted to Kirtipur Hospital. Several weeks earlier he had been badly injured in a road traffic accident, sustaining breaks to both the Tibia and Fibula bones in his right lower leg.



Dil recovering after his surgery

Dil had received surgery to fix the breaks, which involved having plates screwed onto the bones.

But the surgeon at that time had not been able to provide a skin graft to cover the extensive wound.
For 2 weeks Dil had to live without skin and tissue covering approximately a third of his right lower leg.
The bones and the metal plates remained exposed.

At Kirtipur Hospital, Dil was able to have a large section of skin, tissue and nerves known as a free flap, harvested from another part of his body, and grafted onto his shin to cover his wound. The Nepalese doctor who performed this operation with the remote help of his Interplast colleagues reported that "the right leg is salvaged." A very under-stated comment! The operation resulted in Dil's life significantly changing for the better, because his leg would not be amputated.

Rotary partners have been integral in providing funding for this Nepalese program. Even in the midst of a pandemic, Interplast and Rotary together can still help to Repair Bodies & Rebuild Lives.

Thank you to every Rotarian who supports Interplast. You really do make a difference.