

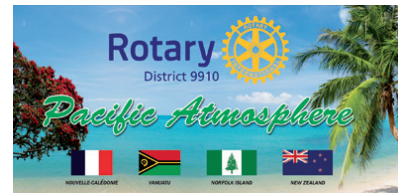


JANUARY 2021



Elaine Mead and Peter Garnett

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



Welcome to 2021, a new calendar year, the last six months of this Rotary year and 100 years of Rotary service in the New Zealand and Pacific communities.

Many clubs have held informal get-togethers over the last few weeks. Some of these have been in combination with other Rotary clubs or even other service organisations and it's heartening to see such collaboration. We can thank the 'team of five million' and New Zealand's political and scientific leadership for enabling this, when many of our Rotary colleagues, family and friends overseas are still unable to get together.



Please continue to use the COVID tracer app on your phone at venues and when out and about.

Our unique situation in New Zealand meant we were able to hold, and complete, the 32nd Rotary National Science and Technology Forum (RNSTF) in Auckland this month. This is another fabulous Rotary youth programme, with its origins based in District 9910. You can read more about the programme in this newsletter and at <https://rotarysciencetechforum.wordpress.com/>. For the second time, Peter and I were Camp Parents during the first week, which is fun, sometimes full-on and always inspiring. To spend time with the students and advisors gives us great faith in young adults and admiration for their resilience and talents. If your club sponsored an RNSTF student make sure you get them to a meeting to talk about their experience and bring your guests along – they'll love it. It's very appropriate RNSTF falls in Vocational Service month, as it directly impacts on the students' future career paths and utilises many Rotarians' vocational skills to make it happen.

Reflecting this month on the past year and recent events, a song from the popular 'High School Musical' movies was stuck in my head – "...*Together, we're there for each other every time; Together, together come on let's do this right...*". It was even used by one of the RNSTF colour groups as a volleyball pre-game chant! Then last week's timely and insightful poem from Amanda Gorman, 'The Hill We Climb', at the presidential inauguration "...*We close the divide because we know, to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside...*"

My mother always says, "If a job's worth doing it's worth doing well". She means **any** job, task or role we take on – paid or unpaid. After a break of a few weeks, now is an ideal time to review, refresh and amend club plans and processes before gearing up again for regular meetings and projects. To do any of it well requires a combination of our own, other club members' and Rotarian colleagues' skills, some curiosity to ask questions and a willingness to learn. After all....

"We're All in this Together"

Elaine Mead
Governor - District 9910
2020-2021

Are you going to join in?

9–11 April 2021 at the Copthorne Hotel in Waitangi, Bay of Islands

[Click here](#) to register your interest so we can keep you informed

Our district conference theme is **People, Passion, Sustainability** - *Honouring the Past, Building the Future*

We have a great deal for breakfast and accommodation organised at the Copthorne and the booking code will be available soon.

NRG North Shore member and Conference Team co-chair, Hannah Stoddart, has created this stunning logo. Thanks to PDG, Matua Jerry Norman for his input.

It's not just for Rotarians, get your family along to enjoy the winterless north or invite those friends you've been talking to about Rotary.





Buzzin' Around with Governor Elaine



14 Dec - drawing spot prizes at the Rotary East Coast Bays Christmas dinner



19 Dec - Peter celebrating a birthday with his granddaughters, Mia and Emi. Fire Extinguisher ready!



20 Dec - Girl power at Rotary Whangarei City with the induction of three new members; LtoR Governor Elaine, Sonia Elliot, Kura Heke, Maria Dowd and President Robyn



20 Dec - ...and presentation of Paul Harris Fellow recognition to President Robyn Banks



21 Dec - Helping Rotary Westhaven with Christmas wrapping at Auckland City Mission



25 Dec - Christmas!



10 Jan - waiting with advisors for the arrival of students to the 32nd Rotary National Science and Technology Forum (RNSTF21)



11 Jan - with RNSTF opening speaker, D9910 Rotary Alumni and past RNSTF student - Dr Malvinder Singh-Bains



12 Jan - Rotary New Lynn's Eric Horne celebrated 50 years of Rotary service. Governor Elaine with President Pauline and Eric

Help us Celebrate

Rotary's birthday on 23 February

How are you going to celebrate Rotary's birthday?



District Diary

- 25 January Rotary Orewa birthday (chartered 1964)
- 30 January Rotary BOI - Sandpit Sandcastle competition
- 1-11 February Virtual International Assembly for GE's
- 3 February Area 4 & 5 Presidents' meeting
- 6 February Rotary Maungaturoto - Paparoa A&P Show
- 11 February Rotary Bay of Islands bday (chartered 1963)
- 13 February New Way of Rotary on the North Shore wkshp
- 17 February Foundation Committee Meeting
- 20 February District Rotary Foundation Chair Training
- 21 February D9910 Board meeting
D9910 District Management Meeting (DMM)
D9910 District Advisory Council (DAC)
DRFC Training
District International Service Chair training
- 22 February Rotary Kaipatiki - public launch
- 23 February **Rotary Birthday**
Deadline for content to Newsletter Editor
Rotary Milford - information evening
- 25 February Rotary Whangarei City bday (chartered 2010)
- 26 February Rotary Noumea bday (chartered 1962)
- 27 February Coastal Challenge
- 3 March Area 4 & 5 Presidents' meeting
- 4 March Rotary Dargaville - Northland Field Days car parking
Rotary Milford - Golf tournament
Rotary Satellite South Kaipara (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
- 7 March SPPEDS, Christchurch
Rotary ECB - Hobsonville Clean Up

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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Paparoa Seat

The Paparoa Dairy was built sometime in the 1950's, and there was always a seat outside so that locals can rest and chat.

