



Matt McLeod

NEWSLETTER - JULY 2022

Governor Introduction

Dear Rotary District 9910 members

I am very pleased to present to you the first District Newsletter of the 2022-23 year.

The new year has begun very quickly for me with a number of club changeovers and the beginning of my official visit schedule covering the four northern clubs of Kerikeri, Waipapa, Kaikohe and Bay of Islands. The visit to Kerikeri coincided with the large storm that hit Northland hard and I needed to detour around a fallen pine tree blocking the State Highway. This resulted in ending up driving through some of the flood. (Picture below). Certainly, it was a dramatic beginning to my visits.

Thank you to all the clubs I've visited so far for your hospitality. I look forward to seeing many more clubs during August.

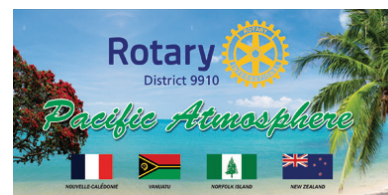
August is Rotary's Membership Month and we have put together a number of special membership related events (see pages 8 and 9 of the newsletter). We'd love to see you along at one of these events – please register your attendance soon.

One other key reminder is that we'd love to promote your upcoming events (either projects, fundraisers or social occasions) in the District Newsletter and on the District Calendar. Please send these through to Maxine at rotarynewsletter9910@gmail.com (Newsletter) and Margaret at district9910@gmail.com (Calendar)

Have a great month and keep up the good work!

Matt McLeod

Matt McLeod
Governor - District 9910
2022-2023



*Pictured on left is
2022 RYLA attendee
and Auckland City
Mission employee
Hamish Hippolite*





Rotary NZ & Pacific 'Day of Action'

Saturday September 24th 2022

Key points:

- Hands on community projects
- Choose your project carefully – find one that appeals to the public
- Collaborate with other Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs and organisations in your area
- Invite the public and show them what Rotary does
- Make it a social experience & have fun!
- Promote the event before, during and afterwards
- This is a membership opportunity for your club
- Collect names of attendees and follow them up

District Diary

4 August	Governor Visit - Henderson Rotary & Rotalite West Regionalisation Presentation - Rotary Bay of Islands
9 August	Governor visit - Maungaturoto & districts Regionalisation presentation - Kaipatiki
10 August	Governor visit - Dargaville Governor Visit - Whangarei City
11 August	Regionalisation Presentation - Auckland Korean
12 August	International Youth Day
13 August	New Style Rotary Clubs Workshop - Whangarei 9am Whangarei Rotary Information Afternoon (2pm - Forum North) New Style Rotary Clubs Workshop - Auckland 9.30am
15 August	RDU copy deadline for next month's magazine
16 August	Regionalisation presentation - Orewa-Millwater & Whangaparaoa
17 August	Rotary Takapuna North birthday (chartered 1979) Regionalisation Presentation - Waipapa / Kaikohe Governor Visit - Birkenhead

18 August	Regionalisation presentation - Whangarei clubs
19 August	Rotary North Harbour 'The Great Debate'. Carmel College vs Westlake Girls featuring David Seymour and Chloe Swarbrick. 4 - 6pm, North Brass Band Centre, Takapuna
20 August	Rotary Albany birthday (chartered 1997)
21 August	District Board and Management Meetings District Advisory Council Meeting
22 August	Governor Visit - Maungakiekie
23 August	Governor Visit - Westhaven
25 August	Governor Visit - Auckland Korean
29 August	Deadline for Rotary Science & Technology Forum applications to clubs
29 August	Meet the Auckland Mayoral candidates - event for North Shore Clubs - see PDF - rego link
30 August	Rotary Maungaturoto birthday (chartered 1969)
31 August 3	Rotary Birkenhead - Cocktail Rotary Information (TBC) Night
10 September	Rotary North Harbour - Music of the Night
13 September	Governor Visit Kaipatiki

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

NZ Foundation Cup

The NZ Foundation Cup, and its sister Australia Foundation Cup, were established in 2006-07 by Past RI President Ian Riseley. It is awarded to the district with the highest per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation in the previous Rotary year. District 9910 were the first winners under then District Governor, Merv Huxford and have been the majority winners since, occasionally sharing the cup with District 9980.

After losing it to D9980 we won it back for the 2020-2021 Rotary year with a per capita giving of \$118.25. Congratulations to Past Governor Elaine Mead and Past District Foundation Chair Peter Smith for their leadership efforts in “bringing the cup back home”.

Pictured: RI Director Jessie Harman and Past Governor Elaine Mead with the NZ Foundation Giving Cup



District Awards Amendment

8) The **MILLENNIUM CUP**

This award recognises club projects which provide service to the community, innovation, membership involvement, public perception and presentation.

Award goes to Whangarei City, not South (as previously reported) for their Whanau Cup, Quick and Quiet Projects and, Magic Moments.



