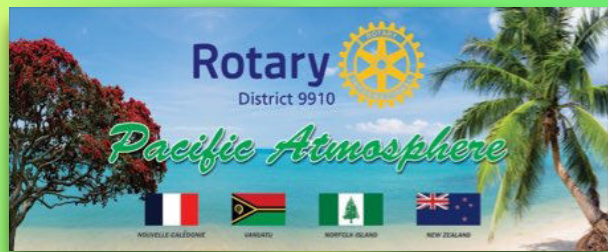




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Whangarei City

District Governor's NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2016



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DISTRICT DIARY EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER

1-3 Sep ...Combined Australia and
New Zealand Rotary Zone
Institute – Sydney

1 Sep.....TRF Seminar – Sydney

OCTOBER

1 Oct Rotary International Service
Above Self Awards

9-15 Oct ..Rotary Alumni Reconnect
Week

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

18 Nov Red Nose Day

26 Nov ...DMMtg (incl. DAC)

18 Nov - 17 Dec:

IYE South Island Tour (inbounds)

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Bulletin

**September
is New
Generations
Month**



**October is
Vocational
Service
Month**



Reo and I are now up to Club 29 on our visit schedule.

Having not long returned from New Caledonia, it makes you realise that no matter what language is used, the outcome is the same—Rotarians are ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

All 3 Clubs there are passionately involved in doing good in their part of the world. They are either providing much needed kitchen equipment used by the Sisters of the Poor in their support of the less fortunate aged sector, or, supplying mobile wheelchairs for the Handicapped so that the students are able to get out and enjoy the sunshine.

Another multi benefitting programme is support given to the local section of Loyalty Island people in their quest to look after and guide their youth in keeping on a productive pathway in their preparation for employment. This preparation sets the students up with pre-employment and life skills for the likes of Hospitality, Retail, Agriculture and Masonry.

All this is moulded around the Organic Gardens that they all help out at where local produce is grown ready for sale in the local markets.

The water minimisation device being perfected is set to go Pacific wide.

Our Membership numbers are heading in the right direction towards the target of 1200 nett this Rotary year. A new Club is about to be Chartered, as are several Satellite Clubs. Whilst these will be a huge help to us, it is the nett gain from ALL Clubs that will solidify the much needed outcome.

I urge all Clubs to keep up the great effort that is apparent thus far.

Keep up the good work.

"The surest way to get somewhere is to know where you are going".

PHOTO SHOOT TROPICAL STYLE

What more do you say to the three offshore French speaking Rotary Clubs in District 9910 located in a tropical paradise except "bonjour".

Governor PC Smith and his one man entourage absorbed every moment of their Club visits in Noumea, New Caledonia.

It may have been winter time in New Caledonia and a bit cool for the local population but it was very warm and comfortable for Peter and Reo who had the cool sea breeze wafting into their room three stories high as a natural air-con utility.



Rutherford Rede
www.rutherfordrede.co.nz

**Our new sponsors for our
Rotary year**



Forrest Funeral Services
www.forrests.co.nz



Club Visits Calendar

SEPTEMBER

6 Sep.....Maungaturoto & Districts
12 Sep.....Noumea
13 Sep.....Noumea Ouen Toro
14 Sep.....Noumea Ducos Boulari
20 Sep.....Westhaven (Breakfast)
26 Sep.....East Coast Bays
27 Sep.....Takapuna
28 Sep.....Waitakere
29 Sep.....Warkworth

OCTOBER

03 Oct.....Devonport
04 Oct.....Browns Bay (Breakfast)
06 Oct.....Whangaparaoa
11 Oct.....Norfolk Is
17 Oct.....Takapuna North
18 Oct.....Auckland Korean
19 Oct.....Hillsborough/Lynfield/Mt Roskill

NOVEMBER

02 Nov.....Western Springs
23 Nov.....Whangarei City

D9910 TRAINING DATES 2016

At Te Puna Hauora, Northcote

30 Oct.....AGETS

06 Nov.....RLI

27 Nov.....PETS 1 at Te Puna Hauora, Northcote

04 Dec.....PETS 2 venue TBA

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR Board, District Management (including DAC) meetings

Our next Board, District Management (including DAC) Meetings have been moved to avoid a clash of dates in the Governor's programme

The meetings are now scheduled for
Date: **Saturday 26 November 2016**
Venue: **Te Puna Hauora, Northcote**

Click on the following links for
Presidential Citation Resources and Help Guide
[Achievement Guide](#)
[Citation how-to video](#)

The food was delicious, the wine was divine, the language romantic, history absorbing and as for the hospitality of the three Rotary Clubs, it was special, very special.

Meet the three Presidents caught on camera with Governor Peter Smith and Area 7 Assistant Governor Thierry Van Waerebeke.

President Michel Verges Rotary Club DE NOUMEA

President Walter Hickson Rotary Club DE NOUMEA OUVEN TORO

President Jean-Jacques Perraud ...Rotary Club DE NOUMEA DUCOS BOULARI



**Area 7 Assistant Governor
Thierry Van Waerebeke**



**President Michel Verges -
Rotary Club DE NOUMEA**



**President Jean-Jacques Perraud -
Rotary Club
DE NOUMEA DUCOS BOULARI**



**President Walter Hickson -
Rotary Club
DE NOUMEA OUVEN TORO**

All three Presidents in their own unique manner gave an account of the various passionate "actions" involving their club with the vision to all work together on joint actions. They hope to fulfill their objectives within their presidential year and or continue to complete.

