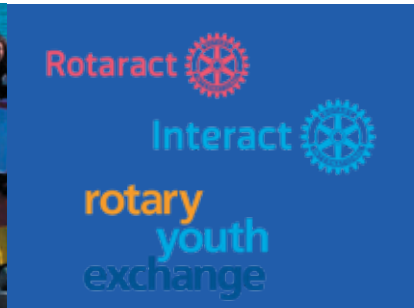




MAY 2021



Elaine Mead and Peter Garnett

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



Thirty-seven years ago this month, I spent a week living in the Whangarei Girls High School boarding house, along with seventy people I had never met before. We were a diverse bunch from across the top half of the North Island, ranging in age from 19 to 30. It was the first Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) course for the new District 991 and whilst I don't remember much of the content detail, I do remember the sense of energy and how quickly bonds were formed amongst the participants.

If it wasn't for the fact I was already connected to Rotary through my father, I doubt the relationship would have continued. Yes, my sponsoring club invited me back to speak on the experience but they never put me on their newsletter distribution list or invited me back to occasional meetings – even to hear the RYLA attendees they sponsored in the following years.

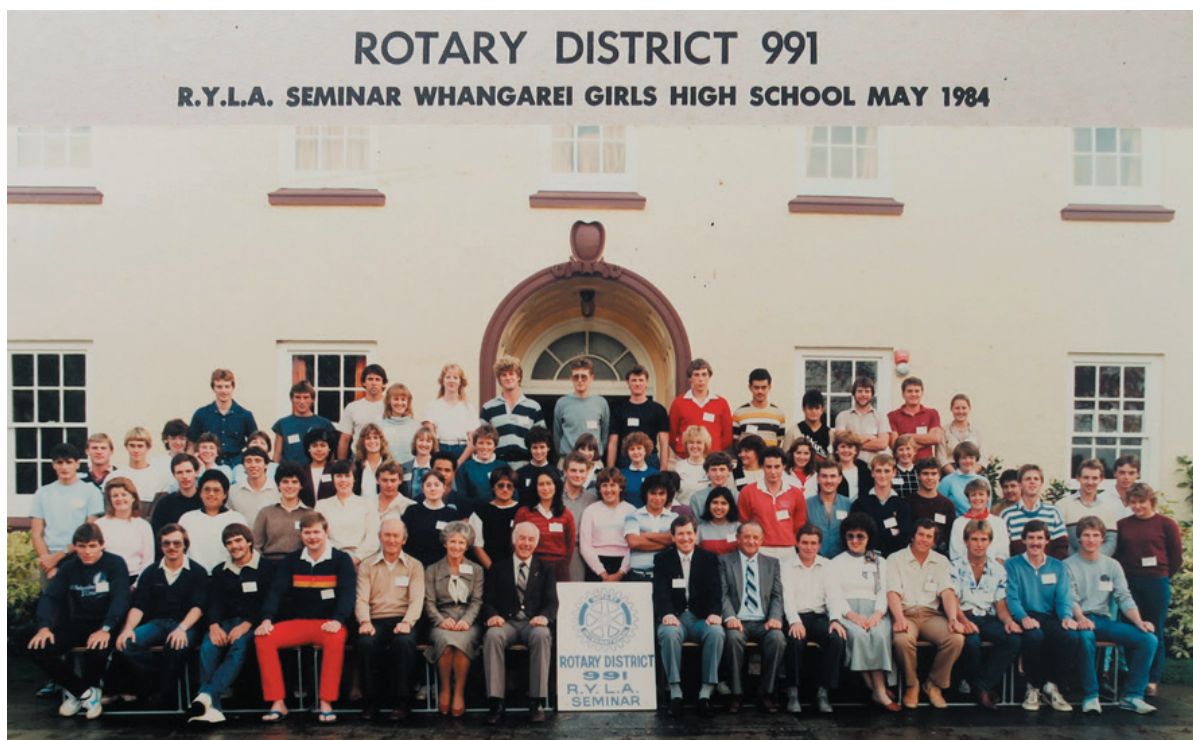
Rotary has amazing youth programmes, some of which have been delayed, re-scheduled or cancelled over the last year due to Covid. In our district we offer RYLA; Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE); Rotary Australia and New Zealand Student Exchange (RANZSE); Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA); Rotary National Science and Technology Forum; Interact; Rotaract and the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) course. You can discover more about these on our district website at <https://rotarydistrict9910.org/page/youth>

Our district has six Interact clubs - Mt Albert Grammar School (*sponsored by Rotary Westhaven*), Pinehurst School (*East Coast Bays*), Westlake Boys High School (*Milford & Takapuna*), Massey High School (*Waitakere*), Huanui College and Excellere College (*Whangarei City*) - and there is an update further in this newsletter. This weekend (28-29 May) MUNA is running at Auckland Girls Grammar and if you can, I encourage you to drop in and see the school teams in action.

All of these programmes are a foundation for Rotary's future. Connecting with these energetic and enthusiastic young adults raises their awareness of Rotary and all the opportunities it offers in self-development, giving back to the community, leadership training, mentoring, global connections and networking. Rotary is the original social network. Some may become members, others are likely to be good supporters of projects and fundraisers, or indeed the source of project opportunities. Either way, **they** are building the future in which Rotary has to exist.

Get alongside the participants you are sponsoring, do it early after the programme they have been on, support them and invite them to be involved your club activities.

Elaine Mead
Governor - District 9910
2020-2021





Buzzin' Around with Governor Elaine



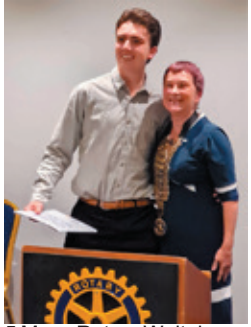
24 Mar - Rotary Port Vila Zoom meeting



27 Apr - Rotary Westhaven's garden boxes in Daldy Street



1 May - Rotalite West project at Waitakere College



5 May - Rotary Waitakere, induction of Daniel Crawford



7 May - RYLA dinner, line dancing with the RYLarians



8 May - RYLA delegates and Cam Calkoen



10 May - RYE Ella Lake, presentation of certificate and Alumni pin



10 May - Rotary Takapuna North, speaker Dr Siouxsie Wiles



11 May - Rotary Westhaven, inducting Caroline White



12 May - Mana Tangata book launch, Wellington



12 May - Pointing out Sandra McKersey's name



14 May - District Conference tapestry returns from its holiday in Vanuatu



18 May - Rotary Maungaturoto's gathering at Mangawhai for discussion with interested community members of local project and satellite club

**He taonga kei roto i te kata.
There is a therapeutic gift in laughter.**

The District 9910 Conference tapestry was crafted and gifted by the members of the Inner Wheel Club of East Coast Bays in 1996.

Every year since it has had an embroidered patch added on the back showing the Governor's Rotary Club and the location of the District Conference.

Rotary Vanuatu have sadly missed two planned district conferences for their location but whilst the tapestry was with them they made up for it!