TAPAS NIGHT



\$50.00 PER TICKET
INCLUDING GLASS OF SANGRIA AND A SELECTION OF HOT AND COLD TAPAS INCLUDING DESSERT
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

**COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR
CENTRESTAGE THEATRE AND OREWA SEA SCOUTS**

**ORGANISED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF
OREWA-MILLWATER**

27
AUG

CENTRESTAGE
THEATRE

6PM

Rotary 



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Viv Beck
Gary Brown
Wayne Brown
Efeso Collins
Craig Lord
Leo Molloy

Meet the
**Mayoral
Candidate**
Monday 29th August
Pupuke Golf Club
6pm for 6:30pm start
\$25 per person
North Shore
Rotary
Clubs

LIMITED TO 140 GUESTS - TO ATTEND PLEASE BOOK [HERE](#)

Rotary Albany Winter Warmers

After reading an article in the NZ Herald, Albany Rotarian Sarah Smith thought “this is something our club could help with”. Raumanga Kindergarten in Whangarei are experiencing a significant drop in attendance over the last few weeks, and a survey from whanau revealed a lot of the children are sick. The kindergarten asked the community for donations of blankets to support families through the cold winter, and the initial 30 blankets they received were gone within half an hour to needy families.

A quick email to Albany members asking for new blankets was sent, and at our meeting the following week, these were all collected, including a special parcel of 10 hats and 5 scarves crocheted by a member/s partner.

Our thanks to DG Matt McLeod who delivered our collection of winter warmers to Raumanga Kindergarten on July 25, on his way through to Northland clubs.

Head Teacher, Kirsten Holz, was so appreciative and “blown away” by our support of their initiative and sent her thanks to all members.

Sarah Smith
china.blue@me.com



Applying for Local Board Grants / Community Funds

"RI President-elect Jennifer Jones imagines a Rotary where members act to make their dreams become reality and they make the most of their club experiences. She urges members to engage more with each other and use these connections to build partnerships that change the world."

If your club is intending to develop projects to do this year, one option is your local Business or Retailer Associations. There are always small and sometimes larger projects that they will suggest for you to get involved with and you get a great sense of satisfaction from the exposure of Rotary and adding value to your local community.

Milford Rotary has a four-year relationship with Murray Hill (Manager Milford Business Association), Auckland Transport for projects effecting pathways or streets and our Local Council Board (Takapuna/ Devonport) for funding. Most Projects require FUNDING, so where do you go?

Your Local Council Board

Check out your local Board area on their web site and look for **Grant Programme** and **Application Guide**.

- Here you can check if you are eligible to apply
- What they do not fund and
- What information you need to include in your application.

The categories that your project must fall within in our area (Takapuna/ Devonport) are very wide and cover: -

- Arts and Culture
- Community
- Environment
- Events
- Historical heritage
- Sport and Recreation

These categories may differ from Local Board to Local Board, but not substantially – These are found in the Application Guide for your area.

Some examples of other Local Board Councils in District 9910 are: -

- [Community funding - Whangarei District Council \(wdc.govt.nz\)](http://wdc.govt.nz) \$500 to \$150,000.
- [Community Board Fund Far North District Council \(fndc.govt.nz\)](http://fndc.govt.nz)
- [Community Grant, Kaipara District Council](#) Includes capital projects
- [Hibiscus and Bays Local Board grants \(aucklandcouncil.govt.nz\)](http://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) \$0 - \$50,000 and \$2,000 - \$10,000

Note the old saying...

"There ain't no such thing as a free lunch"

Completing the application forms are long and they require a lot of information. There is a report to complete at the and when the grant is received, with proof and budget showing where the money was spent These are public monies so this must be expected, but worth it in the end.

Milford Rotary experience

Under the heading of **Milford Beautification Programme**, we have received Thousands of dollars to complete work. We only have a small team 4-6 members / wives, but we get a lot of work done.

Most of our projects have come under the category of **Community**.

With a relationship with Kings Plant Barn, Milford Business Association Manager and Auckland Transport, we have lined the village streets with planters and plants, and created some other gardens in our car parks. Removed old overgrown hedge at our main Bus Stop and received grants to rehedge the area and place planters at agreed spots. Repainted all the benches in our Milford area a burgundy colour and purchased a golf cart to pull a water tank to water the plants twice weekly. The cart displays the council and Rotary Milford signage, recognising these two contributing organisations.

We also recently received a grant to cover a load of Mulch for our gardens, replacement plants for the planters (some die and some just go missing) and a leaf blower.

Yes, some of this work is "Council responsibility" but we can get it done quicker and more efficiently with the funding they grant us, and we enjoy the 2 hours we put in each week- as well as the gratitude from our community.

Alison Waugh
Milford Rotary



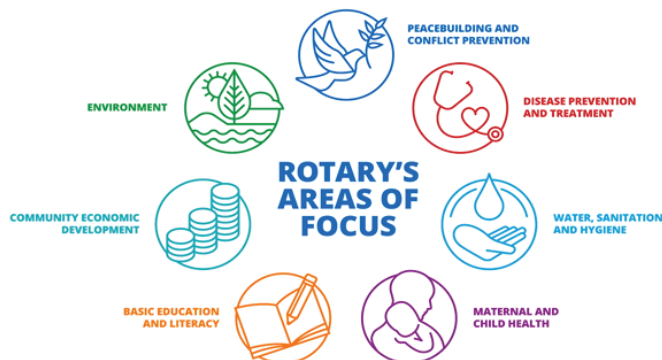
About the 2022 Presidential Theme



The 2022-23 presidential theme logo was designed by renowned Australia-based Indigenous artist Riki Salam to represent RI President Jennifer Jones' theme and initiatives.