A memorable Tour of Duty to an exotic Island in the South Pacific for only five days. Thanks to Assistant Governor Thierry for a well oiled and organised itinerary.

As Peter and Reo Smith continue their tour of 41 clubs in District 9910 they talk about their six-day trip to Noumea to visit three clubs, that are involved in some high impact projects.

The first visit was to the Rotary Club of Noumea and their work with the Little Sisters of the Poor, who help elderly requiring care. The 50 male club members have been working with the organisation for 10 years.

Each year the home puts together a wish list of equipment they need to make their 85 residents, who are unable to look after themselves for physical or mental reasons, stay more comfortable. The rotary club has come to the party fundraising for items including a \$27,000 Bay Marie for serving out all the meals. Then there was the commercial dryer and the installation of a gas oven. "It's not little stuff," Peter says.

A visit to an orphanage was an eye opener for both Peter and Reo. The Rotary Club of Noumea Ouen Toro have helped with a project that has combined wheel chairs and bikes enabling the physically and mentally impaired orphans to venture out further and faster than they ever imagined.

The orphanage caters for 31 children all under the age of 23. The building was underwhelming.

"It was like walking into an ancient building with broken concrete wall. But they made do and they had painted some walls to brighten it up," Reo says.

The project to get the bikes/wheelchairs rolling took three years, mostly to deal with the red tape of OSH and being compliant with French laws.

A local contractor was hired to make the five contraptions.

The commitment to the project was recognised by Peter. "It would have been easy to walk away and say it was too hard but they all stick with it. Now to see the kids with the smiles on their faces the result are huge and have a real impact on these kids."

The kids can now experience the wind in their hair, the sun on their face and are not living their lives inside a building.

The carers might have been speaking a different language but the compassion shown by the staff was easily interpreted in anyone's language, says Reo. "There was no doom and gloom they were just so genuine when they were dealing with the kids".

The final club was Rotary Club de Noumea Ducos Boulari who it seems have green fingers. Well those involved in the project are a dab hand at growing veggies.

The club supports the programme started by the elders of the Loyalty Islands. As the young ones headed for the bright lights of the bigger islands they were often swayed by the wrong influences. So the leaders gathered up, established the gardens and along with teaching them how to grow food to survive taught them family values, morales and gave them skills that would lead to employment.



Rotary Club of NOUMEA-DUCOS-BOULARI's farming programme at Quay Manto



One of the key women at the garden now has gone through the program and is now giving back as a tutor.

"They're teaching them life skills and also the traditional island way of growing stuff," Peter observed.

The operation is all organic with all the compost made on site. The latest help from Rotary is in the form of piping and framing for a green house.

The produce is sold locally. The next project is to install watering systems that are activated at night. Currently all watering is done by hand on dusk.

During their stay Peter and Reo say they were treated like royalty and thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality.

And a bit of trivia for you ...

Noumea has more sunshine days than any other Pacific Island capital.



The Rotary Club of Noumea Ouen Toro's simple innovative mode of transport for the physically impaired.

*Article written by
Kristen Edge, Rotary Club of Whangarei City*

Projects backed by District 9910 are making a difference in the South Pacific Islands of Vanuatu.

Whangarei City member Kristin Edge travelled with former District Governor Lindsay Ford and Kerikeri Club member Keith Day and had a whistle stop tour of three projects in the Isles of smiles.

HOSPITAL PROJECT- SANTO



The renovation project of the children's ward at the Northern District Hospital on Espiritu Santo Island has been given the go- ahead and work should start shortly on the US\$115,000 revamp.

But not only is the project about making the ward a better environment the ongoing project to help with diabetes care and prevention will have long term benefits for this nation struggling to cope with the disease.

The hospital is the main hospital in the the northern region of Vanuatu where about 60% (270,000 people) of the population are based.

Taking a step inside the ward and it quickly becomes clear some major work is required.

Mould grows in black patches on the ceiling of the nurses main office, there are missing tiles on the children's bathroom floor, peeling paint in the rooms and perished mattresses.

While the surrounds are drab the staff are friendly and dedicated to getting their young charges well again.

Registered nurse Helivson Siro has worked 13 of her 26 year career on the ward and was delighted to hear the project was official. A smile never left her face during our fleeting visit.

About 60 children a month use the ward. When there's more some are housed in other wards or families find a space on the floor with their child.

The renovation project is funded with support from the international Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 3620 and 3710 in Korea, as well as Rotary District 9910 in New Zealand.

It is a district led project involving all D9910 clubs - 43 Clubs in total from the north of New Zealand, plus Norfolk Island, Noumea and Vanuatu using contributions the clubs have made to the Rotary Foundation.

The Australian High Commission based in Port Vila has helped out, plus a lot of determination from members of the Rotary Vanuatu Projects Group.

The Word Health Organisation ranked Vanuatu - made up of a chain of 83 islands 200km north of New Zealand - sixth in the world for diabetes prevalence.

A community awareness programme soon to be introduced to the nurses on the ward will equip them to treat, manage and educate the locals about diabetes - in particular Type 2.

WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT - BIG BAY



Lindsay Ford and Keith day with the team at Big Bay



Big Bay water and sanitation project nears completion.

The sealed road lined with swaying coconut palm plantations gives way to a rutted dirt road filled with potholes.