That was until two large dogs were tied to the seat whilst their master went inside.

Legend has it that a prominent politician drove past and scared the two dogs. The two dogs being spooked, took off with the seat last seen heading down the road wrecking the seat beyond recognition.

Rotary past president Alex Tetzner was disappointed to see the seat was gone and decided it needed replacing. He contacted two members from the Paparoa Gentlemen's club, Bryan Walker and Noel Smith about replacing the old seat. After a lot of discussion, it was decided that the seat needed replacing. Trevor Rintoul donated the locally sourced macrocarpa timber for this project, Nick Tetzner dressed the timber, Carters Maungaturoto donated the hardware, and the gentleman's club built it.

After much discussion with the local council, about health and safety, the council required a 'tap' bar installed so that blind people can find it with their cane, and that the seat be firmly attached to the footpath. Rotary member Tim Magill fixed the council's requests.

So now the seat is outside the shop, and should survive the attacks from dogs for another 50 years.



L to R: Noel Smith, Bryan Walker, Alex Tetzner



District Directory

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

Have You Got a Story to Share?

Rotary Down Under has chosen a theme for each upcoming magazine month based around the 'People of Action' tagline of "Together We...."

If you or your club has a project or story that fits with the magazine theme send it to editorial@rotarydownunder.com.au with a copy to our district PI lead at pichair9910@rotaryoceania.zone. Themes for the next three months are:

February

Together, We Promote Peace

(Peace and Conflict Resolution Month)

Building a peaceful world begins in our own backyards. That's why Rotary brings communities together to learn from our differences, gain new perspectives, and form stronger connections. Promoting peace through understanding – that's what People of Action do.

March

Together, We Fight Hunger

(Water and Sanitation Month)

Hunger hides in every community. That's why Rotary clubs support programs to provide healthy food and develop sustainable solutions to food insecurity. Fighting hunger to build stronger communities – that's what People of Action do.

April

Together, We Protect

(Maternal and Child Health Month)

"What is the value of the life of one child saved? No one will ever know, but if the child were our own, the price tag would be marked: Not for sale – this life is invaluable." – James L Bomar Jr. Protecting the health and lives of mothers and children – that's what People of Action do.

Rotary Bay of Islands PHF's

Rotary Bay of Islands were reported in the local newspaper with their presentation of Paul Harris Fellow recognitions to well-known Paihia residents Shane and Robyn Schrafft.

Both Shane and Robyn were instrumental in setting up a first response unit for St John in Paihia in 1993. Shane, who is the St John Paihia station manager, is a St John paramedic and a former local fire chief. Originally the first response unit shared premises with the Paihia Fire Brigade but recently moved to larger premises.

Rotary Bay of Islands member Jack Poutsma, said the Schraffts were exceptional people. "They have both significantly contributed to our community and even when they go on holiday to Rarotonga, they will spend their time training first responders and medics in that country". Jack noted it is rare for two people who are both non-Rotarians and a married couple to receive PHFs.



From L to R: Jack Poutsma (Bay of Islands Rotary), Gary Ardern (Bay of Islands Rotary, President), Shane Schrafft and Robyn Schrafft, recipients of the Paul Harris Fellowship.

Photo / Malt King

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Honouring the Past - Building the Future

Know your audio/video stuff? Into social media?

We're looking for some people to help with social media promo leading up to and at the district conference.

Stephen Wheeler is leading our website and technical group and will need assistance with preparing the audio visual resources and managing them over the weekend, as well as recording and uploading to Facebook.

Interested? Drop Stephen an email at wheeler.stephen@gmail.com

Boosting the Coffers

- In Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific, large contributions to Global Grants, particularly Give Every Child a Future, has seen overall contributions rise by over US\$400k or 20%. However, contributions to the Annual Fund and Polio Fund are down by almost US\$150k, or 11%.
- Thankfully Rotary International has received the US\$100 million 2-for-1 match from the Gates Foundation for Polio Eradication.
- Ways need to be found to address the decline in Annual Fund Contributions, otherwise we will be staring at a substantial reduction in District Grant ability in three Years.
- There are many easy and simple ways to contribute to The Rotary Foundation.
 - a. Consult your Club Foundation Chair.
 - b. Refer to The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide (219-EN) on MyRotary.
 - c. Contact any of the District Foundation Committee, located in the District Directory.
 - d. Become a Centurion
Become a Member of the Paul Harris Society
Become a Benefactor or a member of the Bequest Society .
- Your Valued support for your charity of choice, The Rotary Foundation, is much appreciated as we all strive to make this world a better place.



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Email: malcolm@sonatec.co.nz Mobile 0274 957 943

Whangarei Rotary City delivers some Christmas Magic Moments

Magic Moments is a charity based on the principle of giving anonymously to those who are not always able to feed their families as they would like to. Magic Moments is built on a simple notion: one small act of generosity on the part of one caring person can transform the lives of many.

Each year, around 80 'hampers' (in reality a banana box) of food are delivered to families who fly under the radar of social services; grandparents looking after whanau, families looking after chronically ill family members, Womens' Refuges, families that have hit hard times. The Covid pandemic created a whole new group to be considered.

Attached to each hamper is a message: "This hamper comes to you from someone who cares about you. All we ask is that you take care of yourself well enough to be able to do this for someone else someday"

For Rotary Whangarei City, this is a high touch project. Over the last decade we have been well supported by the public, club members, our exchange students and even their visiting parents. We have regular donors that give cash support, along with local businesses who have come onboard and supplied products at no cost. We have members of the public who always volunteer to pack and deliver (and would be disappointed if we did not invite them to this event), as well as those who bring their children to help and to better understand the meaning of giving. A number of people and organisations, who are well placed to know best, provide a list of families we can help.

