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ROTARY FOUNDATION

Please remember to make your annual giving donations as soon as possible preferably before the middle of June.

We are the current holders of the trophy for the Foundation Giving and obviously would like to retain that position this Rotary year.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TORONTO

Dates: 23rd to 27th June 2018

Please note Denise and I are attending the Convention and will be away from Sunday the 17th June 2018 returning on Saturday 30th June 2018.

No doubt some Clubs will be having their Changeovers during this period so Denise and I apologise in advance for not being able to join you and celebrate the wonderful year you have had.

CHALLENGE CAMP

This year Challenge camp was held at the Muriwai Surf lifesaving Club from the 14th to the 18th May 2018.

The Rotary International Youth Exchange Students attended and were paired off with children with disabilities. There were many activities arranged for the group and our exchange students were responsible to ensure all went well and to build a rapport.

On the Thursday night a dinner was prepared for all the participants and Rotarians from Clubs who sponsored an attendee came along and joined in for a fun night. The group presented a concert which was really well received. To see the participant's happy laughing faces and all the effort they put into their presentations made it well worth attending.

The participants with disabilities gained confidence, placed their trust in the Exchange students and all left after having an exciting, fun week.

Members from District 9920 attended and assisted with the accommodation with Hilary being the Camp mum and Past District Governor Ian Wakefield who attended to anyone requiring medical assistance.

Thanks must go to the Rotary Club of Henderson who organised the event and to Club members who every day attended and helped with the preparation of the evening meals.

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MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA)

The assembly was held on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th May at Auckland Girls Grammar School and was well represented by Students from Schools in Districts 9910 and 9920.

The Students represent Countries from around the World, they dress up in the costumes of the Countries they represent and then debate the issues based on current situations around the Globe.

This year was no exception and the students keenly debated the issues.

DISTRICT 9910 QUIZ

This event was held last Saturday night the 19th May at Matakana Primary School and was organised by the winners from last year Browns Bay Rotary Club.

Several teams from Clubs within the District participated for the glory of winning a share of the prize money.

The International Youth Exchange Students entered a team and competed very well finishing runner up to the eventual winners Warkworth Rotary Club.

The ladies from the Browns bay Club provided the food and nibbles for the night which was readily consumed by all in attendance.

This was a fun night and full marks must go to Browns bay Rotary Club President Mike Pinkney and his merry band of helpers for providing a truly social event. Well done...

E-Hiku Satellite Charter, Kaitaia

The above is to be chartered this weekend as a satellite of the Rotary Club of North Harbour.

One new member will be joining us from New York via link up.

Congratulations go to President David Hutcheson from North Harbour Rotary Club, DGE Jerry Norman and District Membership Chair PDG Neil Rid for the time and effort they have put into establishing this Club.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

Our membership numbers have been growing steadily all year and - looking to crack the 1100 mark early next month.

Fingers crossed!!

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District Happenings

9-10 June	Rotary Learning & Info, TePuna Hauora meeting rooms, Northcote.
23-27 June	Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Canada
1 July	District 9910 Changeover venue TBA



2018 Convention

Toronto Canada

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Reminder

Newsletter Items for

DG Newsletter to

Margaret Cebalo

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By 25th of each month

The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the truth

Is it fair to all concerned

Will it build goodwill and

better friendships

Will it be beneficial to all

concerned

LIVESTREAM THE CONVENTION!

We are sorry to hear that you will not be attending the 2018 International Convention in Toronto. We are happy to announce that, for the first time,

Rotary International will livestream inspiring general sessions and key breakout sessions from the 2018 convention. You can watch them live

or whenever you have time for up to three months after the convention ends.

Livestreaming is available in English or Portuguese for \$150.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of general and breakout sessions.



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Dear Rotary Leaders—Council on Legislation.

At our last Council on Legislation, your Council members approved an increase in Rotary International dues of US \$4 per year in the 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 Rotary years. As a result of that decision, the yearly per capita dues that clubs pay to RI for each member is now US \$60, increasing to \$64 next year and \$68 the year after that.

