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## DISTRICT 9910 NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2021

### Governor Introduction



Greetings fellow Rotarians,

Welcome to the August issue of the Governor’s Newsletter.

Firstly, I hope this finds you, your whanau and friends safe and well as we find ourselves once again under lockdown (at the time of writing this). Let us all take a moment to acknowledge the efforts and hard work our health professionals, contact tracers, and other essential workers are undertaking for our communities with this Delta incursion.

I do encourage all clubs to stay connected at this time, and to recommence your online Zoom meetings as you have successfully done in the past. Maintaining member engagement during this pandemic is so important – get creative with ways you can keep the spirit of service alive with your virtual meetings!

“Ultimately the greatest lesson that Covid-19 can teach humanity is that we are all in this together” – Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw.

You may be aware our International President, Shekar Mehta, is making membership a priority this year, and encouraging clubs to reach out to younger people and women, as we focus on diversity in our membership. To celebrate your efforts, every Rotarian who sponsors/introduces a new member to their club will be personally recognized by President Shekar! This could be you!

It has been another busy month for Sarah and I, with lots of official Governor club visits, training events and service projects being carried out. It has been so rewarding to learn about what clubs are planning for this Rotary year, and about their passion projects.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Saturday 18th September (lockdown levels permitting) for our District Wide Rotary Day of Service as we undertake a District Clean Up Day in conjunction with Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week.

Our goal is for all Rotary clubs in the district to collaborate together with other local community groups and schools to carry out a High Impact Project where we can provide real service to the community and be recognized for the great work that we do as Rotary.

We wish you every success in your Rotary activities and look forward to seeing you again soon!

*Governor Grant  
and Sarah Smith*

Governor - District 9910  
2021-2022

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# Out and About with Governor Grant



26 July Takapuna North DG Visit



28 July Waitakere DG Visit



29 July Auckland Korean DG Visit



2 August East Coast Bays DG Visit



3 August Orewa Millwater DG Visit



4 August Combined clubs Seacleaners evening



6 August Quiz Night Birkenhead for Cure Kids



7 August Mangawhai Satellite Club training day



8 August Kaikohe and Waipapa training day



9 August Kaipatiki DG Visit



10 August Takapuna DG Visit



12 August Henderson / New Lynn DG Visit



14 August Emergency Response Kit packing



17 August Milford DG Visit

## District Diary

30 August	Rotary Maungaturoto bday (chartered 1969)	17 September	Rotary Santo bday (chartered 1974)
4 September	Area 1 dinner (Time TBC) - Speaker: Larry Keating 'Garden of Evil'	18 September	District-wide Clean Up Day
8 September	DG Visit - Whangarei City	19 September	Rotary Noumea Ducos Boulari bday (chartered 1975) World Clean Up Day
9 September	DG Visit - Whangarei South	23 September	Deadline for content to Governor Newsletter Editor DG Visit - Warkworth
10 September	DG Visit - Whangarei Sunrise	24 September	Rotary Browns Bay bday (chartered 1984)
11 September	Zone 8 Conference - Virtual	25 September	Daylight Saving starts
12 September	Zone 8 Conference - Virtual	28 September	Rotary Whangarei bday (chartered 1925)
13-19 September	Maori Language Week - Te Wiki o te Reo Māori	29 September	RLI Training - Session 3
13-19 September	NZ Clean Up Week	30 September	Unused RI allocation returned to RI Rotary Devonport - James Bond 'No Time To Die' - movie fundraiser
14 September	DG Visit - Maungaturoto	4-7 October	Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week
15 September	DG Visit - Whangarei (PM) RDU copy deadline for next month's magazine Rotary Dargaville - Junior Speech contest RLI Training - Session 2		

## 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](mailto:district9910@gmail.com)

# Emergency Response Kit Packing Day



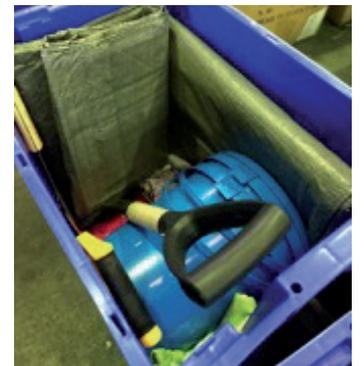
Saturday 14 August saw a great team of Rotarians from both District 9910 and 9920 assembling and packing Emergency Response Kits in a warehouse in Avondale, Auckland.

It was great to see so many of the District 9910 Rotary members helping in this amazing project where 600 kits were packed and completed ready for shipping. Well done to the teams from Albany Rotary, Takapuna Rotary, East Coast Bays Rotary and Westhaven Rotary for your assistance.

The Emergency Response Kit is a 'first response' resource distributed to affected families immediately following catastrophic weather and environmental events in Polynesia and Melanesia to support them through the first days after a disaster. With a kit and a little ingenuity, a family can construct basic shelter, keep themselves protected from the elements and utilise the immediate survival items that are included.

Emergency Response Kits are one of Rotary's best success stories. Since 2007, over 5588 Kits have been distributed to those in dire need in 12 disaster areas in the Pacific caused by cyclones, floods or tsunamis.

The value of a kit including the container, contents, freight and storage is approximately NZ\$600. The project has been encouraged by the New Zealand Government who over many years has often provided transportation, logistical and financial support.



## International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians

The oldest Rotary Fellowship is alive and well, not-with-standing Covid! That is, the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians [IYFR], which was founded in England in 1947 and has now grown to 127 Fleets and 3700 members around the world.