All these people are aware their assistance remains anonymous to those we help.

A few years ago an article in our local newspaper about this project was read by a previous recipient of a Christmas hamper. They tracked the organisers down to donate their Christmas supermarket shop. People who deliver invariably have stories that bring them to tears,.....and some back breaking hugs. Could there be a better way to get into the Christmas feeling?

From the 2020 Magic Moments a regular helper, packer, deliverer and giver of names became our newest club member.

The club intends to give Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognitions to the business owners who have supplied free products in acknowledgement of their (anonymous) support to their community.

At our tenth Magic Moments event, it was fitting to acknowledge club president, Robyn Banks with a PHF+1. Robyn was one of the first woman Rotary members in District 9910 and a charter member of Rotary Whangarei City. She first introduced Magic Moments to Rotary and our club.

(For "how did it start?", visit www.anthonyrobbinsfoundation.org/programs/hamper-brigades)

Kevan Summerlee

Rotary Club of Whangarei City



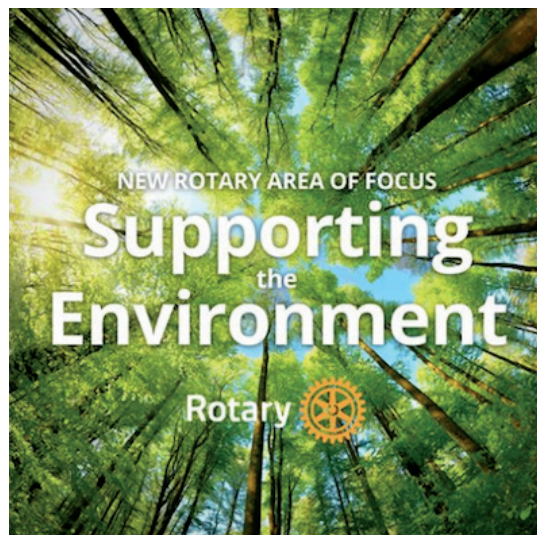
SEVENTH AREA OF FOCUS – PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Last year, The Rotary Foundation Trustees and the RI Board agreed to add a new area of focus – Protecting the Environment.

This new cause empowers Rotary members to address specific issues that have detrimental effects on the environment comprehensively and opens an opportunity to build on the environmental work we're already doing in our communities.

The policy and procedures are now determined for Protecting the Environment and clubs and districts can apply for global grants in this area of focus beginning 1 July 2021.

If you or your club is interested in a project in this area, carefully review the updated policy statements to ensure the proposed project(s) are eligible [Area of Focus Policy Statements](#).



Inner City Gardens



Thanks to a District Grant, Rotary Westhaven began its project to build wooden garden boxes at Daldy Street Gardens, Wynyard Quarter.

Pre-cut timber and the fixings were provided by Bunnings and potting mix came from a club contact.

Richard Zajkowski, Daldy St Community Garden co-ordinator, is the liaison between the club and the garden box recipients and also helped on the day.

Building the first box was a learning experience for the team, remembering the lesson of measure twice and cut once!

This first box was allocated to Jitka, a crew member from one of the yachts in the area, who helped put it together and immediately replanted her struggling veggies from her wheelbarrow!

The club will build five garden boxes in total, all of which will have a Rotary Westhaven sign on them. Four will go to the local community and one for Rotary Westhaven, which will be used in conjunction with Auckland City Mission to grow fresh vegetables for use at the Mission. The team completed two on the day and the other three are due to be built before the end of February.



Rex Billington and Alan Foote in construction mode



Jitka gives her plants a new home

Why Not Make 2021 Your Year For Sustainable Living

Happy New Year from Rotary Rotalite West! If you struggled to come up with your New Years resolutions this year, why not make 2021 your year for sustainable living?

Here are five simple and sustainable changes you can make to kick 2021 off in an environmentally friendly way!

- 1. Invest in reusable mesh produce bags.** Gone are the days of single use plastic bags, and produce bags are soon to follow. If you are still packing your apples and oranges in plastic at the supermarket / fruit store, take this as the prompt you need to get with the times and get onboard with reusable produce bags!
- 2. Treat yourself to a reusable takeaway coffee cup.** You can get some with great designs - consider it as an accessory! Some cafe's also discount your drink if you order it in a reusable cup.
- 3. Try meat-free days.** There are many great protein substitutes available - tofu, beans, chickpeas, lentils, quorn - so why not try to reduce your weekly meat consumption by 1-2 days? Getting protein through plant based sources is also great for your health!
- 4. Reduce your driving.** Transport emissions make up 47% of the total carbon dioxide emissions in NZ. Can you get from A to B by walking or riding your bike? Public transport? Ride sharing?
- 5. Plant a tree.** What better way to bring in a sustainable new year?



Exchange Students Return Home

We have done it !! All our Rotary outbound students for 2020 are back in NZ ! District 9910 had five students who all stayed for their year away and are back safe and sound.

COVID 19 has been for all of us an event no one could have ever predicted a year ago when we sent out our 2020 Rotary Students for the experience of their lifetime. Well the students all experienced life in their host countries in different ways than they COULD EVER have predicted.

In Youth Exchange Committees our lives changed in ways that we never planned. Our experienced Travel Agent, Roger Miller was tested to the limit.

After over nine months of making bookings, cancelling, refunding and

rebooking so many times, the end has come. As at 13th January the last three of the eleven students from NZ, who saw out their complete year have all returned.