Historically, Rotary International has been very reluctant to institute increases to RI dues, and the dues increases have been extremely small. Rotary's first dues were set in 1910 at the rate of \$1 per member per year — the equivalent of about \$26.90 today. Even at that time, then-Secretary Ches Perry protested that the amount was insufficient to cover expenses of office rent, stenography, telephone, postage, and the occasional purchase of a necessary item such as a typewriter.

Today, of course, our far larger organization, engaged in much more complex activities in a far more complex world, requires a vastly larger budget to run. Our global staff supports 1.2 million members around the world. It is largely thanks to the good work of that staff that we are able to carry on with the service that we do, on the level that we do it — fully supplied with the materials, club services, training events, international meetings, language services, IT, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Rotary members.

In recent years, it became clear that the services RI was able to provide to Rotarians with the available budget were no longer in line with what Rotarians needed and expected. Nine out of 10 Rotarians wanted Rotary to provide more services, but given Rotary's current and projected income, the rate of global inflation, and the ongoing volatility of world financial markets, we had only two fiscally prudent options: either cut back RI services, or increase dues. Essentially, we had to decide whether or not we wanted Rotary to continue to grow and thrive.

As an accountant, I take fiscal responsibility and long-term financial planning extremely seriously. It was and remains abundantly clear that a modest increase in dues was our only viable path forward. Our five-year forecast at the time of the Council on Legislation projected that a dues increase of just \$1 would have resulted in only a 1.8 percent increase in revenues—far below the 2.5 percent impact of global inflation. A \$2 increase would have resulted in reserve levels falling below the Board target by 2019, and a \$3 increase would have resulted in reserve levels only marginally above the target by 2018. None of those options would have allowed us to do what our members wanted: increase and improve our services, to allow Rotary to increase and improve its service.

I am pleased to report that, as a result of the still modest dues increases that were approved in 2016, Rotary is now not only on a firm financial footing, but able to invest in our future. I would like to let you know how RI is spending your dues this year, and what we have planned for the years ahead.

Your membership dues are our organization's largest single source of revenue, accounting for about \$74 million out of a \$103 million budget in 2017-18. Of the \$60 you currently pay in dues, \$32.58 goes directly to member support, in the form of RI events, online training, and digital tools such as the recently improved rotary.org website and updated Rotary Club Central, along with Rotary Ideas, Rotary Showcase, and RI's social media feeds.

Rotary's operations extend to 220 countries and territories worldwide, using 29 different currencies. This year, RI is applying \$14.43 of your \$60 toward administration and compliance. That money pays for staff and services at the Secretariat and regional offices, who provide translations, support Rotarians on a regional level, and ensure that we are keeping pace with global security and privacy regulations.

We all know that enhancing Rotary's image in the world is vital to our future success. RI is earmarking \$12.99 of your RI dues this year for resources to help promote Rotary in your community, and beyond. This includes not only the postcards, brochures, and other materials available on your Brand Center, but also our People of Action campaign, external relations, and our ongoing outreach and public relations work around the end of polio.

Within the next year, look for news about an improved technology infrastructure for your data, streamlined online giving, more timely online club reporting resources, and a more user-friendly My Rotary — all funded by the dues each of us pays. For more information on RI's budget and the value of your RI membership, I invite you to watch [this presentation](#) on Your Dues at Work.

For all of us, Rotary is an investment — not only of money, but of time, energy, and effort. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the greater our returns. None of it would be possible without the international association that unites us, and which we all support. I thank you all for that support, and for the good work each of you do, as you make a difference in our world.

Yours in Rotary,

Ian Riseley
Rotary International President, 2017-18



Invitation to Rotarians and partners to attend
DISTRICT 9910 GOVERNORS CHANGEOVER

Sunday July 1

Milford Primary School Hall

34 -36 Shakespeare Rd, Milford, North Shore

Arrival at 1:15 pm for 1:30 pm start

Parking available in school grounds

\$15:00 per person

Afternoon tea provided

Payment can be made to a/c number 12-3488-0055796-00

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Please use your surname and club name

as reference when paying online

RSVP to fay.normannz@gmail.com by Friday 22 June



DG David's list of awards

New Generations Trophy

Donated by Christine and Roy Bray to encourage and challenge clubs to induct and retain younger members in Rotary.