After at least 40 minutes bumping and jumping around in the cab of the blue ute even the dirt tracks gives up. For the next half an hour two mud strips separated by a strip of long grass lead us deeper into the rain forest of Santo Island towards Big Bay in Vanuatu.

The tropical trees reach skyward and form a natural leave canopy high above us.

Eventually the dense foliage opens to a small clearing - home to two rudimentary dormitories and well tended vegetable gardens.

Smoke rises from a fire inside a crudely built shack where eight students finish their lunch.

But taking pride of place in this isolated setting is a green corrugated iron clad workshop built by the young men at the Listair Advent Training Institute (LATI), just a few hundreds metres from the high tide mark at Big Bay.

The workshop, with a concrete floor includes four toilets, two showers and two store rooms.

The roof acts as a water catchment which is directed into a water tank placed on a raised concrete slab to the right. Another tank is planned and water will be pumped to it from a nearby spring.

Titus Wokeke lead the construction and said the concrete base was laid in three sections over three days, the the whole building a few weeks. Casting an eye round the construction it looks sturdy and strong enough to withstand any tropical storms that may pass through.

The workshop will be a place where the local villagers will come and build boats to sustain the community with fish with the rest being sold at Luganville, the main centre of Santo.

The flush toilets replace the pit ones currently used and the local community will also have access to a reliable supply of fresh water.

SCHOOL DESK PROJECT



Keith Day tests out one of the school desks for size.

In New Zealand it's taken for granted kids will sit at a desk when they learn at school. Not in Vanuatu. But thanks to District 9910 there are about 800 desks finding their way into classrooms. The The simplistic steel frames are topped with a piece of plywood complete with a yellow spray painted rotary wheel. The young people building the desk are gaining skills so it's a win for everyone involved.



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Club News



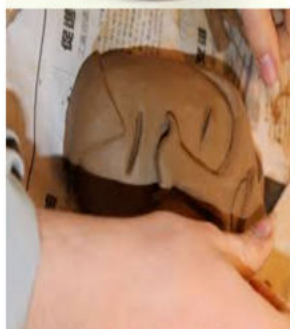
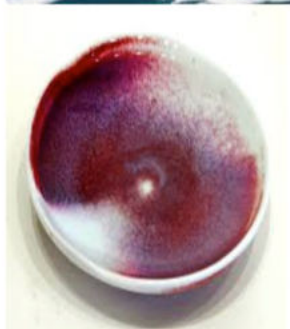
Rotary Club of Whangarei City

Fundraising for community projects

presents

Whangarei's Amazing Spaces

Come out along the Tutukaka coast and enjoy some of Whangarei's Amazing Spaces



- Coach driven
- Artists at Work
- Art Auction
- Winery tour and wine tasting
- Bring a camera and enter our photo competition

8 October 2016

Time: 9.00am -3.00pm

Tickets: \$60.00
Includes morning tea, wine tasting and light lunch

For more information or purchase tickets please email secretary.whangareicity@gmail.com

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for DG Newsletter
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by the 25th of each month



The following is an excerpt from

Westhaven Bulletin

Clare McCall

ClubNews

A great turnout to support Clare and hear about her recent trip to Nepal visiting her project. For her partner Bino this was his first trip and he was blown away by these humble, friendly and tough people.

Amongst the devastation in the crazy, busy, noisy cities life goes on. With little support they just get on with it and always with a smile. They have no luxury of choice.

The village Clare supports were very excited to receive the weatherproofing of their shelters. By employing the locals to do the work, many families' lives were improved with desperately needed funds.

The shelters are very basic with mud floor and now weatherproof, but the families are very happy. Clare said she feels it is a privilege to be in the position to help them and make a difference. The next project is to build a well which we are hoping to support and with Global funding make this communities live even better.

Clare and Bino spend time being a tourist and enjoyed the variety of things available to do in Nepal, much more than just trekking.

The following is an excerpt from the

Kerikeri Bulletin

Basic Education and Literacy

If all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, 171 million people could be lifted out of poverty, which would be equivalent to a 12% cut in world poverty.

Would you like to get involved in Basic Education and Literacy projects? For ways to get involved locally through Rotary projects such as Dictionaries in homes etc. talk to our Club leaders. There are a number of local & NZ projects that might interest you.

If you're also interested in bigger projects, visit Rotary Ideas (ideas.rotary.org)

This site is Rotary's crowdsourcing tool, where clubs can share their project plans, find partners, and request volunteers, funding, and materials to support their projects. Visitors can browse projects in need of assistance, connect with project organizers, and make contributions.

You might want to also consider

- offering to help at your local Primary school to listen to children read,

- getting involved with the literacy programme at Ngawha Correctional facility (Contact Jill Hatherly Springbank School)
- Ask at the Library about literacy programmes they might be running
- Donating a book (or more) or reading resources to the local library or schools (ask them what they need first)
- If you know anyone who is visiting the islands ask them if they will take some resources with them to give to one of the local schools while they are there and put a small parcel together. Make sure you declare everything that is in it so they don't get into trouble at a border.

The Rotary Club of Kerikeri

Awarded

DALE SIMIKIN

A Certificate of Recognition for
41 years of Service to Rotary

Presented by Neil Reid

Warkworth

Club News

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

In Warkworth we have started a Food Rescue project in conjunction with Mahurangi Sunrise (provisional club) and Lions.