District Diary

25 May	Rotary Waitakere bday (chartered 1970)
26 May	Auckland Korean Fundraising dinner
28 - 29 May	Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)
29 May	Club Leaders Seminar Rotary Browns Bay - Trivial Pursuit
30 May	DMM - current & incoming D9910 Board meeting D9910 District Management Meeting
31 May	Rotary Whangaparaoa bday (chartered 1988) Zone 8 Video Clip Competition Deadline
2 June	Area 4 & 5 Presidents' meeting
4 June	Rotary North Harbour - The Great Debate
5 June	World Environment Day
6 June	Rotary Satellite Te Hiku bday (chartered 2018)
8 June	Bounty Day (Mondayised for holiday)
11 June	Rotary Satellite Rotalite bday (chartered 2015)
12 -17 June	Rotary International VIRTUAL Convention
13 June	Sky Tower lit up in Rotary colours - R100
14 June	Rotary Port Vila bday (chartered 1972)
15 June	RDU copy deadline for next month's magazine Rotary Kaipatiki bday (chartered 1965)
17 June	Rotary Whangaparaoa changeover
19-30 June	Matariki
20 -26 June	National Volunteer Week (NZ)
20 June	Rotary East Coast Bays bday (chartered 1972) Rotary ECB - William Gamble Reserve Clean Up
23 June	Deadline for content to Governor Newsletter Editor
24 June	Rotary Henderson bday (chartered 1960)
25 June	Rotary 100 close off party
26 June	D9920 Conference D9910 Changeover Rotary North Harbour changeover (TBC)
27 June	Rotary Onehunga One Tree Hill bday (chartered 1947) Rotary Whangarei City changeover Changeover - Rotary Milford (time TBC)
28 June	Rotary Takapuna North changeover RYLA 2021 Dinner (Rotary East Coast Bays) Rotary Browns Bay changeover
29 June	Rotary Auckland Korean bday (chartered 2005)
30 June	Council on Resolutions submission deadline Rotary Devonport bday (chartered 1977) Rotary HLMtRoskill bday (chartered 1954) Rotary Satellite Orewa-Millwater bday (chartered 2016)

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

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) 2021

They represent the wealthy, the dispossessed, the developing, the strong and the poverty-stricken – gaining a perspective of global politics in action and learning more about different countries.

MUNA will be held from 28-29 May at Auckland Girls Grammar, Dorothy Winstone Centre, Howe Street, Auckland.

Rotarians are encouraged to attend and watch the school teams in action as they present and lobby from the perspective of their assigned countries.

Twenty D9910 clubs are supporting 56 teams from 25 schools in our district.

Friday 28 May (times subject to change)

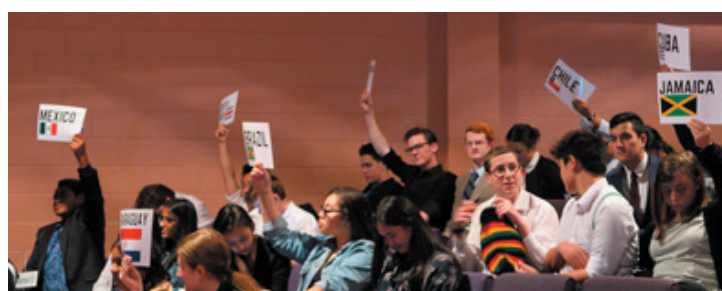
09.00 - 09:15	Official Welcome
10.00 - 11:30	Session 1- Remit discussion
12.00 - 14.45	Session 2- Remit discussion
15.00 - 16.00	Session 3- Remit discussion
16.00	Conclusion

Saturday 29 May (times subject to change)

09.00 - 11.00	Session 4- Remit discussion
11.30 - 12.30	Impromptu debate
13.05 - 14.20	Session 5- Remit discussion
14.30 - 15.30	Guest Speaker Award of prizes Conclusion by Rotary

The remits under discussion

1. The UN to ensure the fair global distribution of Covid 19 Vaccines
2. The UN to actively enforce the protection of women's rights in member nations
3. The UN member states to increase aid to expand the world food programme
4. The UN to financially support countries to end the use of landmines
5. The UN to enforce regulations on countries that do not act to reduce their carbon emissions



Westlake Boys Interact have been asked by De Paul House to create some art for the walls of their refuge homes that they own on the Shore. Apparently these homes are very well set up with donated supplies and furniture – but the walls are bare. There is a group of budding artists at Westlake Boys [all Interact members] who are going to create at least 10 original artworks. The supplies of acrylic paints, brushes and A3 size canvases have been very kindly donated by Warehouse Stationery.

Current news is that Westlake Girls are on the verge of forming a new Interact Club under the joint sponsorship of Takapuna North and North Harbour Rotary Clubs and the experienced guidance of Westlake Girls teacher Viv McDermott. We are looking forward to this and a number of joint projects with Westlake Boys Interact.

Other High Schools in D9910 that are keen to form Interact Clubs and are in the process of gaining support are Green Bay High School, Rangitoto College and Whangaparaoa College.

Any Rotary Clubs that are interested in forming a new Interact Club at their local High School / College are very welcome to contact Clive Menkin for information and / or a Club Presentation on how to go about it (it is really easy!). These young people are the future of Rotary – our efforts now will pay off to Rotary Clubs in years to come and may well be the key to Rotary’s survival.

Clive Menkin: menkin@menkin.co.nz

Massey High School Interact

Massey High School’s Rotary Interact Club has had a great and productive start to their year!

The club has three co-Presidents and 25 members ranging from Years 9 to 13.

In the last year, Massey High’s Rotaract club has had a large number of senior students graduate which means that the number of members for the club is in the process of being rebuilt and we expect the number of members in our club to continue to increase over the coming terms.

As of community work, we have had multiple opportunities to volunteer for Riding for the Disabled’s fundraising events within the local Massey community and they have been a success in both participation and fundraising efforts.

Our major community project for Term 1 and the first half of Term 2 is our community hygiene drive for the West Auckland Youth Health Hub Rainbow Shed. The Rainbow Shed is a community shed hosted by the Healthwest Youth Health Hub as a means to provide for those

in our community who are in need of supplies. As a club, we found it to be extremely important to help contribute and uplift this cause as access to hygiene products and living supplies may be difficult at times, especially during the colder seasons.

Massey High’s club has done this in previous years and we had wanted to pick this initiative back up again for this year.

The hygiene drive consists of collecting hygiene product donations from students, teachers and members of our school community over a period of two weeks in the last term. So far, we have collected over three bags worth of hygiene products ready to donate and we plan to do another round of collections in the coming weeks.

As of the club’s future endeavours, for the remainder of the term, we plan to focus on school-based community initiatives and projects such as fundraising and beginning another collection drive for the Pataka Kai- Massey’s community pantry, supporting and promoting awareness events within our NZ community such as Mental Health Week, and working alongside other school groups for their fundraising and community efforts. Through this, we are also continuing to work with Rotary and those organisations who reach out to us for our volunteer work.

Mount Albert Grammar School Interact

This year we have already had one fundraiser which was for UNICEF. This was a three-week fundraiser which raised a total of \$1900. Now in term two we are in contact and preparing for our upcoming fundraiser with Shine which will happen from the 6th-12th of June. After that, we have a few ideas for fundraisers we want to pursue which will mostly focus on NZ organisations that we can support which will bring the group back to a more local level.

Green is the New Black



‘Women in Rotary’ t-shirts are still available at \$10 each.

Funds go to the Maternal and Child Health area of focus under The Rotary Foundation.

Medium	6	Large	6
XLarge	2	2XLarge	5
3XLarge	7		

These are small fitting, for example, I wear a Medium.

Email elainemead.rotary@gmail.com to order and for account details.

The value proposition of delivering Rotary Branded Projects





2-8 May 2021 - Muriwai Surf Club

After the disappointment of having to cancel the 2020 RYLA due to Covid, it was rewarding to have RYLA 2021 proceed as a face to face programme during the first week of May. 30 wonderful, energetic participants from very diverse backgrounds were welcomed to the venue by a rousing Powhiri led by Matau PDG Jerry Norman.



After an energetic team building session with members of the South Auckland Poets Collective, Jerry and Fay led a cultural session. During the week Fay worked with the participants to encourage each of them to develop their own pepeha, which they shared with their groups on the final day.