Awarded to: **Milford**



Rotary Profile Award – Roger Manuel Trophy

Presented by PDG Roger and Bea Manuel for the club initiating a programme most likely to enhance the image of Rotary International during the Rotary year.

Awarded to: **Takapuna North**



Membership Award – Les Colgan Trophy

Presented by the Rotary Club of New Lynn for the club recording the greatest percentage increase of membership of the Rotary year to date.

Awarded to: **New Lynn**



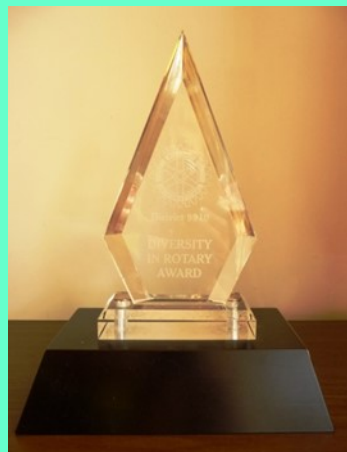
Millenium Cup

Presented by PDG Michael Hill for the club project which best provides service to the community, innovation, membership involvement, public recognition and presentation.

Awarded to: **Noumea Ducos Boulari**



DG David's list of awards



Diversity in Rotary Award

This award recognises the commitment a club has made to represent the widely diverse NZ community in their membership.

Awarded to: **Milford**



International Youth Award – Mark Taylor Trophy

Presented by Pasti IYE Chairman Mark Taylor for the club making the greatest contribution to the IYE programme during the current year.

Awarded to: **East Coast Bays**



Rotary Australia & New Zealand Student Exchange (RANZSE) Award – Kevin and Lyn Harley Trophy

Presented to the club considered to have made the greatest contribution to RANZSE programme (previously known as South Pacific Matched Student Exchange) during the current Rotary year.

Awarded to: **Kerikeri**



The Foundation Cup – White Dixon Trophy

Presented by the 1991 GSE Team from District 1200 SW England, for the club making the greatest per capita contribution to the Rotary Foundation in the preceding Rotary year.

Awarded to: **Noumea Ducos Boulari**



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AG of the Year

Recognises outstanding contribution by an Assistant Governor in fulfilling their tasks, who is well respected by Area Presidents and has acted as strong support to the District Governor.

Awarded to: **Merv Tait**



Fortune Group Cup

Donated by PDG David Oliver this ward recognises the club with the highest total donations to the Rotary Foundation this year to date.

Awarded to: **East Coast Bays**



Rotarian of the Year – David Oliver & Geoff Dainty Trophy

Presented to the Rotarian who best epitomises the Rotary motto 'Service above Self' in the Rotary year.

Awarded to: **Sarah Carr**



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Letter President Ian Riseley

Dear fellow Rotarians,

At the beginning of this Rotary year, I issued a challenge: for every Rotary club to plant one tree for each Rotary member.

My goal in doing so was twofold. The first goal was obvious: trees are good for us. They absorb carbon and release oxygen, they support biodiversity, they improve our soil, our climate, and our moods. We need more of them, and planting trees is a wonderful project for all Rotary clubs to do together.

On another level, I asked Rotarians to plant their trees by today—Earth Day—to raise awareness of issues that are too rarely mentioned in Rotary. While not an area of focus, the environment is a physical reality that underpins every area of Rotary's work, and we ignore its health at our peril.



Rotarians and families hard at work planting trees

2018 Australia New Zealand Conference

The Conference (formerly the Institute) will be held in Hobart on 14 – 16 September 2018 and Rotary International Director Noel Trevaskis invites all Rotarians to join us for this event.

There will be a number of interesting presenters covering Rotary projects and issues of interest together with a variety of breakout sessions.

What better way to keep up-to-date and enjoy mixing with Rotarians from all Australian states and from New Zealand as well as visiting some of the many attractions on offer. Prior to the conference on the 13th September will be a Future Leaders Seminar.

I have it on good authority there will not be any discussion of cricket.
(Editors note)



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Compliment from a Non-Rotarian

From a Personal Experience

Meeting with Rotary in the South Pacific

April 2018

I feel extremely privileged to spend the limited time I have in Vanuatu with such wonderful, compassionate people.