We have been able to secure use of an otherwise empty courthouse. Currently we have about 60 volunteers and pick up and distribute an enormous quantity of food which otherwise goes to waste. At the request of our local ADG Sarah Carr I prepared a one page summary which I attach.

Seems to me that many Rotary clubs around the country could usefully look at implementing a Food Rescue project in their area.

Happy to discuss with anyone interested.

Joe Koppens 094222240.

Warkworth Rotary/Lions Food Rescue

We all know that there is huge food wastage, and there are a number of families who struggle to meet their food needs. What is needed is a method of bringing these together.

Essentially what is required is manpower, together with some organisational ability, perhaps funding to provide premises, equipment, and transport. A community service organisation such as Rotary, in our case together with Lions, is an ideal solution.

We have been fortunate to obtain the use of the old Courthouse in Warkworth rent free. This has enabled us to get under way with systems, and making our presence visible in the community. No doubt there is a limited time span for our use of this building and in due course we may have to pay for premises. Given however that fund raising is part of the function of Rotary this cause seems as good a recipient as any.

We now have some 60 volunteers who are rostered to pick up food currently from the local supermarkets. We expect to expand our sources to produce markets, bakeries and other food outlets. The Puhoi cheese factory is a valuable source of surplus cheeses. Other suppliers volunteer to help as we get more visible.

Distribution is currently to existing food banks who have over a dozen established outlets e.g. homebuilders, women's refuge, Springboard and church organisations.

The community has been breathtakingly supportive. After only some 4 weeks of operation we will have distributed a ton of food.

Seems to me that this project is tailor made for Rotary clubs to pick up. Our main outlet currently is the local food bank who describe the difference in there being able to meet the needs in the community as "phenomenal", thanks to our Food Rescue project.

The following is an excerpt from
Whangarei South

ClubNews



Guest Speakers – RYLA Attendees – Sarah, Ashley, Lucy & Tamsin:

The girls all spoke about their time at RYLA and what they did/enjoyed the most. Tamsin felt RYLA definitely met her expectations (and more) and that she definitely improved her leadership skills with what she learnt.

Ashley found her favourite speaker was Barry Larsen who was a 'fountain of knowledge' and willing to help by getting you to

ask questions and then he would ask questions to help you think 'outside the box'. After the first day Ashley didn't know what she was doing but by the end of the week she felt she was a much improved leader.

During the week there were guest speakers. The first day was Starlight House who profiled the YLA attendees and their personality type and taught the attendees where they 'fitted in'.

One of the attendees worked for Google Earth and helped make a 'summary video' of the first day.

They also did team bonding & team building activities and games like Indian Communication where they could not speak to pass on a 'rumour' but had to use hand signals, charades anything but talking to communicate.

The one thing they all took from RYLA was something said to them – "the only person stopping you being successful is yourself". They all took away from RYLA things they can implement in their everyday life to improve themselves and their lives and feel they can achieve whatever they put their minds to thanks to their RYLA experience.

They all thanked the Whangarei South and Whangarei City Rotary Clubs for their sponsorship and believe that it is an experience they will never forget and will use in their futures.

The following is a Bulletin excerpt from
Rotary Club of Orewa

ClubNews

Guess Who Is Cooking?

This event has been moved to Friday 28 October 2016 in order to have more time for organising this event. The funds raised from this event will be donated to 'Suicide Prevention'. The event will be publicised in the local media. A high profile speaker will also speak at this event. Please spread the word around with friends, family and work colleagues to ensure we have a big turnout.

Brian Barnett is in charge of running this event so please correspond with him if you have any questions/suggestion/ideas. Brian's contact details are:

email - brianbarnett@ihug.co.nz Mobile# - 021 444 921

The following is a Bulletin excerpt from

Rotary Club of NORFOLK

Club News

ROYAL NORFOLK ISLAND A&H SHOW FAST APPROACHING



A reminder to members that the A&H Show is fast approaching and will be held on
Monday 10th October

Celebrating success with PC Smith at Rotary Zone Institute



September 4 at 7:50am · Penrith, NSW

At the Rotary Zone 7B (NZ) & 8 (Australia) Combined Institute this week - we were presented with a Membership Development Award for "Highest percentage increase of Female members with 3.3% in paired Zones 7B & 8" (Go to My Rotary/Exchange Ideas/Events/Rotary Institutes to find out more)

Congratulations to Past Governor [Peter Garnett](#) and the clubs for achieving this in 2015-2016....



And that's not all!

The New Zealand clubs (Zone 7B) won a Membership Development Award for the
Highest percentage increase of Female members with 1.7% in all Rotary Zones.
That's **ALL** Rotary Zones - meaning the **WORLD !!**

We cordially invite you and your District Club members to attend the outstanding NZ Sculpture OnShore Rotary Gala Night 2016 on Thursday 10th November from 5pm to 8:30pm.



The Event is being held at the beautiful clifftop site - Fort Takapuna Historic Reserve above Narrow Neck Beach in Devonport. Many of you will remember the event which is held every two years in aid of NZ Women's Refuge with Rotary District 9910 being a leading supporter and fundraiser for this very worthwhile charity. The entry fee is \$20pp including guided tours of the exhibits and you can BYO picnic or purchase refreshments on site at the Officers Mess. More details to follow, but in the meantime go to - nzsculptureonshore.co.nz

Please diarise the Event and advise Club secretaries and members so they can arrange the time and accommodation if necessary (there may be opportunities to 'home stay' with other Rotarians...)