As in past years, it was wonderful to have the support of a wide variety of excellent presenters. Huge thanks to

each of them, who willingly gave their time freely in support of RYLA. They included Neuroscientist Dr Malvinder Singh-Bains; author Joe Davis; broadcaster Mark Watson; Futurist Dave Wild; leadership guru Robyn Fond; entrepreneur Kyrin Goss; Chief Executive of Leadership NZ, Anya Satyanand; and Chief Operating Officer of Te Whānau O Waipareira, Awerangi Tamaheri and her husband John Tamaheri. Cam Calkeon's motivational presentation on

the last day sent the participants home on a high.



Monday morning saw committee member and past RYLarian Megan Diment capturing the attention of everyone with an entertaining though serious session on personality profiles.

Each person learning to understand themselves and how best to communicate with others, based on belonging to one of 4 bird types- Doves, Owls, Peacocks or Eagles.



The Business Session on Thursday was one of the highlights of the week. Here each of the 6 groups was required to develop a business plan to set up a social enterprise organisation. They all developed innovative and worthwhile concepts which they then presented to everyone. The participants selected the "GEN-E" presentation as the one they considered stood out the most. The day was ably led by committee member and past RYLarian Dave Beachen with support from a team of mentors (one for each group) – thank you returning mentors Vicky Maples, Scott Kingston, Robyn Fond and Josh Page and new mentors David Hansen and Rod Fergusson.

Outdoor activities included Wednesday afternoon at Tree Adventures, Woodhill Forest, where most were outside of their comfort zone and exceeded their expectations of what they could achieve.

As well as community support activities at the Waimauku School on Friday morning. Here assistance was given to clean up the stream running through the grounds, clean up the grounds and some fence painting in

readiness before joining in the school's 100 year celebration photo.

A definite highlight of the week was the celebration dinner on Friday night. Organised and run by the participants who entertained Governor Elaine, guests and Rotarians from a number of sponsoring clubs. The highlight of the evening was them singing the [RYLA Waiata](#) they had composed, which they then gifted to future RYLAs.

"...everything we have been through and learnt is all summed up by this here song. Could feel the genuine emotions of everyone pouring out through our groovy little waiata ... this song wouldn't have been composed if not for this very specific group of young leaders coming together." Wiremu Williams

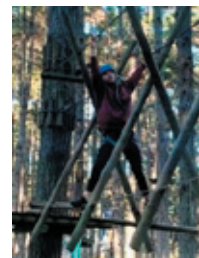
"It's hard to put into words just how amazing and absolutely mind blowing this week has been. I've done things I never thought I could do! I came thinking "I don't know how I'll get on" and left as a confident leader" Cynamon

"I had no expectations but absolutely one of the best weeks of my life – not even as exaggeration" Courtney

"An amazing experience. I loved meeting like-minded people. I have built strong relationships through this programme. I would recommend this to people who are leaders in their community because of the quality of speakers and the experience" Chayse

A big thank you must go to members of the RYLA Committee – Fay Norman, Megan Diment and Dave Beachen. The programme would not have been the success it has been without their wonderful support and advice.

PDG Peter Garnett, D9910 RYLA Chair pgarnett.rotary@gmail.com



RYLA Waiata
RYLA La La La La La (Chorus)
We all came together
To see what we can do
Different places and people
Sharing our values
We are all leaders
Leading our own way
Learning from each other
Future leaders today
(Chorus x2)
Maranga mai e te iwi
(Chorus x3)
Kia ko tahi ra

District 9910 Governor Changeover

Rotarians, friends, and family are warmly invited to attend the District 9910 Governor Changeover as Governor Elaine Mead hands over the Governor chains to incoming Governor Grant Smith.

This special celebration will be held on **Saturday 26th June 2021** from 10.00am to 12.30pm at the Orewa Arts and Events Centre, 80 Riverside Road, Orewa.

Bubbles, tea, coffee, juice, and a light morning tea will be provided. Cost \$15.00 per person.

Please RSVP to Sarah Smith by e-mail at china.blue@me.com and deposit your payment into Account number 03-1322-0011559-00. Please use your surname and club name as reference when making payment.

After the celebration take the opportunity to "support local" in Orewa at the local beachside cafes and shops or take a lovely walk along Orewa Beach. We look forward to welcoming you.



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VENUE: Orewa Arts & Events Centre
 80 Riverside Road, Orewa
COST: \$15 per person
PAY TO: Acct #: 03-1322-0011559-00 Please use your surname and club name as reference when paying online.
RSVP: E-mail: china.blue@me.com by Friday 19th June



Bubbles, tea, coffee, juice and a light morning tea will be provided.

'Support Local'

Local beachside cafes, shops and Orewa Beach are nearby to enjoy with your friends in the afternoon.



Club Leaders' Seminar

Governor-Elect, Grant Smith and the District Leadership team invite you to attend a Club Leaders' seminar designed to help you prepare for the new Rotary year ahead.

For our overseas members please be advised that all sessions will be facilitated in English.

Also known as "District Training Assembly" or "Leader-Elect Training Session" - the purpose is 'to inform, motivate and educate incoming club leaders and Rotarians within the District so they understand their responsibilities and are prepared for their term of office.'

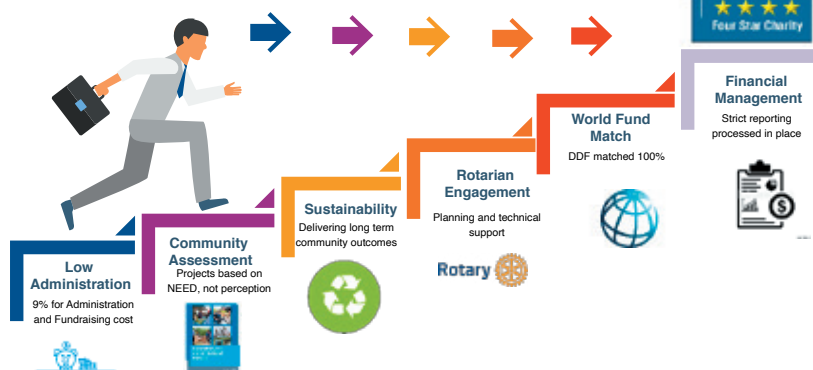
Date 29th May 2021
Venue Zoom Meeting from the comfort of your armchair
Time 09:00 Start - 12:30 Finish
Attendees Incoming club leaders and any interested club members

There is no cost to clubs or attendees for this seminar. Please be advised that you will require a device, with adequate internet connection to join these sessions. More information including the final programme and Zoom link are attached.

We look forward to seeing you and your team on the 29th of May 2021 and working with you on preparing for the new Rotary year.

Online ZOOM meeting code 8437825 password 109157

09:00 – 09:30
Welcome to the Year Ahead RIPE Shehkar Mehta's theme, Governor goals, Centennial year, Environment, District Action Plan.
09:30 – 10:30
DISTRICT BUDGET AND MONEY MATTERS Presidents Elect, Treasurers and Club representatives
➤ District Budget, Questions and review, Vote ➤ RI & RDU invoicing, Club budgeting – incl district and training levies ➤ Mandatory costs and Discretionary costs ➤ What does the money cover? ➤ Taxation, Charitable Trusts, Payments to Foundation
10:30 – 11:15
RUNNING THE JOINT Secretaries, other interested attendees
➤ My Rotary – Club Administration ➤ Rotary Club Central – goals & reports ➤ Rotary Down Under database
11:15 – 11:45
SOCIAL MEDIA Public image leads, other interested attendees
➤ Different options for Rotary clubs, Things to note ➤ How to post and How to tag
11:45 – 12:30
ROTARY FOUNDATION / DISTRICT GRANTS Foundation leads, other interested attendees
➤ Using My Rotary for TRF information ➤ TRF Funding ➤ PHF recognition points - how they work, how to apply for them ➤ Ideas/examples of District Grants ➤ How to apply and report
12:30 – 12:45
SUMMARY / CLOSE



Thinking of PHF Recognitions - Take Note!