The projects that they are working on, or have completed, are very inspirational. This trip has opened my eyes wide to what is really happening. There are many projects from the hospital upgrade on Santo, to getting an ambulance, to finding hospital staff. The list is long and varied and ideas are candidly spoken about.

As far as I can see as an outsider, this group of people from Rotary are very grounded, lateral, clear thinking people, with well thought out ideas and they seem to springboard ideas off each other to work out the best solutions. They use their accumulated supportive knowledge to maximise alternative goals to help where help is required, making the best use of the resources that they have available to them at that time.

All their projects require many hours of forward planning. I am told that over 94% of all donated funds gets directly to ground floor projects. This determining fact, with regards to the bulk of the funding getting to where it has to be directed, in my view is clearly what separates Rotary from the pack of many other charitable organisations. What I personally see as an outsider is that Rotary have people at the top of this extremely important organisation who are experts at finding the best solutions to maximise the final outcome. I take my hat off to them all and have learnt many important things on this trip that I can take home and hopefully use in our new charitable trust, perhaps even work with Rotary on certain projects. In my view the people I met who represent Rotary are just the tip of the iceberg and need some positive feedback to help encourage and excite people into wanting to join Rotary. Hopefully this feedback will encourage a new generation of compassionate, caring young people to follow in their footsteps and do the best they can to leave the world a better place than they found it. What an amazing legacy to be part of!

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Western Nepal began a three-year training program,

In April 2017, 70 teachers of remote rural schools in Western Nepal began a three-year training program, seeking to redress their lack of education. Most had begun teaching upon leaving school at year 12, and had received little training thereafter. So while around 80% of primary age Nepalese children attend school, they're not receiving quality education. Yet the future of Nepal lies in their hands, with the potential to lift the country out of the worst poverty outside Africa.

The program, funded by a Rotary Foundation Global Grant Project, continued with in-school support and refresher training through 2017, leading to another 10 day basic training program this month. Over the three years, these teachers will receive 50 days training, at a cost of just US\$15.50 per trainee day. What other Global Grant project delivers such value?

The program, initiated by the Australian Rotary project "Quality Education Nepal" in 2011, is conducted in close collaboration with the Nepalese Department of Education. It now encompasses 300 teachers. This number could grow rapidly with further Global Grant Projects, each adding 70-80 teachers. New projects will be initiated as soon as sponsor clubs and districts can be found.

Accordingly, I am asking would please include an article in your District newsletter? There's a draft below with links to some photos and a flyer outlining our need.

Our best promotion for the project to date has been at the Conventions in Sydney and Seoul, and we'll have a booth in the House of Friendship at Toronto, but we don't need to wait till then. With your help we can find the funding to start another project sooner.

Yours in Rotary service

Rtn Peter Hall, RC Kyneton, District 9800, Australia
President, Quality Education Nepal Incorporated



Teaching materials produced in training



Closing ceremony of Global Grant funded 10-day program, 18/4/17



Nepalese children are the real beneficiaries

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Literacy centre dedicated to Pakistan Rotarian

By Michelle Tanner, past president Rotary Club of Matamata, New Zealand

A random Facebook message with an invitation to present at a Rotary polio conference in Lahore in 2014 was the start of an amazing journey that took me from rural New Zealand to Pakistan and culminated in a project to improve the education of children of garbage pickers in Jhang, Pakistan.

While I was in Lahore, Rotarian Khalid Haider invited me to his home city of Jhang, three hours

west of Lahore. There he took me to visit the Rotary Education Center Dar-ul-Ehsan, established in 2002 and funded by his Rotary club, Jhang Saddar. I was impressed at the efforts of the local Rotarians, and appalled that, in the 21st century children were educated in these

conditions. They wrote on slates! There were hardly any books, almost no furniture, in fact virtually nothing. Just a willingness on the part of the children to learn and of the teachers to teach. The Rotarians were doing all they could but they needed help.

I returned to New Zealand to seek the support of my fellow Rotarians. In July 2016, when I became president, this was our International project, supported by a district grant. I emailed the news to Khalid who went into action rallying support from other overseas Rotarians who had visited and pledged support and setting up a Facebook page. Building work commenced in January 2017 and was completed in months.