Thanks to EMIRATES and QATAR the flights all worked out and the chicks have returned to the nest. In hindsight, it worked, even though long flights and transit stops, this routing proved to be the only safe way home for the European Students.

So roll on 2022 and perhaps the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme may start up again . First time in 60 years it has been halted. Hopefully Jan 2022 will see an outbound group - but at this stage it's one day at a time.

Sandra Woods, D9910 RYE Chair

My name is **Hayley Brown**, I'm 18 years old and have spent the year 2020 in the quaint town of 'Ancenis' situated in the west of France.

It goes unsaid that 2020 was an exceptional year - it certainly didn't unfold quite as I had expected. Despite coming in and out of several lockdowns since March, I was extremely fortunate to explore many beautiful cities, towns and attractions within the country. Some highlights include Paris; seeing the Eiffel Tower, going up the Arc de Triomphe at sunset, going on a riverboat tour down the Seine. Another one of my favourite moments was visiting Le Mont Saint Michel - a small village which appeared to be floating on water. I was even lucky enough to go on a couple of day trips to Spain, see Monaco and visit a range of other cities and towns; from Nantes, to Clisson, Nice, Marseille, Nîmes, Le Mans, Clermont-Ferrand and many others.



While this year did comprise many highlights and incredible cultural experiences, it did come with many challenges as well. Fortunately I developed supportive and life-long relationships with my host families, Rotarians and especially friends I made over my time at college, Le Lycée de Saint Joseph.

I am already counting down the days until I can return to France and share the country's beautiful culture and stunning scenery with my family and friends.



Lucy Brannigan. My host parents and I drove to Düsseldorf airport the Sunday after Christmas, so the roads were very quiet. Düsseldorf airport was surprisingly full- likely because Dubai had just opened for tourists. It was very sad saying goodbye to my host parents, however at that point it wasn't as bad as it normally is for exchange students, because I'd already said goodbye to my friends in the previous weeks leading up to the lockdown.

The flight from Düsseldorf to Dubai was completely full, and everyone travelling to Dubai needed a negative Covid test, so I did mine on the 25th of December! I had a 7-hour layover, and about an hour before the flight I got talking to some Kiwis. It was then an 18-hour flight back, with a 45-minute stop in Kuala Lumpur, where we refuelled.

The quarantine experience was great. I was in the gorgeous SO/ Hotel, Auckland, and the staff were all very friendly. The food was mostly good, and I was lucky enough to be able to meet with people on the terrace. A girl from District 9920 was on the same flight as me, and we met almost every day. A few days before I left, three other exchange students arrived. We could all meet on the terrace, so it's crazy to think that I could see more people in person than I could in Germany, with the main difference being masks and social distancing of course. I also found it good to have a bit of time to process my exchange year, and it was nice not being jetlagged when I saw my family again for the first time. I'm glad to be coming back to a country where there is no Covid, and I would happily do quarantine again if it means that everyone is completely free once I get out.

Kia ora! I am **Saana Ramaekers**, the District 9910 exchange student to Finland.

While I am still in quarantine here in New Zealand, I have had a lot of time to reflect on the past year and my experiences. Personal growth was the main take-away from my exchange year, especially in light of the pandemic.



I became a much more competent, confident and social individual which was only possible through conquering the many challenges that arose. From making friends in a foreign country without the support of the older exchange students to navigating a lock-down in an 11-person household, the difficulties that I faced were unlike any that previous exchange students have faced before. I learned to talk to new people, to take time to rest when I needed it, and along the way I discovered parts of myself that I had never known about before. Although I will dearly miss this year-of-a-lifetime,

I am also incredibly grateful to return to my home country, and our unique position in the midst of COVID-19.



Cyclone Yasa - Appeal and Communiqué

Cyclone Yasa was one of the most severe in many years. Rotary clubs in Fiji have immediately activated their community emergency response support plans in consultation and in accordance to established plans managed by Rotary Fiji but taking into account Covid-19 restrictions in place within Fiji. Pre-positioned Emergency Response Kits (ERKs) have been distributed. The Rotary clubs in Fiji have used conference calls to discuss the most urgent support their communities need and the best way for Rotary to implement this and from this District 9920 has launched an urgent Appeal for help. [Cyclone Yasa Appeal](#)



I can't imagine what it is like to have the roof torn off your family home and your lives and possessions upended right on Christmas. But at least we can help get that roof back on to enable the start of a return to normality. What a gift to give at Christmas!

District 9920 Support Actions is an appeal for donations to the D9920 YASA Appeal - this is for cash donations to provide cash resources for repairs and emergency supplies.

This call is the PRIORITY call
Donations to this fund are charitable
Donations will be TRUST Account by Clubs using a
DD - details will follow

The fund will be administered by the District.

The cyclone season is considered to be between the months of October through to April. And already this season you will have seen news reports of the devastation in Fiji caused by Cyclone Yasa.

Personally, I was worried as the cyclone was developing and the initial tracking had the cyclone passing close to Vanuatu. The tracking changed and Fiji suffered from the full impact of Cyclone Yasa. Once again, the Emergency Response Kits were proven to be invaluable being distributed to affected families. During September - October 2020 1000 ERKs were packed in Auckland and some clubs from the District took the opportunity to observe the process. Of the 1000 ERKs three containers, each packed with 300 ERKs, were shipped to Vanuatu, Fiji and Samoa.