The RISPPPO Office is currently receiving a large volume of PHF applications! Your email application will be responded to in the order received.

PLEASE DO NOT RESEND OR FOLLOW-UP. Resending or following-up brings your email to the end of the queue and causes further delays.

Please call +61 2 8894 9800 or email the Regional Office at risppo@rotary.org

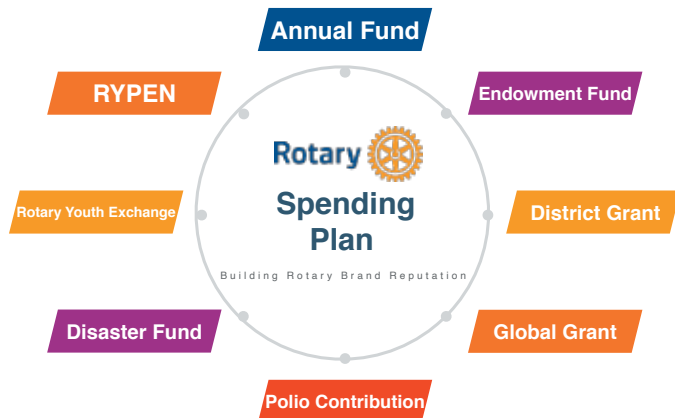
Please send us your PHF applications 4 -6 weeks prior to your presentation date.

Click on the following link to obtain a PHF form: [Paul Harris Fellow Request Form](#)

There is now a Dispatch Option - you can choose to receive E-Regalias or the physical certificate and pins.

All parcels are sent via Ordinary Mail Post for Australia and New Zealand and via Fedex for the Philippines. There are delays with deliveries and receiving parcels to the Philippines due to COVID-19 Border, Immigration & Mail Clearances.

Paul Harris Medallions are no longer being sold or produced by Rotary International.



DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS

NEW ZEALAND

Individuals — All TRF contributions must pass through the NZRCCT bank Account.

- ANZ 06-0193-0905286-30
Reference: Surname or Rotary ID
- Club Secretary can provide your Rotary ID number
- You can find your Rotary ID in your Profile on www.rotary.org

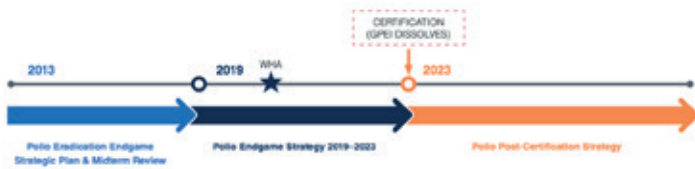
Rotary Clubs All TRF contributions must pass through the NZRCCT bank Account.

- ANZ 06-0193-0905286-30
Reference: Surname or Rotary ID
— please email details to nzrcct@rotaryoceania.zone



Make it an outing into Auckland City on Saturday 13 June and get your selfie or club photo with the Sky Tower!

WORLD LEADERS TAG 2023 FOR THE LAST CASE OF POLIO.



The **END POLIO NOW** End Game is underway. Exciting News is that Senior Leaders with the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** and the World Health Organisation have agreed that our World should see the last case of Wild Polio Virus by the end of 2023. Then, with the completion of the required three year Polio free Period, our World should be declared Polio Free by the end of 2026. This rationalisation is the start of the planning process by **GPEI**, based on current facts and figures and what our Leaders have learnt from behind the Scenes. For the first time, recent sampling along the Pakistan/Afghanistan Border (60 Sites) has found no trace of the Wild Polio Virus. It has been 14 Weeks since the last case of the Wild Polio Virus was reported - - - and only 2 cases this year. Optimism is still tinged with caution though, given we were close to Zero a couple of years ago.

The Reality:

We will need every Cent of the Gates Foundation US\$100 Million matching Grant to continue funding every aspect of our Campaign. To qualify, RI must raise US\$50 Million by June 30, and ,at this time, we are lagging by US\$4,482,000 compared to the same period last year.



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The Rotary Foundation

Blast from the Past

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)

According to Wikipedia, Rotary first started sending young people on exchanges in 1927, but these were only two-week exchanges during school vacations.

Fred G Hall-Jones' book, 'Rotary in New Zealand (1921-71)' states RYE was developed by the Whakatane club and the first inbound student was Sigurd Petterson from Norway in 1957.

Photo from the 1998-99 Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) selection weekend of inbound students and those who would be heading out in 1999, sponsored by D9910. The outbound students of 1999 were Leigh Albert (Kaikohe); Christopher Allan (Mt Albert); Sarah Allen (New Lynn); Richard Anstice (Onehunga); Troy Canton (Orewa/Whangaparoa); Daniel Carroll (Mt Albert); Nadine Devine (Bay of Islands); Peter Dunlop (Auckland City West); Rachel Gibson (Kerikeri); Daniel Harborne (New Lynn); Maja Ljubotenska (Mt Albert); Anna Marsden (Epsom); Hayley Rapley (Warkworth); Kara Vujcich (Warkworth)



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



Rotary Henderson Annual Charity Golf Tournament

On 19 March 2021 Rotary Henderson held our annual GRS Charity Golf Tournament at Huapai Golf Club. In 2020, the March event had to be postponed due to Covid 19 until 12 November 2020. We were a little concerned that having a tournament in March 2021 only 5 months after the last one, may limit sponsors and players, however, all of our major sponsors were happy to proceed and we had a player field of 105, similar to that in 2020.

Rotary Henderson has run this annual tournament for over 50 years and over that time have raised and contributed to our local community over \$1,000,000 from this event. It remains one of our major fundraisers and provides golfers with an excellent day of golf, food and drink, with excellent prizes. Usually over a third of players win a prize of some sort.

We thank and acknowledge our major naming sponsor, Generator Rental Service GRS, and four other major sponsors, Nga Rakau Nurseries, North Shore Mazda for Hole in One car, Ryman Healthcare and Spratt Financial Services. In addition to these major sponsors, we have another 15 or so sponsors who all contribute to a hugely successful day. We also thank all the players, many of whom are regulars who play each year, for their support and generosity. Keep the date free – 17 March 2022 for next tournament.

Malcolm Dean malcolm@sonatec.co.nz
Chairman of Golf Committee
The Rotary Club of Henderson



World Peace Conference

Join the Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association annual conference

On 19 June, the Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association will host a virtual 24-hour program, the Global Peace Conference: Weaving a Shared Future Together.

The conference will include online regional programming from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Oceania. This year's conference will be the largest alumni-led peace conference to date and will have a truly global reach!

Registration and program information can be found at <https://rpfaa.org/global-peace-conference-weaving-a-shared-future-together/>

Proud Rotarians on Norfolk Island

Rotary Norfolk Island members have been decorating their cars with decals to show their pride in being a Rotarian and provide mobile advertising!

Not only Rotarians but also the team at Care Norfolk are making Rotary visible.



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Registration is open! Don't miss your chance to connect with Rotary members at the [2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities](#) which will take place over 12 - 16 June 2021.

The registration fee is USD\$65.

You can also join us early at a preconvention, 10-11 June, for Intercountry Committees, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Exchange officers. Each preconvention will cost an additional \$20.

The 2021 Virtual Rotary Convention and preconventions are open to all Rotary members and participants and include access to the virtual House of Friendship.