Sadly, Khalid died just weeks before the opening ceremony but he saw the work completed and we dedicated the development to him. The inauguration of the "Rtn. Mian Khalid Haider Block, Rotary Literacy Centre" was a day that I will remember forever. The transformation was stunning. Classrooms renovated and furnished; new classrooms built; and computers, tables, chairs, blackboard, and books installed. In addition, our new Interact club's first project, a book drive, provided additional books for the pupils. But it was the children that made the day. They glowed with excitement and anticipation. I look forward to following their progress.

Michelle Tanner's daughter, Alice, right, reads with some of the students during the opening of the literacy centre.

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Kick-starting Centenary communications

Below is a message from Hugh Bucknall the Team Leader for the Centenary of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand. This is going to be a great celebration for all Rotarians in Australia and New Zealand.

In April 2021, Rotary marks a major point in our history of community service and achievement. The energy of 2 Rotarians from the RC of Halifax and Calgary led to the chartering of Melbourne, Wellington, Auckland and Sydney. Much is being planned to create a legacy and events that will truly reflect what we represent.

Much has been planned and many things already are underway. It is important that you get advance notice of that campaign. Here are some highlights:

An ambitious \$30million youth vaccination program across 9 Pacific nations under the banner "Give Every Child a Future" has been launched. Initiated by the 4 centenary clubs, RC Melbourne, Wellington, Auckland and Sydney, our partners are the Asian Development Bank and UNICEF. Soon we will invite Rotarians plus communities across many nations to participate, create scale and make a long lasting difference in the Pacific region.

The Canadians are coming! New and convivial links have been created with our charter clubs, Calgary and Halifax. Books have been exchanged and an invitation to send representatives has been warmly received. In addition to a re-enactment and celebration, they are also keen to participate in the inaugural Ralston-Davidson Golf Challenge Cup honouring the 2 Rotarians that got the ball rolling for us.

Schedules are being put in place for a Commemorative Stamp and Coin to be issued in 2021 by Australia Post and the Royal Mint. Imagine this; stamps and coins with related merchandise that present the Rotary message across the nation during the centenary year.

End Trachoma is a project being adopted across Australian Districts that will lead into the centenary year. Supported strongly by RI President Ian Riseley and District Governors for several years ahead, this project has a clear focus on indigenous health. A unique malaise to Australia, it is treatable and beatable by the time we achieve 100 years of Service. How good will that legacy be?

Save The Date! Wednesday 21st April 2021 is the anniversary of the first Rotary meeting in Australia and NZ and we aim to attract 1000+ Rotarians, Friends of Rotary and community leaders to a celebration. They will meet the dignitaries and vice regal representatives that are already "pencilled in" for a Grand Event at a world class venue. Technology will also enable participation from anywhere across the 2 nations in addition to a rolling program of face-to-face events in multiple locations.

Communication: A comprehensive communications plan is now being formulated to reach multiple groups in smart ways and in a timely manner. Our goals are to raise Awareness, stimulate Engagement and galvanise a Call To Action across Australia and New Zealand. Leading up to the Centenary year, you can expect to hear more about what is taking place and the help available to facilitate local celebrations and centenary projects you might want to launch in your District. This will be an exciting time and a chance for Rotary to shine.

Regards

Hugh Bucknall

Team Leader

R100; Rotary Club of Melbourne

Trust unlocks creativity at European youth seminar

By Cédric Schad

I am a 19-year-old law student at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland. Through the Rotary Club of Bad Bederkesa, Germany, I had the chance to take part in a Dutch-German [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#) (RYLA) seminar in Nordhorn this year. It was an amazing experience. When I arrived on that Friday for the "Proud to be European" seminar, I didn't know what to expect. But luckily, I wasn't the only one.

None of the other 23 participants (ages 18-28), knew each other either. They came from different regions of the Netherlands and northwest regions of Germany. From the first get together, though, there was a great spirit of openness and friendliness.



Participants in the RYLA from the Netherlands and Germany collaborate to develop a strategy.

The first part of the program was designed to stimulate discussions about the European Union. We had the chance to exchange our thoughts about personal and general benefits of the European Union. What I remembered the most was that we all felt proud to represent European values such as democracy, equality, and peace. In addition, we got an idea of how important cooperation between European countries is to solve common problems.