We look forward to seeing you at NZSoS Devonport.

From the Young Leaders in Action

Celebrate World Polio Day this 24 October

No child anywhere should suffer the crippling effects of a completely preventable disease. And that's why we need your help—now more than ever—to finally put an end to polio. This **24 October** join the entire Rotary world to celebrate our fourth annual [World Polio Day](#).



Discover all the ways you can help us finish the job:

Advocate. Download the [World Polio Day tool kit](#) and join our worldwide network of End Polio Now advocates.

Amplify. Show your support for the final push to end polio with our [social media graphics](#).

Connect. Host a community gathering to get everyone involved and tell us how you're taking action — [register your event](#).

Give. Support volunteers and Rotary staff from around the world cycling up to 104 miles in [El Tour de Tucson](#) to raise funds for polio eradication.



Meghan Robson

IYE STUDENT IN DANMARK

Hej fra Danmark 😊

In a few days I will have been away from home for 7 months. It seems like I've been here forever but also like I've just arrived. Going on exchange I thought that I was a pretty open minded kind of person and I thought that I had experienced and knew a little bit about different cultures etc. having travelled overseas for my sport. I couldn't have been more wrong. After arriving in Denmark and experiencing their culture and way of living and how they act I realised how little I actually know, how there are so many other ways of doing things and so many different things that I've never heard about or experienced before.

I finally landed in Denmark. I thought the day would never come - it seemed so unreal that I had just left my home country and I wasn't going to go back for a year. People ask me if I'm crazy and the answer is definitely yes. I was mainly nervous but also excited and very curious. That drive to my new home for the next 4 months is one of my clearest memories, so many thoughts going around my head and hearing a different language spoken in the car and thinking how am I ever going to understand that? But I knew I would learn.

My exchange however did not start in Denmark but in Los Angeles. It was hard going from spending 3 days in LA with people from New Zealand to school with my new class in Denmark and then not long after I was off to intro camp where I met a lot of new exchange students who I automatically got along with really fast because they were going through exactly what I was going through. These people will get you through everything and make your exchange even more amazing.

The first few months can be hard because you don't know anyone here like you know people back home. You can't just go over to your best friend's house and tell them what's wrong. You have to make a real effort to interact with people and get involved in your new community. There's no real connections yet; a lot of potential relationships but no solid ones where you can rely on people yet. But don't let this discourage you. Once you get through the first couple of months everything starts to feel

amazing and the country really starts to feel like a 2nd home. It forces you to be independent (in a good way) and teaches you that when something doesn't go your way or tears you down you have to get back and fight again, again and again until you get it right. I have gained a lot of confidence and determination so far from my exchange and it's helped me find strength I never knew I had.

This experience has had a lot of up and downs so far - mainly ups. I'm far more stronger as a person now and even though it's not an easy thing to pack up your life and throw yourself in the deep end I would happily do it all over again. It's really an experience of lifetime that helps you grow and mature in the best way possible.

People worry about losing connections and bonds between their family and friends, and people asked me how are you going to survive without your best friend who never left my side and what about your family? The truth is that I feel closer than ever to my friends who keep up with what I'm doing because it really shows you how much they care and you know that distance can never break that. I considered my mum to be quite close to me when I left- now being overseas for a long time I feel even closer. You learn to appreciate all the little things in life, like a simple hug from your mum.

I feel very lucky to have been given this opportunity. I've met so many people who have had an effect on my life and so many friends from all over the world, some that I will be lifelong friends with. It's great to build these connections and get to know people from other cultures and backgrounds. I will never forget.

"Although deep down, you know you don't miss a place, but a strange and magical conjunction of the right place, the right moment and the right people. That year when you travelled, when you shared your life with special ones, when you were so happy that you felt like you could do anything. There's a tiny bit of who you are scattered among the places you've lived in, but sometimes going back to that place is not enough to stop missing it."



From the Regional Membership Officer Update

Dear District Leaders,

Greetings from Evanston! In August, we celebrated Membership Month and ended the month with an increase of **14,552** members globally since 1 July! I encourage you to keep this momentum alive in September by utilizing Membership Leads, one of the easiest ways to identify prospective members in your community.

Membership Leads

I'm excited to share that the Membership Leads program has grown by **400%** since its inception! Rotary is now receiving an average of 800-1,000 leads per week worldwide. However, in 2015-16, **34%** of the membership leads were followed up on by districts, but only 16% of those leads were assigned to clubs. The remaining 66% of potential candidates are an untapped resource that can help you reach your membership goals this year because:

- **A majority of membership leads are between the ages of 30-39 years old (34%), followed by 20-29 (24%).** Currently, the largest age group of Rotarians is between 60-69 (27%), followed by 50-59 (25%).
- **Membership leads worldwide show a gender balance of 62% male and 33% female.** Rotary's current gender distribution is 79% male and 21% female.

In the next few weeks, I will reach out to each DMC via email to provide additional information about their district's prospective member leads, at which point we can talk about any challenges, concerns, or feedback you'd like to share. If you haven't already done so, use the attached How to Manage Membership Leads document to run your **Membership Leads Executive Summary Report** and find out more about your membership leads.

If your district is not interested in participating in the Membership Leads program, please let me know and we will update your account so you no longer receive Membership Leads notifications.