The logo represents key elements of Rotary while honoring the Indigenous culture:

- The circle in aboriginal culture signifies connections to one another.
- The dots around the circle represent people, one for each of our seven areas of focus.
- The circle and the dots together become a navigation star, which signifies Rotary's guiding light.
- The solid line underneath signifies a digging stick used for hard work – a tool that Rotary's people of action use to get things done
- Colours: purple (polio eradication), green (environment), white (peace – Rotary's core area of focus)



Fifty Things Every Rotarian Should Know

Some interesting facts about Rotary. 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.

1 - DEFINITION OF ROTARY

How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"? There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians. There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more descriptive qualities.

In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. The turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relation Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

"Rotary is an organization of business and professional person united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."

Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"

2 - THE OFFICIAL ROTARY FLAG

An official flag was formally adopted by Rotary International at the 1929 Convention in Dallas, Texas. The Rotary flag consists of a white field with the official wheel emblem emblazoned in gold in the center of the field. The four depressed spaces on the rim of the Rotary wheel are colored royal blue. The words "Rotary" and "International" printed at the top and bottom depressions on the wheel rim are also gold. The shaft in the hub and the key way of the wheel are white.

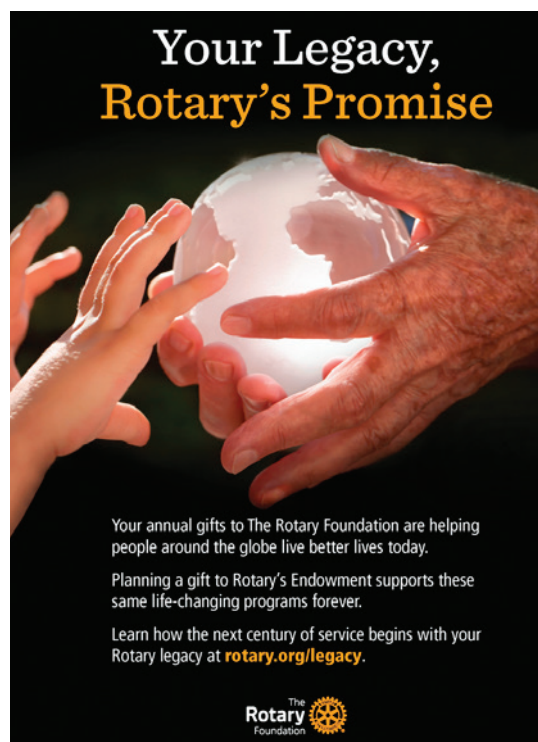
The first official Rotary flag reportedly was flown in Kansas City Missouri, in January 1915. In 1922 a small Rotary flag was carried over the South Pole by Admiral Richard Byrd, a member of the Winchester, Virginia Rotary Club. Four years later, the admiral carried a Rotary flag in his expedition to the North Pole.

Some Rotary clubs use the official Rotary flag as a banner at club meetings. In these instances it is appropriate to print the words "Rotary Club" above the wheel symbol, and the name of the city, state or nation below the emblem.

The Rotary flag is always prominently displayed at the World Headquarters as well as at all conventions and official events of Rotary International.

3 - ROTARY'S WHEEL EMBLEM

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.