Some research, incomplete and not very scientific has suggested that damaging cyclones are becoming stronger and more frequent. If the research is proven correct the need for a supply of ERKs will be greater than ever. There have never been enough ERKs stored in Vanuatu. The 300 sent to Vanuatu is a start although it is still not enough and it is my desire to get at least one container sent to Santo at the next opportunity. Rotary New Zealand World Community Service (RNZWCS) reviews the supply of ERKs after each cyclone season and following the review will replenish the supply as necessary.

I am willing to visit clubs with a demonstration ERK, explain the program and some of the work by Rotary New Zealand World Community Service. One ERK costs NZD\$600.

My contact details can be found on the District Directory.

Bruce Morrison
Chair International Service
Director RNZWCS www.rnzwcs.org

Emergency Response Kits - How to Help

People can lose everything, including loved ones, when disaster strikes. You can help in a practical way. Help survivors get through the first days by providing Emergency Response Kits. Kits contain basic equipment so that a family can construct a simple shelter and clothe themselves. There are essentials such as tools, toiletries, first aid supplies and household items.

Check out <https://www.rnzwcs.org/donate>

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Source: Rotary Fiji Facebook page 20 December 2020



Know Any Jokes About Sodium? ... Na

One of many daily science jokes on the whiteboard at the 2021 Rotary National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF). The bigger question last year was - will it or won't it go ahead?

When you're planning a two-week residential programme for 174 sixteen and seventeen-year-old students from around the country, in a city which has been in lockdown twice – it's nerve-racking.

Despite an unavoidable change in accommodation, the impact of COVID on planning arrangements, logistics and some organisations' ability to participate in practical sessions – NSTF 2021 has completed another successful event in its 32-year history. All credit to the Forum Trustees; Director and Deputy Director; Advisors; Academic and administration staff.

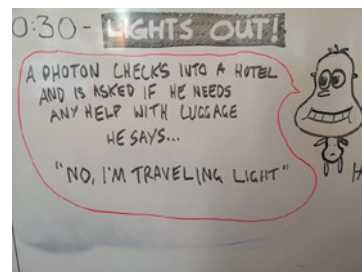
Governor Elaine and PDG Peter Garnett were honoured to be invited back by the Forum Advisors as Camp Parents for the first week. They were on board from arrival day (Sunday 10 January) to greet students and those local parents who accompanied their excited and nervous children into the hall of residence. For many it is the first time they have been away from home, especially for so long. Camp Parents for the second week were Paul and Sue Mees (Rotary Browns Bay)

For two weeks the students - divided into six colour groups, each led by two advisors - experienced a taste of university life through lectures and living in student accommodation, along with the range of opportunities available through science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) – both academically and practically. A highlight of the two weeks is the fun and competitive volleyball competition between the groups, with team colours, chants and loud barracking very much to the fore. The Forum ended with a special graduation dinner held in the Guineas Room, Ellerslie Event Centre, on Friday 22 January.

District 9910 had 36 students in attendance. Thanks to the following clubs for supporting our future: Albany (4); Birkenhead (2); Browns Bay (3); Dargaville (1); Devonport (3); East Coast Bays (1); Henderson (3); Kaipātiki (3); Kerikeri (2); Milford (3); New Lynn (2); Onehunga One Tree Hill (1); Takapuna North (1); Waipapa (2); Whangaparaoa (2); Whangarei City (1); Whangarei South (2)

The last word is best left with a quote from a 2019 student:

"The Forum is a truly unique experience, there is simply nothing like it. A taste of University life and potential career fields is so exciting. As much as we will all miss Forum, we leave with new knowledge as to what opportunities lie ahead of us, giving us the power to make better choices for the future. More importantly, we leave with so many new friendships and memories to last a lifetime. I am very appreciative of this opportunity; this was an unforgettable experience and I have grown so much as a person because of it".



11 Jan - formal photo with students in colour group t-shirts



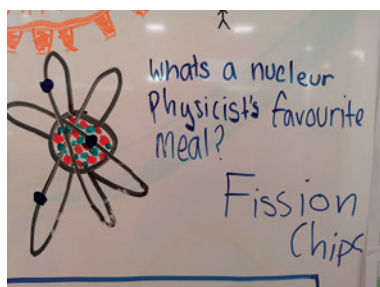
11 Jan - Opening speakers Dr Michelle Dickinson (Nanogirl) and Dr Malvinder Singh-Bains



12 Jan - Students at Unleash Space module, Auckland Business School



12 Jan - Volleyball competition kicks off



13 Jan - Students on a visit to Living Labs, prepare to monitor native tree planting



16 Jan - Students cooling off in front of fans at the disco



17 Jan - Buzzy Bee meeting students at the mid-course BBQ

How About Leading Our District In 2023-2024?



Not many people know how someone gets to be a Governor, so I thought it would be helpful to explain the process to all Rotarians.

Every year the District invites Club Presidents to nominate Rotarians from within their club and an email has recently gone to all Presidents to this effect. Individual Rotarians

can also approach their clubs individually to seek support for a nomination. A nomination must have a club's support. However, each year it is disappointing that we rarely get a response.

What do you need to be a Governor? At the minimum you have to:

- Be an active member of a D9910 club;
- Been a Rotarian for at least seven years;
- Served as Club President for a full Rotary year;
- Be in good health – it can be a demanding year, with travel (when possible) and late nights

It is helpful to have been an Assistant Governor and/or had some experience at a District level for the Rotary knowledge - but not compulsory. What is going to help most in this role are good organisation and communication skills, an ability to interact with people, inspire and "make things happen" with empathy and an understanding of working with volunteers. Some patience and a sense of humour also help!