NEW! Introducing a New Member to Rotary: An Orientation Guide

New members are enthusiastic about joining Rotary and curious about the member experience. Keep that momentum going by giving them the information they need to know, assigning them a mentor, and helping them get involved. Find more tips in [Introducing New Members to Rotary: An Orientation Guide](#). It's available as a free downloadable PDF on rotary.org or you can purchase a hard copy for US\$1 from shop.rotary.org.

Membership Resource Guide

We've updated the Membership Resource Guide with helpful new RI resources and publications. If you have any questions about the materials listed, please let me know.

August 2016 Membership Figures

The District Progress to Goal report I usually attach is currently being worked on, so I was not able to include it this month. In its place, I have attached the August 2016 Comparison to 1 July Start Figures report. I will include District Progress to Goal reports for both August and September 2016 in next month's email.

Regional Support and Resources

The Regional Membership Team – Jessie Harman (jessieharman@gmail.com), John Prendergast (john@ctos.org.nz), and Malcolm Lindquist (malantlindquist@bigpond.com) can offer guidance on membership issues, provide you with membership speakers for your club and district events, facilitators to help you develop membership plans, or even offer assistance as a sounding board. If they can help you, don't hesitate to make contact with them.

Membership Webinars - learn more about the ways you can strengthen Rotary by participating in these membership focused webinars. Hear how other clubs have adopted new club structures, increased membership, raised diversity, enhanced member satisfaction and raised the profile of Rotary in their communities. And understand more about the resources available to support you in your efforts to strengthen Rotary.

Upcoming Webinar

Focusing on retention:
Strategies to enhance member satisfaction



Tuesday, 22 November 2016, 8.15 am (AEST)

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3308538616889128707>

"Rotary On The Move" - this newsletter is a great source for success stories, tips, and information. If you haven't yet, be sure to check out the [September 2016 issue here](#). Find [past issues of the newsletter here](#).

Your RI Staff Membership Resource,
Julie Aubry - Regional Membership Officer

The table below shows membership figures as at 31 August 2016.

Our District 9910 is showing a positive increase.

Let's keep it rolling - Cheers PC

District	Zone	2015 - 2016			2016 - 2017 Start Figures		31 August 2016		
		# Club	# Member	Net	# Club	# Member	# Club	# Member	Net
				Inc / Dec					Inc / Dec
				2015 - 2016					2016 - 2017 *
		01 July 2015			01 July 2016 *				
3410	7	59	1,284	(130)	59	1,154	59	1,173	19
3420	7	53	1,089	22	55	1,111	55	1,123	12
3770	7	67	1,759	234	76	1,993	76	2,018	25
3780	7	99	2,172	214	103	2,386	104	2,536	150
3790	7	104	2,747	(135)	103	2,612	103	2,680	68
3800	7	96	2,470	(112)	97	2,358	97	2,403	45
3810	7	100	2,631	407	114	3,038	117	3,258	220
3820	7	105	2,860	141	107	3,001	108	3,124	123
3830	7	90	2,824	(123)	89	2,701	90	2,851	150
3850	7	53	1,281	2	53	1,283	53	1,310	27
3860	7	97	2,438	46	99	2,484	99	2,540	56
3870	7	46	1,275	(22)	44	1,253	44	1,274	21
9910	7	41	1,089	4	41	1,093	41	1,111	18
9920	7	53	1,487	20	54	1,507	54	1,521	14
9930	7	56	1,713	(35)	54	1,678	54	1,689	11
9940	7	54	1,753	(3)	55	1,750	55	1,756	6
9970	7	33	1,216	(17)	33	1,199	33	1,207	8
9980	7	29	1,248	(18)	29	1,230	29	1,234	4
# of Districts: 18		1,235	33,336	495	1,265	33,831	1,271	34,808	977

TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH



This is a story of sheer tragedy in an instant followed by long perseverance and ultimately success, all in the name of helping those who had suffered tragedy in different circumstances. This will make you sit up and wonder at the generosity of some and the vagaries of life. This is just one of the stories told in the **October Rotary Down Under magazine** to your (e)mail box soon. Contributions accepted from your projects via berylrobinson@rotarydownunder.co.nz



The following contain excerpts from

DIRECTOR'S NEWS

Rotary International Zones 7A, 7B & 8

Penrith Institute a great success

The combined Zone Institute for Zone 7B and 8 was a great success with a lot of good, positive feedback. The venue was excellent along with the accommodation. Our MC Kaye Tit-marsh was a hit with everyone; it was good to be able to give her experience and confidence in taking on the task of being the MC for the Institute. People enjoyed the programme; it was informative and inspiring with the speakers and presenters all being Rotary based.

The raffle and silent auction raised \$4,400 for the **Purple House** which is the project of Sue Trevaskis. Sarah Brown, the CEO of the Purple House, was more than delighted with the outcome. Sarah received invitations to present at six District Conferences on the Purple House.

The Organising Committees for the **Zone Institutes in Auckland and Darwin** are well into their planning. It will be the first time a Zone Institute will be held in Darwin and again it will be open to all Rotarians as well as all past officers of Rotary International. The same applies to the institute in Auckland. I would like all Rotary Leaders to encourage Rotarians to attend along with Rotaractors. Let's share the greatness of Rotary with as many people as possible. It would be good for Rotary Clubs in Darwin if people travelling to Darwin for the Zone Institute could make plans to attend a Rotary Club in Darwin either before or after the Institute. We need to encourage them in their endeavours of service and in particular membership.