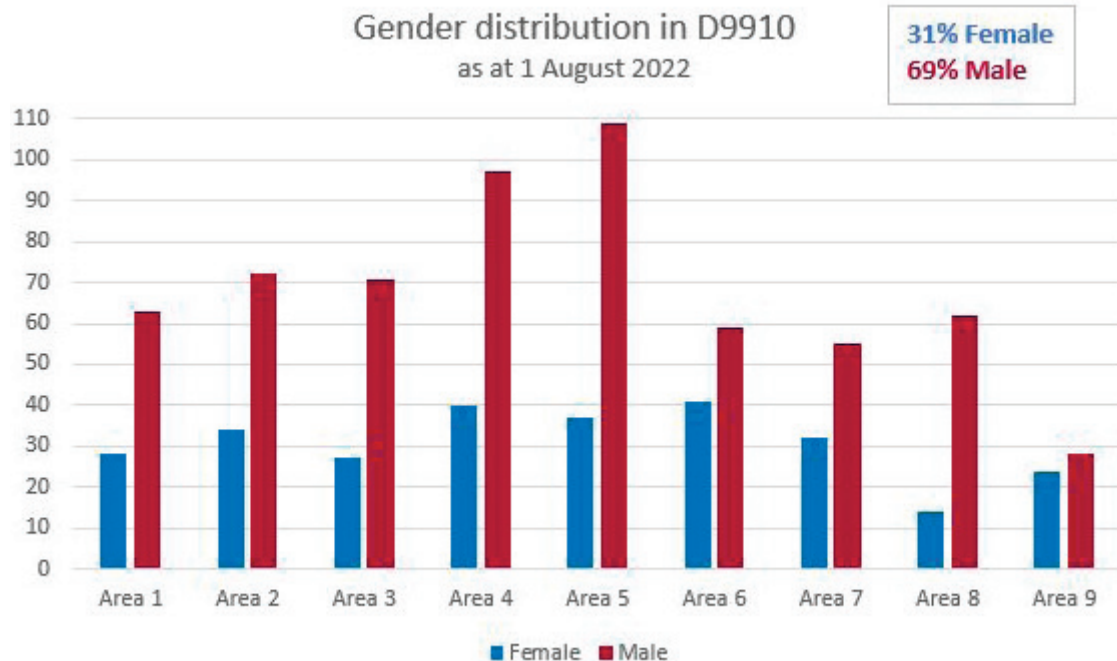
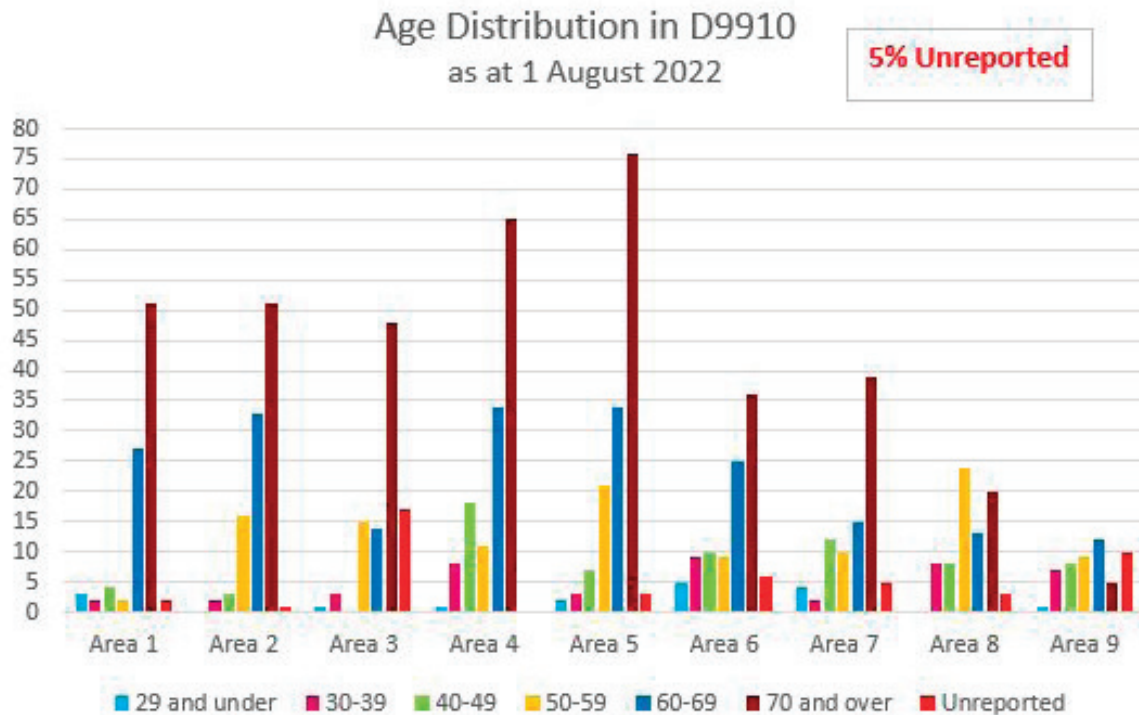
What are you waiting for?

As at 1 July the number of Rotarians in our district was 883 and by 1 August it rose to 887.

In a district that stretches from Auckland City to Cape Reinga and includes Norfolk Island, New Caledonia and Vanuatu (approx population 1.5m) that is less than the number of people in Antarctica - at any time of the year.

If you have new members - **get them inducted and recorded!**

If you have people expressing an interest in Rotary - connect with them now!



Why bother with the demographics?

The demographics are one of many indicators about the health of our clubs and district, particularly in terms of diversity, equity and inclusion. District leadership, Assistant Governors and Club leaders can use this information to see what progress is like in these areas. Diversity includes many other factors such as background, values, occupation and experiences.

This data comes in handy at the end of the Rotary year when considering two District Awards:

New Generations Trophy - awarded to clubs who manage to induct and retain younger members.

Diversity in Rotary Award - awarded to clubs who have made a commitment to represent the widely diverse NZ community in their membership. Gender and age data are one of many factors which help in determining the winners.

Last year, two clubs were in the mix for consideration on one or other of these awards but the high number of unreported age members meant the data wasn't clear and it removed them from contention.

Working Together to Showcase Rotary

The Area 2 clubs of Dargaville, Whangarei, Whangarei City, Whangarei South and Whangarei Sunrise are collaborating to run a multi-club Rotary Information event next month.

Based on a format used by many other clubs (see **YASS Method** on the [Club Development](#) page of the district website), each club is inviting people to come along and find out more about community connection through Rotary.