Don't forget to visit the [convention event page](#) on Facebook to connect with others and stay up-to-date on event news and program highlights!

[Register today!](#)



[Register Now](#)

Millwater Midwinter Christmas

With the RotarySwimathon having had to be re-scheduled to 2022, the Rotary Satellite Club of Orewa-Millwater wanted to do something new, to support local charities.

Rotarians Theo Simeonidis and Brian Mullan put their heads together and arranged a midwinter charity dinner at a local restaurant, millies in Millwater. At the suggestion of Rotarian Peter Johns, John McGough (The Trumpet Guy – www.trumpetguy.co.nz) was booked as the guest entertainer.

Costs for the entertainment were willingly paid by the Mike Pero Millwater Fund, and many local businesses provided valuable raffle prizes – including Liquorland Orewa who donated three different NZ craft gins. With all 80 tickets expected to sell-out, the Club hopes to donate around \$1,600 to Love Soup and the Orewa Food Bank.

Brian Mullan
Public Relations - Rotary Satellite Club of Orewa-Millwater
E: brian@mullan.com

Millwater Midwinter Christmas

millies in Millwater
6:30 p.m. Saturday 26th June
Turkey Dinner (vegetarian option) + Christmas Pud
Order tickets by email to brian@mullan.com
20 minute Special Guest Appearance by
The Trumpet Guy John McGough
(www.trumpetguy.co.nz)
Sponsored by the Mike Pero Millwater Fund



Sing along to all-time favourites to round off the evening

Tickets \$50 each, including your FREE raffle entry for some superb prizes, including craft gins donated by Liquorland Orewa. Only diners will have tickets!

Charity Dinner Love Soup and Orewa Food Bank



This is a TICKET-ONLY event
Book NOW to avoid disappointment!

Environment Area of Focus Launch

As you know, Rotary International has now adopted 'Protecting the Environment' as a new Area of Focus. You are cordially invited to the Australia/New Zealand zoom Launch of this new Area on the 4th June – the day before World Environment Day – at 6pm AEST UTC+10. The launch will feature PRIP Ian Riseley and Juliet Riseley, Dr Roger Blakeley from Wellington NZ and Prof Lesley Hughes from Macquarie University, Sydney.

Register at: <https://www.esraganzpi.org/environment-aof/>

During the launch, there will be a showcase of Environmental projects already underway in New Zealand and around Australia (in most States) so some of your Districts will be featured.

We are always looking for more projects to showcase in the future, so if you know of such a project already happening in your District wanting recognition, please ask the organisers to contact us at ESRAG or contact me.

We would appreciate your help in promoting this important event.

Malcolm Chiverton.
ESRAG/ANZPI
Governor 2017-2018
District 9810



Environment Area of Focus Launch

Friday June 4th: 6:00pm - 7:15pm AEST

Interviews, Project Videos and Speed Networking from around the Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands region



Prof. Lesley Hughes

Lesley is Professor and Pro Vice-Chancellor at Macquarie University. Her research has mainly focused on climate change and its impact.



Ian & Juliet Riseley

Ian was Rotary Intl. Past President 2017/18. Juliet is a PDG of D9810



Dr. Roger Blakeley

In 2015 Roger was the chief architect of the Auckland City Plan Blueprint. He is currently a councillor at Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Register Today for this free Zoom Forum: <https://events.humanitix.com/environment-aof>

More info on the programme: www.esraganzpi.org/environment-aof

One Seabin - Coming Right Up

Great news!! The Devonport Takapuna Local Board approved NRG North Shore's application for a \$4,000
Funding for the Seabin project at Milford Marina can get the first one underway and breaks down as:

District Grant to Rotary Club of Milford	\$2,000
Matched from Community Charitable Trust	\$2,000
District Grant to NRG	\$2,000
Matched by Quiz Night	\$3,775
Grant from Devonport/Takapuna Local Board	\$4,000
Total	\$13,775

Congratulations to Hannah Stoddart for all her hard work putting it together and filling out all the forms.

Hannah is now waiting to hear back from the Seabin company as to the next steps, and is working with some people on logistics of emptying the bin.



Strategic Priorities

Increase our IMPACT

Define, measure, track and capture data from service projects to measure our IMPACT, improve project quality and create lasting change

Expand our REACH

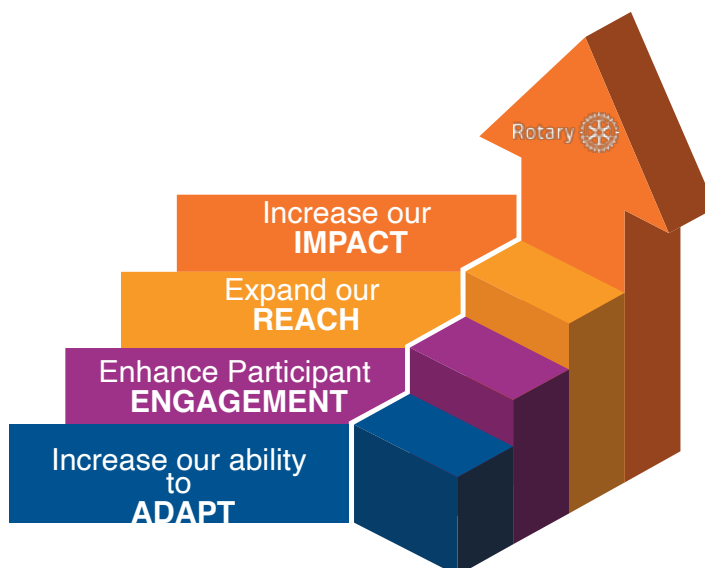
Develop new models of engagement to attract diverse Rotary participants and unite them in taking action

Enhance our ENGAGEMENT

Create new ways to inspire participants and provide valuable experiences that make them want to stay.

Increase our Ability to ADAPT

Make Rotary's operating and governance structures more efficient, representative, flexible and effective



Ways to go paperless at home

Paper has a way of piling up just minutes after you've sorted and filed everything away. It's maddening, and it never seems to end. Here are a few tips to help you transition to paperless households. Going paperless reduces unsightly clutter in your home, and also helps the environment:

Rethink Your Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, and Paper Towel Use

Many people forget that paper products include toilet tissue, facial tissue, and paper towels. These products devastate trees and water at an incredible rate. Buy recycled toilet paper made from post-consumer paper. Try reusable fabric alternatives, like rags instead of paper towels and cloth hankies instead of facial tissues. These small changes quickly add up to reduce your overall usage of paper.

Use a Tablet or Cell Phone for Notes

Tablets and smartphones make it easy to stop using paper for short lists, calendar entries, and notes. An added bonus: Since you always have your cell phone with you, you won't lose or forget your notes. Tablets can help you save paper in a number of other ways too. Instead of printing recipes you want to try you can now pull up recipes on your iPad and prop it on the window. You don't have to waste paper printing, and the iPad stays out of the way while you cook. You can also use your iPad or tablet to take notes in class or at a meeting.

Sign Up for E-Statements

Sign up to receive electronic bills and statements by email instead of paper statements each month. Entities offering electronic statements include banks, cable companies, and utility companies.

You can sign up for e-statements and e-bills by registering on each company's website. You'll need your account number for each company and other identifying information. It takes time to set up online accounts to receive electronic statements and bills, but you will immediately see a reduction of paper coming into your home.



Pay Bills Online

Phone companies, utility companies, and many other entities allow you to pay bills on their websites. You can even sign up for [automatic bill payment plans](#) for added convenience. Paying bills online can be difficult for people used to paying them in person. Some people don't trust websites and like to receive receipts for payments made. However, keep in mind that even when you pay a bill in person, somehow, somewhere, the system used to process your payment is probably Web-based.