It was announced at the Zone Institute that New Zealand had the highest recruitment rate of women in the world; well done to all Districts there. As usual Australia came second to New Zealand, something we are getting used to slowly!

This year the three Governor Groups along with District Youth Chairs, Exchange Chairs and District Insurance Officers had a training session on Youth Protection and Insurance along with the responsibilities of being a member of the four organisations above. This was done prior to the start of GETS and will continue to be a part of future Institutes.

Rotaractors held their own Seminar during the Institute. Mitty Chang from California met with them and from all reports they enjoyed the interaction and ideas that he had. Mitty was a keynote speaker for the Institute and was impressive with his presentation.

We are facing many challenges across our two Zones with membership. Three Districts are on the borderline of 1,100 members and are in danger of being redistricted. I will be communicating with the current leadership in those Districts about developing short term and long term strategies to work through this. District 9910 in New Zealand twelve months ago started to develop their plans for membership and have started to turn membership around and finished the year with 1,097 members. This has taken a lot of hard work and commitment but it is starting to pay off.

To get the final results of our membership across Australia and New Zealand showing that we are almost down 1,000 members over the previous year was disappointing. We have put in such a strong effort to increase our membership over the last seven years yet we still struggle. We need to turn this around as quickly as possible. I would like us to have a positive number this year and an even bigger positive for 2017-2018 when we have our own Rotary International President, Ian Riseley. I don't need to say we have to put in a concerted effort for this to happen. It can happen if we all ask someone to Rotary.

The Philippines is doing extraordinarily well with membership, they are increasing at a good rate.

One of the roles I have on the Board of Rotary International is the Zoning Committee which has met to discuss the size of Zones and what Zones should be re Zoned. If we lose members at the rate we have been we risk being re-zoned which then has implications on how often we will have a Director from this Zone.

Atlanta Convention

Five Reasons to join us in Atlanta 10-14 June 2017

1. Meet Inspiring People—there will be Rotarians from over 130 countries present
2. Strengthen your passion for Rotary. The general and breakout sessions offer countless ways to help you get the most out of your membership
3. Join the Rotary Foundation 100 year celebrations. Be part of the biggest birthday party in Rotary's history.
4. Enjoy the wonders of Atlanta and the American South. There is so much on offer: jazz, golf courses, Disney World, Universal Studios, Sea World, New Orleans, Savannah, Blue Ridge Mountains.
5. Special activities are planned by the Host Organizing Committee—dinners, Home Hospitality, "Gone with the Wind" screenings.



Sam Owori is selected to be 2018-19 Rotary President

Meet RI President, 2018-19, Sam Owori

The 2016-17 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International has unanimously nominated Samuel Frobisher Owori, of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda, to be the president of Rotary International in 2018-19. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Owori is chief executive officer of the Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda. Before that, he was executive director of the African Development Bank, managing director of Uganda Commercial Bank Ltd., and director of Uganda Development Bank. He has studied law, employment relations, business management, corporate resources management, microfinance, and marketing at institutions in England, Japan, Switzerland, Tanzania, and the United States, including Harvard Business School.

Owori's chief concerns as a Rotary leader are membership and extension. Since he served as district governor, the number of clubs in Uganda has swelled from nine to 89.

He urges past, present, and future leaders to work together to engage more women, youth program participants, alumni, and community members to increase Rotary's membership in the coming years.

The following is extracted from the RI Resource Extra

Regional Information Bulletin

Rotary International South Pacific and Philippines Office

September 2016 Vol 11 No.3

Dear District Governors,

Welcome to the September edition of our newsletter.

In this our TRF centennial year, we are reminded of the importance of working through the Rotary Foundation. Rotary International President John Germ, in the September edition of The Rotarian, summed it up well in one sentence: ***"It was the foundation that turned Rotary from an organization of Rotary clubs into an international force for good with the power to change the world"***.

I attended the successful Sydney / Penrith Directors Briefing/GETS/Institute where Rotarians from Zone 7B and 8 attended. DGsE came from Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand. The event at Penrith was a success. Congratulations to RI Director Noel and the organisers. I look forward to catching up with our Filipino DGsE soon in Bangkok .

May I also congratulate our own team member, Barbara Mifsud, for being recognized with awards from the Australian and New Zealand District Governors. The Membership data has been released. Although positive from the 1st July 2016, we need to take into account the movement in the previous 12 months. Let's hope we move that number up, which can account for any final adjustments at the end of the semester. I am confident that the Australians and New Zealanders are giving their all to turn around the trend. The Philippines keeps growing year after year, which is most pleasing.

District 3800 are still way out ahead in the AF per capita awards. Still early days.

Frank Pezzenti
International Office Manager

Annual Fund per Capita		YTD August 16 Zone 7 & 8	July Ranking	
1		3800 \$ 67.09	1	Philippines
2		3870 \$ 19.75	12	Philippines
3		3770 \$ 17.94	3	Philippines
4		9455 \$ 16.82	27	Australia
5		3790 \$ 16.14	4	Philippines
6		9675 \$ 15.24	3	Australia

**SHELTERBOX
NEWSLETTER**

'Our latest news'

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter and vital aid to people in need.