A few members will speak for five minutes at various times on an aspect of Rotary that inspires them and each club will have a display area of its projects.

They are also taking advantage of Cat Levine to showcase the Te Tai Tokerau Tamariki Mental Wellbeing project and a visit by New Style Clubs specialist, PG Andy Rajapakse to give a different perspective of Rotary.

If you know anyone in the area who you think would be interested, pass this information on.

**DO YOU WANT TO GIVE BACK
TO YOUR COMMUNITY?**

**THEN
JOIN US
FOR A:**

ROTARY INFORMATION AFTERNOON

**Come and see and hear how Rotary can
help you connect with your community.**

Rotary  |  **IMAGINE
ROTARY**

WHEN: SATURDAY 13 AUGUST, 2022
TIME: 2PM - 3.30PM
WHERE: FORUM NORTH - CAFLER SUITE

Please register your attendance to:

Murray:		Rosemary:
027 2748 675	or	027 555 4689
neighbour@xtra.co.nz		rosemaryemeyer@gmail.com

by August 8th. **Refreshments provided.**



2022 Rotary 
**RECONNECT
WEEK**
3 - 9 October

Build on Success

If you're committed to growing Rotary and you've got the passion to engage others, you'll want to be part of a New Style Clubs workshop next month.

Past Governor Andy Rajapakse will be in NZ from District 9640 in Australia's Gold Coast to share his 5-step approach to growing Rotary.

Assistant Governors, Presidents and Club Membership Leads will be directly invited and members with the interest as described are welcome to attend.

Andy was Governor in 2020-21 and through a mix of new style clubs such as cause-based or passport-style, identifying gaps in the market and re-framing the outlook of current clubs his district's membership increased by 14%.

The equivalent impact in D9910 would see our membership number rise to over 1000.

Andy will be accompanied by Barbara Mifsud, our Regional Membership Officer, who has the resources and tools on hand to help you build your club or create a new-style club.

See the flyer on the next page and if you're interested register on this link.

[Register for workshop](#)

Note – the PDF flyer has the registration link built in and is best e-mailed to interested members.



You're Invited.....

Assistant Governors,
Presidents,
Club Membership
Leads, or Members
committed to
growing Rotary



To a mindset-changing, interactive workshop led by PG Andy Rajapakse, Zone 8's New Style Club Specialist and mastermind of building clubs and membership.

When he was Governor (2020-21), Andy increased the number of Rotarians in District 9640 (Gold Coast, Queensland) by over 14% through the creation of new-style Rotary club models that were relevant to the community.

Assisted by Barbara Mifsud (Regional Membership Officer), Andy will change the way you look at Rotary.

Click on "Register Now" and get involved to build a team of membership champions.

WHEN:

Sat 13 August, Whangarei
OR
Sun 14 August, Epsom, AKL

Register Now

Agenda -

- 9.30am - Gather & welcome
- 10:00
5 Step Formula to Start a New Rotary Club Anywhere (Andy)
- 11:30
Tools & Resource Support from RI (Barbara)
- 12.00pm - Close

Te Tai Tokerau Tamariki Project Needs You

People of action

A strong theme from our District change over was to be known and seen as people of action.

Our 3-year children's mental wellbeing project in Northland schools is a project that needs you and your network to make it successful. This isn't a project where funding is handed over then Rotary steps back, it's time to step up!

We don't want this to be a project that flies under the radar in NZ, instead, we want to maximize every opportunity with strong branding, media coverage, and corporate sponsorship to see that Rotary does good, and is active in the community-solving problems that are close to our heart.

For maximum impact, we are putting together a PR and Marketing team - not just Rotarians but anyone you know who has a passion for children's mental wellbeing, to get involved in for maximum impact. Being seen not only has the potential to increase Rotary Membership but interest in the good being done in Northland schools, and being done across the country.

Have a think, who do you know ...

- PR, media, journalism
- Branding, marketing
- Social media marketing
- Vehicle and trailer sponsors (to be wrapped and branded, travelling extensively around NZ over the next 3 years)
- Corporate Sponsors

Peter Smith is putting together an active team of do-ers (not a talking committee with ideas!) to come up with a marketing plan to ensure Rotary and this project get seen and supported.

Contact pcsmith.rotary@gmail.co9



Taitokerau (Northland) mourns Ricky Houghton

Taitokerau (Northland) mourns Ricky Houghton, their visionary leader. This week we lost a great leader.

Born and raised in West Auckland, Houghton died at the family homestead, aged 62. A hero to many in poverty. Many say that his wairua and legacy will live on in the thousands of people he helped.

From the age of 8 he had spent five years in a mental health institution, and was repeatedly told that he was destined for jail. Many of the children abused in state care facilities over the past 40 years have grown up lost in the system. 'When I was locked up, I was given shock treatment, physically and sexually abused, it was horrible... Anyway, from those very humble beginnings I always promised myself that if I could make a difference I would. And I would fight for social justice and an improved quality of life for anybody.'

As chief executive of Kaitaia's He Korowai Trust (HKT) since it was founded 20 years ago, his mission has always been to free people from adversity and give them love, hope, and a pathway to a better future.