For example, Professor Stefan Kuks, Chairman of the Dutch Waterboard Vechtromen, told us about the collaboration between Dutch and German offices necessary to control overflowing waters in the area of the river Vecht and prepare the nearby area for any possible consequences.



The second part of the seminar was dedicated to teaching us to work together. The challenge was to quickly assemble a team and build trust. Groups of four to five people had to develop strategies for a business game, which involved coming up with ways to make the people living in a fictitious country in Europe the happiest on the continent, and then present those ideas. We were given no limits to our creativity.

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An added attraction was entertainer Richard de Hoop, who used music to visualize [Belbin Team Roles](#) to help us support each other and build on each of our strengths as a team. But most importantly, what will last are the friendships that we built in such a short time through our collaboration and through relaxed conversations during social time at the bar in the evenings.

It is an amazing feeling to get to know so many interesting personalities and to spend some unique moments with them. I hope to stay in contact with them, despite the geographical distance between us. So far, we keep in touch through social media groups and exchange news daily.



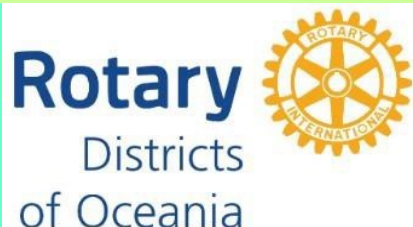


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Norfolk Island Club Selected News Item



ROMAC
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ROMAC e News Letter 1 APRIL 2018

Chair Rob Wilkinson's Message

Dear Friends of ROMAC and Rotarians

Welcome to our inaugural Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) e- newsletter. We hope to publish this e-news regularly to keep you up-to-date with our activities and achievements. Our communication objectives are to create networks, identify needs and take action. You can assist by distributing this newsletter to your family, friends and colleagues and by supporting our call-to-action by donating or fundraising to enable us to take action to help children in need.

In March we celebrated 30 years since the first patient of ROMAC had life-saving surgery. Since then, over 500 children have received ROMAC support. Thank you for your help.

On Friday evening on 16 March 2018, 160 guests from throughout Australia and New Zealand gathered at NSW Parliament House in Sydney to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of ROMAC and its achievement of providing life saving and life enhancing surgery to over 500 children from island communities of the Southwest Pacific.

Highlights of the night included a wonderful welcome speech from ROMAC Chair Rob Wilkinson, an inspirational presentation from Rotary International President Ian Riseley, a warm and generous speech from our Parliamentary Host Rotarian Leslie Williams MP, and a highly entertaining keynote address from the CEO of the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network Dr Michael Brydon. Another highlight of the evening was an interview with former ROMAC patient Rosie Lotawa.



Pictured left to right are ROMAC Chair Rob Wilkinson, RI President Ian Riseley, Leslie Williams MP, and Dr Michael Brydon.

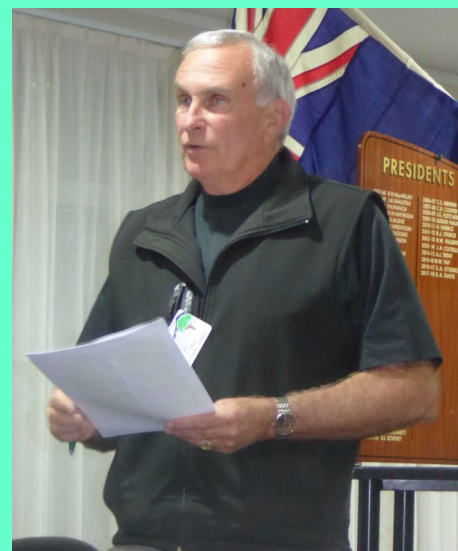
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North Harbour Water Polo

Sharon Geary is the Program Manager for NHWP Club and spoke to us about the club, its programmes and activities. First formed as the Glenfield Aquatic Club in 1986, it is now based at the Millennium Institute of Sport, where members share the Olympic training and competition pool and can utilize the facilities and high performance development environment. Membership is currently about 1900, including nearly 800 in the flipper ball age group (7 to 9 years). Sharon spoke of the early (5am) training sessions and the after-school sessions where players can typically swim 4km per game. Age grades range from 8 to 18 years with Senior teams also supported. Sharon gave us a great introduction to a sport maybe unfamiliar to us, but popular with our grandchildren.