What next? Once names have been received the Nominating Committee meets to consider the names proposed. The Nominating Committee is made up of the four most recent Past Governors plus the current Governor. The Governor Elect and Governor Nominee are invited to attend the meetings. The Committee may interview candidates and then it works through a voting process to select the person it believes would be the best choice to hold the position in three years' time.

I encourage you ALL to consider whether the position of Governor is something you would like to do in the future. I'm enjoying the opportunities the Governor role gives me to increase my Rotary knowledge, meet amazing people and clubs in our district, while working hard to support others and serve our communities. Obviously, 2020 has presented some challenges, but it's an empowering and learning experience!

Feel free to discuss this with me or the Chair of our Nominating Committee this year, PG Peter Smith. pcsmith.rotary@gmail.com

If you do want to take on a new challenge in 2023-2024 and learn and grow please email me at elainemead.rotary@gmail.com

Applications close on 31 March 2021.



Thoughts from Past Governors

"The three years from GN to GE to Governor was a steep learning curve, where you gain more Rotary knowledge and Rotary networks locally, nationally and internationally. You are in a continuous learning cycle. It allows you to articulate key Rotary ideals, goals with confidence. We were surrounded by highly experienced and dedicated Rotarians who were always available to support Fay and me. The Governor Train helped me review and reflect on current and future activities and opportunities. The counsel and guidance of my VG was invaluable. I especially enjoyed being able to integrate my expertise in music and Maori world view to add value to our Governor role. Above all it was an amazing and humbling experience. We met so many amazing Rotarians and people who had the networks to accelerate funding options dedicated to helping the most vulnerable. I encourage fellow Rotarians to consider this important and rewarding role."

Hutia te rito o te harakeke, kei hea te komako e ko

If you remove the heart of the flax bush, where then will the bellbird sing

Ki mai ki ahau, he aha te mea nui o te Ao

If you ask me, what is the greatest gift in this world?

Maku e ki atu, he tangata, he tangata, he tangata

I will reply it is the people, it is the people, it is the people

~ Jerry Norman 2018/19

"The DG role allows you to see Rotary through fresh eyes. There is great training support both in NZ and overseas which assists in your own personal development. You network with Rotarians from NZ and many other countries who are sharing similar experiences to yourself.

Within your own district, being the DG, provides you with an overall appreciation of the quality of our people and the quality of Rotary service that we are delivering to "make a difference."

I encourage every Rotarian, to seriously consider putting their name forward for consideration in this important role."

~ Bruce Rasmussen 2014/15

"The two years leading up to and my Governor's year was such an amazing journey, so worthwhile, although there was the odd challenge to deal with. But seeing our District in action and the internationality of Rotary it was such a privilege to be a part of it. I would encourage members to consider taking on this rewarding role. The support I received from Past Governors and members was outstanding, always there to lend a helping hand."

~ Maxine Neighbour 2010-11



Blast from the Past

Rotary involvement in Christmas events started early, evidenced by this report in the Northern Advocate of D9910's oldest club, Rotary Whangarei. 23 December 1925

TREAT BY ROTARIANS.

A HAPPY GATHERING.

Some 200 children of Whangarei, entertained by the Rotary Club last evening, will have very pleasant recollections of Christmas this year. The Rotarians entered into the spirit of the occasion with the utmost enthusiasm, and the happy faces of the children present at the gathering expressed their thanks and pleasure.

From 5.45 till 6.45 the members of the club were exceedingly busy men. They went into the highways and byways with motor cars, and at various homes children were waiting, dressed in their best, with happy, expectant faces. Gathered together in the lounge of the Y.M.C.A., where the function was held, the little ones reflected some of the finest types of the British nation.

Meanwhile, as the children were being brought in by car from all points of Whangarei, other members of the club and a willing band of Rotarian wives and lady friends were putting the final touches to the tea-tables. When at last the children were lined

up and marched two by two into the big hall, a sight well calculated to please the juvenile met the eye. The tables were laden with good things, which revealed how truly liberal the Rotary Club was in its hospitality. In the centre of the hall was a huge "Christmas Tree." It was lit up by multi-coloured lights and, peeping out amongst the branches, could be seen dolls, open-armed in an invitation to be taken down. There were also toys and books of all description for both boys and girls. It was certainly a wonderful tree, and as the children marched into the hall their faces lit up at the sight of it.

The little ones were given their places at the table, and when all were seated Rotarian D. A. McLean, president of the club, wished them all "a happy Christmas and a pleasant holiday." He also expressed the hope that they would enjoy themselves that evening. Grace being said, the children commenced to dispose of the good things provided, and the prattle that filled the hall was ample testimony of their enjoyment of the entertainment. The Rotarians and the ladies were assiduous in their attentions to the young guests, seeing that each child enjoyed itself thoroughly.

After tea interest was centred in the "Christmas Tree," and excitement

reached a high pitch when, clad in his bright scarlet coat trimmed with fur, Santa Claus arrived upon the scene to distribute the toys. Mr D. W. Jack took the part of Santa Claus and sustained the benevolent role with distinct success. The ceremony of handing to each child a suitable toy was the culminating event of a very enjoyable evening. At its conclusion the children were once more taken by car to their homes and by eight o'clock were returned to the parental roof.



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

South Pacific President-Elect Development Seminar (SPPEDS) 2021

Just a reminder for all incoming Club Presidents to register for the multi-district South Pacific President Elect Development Seminar (SPPEDS) to be held in Christchurch in March 2021.

This year the event will be held in Christchurch at Saint Margaret's College, 12 Winchester Street in Merivale.

District 9910 will cover the cost of airfares to attend the event and the earlier you book, the cheaper the cost to the district. Accommodation will need to be covered personally or by your club, or possibly stay with friends / family in Christchurch.