His unique advocacy has saved more than 550 Far North homes from mortgagee sales, keeping 6400 people in their homes, and has provided justice and whanau development services for more than 800 families. A papakainga (housing) project with an ECE facility in Kaitaia has so far provided homes for 17 adults and 43 children, while the former Kaitaia Hotel has been converted into a 35 bedroom emergency housing. Living there comes with strict guidelines; no drugs, alcohol or violence. He mortgaged his house to save others.

HKT has set up a training scheme, Students Without Education, Employment — Training, Achieving, Succeeding (SWEETAS), to help Kaitaia youth into employment.

Ricky wanted to be remembered as someone who had always advocated for the downtrodden and less fortunate.

Ricky says, "I look forward to the day when Maori can take their rightful place, when children can reach their full potential and true ability, when we can live life to do the things we want to do, our way," he added.

Tino rangatiratanga – 'At the end of the day, if we're not going to help the people, if we're not going to do what we're charged to do, then pull it all down and go and work for the bloody organisation up the street. That's what I tell everybody that works here. Our mission is developing tino rangatiratanga and by that we mean assisting families to achieve their maximum potential how they see it, not how we see it. **Our strategy to do that is to provide ordinary services in an extraordinary way.** Don't tell me what you're going to do, show me what you're going to do.'

'Over the last five years I've got 380 people into their own home, just last year 28 substandard condemned homes in Te Hāpua that are now weather tight. I've moved nine houses up to 50 acres of land I bought. They say 'when you say you bought it, do you mean the government bought it?' and I say no the trust bought it. We've taken on debt, we've mortgaged all of our assets, what you see around here is pledged, it's

owned and we're here by the grace of god and I acknowledge that every day. But we've got no money, we've had no money. These guys have had generations of head start-ups and I just say to them, we've developed a housing model where we can move people from condemned houses, from cowsheds, from buses, from lean-tos, we can move them from 28/30sq/m homes, we can move them into 100sq/m homes, no deposit, they get meat, milk, eggs, fruit, veggies, they get free medical care, early childhood care, addiction and specialist supports, everything comes with the house. The house is \$250 a week and they own it in 17 years. The site is drug, alcohol and violence free, so if you're convicted in a court of any drug, alcohol, or violent offence, then either the offender goes, leaves the house and are not allowed back, or we put another family in there. Now that's the benchmark, I say to all those other groups, go out and copy that.

Eldest daughter Shar Peeni said "He Korowai Trust was born out of him standing in the back of the line at the old Pak'n Save and he watched this guy who couldn't afford his groceries and followed him out of the car and asked 'what can I do to help you.'

Ricky and Rotary. In 2018 Ricky opened his heart and He Korowai Trust to Rotary. Through Past District Governor, Jerry Norman and President Wiremu (Bill) Grayson of Rotary Onehunga One Tree Hill (now called Rotary Maungakiekie) and Shawn Reddy's whanau, Te Whakaora Tangata (TWT) was set up in Kaitaia and Ricky generously offered space in his premises. TWT help people with serious issues including, drug, alcohol, domestic abuse and other forms of violence. TWT mahi was aligned closely to Ricky's vision and shared skill sets that complemented each-others mahi. TWT seeks to restore people emotionally and mentally, giving families the tools to live well and reconnect in to society. Through Covid lockdown TWT was recognised as an essential service and continue to work with 37 high risk families, impacting over 100 vulnerable children.

It was an honour to support He Korowai Trust through Rotary's involvement with the JR McKenzie Trust.

AS PDG in 2018 - 2019, it was certainly an honour to present a PHF to our larger-than life hero, Ricky Houghton. All his mahi certainly aligns to Rotary's 7 areas of Focus.

Jerry Norman tena koe whanaunga tenei te mihi atu kia koe mō tō awhi manaaki tautoko ngā whanau whānui he kore whare, he kore kai, he kore putea. Nga mihi rangatira from Ricky

He was laid to rest alongside his tupuna (ancestors) at the Tarakaka urupa, Pamapurua near Kaitaia. **Takoto marie e te Whatukura. Rest in peace noble one.**

Jerry Norman
Governor 2018 – 2019, Rotary District 9910
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The refurbished Kaitaia Hotel – 35 bed Crisis Accommodation.



The Early Learning Centre Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy & Sir David paid a special visit to He Korowai