Online payments made on a company's website typically result in an automated email that acts as a receipt. Banks and credit unions include information about payments made in your online account and in your electronic statements.

Switch to a Kindle or E-Reader

E-readers like the Amazon Kindle make it easy to move away from paper books. Recycle old books and buy e-books in the future to cut back on paper use. If you enjoy reading, eliminating physical books will free up a surprising amount of space in your home. If you have a tablet or a smartphone, recycle paper maps and encyclopaedias too.

Jess Hendriks jessica.hendriks@raywhite.com

Whangaparaoa Rotary Clubs 24/7 AED Cabinets

Rotary Whangaparaoa have in the last month completed the first stage of what we hope will continue along the Whangaparaoa Peninsula. Quite a long time in the planning but we have managed to install two, fully weatherproof, polycarbonate cabinets to take two Automated External Defibrillators (AED), which were only available during working hours, where they were placed. The first one is at the Red Beach Surf Lifesaving Club and the second one is at Forrest Funeral Services in Orewa. The funding for these boxes was supported by a 50% Rotary District Grant from Rotary Foundation and backed by funds raised by Rotary Whangaparaoa. The boxes were fixed in place by a team of 3 Rotarians and then they were registered for use with St John.

One of the questions raised when we started researching about the boxes and AED availability, was how often are these AED's used. Amazingly our first box was used within a couple of weeks of being installed. It was for a lady in trouble on Red Beach whilst they waited for the St John Ambulance to arrive and subsequently the Westpac helicopter. Hopefully the patient is recovering and we wish her well.

The next stage will be to continue researching about the AED's along the peninsula, updating the AED website showing where the boxes are and when they are available and then working along the peninsula to provide the 24/7 boxes so that everybody can get to an AED in a short space of time. Education, signage and advertising about the AED's is also needed, plus a good deal of fundraising to keep supplying and fixing the cabinets which accommodate the AED's that are only available during the normal working hours.

Ian Hacking jihacking@gmail.com



Rotary Dargaville Nurtures the Future

Kaipara District Council (KDC) and Selwyn Park School joined Rotary Dargaville in a project that should be a win for the children, community, council and Rotary.

After having bad weather sink our first attempt in April, May 5 produced absolutely perfect conditions for 20 Selwyn Park youngsters to join us in planting about 500 native tress around a picturesque pond in Pou Tu O Te Rangi / Harding Park.

The trees were provided by KDC as part of their excellent development works in the reserve, and following a briefing from council parks representative Jordan Soole, two children joined each adult and set to work. Despite tree roots making some digging slow, the work was completed in just under an hour, following which everyone was treated to a sausage sizzle lunch, courtesy of the council.

This is about the fourth time we have combined with a local school and our council to plant trees in Harding Park and it is seen as a win for everyone: the community gets its reserve enhanced, the council has positive public exposure and the children learn about conservation and play a part in developing a community asset that, years later, they can claim a part in. It also fulfils many of our Rotary club objectives in assisting community development and working positively with local young people.

Thank you to Glenys McEvoy of Selwyn Park School and Mike Collins at KDC for your part in organising this. Also Jordan Soole and his two helpers who drove the event when Mike became unavailable, and to John Bishop who boosted our Rotary numbers.

Hopefully we will be able to arrange a similar day with a Dargaville school next year.

Viv Trounson vjt@xtra.co.nz



District Conference Discounts Still Available

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As part of the conference package Rotary discounts were negotiated with restaurants /wineries / bars, accommodation providers and sightseeing/tour operators.

The offers are valid until 20 December 2021 for D9910 Rotarians, Rotary friends and families all you need to do is say

I am Rotarian (family / friend) from District 9910 and the discount will be applied. The providers are

Accommodation:

The Duke of Marlborough

Sightseeing / Tour Operators:

Top Trail – Northland Experience

Fullers Great Sights

Footprints Waipoua & Manea Footprints of Kupe

Rouge Pony Tours

Restaurants, wineries & bars:

Zane Greys Aquarium & Dock Restaurants & Bars

Taste of The Landing

Bay of Islands Swordfish Club - Bar & Restaurant Paihia

These offers are very good and are worth promoting to members monthly until they expire. Could you please circulate to members and include in your club newsletters?

Betsy Young and her Pingao activities, although not a specific discount, members can contact her and buy her book. Contact details bettz@xtra.co.nz 027 284 6934.

There are no closeout dates, offers include school holidays & public holidays – subject to availability.

All reservations are made direct with the provider.

<https://www.rotaryconference9910.org.nz/local-activities/>

Sweet Smelling Kindness

The soap for Kids in Vanuatu Project - almost finished collecting up - thanks heaps to the amazing Rotarians all over the upper North Island - this load is from Murray Stirling, President of the Mt Roskill Club with boxes and boxes also from Clubs of Hillsborough, Waitakere, Lynfield and also their satellite Club - thanks for your very cool generosity.

The warrior cry out to have soap for kids in Vanuatu has reached from the far North to the deep South of Aotearoa showing that we are all one Pacific community.

This is a delivery from the far North this afternoon- meeting up at the container in South Auckland - could not believe the amount arriving.

Thanks to the generous people at Newberrys Funeral Services in Whangarei for the innovative transport (Herse) and to Mina and Reo of Whangarei Rotary Clubs for putting together this phenomenal donation

Thank you to the amazing Rotarians from [Rotary Browns Bay](#) who came out to Waiau Pa today to help pack the shipping container heading to Tanna, Vanuatu thanks to [Rotary Kerikeri](#). Rain held off, excellent end of month



Murray Stirling, President of the Mt Roskill/Hillborough Club



Debbie Wood (Westhaven)

Rotary Westhaven member was at a conference when the 'Soap for Vanuatu' flyer came out and approached fellow conference attendees from EcoStore about the project. As a result they donated 3000 units of soap and 1700 units of fluoride-free toothpaste plus extra hundreds of units of damaged stock. The pallet was delivered free of charge to add to their already enormous stock of various donated goods from other D9910 Rotary clubs and various independent groups that Liz Webb has organised.

Rotary Henderson

Henderson Rotary is pleased to be able to support the appeal by [Rotary Kerikeri](#) for soap to be sent to Vanuatu. Many children in Vanuatu suffer from skin infections as shown in the photo below and by providing soap we can easily help solve this problem. Henderson Rotary members shown below with over 1000 bars of soap which will soon make their way to Vanuatu.



District Directory

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

Overnight Tour Opportunity

Rotary South Kaipara can host any club in the district that would be interested in an overnight trip on the Kaipara Harbour which is the largest Harbour in New Zealand. The boat would leave from Helensville, travel up the Harbour Heads, then come back to Poto where you would board a bus to travel Dargaville. They would stay over overnight in old world accommodation at a hotel in Dargaville and board the Kewpie 2 the next morning to return back to Helensville.



The cost for the whole trip is \$300 per person which includes boat trip, accommodation (based on twin share) and all meals.

Clubs would be supplied with a list of rooms available which they would allocate to their club members. Please note, it is an old hotel and there are a limited number of ensuites so some will have shared facilities. The club would collect all money to be deposited in the Rotary South Kaipara bank account. The number required for it to be a Rotary Trip is 40 people, but it can take more. It may be that a few clubs may want to get together for the weekend or even a district trip.

Apart from this being a most interesting trip, this is a fundraiser for Rotary South Kaipara. Dates to be negotiated but the trip does not operate over the winter months. Interested people would need to contact me for a date.