For those who were not able to attend the PETS 1 Training in November, we will offer the training again in Christchurch prior to the start of SPPEDS.

The dates are as follows:

Friday 5 March 2021 – PETS 1

Saturday 6 March 2021 – SPPEDS

Sunday 7 March 2021 - SPPEDS

If you are attending PETS 1, you will need to arrive in Christchurch on Thursday night, otherwise Friday night if you are attending SPPEDS. We also plan to hold a District 9910 dinner during the weekend.

You can register for the seminar at the following link:

<https://www.rotaryoceania.zone/50169/Page/Show?ClassCode=Page&Slug=sppeds-homepage>

We look forward to seeing you in Christchurch.



Note - the wonderful new SPPEDS logo was designed by D9910's Hannah Stoddart (NRG Northshore)

Asanvari Village Builds Back Better

It is great to have almost completed our Rotary Global Grant project. All that remains to complete the project is the installation of spouting, some sand and tanks.

The village of Asanvari is located on the island of Maewo. Potable water supply has always been a challenge and Cyclone Harold (February 2020) destroyed the basic water catchment (and most structures in the villages). Collecting rain water provides all of the supply to the village.



The focus of this Global Grant is to restore to the communities the ability to harvest and store potable water. The newly constructed Water and Sanitation Catchment structure will provide the school with clean water needs, while the area below the Roof catchment will provide two class room areas. The structure is designed to withstand extreme winds and will provide a long term safe shelter for the Village and Asanvari Primary School.



The new Toilet facilities will be beneficial not only for the existing 165 pikininis to Year 7 coming from Asanvari and surrounding villages, but also for any influx of school aged evacuees coming from nearby Islands, as a result of severe Cyclone Damage in the future. In addition, with the improved hygienic conditions and water storage, more tourists will be drawn to visit this remote area's attractions.



From start to almost finished, it has only taken 8 weeks, plus the time involved in project planning.



We gratefully acknowledge and thank the following who have contributed to this successful Rotary project in Vanuatu:

- PG Lindsay Ford for his foresight and coordination
- Renton Boeson our builder and the workers from the village
- Steph Neilson, Reynolds Boeson and Stuart Friend our partners from the SHaRM Foundation.
- Host Partner Rotary Santo and International Partner Rotary Norfolk Island
- Project Funders - Rotary OneHunga OneTree Hill (US\$15,500), District 9600 (US\$7500), the Harold Thomas Trust (US\$5000), and The Rotary Foundation World Fund match (US\$17,747)
- Big Fala thanks to the Vanuatu Ministry of Education & Training for support with freight
- Cyrille Mainguy Engineers for his great plans and advice, Pacific Petroleum, Alain Lew from PVH and Top Signs.

Another great result for the people of South Maewo.



PI Tip - Image Tip

Make sure that all of your banners and online presence use the new Rotary logo.

Go to MyRotary/Manage/Brand Centre for more information.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/manage/brand-center>

Rotary



How engaged are your Members?

As the number of volunteer organisations rises and competition for volunteer resources increases steadily, organisations which rely on volunteers are turning their attention to the matter of engagement, asking themselves the question 'how do we keep our current and future volunteers active, involved and satisfied?'

Our situation in Rotary is identical. Faced with increasing competition and rising expectations, we must ensure our members are engaged and receiving value from their Rotary membership. Fortunately, we don't need to reinvent the wheel; the literature on volunteer management provides a host of tips and hints on ways to increase volunteer engagement. I've identified seven of the most common ones and applied them to Rotary:

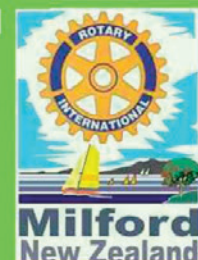
1. Create a positive first impression – Take time to understand your prospective members' expectations. When they join your club, provide quality induction and mentoring, make them feel welcome, and check in regularly to see how they are getting on.
2. Provide meaningful volunteer roles – Find opportunities that enable members to give back using their particular skills and experience. For members still building their careers, find the opportunities that enable them to enhance and strengthen their skillset.
3. Communicate, communicate – Communicate frequently and effectively with members, using channels that work for them. Make sure communication is a two-way street, providing ample opportunities for club members to communicate directly with club leaders. Keep your decision making transparent and consult widely and frequently. Work on your listening skills.
4. Make it fun – Even the most dedicated volunteers want to enjoy themselves. Weave fun and friendship into everything you do and include social activities in your calendar. But remember – everyone's definition of fun is different – so create a social program which is inclusive, appealing to diverse needs and lifestyles.
5. Recognise and appreciate – Make sure your members know their contribution is valued and appreciated. Grand gestures aren't necessary; a simple 'thank you' will usually suffice. Celebrate members' contributions - profile them on your website and social media channels, nominate them for community awards and host recognition events within your club.
6. Show volunteers what they have achieved – We all want to know our contribution actually makes a difference. Identify opportunities for service in your community that have a measurable impact, invite beneficiaries back to the club to share how Rotary's service has improved their lives, feature stories of your impact in all your club's communications.
7. Let them know they're part of something big – Connect your members to Rotary beyond the club to help them understand they are part of a global movement. Encourage them to visit other Rotary clubs around the world, attend an international convention, join an international fellowship or action group. Let them know that the possibilities to engage with Rotary are endless.

In short, to Grow Rotary, we need engaged members in member-centric clubs. We need to ensure that all our members feel welcome and involved, and that they are enjoying their Rotary experience. Most importantly, we need to build our clubs around our members, rather than trying to make our members fit our clubs.