	
E haruru ana te whenua i te hinganga ō te totara nui i te wao-nui-ā-Tane.	The land rumbles. A great Totara of the forest of Tane has fallen
Whakarongo ake au ki te ngunguru ō ngā tai e timu ana ki waho ō Pareikura.	Listen to the surging tides on the horizon at Pareikura
Kua ngaro i te kaka wahanui, te manu tiutiu kua riro i te ripo ō te Tai	A great orator has been engulfed by the swirling tides
Haere e te Toka tū moana e Ricky. Kauria atu te moana wairua ō Whitiwhiti-a-Roa.	Farewell Ricky, our unwavering rock. Traverse the spiritual oceans of Whitiwhiti-a-Roa
Au maanu atu koe ki te weheruatanga ō ngā mano.	Remain afloat on the currents til you arrive at the realm of the multitudes.
E noho whakataa koe i tō wairua i runga ō te One-ō-Tarei.	Let your spirit rest awhile on the shores of Tarei
Ka aupiki atu ai koe ki runga i te maunga ō Pekahuhu	Then, ascend the cobbled stone mountain of Pekahuhu
Haere e te Pāpā ō te mano tini e Ricky. Haere, haere, haere atu ra ki te okiokinga, ki te kainga tuturu i whakairo ai mō tātou te tangata.	Farewell Ricky, our Papa of so many. Farewell to that final resting place sculpted for all.
Nahau ra te whakaaro rongonui ki awhi i te rongo ora mo ngā whānau ō Te Hiku ō te Ika	It was your vision and commitment to establish sustainable options for our whanau in Te Hiku o te Ika
Nahau ra i whakaritea ai ō moemoeā mō te haukainga kia noho haumarua mātou	It was you who created your dreams in to our realities so we can live in safe havens
Nahau ra, i awhi ai i a tātou, ō tēnā, ō tēnā, ō tēnā o ngā whakatupuranga e tupu ake nei.	It was you who embraced us all with your gracious aroha for our current and emerging generations
Nahau ra i huakina tō tatau ki nga mahi ō Rotary	It was you who opened your door to Rotary
E kore e warewaretia i ō mahi rangatira mō mātou	We will never, never forget your generous work with us
E moe e te Korowai ō te Aroha i te moenga roa ki roto i te Ao mamae kore	Sleep the everlasting sleep our Rangatira of Compassion in that pain-free world.
E te whanau pani ngā aroha nui rawa ki a koutou katoa i te ngarohanga ō te pou ō tō whanau.	To the bereaved whanau, our sincere condolences for the loss of the Pou of your whanau.
Mai i ō koutou roimata aroha, whakanui ai ngā mahi hiringa rangatira ō tō Papa	Through your tears of love, celebrate the inspirational legacy of your/our Papa
Ka noho tonu tō Papa ki te Ao ō maumahara	Your/Our Papa will forever remain etched in our world of memories
Na Rotary te honore i pā mai te aroha ō Papa Ricky kia hono ai mātou mahi ki raro i te korowai aroha	Rotary is privileged and honoured to have worked alongside such a great compassionate visionary leader
Tihei Mauri ora	
	
We will miss his smile, his laughter, his humour, his compassion, his determination, his leadership, his wisdom and most of all his deep, sincere aroha for his people.	

MUNA 2022

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) was held 29 - 30th July. MUNA simulates the working of the United Nations Assembly by having schools in teams of two or three Year 12 and 13 (Forms 6 and 7) students represent a participating UN country in debates on matters of world politics and social concern. Debates are held over a weekend from Friday morning to mid-afternoon Saturday.

Prize winners were:

Best overall Country representation	- Sweden	- Baradene School
Best Team costume over the two days	- South Desan	- Springbank School
Team with the most depth of content	- United Arab Emirates (UAE)	- Auckland Girls Grammer
Team who stood up to the most pressure	- Saudi Arabia	- Glendowie College
Team with the best knowledge of the UN Charter	- Papua New Guinea	- Westlake Boys high School
Best contribution to the Security Council	- Albania	- Hobsonville Point Secondary School
Runner up to the most engaging speaker	- Denmark	- Kerikeri High School - Joe Howells
Most engaging speaker	- Guatemala	- Glendowie College - Megan Cartwright
runner up best team overall	- Georgia	- Sancta Maria College
Best Team Overall - Supreme Winner	- Peru	- Selwyn College



Romac is back in business in Australia

Melenaite's Story

The long-awaited phone call to District 9705 ROMAC Chair, Sandra Goldstraw, finally came at the end of June. After more than two years of a COVID-enforced break, a new ROMAC family was coming to Canberra!

Although two ROMAC patients from Tonga had received life-saving heart surgery in Auckland during the past 12 months, Australia's international border restrictions meant that no children were able to be transported to any Australian hospital for treatment during the pandemic. Vincent Toto who was ROMAC's last patient to be treated in Australia, returned home to the Solomon Islands in November 2020, so the news of a new patient was met by Sandra, and members of the ROMAC team, with much excitement.

Melenaite was born three weeks earlier with a massive football-sized non-malignant, but nevertheless life-threatening tumour which covered a large proportion of her lower back. Removal of the tumour, due to the complexities of the necessary surgery, and the need for a neonatal intensive care unit, was not possible in Tonga, so ROMAC was approached to have the surgery carried out in Australia.

Sandra, and the volunteer ROMAC team, including Medical Director Dr Larry Roddick OAM, and Operations Chair, Judy Holland, immediately swung into action, finding a hospital willing to take Melenaite as a patient; organising flights from Tonga via Sydney and the necessary visas, passports and other travel documentation; negotiating for a neonatal emergency transport (NET) ambulance to transport Melenaite from the airport to Canberra's Centenary Hospital for Women and Children who agreed to conduct the surgery; and arranging for accommodation at Ronald McDonald House for Michelle, Melenaite's 22 year old mother and a specialist Neonatal Intensive Care nurse, Hulitha, who accompanied her on the journey from Tonga, while Melenaite is in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

ROMAC works closely with the local Embassies when a new patient is brought into Australia or New Zealand as often English is not widely understood by the parents or carers who accompany the child, and having an Embassy representative interpret for them, and provide moral support, is invaluable.