'Leaving no family without Shelter'

**DISASTER
RELIEF**



SEPTEMBER 2016

ReliefAid CEO Mike Seawright talks about ShelterBox and the work of his charity in Aleppo, ShelterBox leadership meet Rotary General Secretary and RI President-Elect in Evanston, The International Day of Peace has come and gone and has left a bitter taste after the outrageous bombing of an aid convoy and the killing of an Aid worker from ReliefAid who was shot and killed whilst saving lives in Aleppo.

Read more about of the work of ShelterBox and that of our partners by clicking on the stories below. (Ed)

'HOPE FOR ALLEPO CEASEFIRE FADES' [Click here for link](#)



New Zealander and director of ReliefAid Mike Seawright is just back from Turkey and spoke to Larry Williams in the Newstalk ZB studio about his organisation's experience in Aleppo. Mike has a decade of experience in working in conflict affected countries such as south Sudan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. Last year, he managed the distribution of relief items in Syria's Aleppo City. ReliefAid is a partner of ShelterBox

'SHELTERBOX VISITS ROTARY'



Photo: John Hewko, General Secretary of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation; Ian H.S. Riseley, President-Elect, Rotary International; Chris Warham, CEO, ShelterBox; and Kerri Murray, President, ShelterBox USA

ShelterBox leadership from the UK and the USA recently had the opportunity to tour the headquarters of Rotary International in Evanston, IL.

'PROVIDING EDUCATION AFTER DISASTER OR CONFLICT'



ShelterBox specializes in delivering the essentials people need in rebuilding their lives in the aftermath of a disaster. This usually means providing emergency shelter, such as sturdy tents, or the tools to repair damaged homes, but sometimes devastation spreads much further than homes, disrupting vital services like schools and education.

ShelterBox's range of aid also includes SchoolBoxes with essential supplies for teachers as well as school equipment for 50 children. For more information take a look at this blog below that was published by Rotary International. [Read More>](#)

'INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2016'



At ShelterBox we understand how important the need for peace and security are after a disaster or conflict. On the International Day of Peace, ShelterBox New Zealand would like to thank all of our volunteers and supporters for their hard work and dedication in bringing families and communities closer together. [Read More>](#)

A photograph showing a group of people, including a woman in a black hijab and a child in a yellow shirt, walking through a street filled with rubble and debris. The buildings in the background are heavily damaged and partially collapsed.

News piece from the BBC, aired on Sunday 18th September entitled '[Preparing to *retake Mosul from IS](#)' which contains the line: 'The biggest battle yet with Islamic State is coming and it's coming soon'.

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At ShelterBox we provide SchoolBoxes along with Shelter in many countries that aid in rebuilding communities. Explore our website to see the types of aid we send to countries all over the globe.

Governor's Newsletter District 9910

'SHELTERBOX CONGRATULATES LONG-TERM PARTNER'



ShelterBox congratulates long-term partner, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), as it joins the United Nations as the UN Migration Agency. IOM has frequently partnered with ShelterBox after the Haiti and Nepal earthquakes, in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan and helping Burundian refugees in Tanzania last year.



2015:
22 DISASTERS
 FROM FLOODS TO CONFLICT
19 LOCATIONS
 AROUND THE WORLD
28,000 FAMILIES
 GIVEN LIFESAVING AID



NEWS: Updates and Monitoring as at: 21st September 2016

EQUADOR - EARTHQUAKE:

In April 2016 an Earthquake of Magnitude 7.8M, struck in the province of Esmeraldas, on the coast of Ecuador, 173 km from the capital, Quito. 654 reported dead and more than 12,500 injured. ShelterBox has partnered with Prograd a local NGO. 2000 Shelter Kits, and NFIs (Water Filters, Water Carriers, Solar Lights, Kitchen Sets, Mosquito Nets) have arrived in Ecuador.

SRI LANKA - LANDSLIDES:

In May a low pressure area over the Bay of Bengal caused torrential rain to fall across Sri Lanka causing major landslides.

Our SB Team is coordinating with the military and disaster management agency and 328 affected households are currently being supported by ShelterBox and Rotary.

NIGER & CAMEROON - REFUGEE DISPLACEMENT:

A 3-person SRT is visiting Niger and Cameroon to conduct evaluation activities for both responses and meet with partners IEDA (Cameroon) and PLAN (Niger). 224 ShelterBoxes, 1,000 tents, 2,000 solar lights and 2,000 water containers have been distributed.

SYRIA: ONGOING DISPLACEMENT

It has been over four years since conflict broke out. More than 10 million people, almost half of Syria's population have been displaced. There have been repeated waves of displacement forcing 345,000 people from their home since 1 September 2015. 40,000 were displaced since mid April from offensives by Islamic State.

Syria Partners: HIHS, IOM, ReliefAid, 2 other unnamed agencies.

MONITORING: DPRK and MALI - Flooding

LATEST:

'SHELTERBOX PARTNER TEAM MEMBER

KILLED BY SNIPER'

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Kiwi humanitarian organisation ReliefAid chief speaks out after one of his Aleppo aid colleagues was killed by a sniper. With a cessation of hostilities having come into effect on Monday 'we call on all parties to take up this unique opportunity for peace.'

A little over a week ago aid worker Karam died from a sniper's bullet after working on the roof of ReliefAid's office in southern Aleppo. Now, with a tense and fragile ceasefire underway, his colleagues are calling on 'all parties to take up this unique opportunity for peace.'