Article from Rotary on the Move, RI Director-Elect Jessie Harman

Rotary Club of Milford Community Charitable Trust



Annual Charity Golf Tournament

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DATE

Thursday, 4th March 2021 Huapai Golf Club

Venue: Huapai Golf Club.
1261 Coatesville-Riverhead High Way.
Format: Ambrose Tournament. Teams of 4
Plus Dinner & After Match Function

For Early Bird Bookings and inquires contact:

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Or Phone: 021 323190

The Rotary Club of Milford supports many different Charities and causes on the

Rotary Give Every Child A Future Update

Overview <https://everychildafuture.com/>

To protect 100,000 children from rotavirus, pneumococcal disease and cervical cancer across nine South Pacific Island countries over three years. We are committed to . . .

- Vaccinating adolescent girls against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) to prevent cervical cancer in later life.
- Vaccinating children against rotavirus and pneumococcal bacteria to reduce illness and deaths from gastroenteritis, pneumonias, meningitis and bacteraemia.
- Strengthening the immunisation programs in each country so that these vaccines continue to be delivered to future generations of children.

Fundraising target

The NZ Engagement & Fundraising Committee has set a \$NZ70,000 for Year 2 (July 2020 – June 2021) of the programme. We are close to \$40,000 of that goal! Some highlights...

- Clubs continue to make much appreciated donations
- A special fundraiser was run by Rotaract Auckland in conjunction with the Auckland Marathon and totalled some \$9,000.
- Harold Thomas Trust for a donation of \$10,000.

Invitation...

We want to help You and Your Clubs to learn MORE about Rotary Give Every Child a Future and how we as Rotarians come together in this common mission...

Please contact Jackie Hinchcliff jackiehinchrotary@gmail.com or 021 833 312

From Jackie Hinchcliff

Hi my name is Jackie Hinchcliff and I am a member of Rotary Auckland and in 2021 we will be celebrating our 100 year anniversary along with Wellington NZ, Melbourne & Sydney Australia. This is a celebration for all Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors as to how Rotary came to Australasia. VERY EXCITING.

Early this year I was privileged to become the Project Chair of one of our key Centenary Projects...

Rotary Give Every Child a Future

This project has partnered with UNICEF and the goal is to protect 100,000 children from rotavirus, pneumococcal disease and cervical cancer across nine South Pacific Island countries over three years

The project's commitment is to

- Vaccinate adolescent girls against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) to prevent cervical cancer in later life
- Vaccinate children against rotavirus and pneumococcal bacteria to reduce illness and deaths from gastroenteritis, pneumonias, meningitis and bacteraemia
- Strengthen the immunisation programs in each country so that these vaccines continue to be delivered to future generations of children

The countries that are included in this project are

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| • Nauru | • Tuvalu |
| • Samoa | • Vanuatu |
| • Tonga | • Niue |
| • Cook Islands | • Kiribati |
| • Tokelau | |

You might be asking why these nine countries?

Recognising there is a need for improved immunisation programs throughout the world. This is a joint New Zealand-Australia-Pacific Islands project to celebrate Rotary Australasia's centenary.

It was agreed therefore, to focus on a project that delivers in the Pacific region. We often hear that Rotarians want to support communities 'in our own backyard' and this project does just that.

Once it was agreed to work in the Pacific we partnered with, and took advice from, UNICEF on which countries to target. Globally, most countries are able to finance basic immunisation programs and many introduce new vaccines as they become available. Immunisation programs in the very poorest countries qualify for additional funding from organisations like GAVI. The countries selected for this project fall in between these two funding models, able to provide the basic vaccines but not able to implement additional new vaccines and not eligible for GAVI funding. This project has been designed to reach as many children as possible over the project lifespan, with the funds we aim to raise, and will be sustained because the respective governments have made a commitment to continue the vaccine programs when the project is completed.

Thanks to Rotaract Auckland City who supported "Rotary Give Every Child a Future" with their amazing fundraising effort through the Auckland Marathon that spread around the globe.

The project team is truly grateful for the monies they raised, yet equally important how it raised awareness of this project and the need of its goal to many.

THANK YOU!!!





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In Papua New Guinea, James (pictured at right) was first seen by an Interplast team in 2017. As a toddler he had suffered significant burns to his face, neck and left arm.

Further adding to the complications from the burns, James had difficulty closing his eye, which would likely affect his vision in the future, and had almost no movement in his left arm. The burns contractures had effectively fused his arm against his left side. A simple accident had resulted in life-changing injuries and disability.

In addition to dealing with the day-to-day difficulties resulting from his injuries, James and his family also experienced significant stigma associated with his appearance. For James and his parents, the accident proved devastating.

This year, James underwent another lengthy surgery to release the burns contractures. Whilst there have been significant improvements, James will continue to need further surgeries in the future.

An experienced Interplast surgeon supported by exceptional nurses have made a significant difference to James. The impact of a momentary accident that resulted in life-threatening injuries has been made easier because he can access quality care.



Pictured is James with his Mum after surgery

But James is not alone. And successful surgery can only be achieved with the support of quality nursing care - both during the procedure and post-operatively.

At a time when high quality nursing care can change the course of someone's life, too many of our nearest neighbours in the Asia Pacific region are going without this invaluable care.

Donations made during Interplast's current appeal will enable us to continue to develop and deliver essential nurse education across the Asia Pacific, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our volunteers may not be able to travel, but they continue to support hospitals, doctors and nurses with quality training and support delivered remotely. Training delivered to nurses in 2020 and 2021 will help patients like James for many years to come.

Even in the midst of a pandemic, Interplast and Rotary can still help to Repair Bodies & Rebuild Lives.

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



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