Leigh Kelly leigh@clinicalupdate.co.nz



DAY ONE: (Helensville to Pahi)

At Helensville we board our cruise boat *M.V. Kewpie II* departing along the Kaipara River as the barques and brigantines did in past generations. Then it is on to New Zealand's largest inland harbour the mighty Kaipara where we make our way towards the Kaipara Heads where you can almost reach out and touch the past as we examine the Kaipara's former life where more than a century ago ships from many nations came to trade for timber, flax and gum. Crossing the Kaipara Heads, we view the magnificence of the headlands with white sandy beaches and the Tasman Sea beyond. From the Kaipara Heads we journey past the large sand island at the end of the Taporu Peninsula through to the Oruawharo/Port Albert river past Tinopai to the 1860's Batley Hotel before heading through to the historic settlement of Pahi where we disembark from the vessel and join our coach for the journey across to Dargaville and our accommodation for the evening. Dinner and continental breakfast is provided in Dargaville.



Evenings accommodation is at the Central or Northern Wairoa Hotels in Dargaville (twin share) They are comfortable old time Hotels, however as in older Hotels not all rooms have en suite facilities there are some single non facility rooms available also ~ if you want Motel accommodation, including continental breakfast this is available at an extra charge of \$45 per person twin share. Single supplement Motel (\$65) applies. Please note, the Motel is away from the Dargaville town centre and the Hotels, we will arrange transport to collect you from your Motel and take you to dinner and return after dinner. We also collect you the following morning from your Motel to re-join the boat in Dargaville.

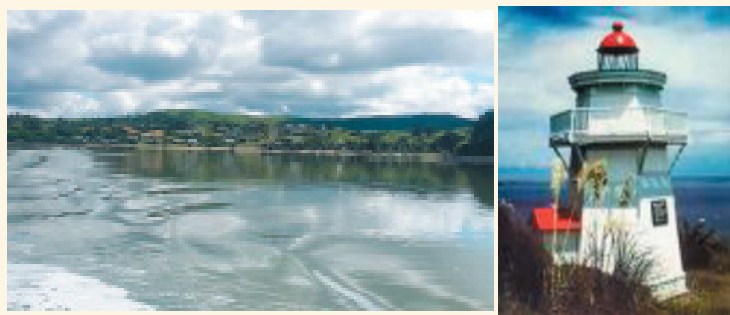
DAY TWO : Dargaville to Helensville

Today we re-join our cruise boat *M.V. Kewpie II* at Dargaville for the journey through the Northern Wairoa river and Kaipara Harbour to Helensville. During our journey today we explore many bays and inlets accessible only by boat where early gum diggers camped as they tried to make a living from the land. We also cruise by many river settlements where early settlers had grand dreams and plans for major communities but today could be described as ghost towns.

As we cruise through the sheltered inland waterways beside the Pouto Peninsula we see many remote barren beaches with their white sands back dropped with the green of newly planted pine forests.

Our halfway point on our journey today is the old marine centre of Pouto Point where once harbour masters, customs officers and all port officials were based in the heyday of the shipping industry.

From Pouto Point we once again cross the Kaipara Heads and return through the inner harbour to Helensville.



Trip Includes

- Kaipara Harbour Cruise as described
- Lunch on both days of our cruise
- All morning and afternoon teas during our cruise
- One night's accommodation Northern Wairoa or Central Hotel Dargaville~Twin Share
- Dinner and continental breakfast at Dargaville
- All coach work as described

Rotary's Future in Mangawhai

Hot on the success of New Zealand's incredible America's Cup win earlier this year, Mangawhai youngsters will have a chance to sail local waters this spring, due to a Rotary youth sail training project set to be in full sail once the tide has turned on the coming winter months.

Members of the Rotary Maungaturoto have now established the new junior sailing club to be based in Mangawhai following very keen interest from locals and successful meetings at the Mangawhai Boating and Fishing Club rooms. The new club to be known as the Mangawhai Youth Sailing Club, will provide some small sailing dinghies and sailing lessons for young people aged 10-17 years old in both Starling and Optimist type boats, with professional tutor Wayne Mc Lellen, teaching the ropes.

Rotary member, project manager and lifelong boatie Grahame Carbery came up with the idea for the sailing club, and following

requests for expressions of interest on local media platforms resulted in an overwhelming response, prompting Graham and the Maungaturoto team to launch the project.

An added benefit to the project has been the interest of some local parents to join a local Rotary club, and following a large turnout at the Mangawhai Boating and Fishing Club rooms on May 18th, the idea of floating a Rotary satellite club in Mangawhai gained momentum. Given both recent and projected future population growth in the Mangawhai area, the potential for a satellite club is huge, and it is hoped to establish this new club asap.

Our picture taken by Marlene Dragicevich shows Maungaturoto Club members, local sailing buffs and our first restored (by Grahame) Starling dinghy at the Mangawhai Boating and Fishing Club rooms.

Dennis Emsley. dennisemsley47@gmail.com



So what is a 'satellite club'?

Many Rotary members throughout our District may be unsure what a satellite Rotary Club is.

A Satellite Club is a way for a Rotary Club to gain new members, either in a different geographic area that they would have otherwise been unable to reach, or a different demographic of members that the regular club may have been unable to attract. Members of the Satellite Club are still members of the sponsoring Rotary Club, still pay District and Rotary International fees, but participate in a more modern form of Rotary which is often heavily focused on planning and implementing community projects, rather than being meeting-centric. Satellite Clubs could also be set up around common interests or causes – for example a Satellite Club for environmental projects.

District 9910 has been a leader in the establishment of Satellite Clubs over the last 6 years. We now have 6 satellite clubs in operation – Rotalite West and South Kaipara (Henderson Rotary), Orewa-Millwater (Orewa Rotary), NRG New Rotary Generations North Shore (Milford Rotary), Te Hiku (Based in Northland but sponsored by North Harbour Rotary) and Hillsborough Lynfield Mt Roskill. The new satellite club at Mangawhai will be our seventh Satellite Club.

A Satellite Club can be established with as few as eight members and the Satellite can stay connected to their sponsoring (parent)

Rotary Club for as long as they like. If they reach twenty members there is then the option to become a standalone Rotary Club in their own right, however there is no compulsion for this to happen – it would be a discussion between both groups as to what works best for both parties.

One of the big benefits for a Rotary Club in establishing a Satellite Club is the ability to grow their membership and expand the size and scope of projects that the combined membership is able to deliver. Whilst Satellite Club members will plan and implement their own projects there is scope for them to also support projects and events organized by the parent Rotary Club.

If your club would like to consider setting up a Satellite Club, the District Membership Committee would love to assist you. You can also find more information here: <https://www.hendersonrotary.co.nz/satellite-rotary-club-information/>