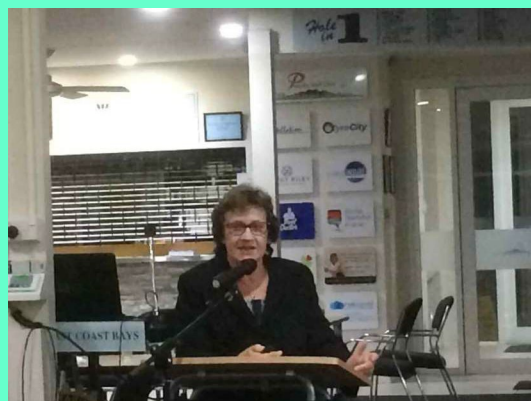
Golf Tournament. Ben updated us on the results. Likely profit around \$11,000 including \$1000 from the accommodation auctions, \$800 raffle and \$130 from the Par3 sweepstake. Thanks to the sponsors, club helpers and the 17 teams.



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HIS WEEK Dr Jane Skeen BSc, MB ChB, Dip Obstetrics

Jane was introduced by Secretary Garth Halliday, Operations Director for ROMAC. Jane is a graduate of the University of Auckland Medical School and is one of 11 Paediatric Oncologists at the Blood and Cancer Centre at Starship Children's Hospital. Her address tonight focused on her work in the Pacific region over a number of years, developing protocols to deal with child cancer, and the most appropriate treatment and care facilities for countries with limited resources. The 'Blue Continent' struck a chord with Rotary members, as it includes our Rotary District countries. We also now have an affinity with Vanuatu, via ROMAC and the children we have assisted. It was interesting to note the achievements of Tonga, possibly the most advanced in having support from parents and the local community. Jane and the NCCN Pacific group are working with nursing, parent, healthcare and political organisations in these countries to develop practices appropriate for the needs of the different communities.



Henderson Rotary Club Selected News Items

Challenge Camp is an annual Rotary event: the purpose of the camp is to provide an environment that will physically, intellectually and emotionally challenge young people who may not otherwise have the opportunity to attend such a camp. The basic qualifying criteria for selection of campers are:

- Age: 16 to 24 years.
- Candidates must reside within Rotary Districts 9910 or 9920 and must not have been on a previous Challenge Camp.
- Applicants must have a physical and /or intellectual impairment. Such as: Spinal injuries (wheelchair bound), loss of lower limbs, birth defects (such as cerebral palsy and spina bifida), or have speech, hearing or vision defects.

The camp aims to foster the personal development and interaction of youth who experience special needs with the support of Rotary International Youth Exchange Student mentors.)

Our programme this week was to visit Challenge Camp at Muruwai Surf Lifesaving Club where Matthew Mcleod and a team of volunteers including the International Youth Exchange students have been running the annual programme for young people with disabilities.

Some 60+ Rotarians and family members were hosted for dinner followed by a concert performed by the attendees.

The concert was amazing, beginning with a Haka and ending with our National Anthem.

In between we were entertained with juggling acts, Co-ordination exercises, Rhythmic Gymnastics with scarves, Soccer tricks, a human pyra-mid and a host of musical items.

For many of the performers their disability limits their opportunities to participate in an event of this kind and means it is that much greater as a challenge for them. The skill level varied but you could not but be impressed with their enthusiasm and willingness to give it a go no matter what.

Challenge Camp is clearly a great programme and one we must continue to support because of the benefit and empowering it provides for the students.

The pictures tell the story. See Over Page -Just a quick look around some of the events and activities at Challenge Camp

We finished with a barbeque dinner cooked by excellent volunteer chef for the week Tyran, ably assisted by a team from The Rotary Club of Henderson-New Zealand - Tom Hendriks Michael Hope Pasquale Monachino and LuLu Amy. They even stayed afterwards to scrub some dishes. Well done guys!



President Carol at Challenge Camp Thursday evening's concert whilst thanking the many visitors and Club members who attend she offered a very special congratulations to all who performed so outstandingly for their audience.

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