Michelle, Melenaite's mother, and D9705 ROMAC Chair, Sandra Goldstraw comfort Melenaite following her surgery

Along with ROMAC volunteers, including IT Consultant Richard Woodburn, representatives of the Tongan Embassy met the family at Sydney airport, and in Canberra they were met by others from the Embassy, Sandra and her fellow team members, and the NET Ambulance which transported Melenaite and her mother and nurse to the hospital to prepare for surgery.

Then the Tongan High Commissioner, HRH

Princess Angelika Latufuipeka Tuku'aho, expressed her desire to meet with Michelle and visit Melenaite in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and bring warm clothing for the visitors to cope with Canberra's cold weather. This was an exciting although nerve wracking time for Michelle and the



ROMAC team!

After numerous tests and medical consultations, Melenaite's surgery was successfully carried out on 13th July in an 8-hour operation. The tumour weighed 2.5 kg.

ROMAC is continually grateful to the Medical Specialists who volunteer their time and expertise to change lives like Melenaite's. Our special thanks go to Professor Crocker and the surgeons at Canberra Hospital who operated on Melenaite and gave her the opportunity to live a normal, healthy life.



Right: Michelle and Sandra with the Tongan High Commissioner, HRH Princess Angelika Latufuipeka Tuku'aho in the Intensive Care Unit

ROMAC is also indebted to the many wonderful ROMAC volunteers who make it all possible. We are especially grateful to Sandra and the District 9705 ROMAC Team, to Jeff Ibbotson and Gerda Lambeck who are the Rotary carer family, and to the Rotary Club of Murrumbidgee Canberra who have sponsored Melenaite. Thank You!

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Baby Melenaite and her mother, Michelle, (pictured with pram) and Neonatal Intensive Care nurse, Hulitha, were met at Sydney airport by a representative of the Tongan Embassy and long-term ROMAC volunteer and IT Consultant, Richard Woodburn on route to Canberra.



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A night of musical theatre, opera
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Sat 10th September 2022
7.15pm-9.00pm

Forrest Hill Presbyterian Church
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Further information contact **Chris Glanfield** on **027 497 2335**

E-Waste Recycling Event



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ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES BATTERIES POLYSTYRENE...CARDBOARD...& MORE

DATE: Saturday 24th September 2022
PLACE: Abilities, 91 Hillside Road, Glenfield
TIME: 10am and 12pm midday

Now's a good time to think about **spring-cleaning/decluttering** and identifying **e-Waste** that you may have accumulated over the past year.

Please also consider gathering items from family, friends, neighbours, work places and bring along a boot, car or trailer load.

Note that many items usually cost between \$5 and \$20 to dispose of at Abilities or other commercial depots.

To make it easier on the day, and to recognise Rotary's commitment to supporting Abilities' work, we only ask that you pay **\$10 for a boot load, \$20 for a car load and \$50 for a trailer load.**

Abilities will also securely destroy a computer hard drive if required.

The poster features the Abilities Group logo at the top, with the tagline "Caring for People and the Environment". Below this, the title "E-Waste Recycling" is prominently displayed. Underneath the title, it states "Abilities Group recycles e-waste (anything electrical or electronic)" and lists examples: "TVs, computers, keyboards, cables, laptops, servers, UPS, phones, mobile phones, printers – anything electrical that has reached the end of its life or is obsolete."



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- assembly work
- shrink wrapping
- labelling
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- cable and control panels
- polystyrene & cardboard recycling
- recycling consulting
- and more...

If you have any questions please ring **Geoff Pownall ☎ 021 627 014** or **Peter Fraher ☎ (027) 229 2250**

2023 RI Melbourne Convention Launch 4-8th June 2022 (Houston, USA time)



SPECIAL REGISTRATION FEE – 5 DAYS ONLY – <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

Ensure you register for this once in a lifetime RI Melbourne Convention between **4-8th June (Houston time)** to get the cheapest and best registration rate for this amazing Convention. Registration fee goes up by AU\$70.00 on 9th June.

ACCOMMODATION - <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

If you are seeking accommodation in one of the many RI block booked hotels for the Convention it is recommended you book this at the same time to ensure you get the best accommodation within your price and distance range from the two Convention venues –Rod Laver Arena at Melbourne & Olympic Park and the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, (MCEC) on Spencer Street.

CONVENTION EVENTS - <https://convention.rotary.org/en>

The Melbourne HOC is hosting several exceptional and exciting Special (night-time) Events, including Host Hospitality during the Convention. Tickets for these events will be sold on a first come basis, so it is important that you choose the events you want to attend and lock them in ASAP to ensure you get to attend what you really want to experience!!

In the meantime, you can visit the HOC Website at <https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/index>