Gender distribution in D9910

as at 1 July 2020



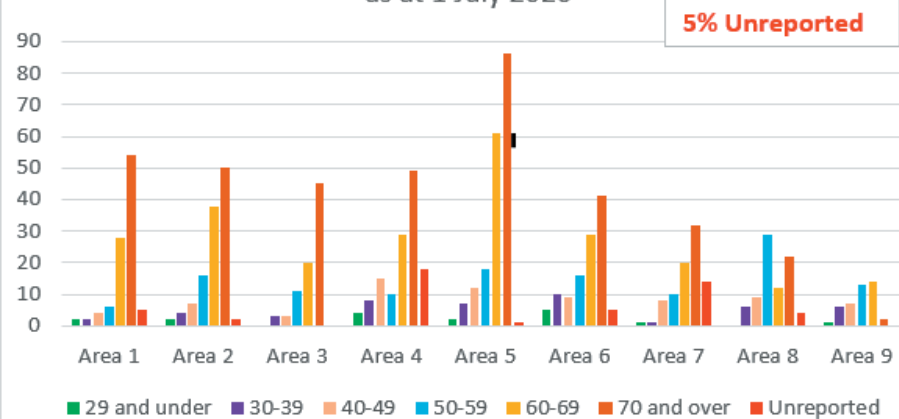
Gender distribution in D9910

as at 19 May 2021



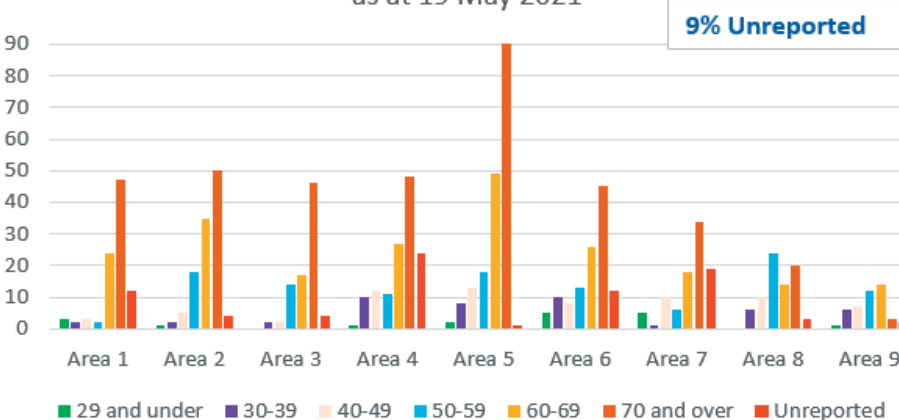
Age Distribution in D9910

as at 1 July 2020



Age Distribution in D9910

as at 19 May 2021



COVID 19 UPDATE

In 2020 RNZWCS set up an appeal for Covid-19 response specifically to support our Pacific neighbours.

In recent weeks, inquiries have been coming in as Rotary's response to India.

RNZWCS is in regular contact with Rotarians in India and elsewhere regarding the pandemic through zoom calls and email. The message from India is clear - do not send goods. Incompatibility with India's equipment standards, customs duty and GST are just some of the road blocks.

India's population is 1.4 billion. At last count India had 21 Rotary Districts and 115,000 Rotarians.

RNZWCS has long standing partners in India and is in touch. Donations sent to its established contacts directly will see the money reach the end need immediately.

Clubs and Rotarians wishing to donate:

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IT'S NOT ABOUT US, IT'S ABOUT THEM

ANZAC Day Ceremonies

Many clubs participate in ANZAC day ceremonies. Here are some of those shared in club bulletins or on social media.



Wreath laid by Rotary Devonport at the cenotaph



Rotary Maungaturoto President, Rodney Tysoe at the Hakaru RSA service



Rotary Kaipatiki member, Nanette Nathoo, lays the club's recyclable wreath at the local service



Rotary Epsom's wreath (on right) laid at the Marivare Reserve during the ANZAC service



Rotary East Coast Bays President, Sean Harris and Rotary Browns Bay President, Derek Smith lay a joint wreath at the Browns Bay War Memorial



Rotary Birkenhead President, Jenny Grace with the club wreath and local board member, Danielle Grant at Birkenhead RSA's service



Rotary Whangarei South members at the RSA dawn parade with their wreath

Our Story - For All to Read

Mana Tangata - People of Action is a record of Rotary's journey within New Zealand and the Pacific over the last one hundred years. Dr Stephen Clarke, captures Rotary's origins, its foundation and development in New Zealand and what its future holds in an easy-to-read and beautifully laid out book.

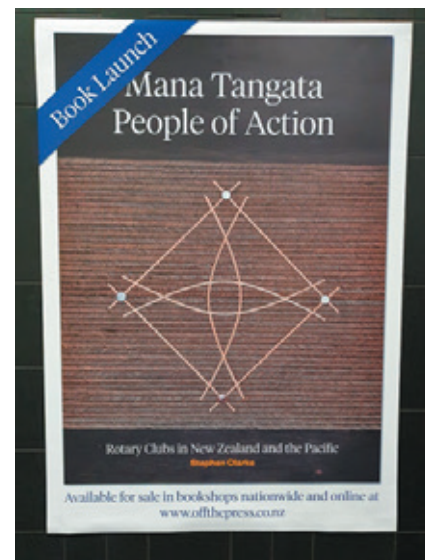
The official book launch was held on Wednesday 12 May at the National Library of New Zealand in Wellington. The event was organised by the R100 New Zealand Committee and hosted by Rotary Wellington member and Past Governor-General, Sir Anand Satyanand. The book's author, Dr Stephen Clarke and illustrator, Dean Whiting were present, along with Presidents of the founding clubs for Rotary in New Zealand - Wellington (John McKinnon) and Auckland (Tony Caughey).

The photo on the cover is of Dean Whiting's carving Te Amotai, a name which references the swell patterns of the Pacific by which early seafarers learned to navigate.

Deputy Prime Minister, Grant Robertson spoke to the assembled guests and congratulated Rotary on its achievements to date and its courage in looking to the future. Steph Edlin (who ran for Wellington Council whilst at secondary school), represented New Zealand's youth and mentioned how 'Mana Tangata' resonated with her, giving hope that what has been achieved in the past 100 years has laid the foundation for what will be achieved in the next 100 years of Rotary in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific.

Past Rotary International President, Bill Boyd - a patron of the book project along with Sir Anand - officially launched the book and passed a copy to District 9940 Governor Gillian Jones who thanked all those involved and opened the accompanying exhibition which is located in the National Library foyer.

If you missed out on the earlybird offer through your club, the book is available to buy at <https://rotaryoceania.zone/page/historybook-orders> and will soon be available in bookshops



Past RI President Bill Boyd (Rotary Pakuranga) passes a copy of *Mana Tangata* to Governor District 9940, Gillian Jones (Rotary Wellington)



LtoR: Tony Caughey (President, Rotary Auckland), Dr Stephen Clarke, Governor Gillian Jones, PRIP Bill Boyd, Dean Whiting, John McKinnon (President, Rotary Wellington)



PG Peter Garnett viewing the Rotary exhibition area in the National Library

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Greville Rd	43 Greville Road
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Milford	151 East Coast Road
Onewa Road	119 Onewa Road
Sunnybrae Rd	37 Northcote Road

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Interplast and its volunteers across Australia & New Zealand are still making an amazing difference to patients across the Asia-Pacific, even though closed borders mean that the volunteers can't visit in person.

Interplast is providing virtual training and remote mentoring to surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals in 24 developing nations.

With the support of Interplast and Rotary, patients like Gladi continue to receive desperately needed help.

Gladi's Story

When these photos were taken, Gladi was just 7 years old.

She and her family live in a remote village in Laos. In the first photo, Gladi is pictured sitting in the waiting room at the hospital where the Interplast team was visiting.

Gladi had a very large growth across her left rib cage, which was so big it prevented her from having full use of her left arm. She couldn't hold her arm in its natural position - her day-to-day life would have been difficult, to say the least.

Fortunately, the tumor was benign, and the Interplast team was able to remove it completely. Sadly, benign tumors in children and adults are often the reason for Interplast surgeries in developing nations.

In the second photo, Gladi is pictured with her family and 2 members of her Interplast surgical team, after her successful operation. The tumor was over 23cm in length.

What a difference!

Now Gladi is free from the disfigurement and discomfort of the tumor, and can have a normal childhood.

Both Gladi and her family can live their lives free from stigma and ostracism, and have the opportunity to participate fully in their village community.

During the pandemic, with Rotary's support, Interplast continues to help patients like Gladi. Thanks to the vocational training delivered by Interplast's volunteers, patients of the future will also receive life-changing care.