We are for friendship and one of our past International Commodores coined the catch cry **FUN, FUN, FUN!** which can still be heard today at IYFR gatherings. But we do also have a serious side and many Fleets engage in marine related projects, such as beach clean-ups, teaching sailing to disabled youth, delivering life jackets to very poor coastal boating communities and our biggest project 'Plastic Free Waters' [this in conjunction with many other Rotary and non-Rotary organisations]

As an organisation our Leadership rotates, but only once every two years. That rotation occurred this year at the same time as the Rotary year and I became the International Commodore. It has taken me a few years to arrive, having been Auckland Fleet Commodore, Regional Commodore, then Area Commodore in conjunction with being International Rear and then Vice Commodore.

I am proud to be in this role, following in the footsteps of the late Past Intl Commodore Ken Winter and more the more recent Past Intl Commodore Terry Stretton [both members of the Auckland Fleet]. It was working alongside Terry that I learned the ropes.

*If you are interested in things nautical and having some fun, get in touch via our Fleet secretaries, come along and see if this is something that you might enjoy [owning a boat is not required].*



Auckland: Margaret Johns at [margaret.johns@iyfr.net](mailto:margaret.johns@iyfr.net)  
Bay of Islands: Roger Toplis at [rjtoplis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rjtoplis@xtra.co.nz)

David Hansen  
International Commodore  
IYFR  
Rotary Club of Kaipatiki, Auckland

# ROTARY ALUMNI RELATIONS

Is there an exceptional alumni who should be recognized for their service to humanity and to Rotary. Make sure your district is represented when Rotary gives alumni awards! The Rotary Alumni Global Service Award recognizes outstanding alumni whose humanitarian service and professional achievements demonstrate the impact of Rotary's programs. The Rotary Alumni Association of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding alumni association that has increased awareness of alumni's impact on our organization.

Online nomination forms are open until 15 September. Any member of the Rotary community can submit a nomination. Contact the Alumni Chair, Elaine Mead [elainemead.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:elainemead.rotary@gmail.com)

## Rotary Alumni Global Service Award

[Nomination form](#) and instructions

## Rotary Alumni Association of the Year Award

[Nomination form](#) and instructions

[Past winners](#)

If you have any questions about submitting a nomination, please write Elaine Mead [elainemead.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:elainemead.rotary@gmail.com)

Thank you for your work to support and promote Rotary alumni!



## Heads Up Club Programme Organisers and Speaker Organisers

The **Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week** occurs in the RI calendar for 4 - 10 October 2021.

A great opportunity to reach out to those people the club has sponsored on a Rotary programme and get them to reconnect with Rotary.

Get some ideas from last year's [Rotary Reconnect website](#) or contact the [District 9910 Rotary Alumni](#) team



## Membership video

Often the focus in the Membership and Club Development month is on 'gaining' or 'attracting' people, when first we should look closer to home and take better care of current members.

All you experienced sales and marketing people will know it is easier and cheaper to retain existing customers/clients than to acquire new ones. Of all the members who left our clubs over the last five years (since 1 July 2016), 50% left within the first 1 – 2 years. Half!

Now some of the reasons for leaving are beyond a club's control – death; poor health; business impacts such as job relocation or loss of earnings. But is there any reason you should lose contact? OK, it's problematic to continue contact after death but what about the partner or family members left behind? This is probably the time when the Rotary Family is most needed. Several of our clubs invite partners of their deceased club members to social events and major club occasions, as well as keeping them on the newsletter distribution list.



As for some of those other Termination reasons – 'Family obligations'; 'Lack of participation' or the all-encompassing 'Personal' – a club and its members have more influence here. Has the club missed the mark, not picked up the clues or maybe no-one asked what is happening in someone's life?

The [Membership](#) page of My Rotary has a section called 'Engage Current Members' which provides various resources and tools to assist in this area, including a template survey to gather members' thoughts and opinions.

Every relationship requires a review from time to time and the club-member relationship is no different. One person's perception becomes their reality. If the club leaders don't understand their members' perceptions, they won't know what members think of the club. One of Governor Grant's themes is connection, which includes connecting with current members. Do you know if any of your club members have these perceptions?

- Communication is poor, members don't know what is happening within the club and feel they have no input;
- The club isn't prepared to be flexible to accommodate members' changing situations;
- Members don't know each other very well, as there are limited social occasions;
- The use of Rotary acronyms and programme names without any explanation, confuses newer members;
- Assumptions are made about a member's Rotary knowledge, just because they had a Rotarian family member;

**NEWSFLASH:** No one person knows everything about Rotary. I've been a Rotarian for 25 years and I'm still learning.

Check out this video on [Make Membership Memorable](#).

District Membership Lead, PG Elaine Mead  
[elainemead.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:elainemead.rotary@gmail.com)

# Well Foundation Article

The Well Foundation provided the attached article to the Henderson heights Community news newsletter. David Oliphant  
Email: [doliphant.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:doliphant.rotary@gmail.com)



## Rotary Volunteers Support Waitākere Hospital

Well Foundation, the official charity of Waitākere Hospital, were proud to once again partner with the amazing volunteers from The Rotary Club of Henderson to make a real difference for our hospital community.

Working over two weekends, an amazing group of Rotary volunteers, led by Mark Creedy, got stuck into re-landscaping and tidying up the garden of the Staff Cafeteria at the Hospital. The team water blasted all the paths, trimmed trees and extended the garden space to fill with edible plants and fruit trees. The volunteers also removed the old and tired furniture and replaced it with brand new picnic tables. The team has created a more welcoming and inviting space filled with aroha for all our staff to enjoy.

A huge thank you also needs to go to Rotary supporters Swanson Central Landscape Supplies, Living Earth Ltd and MacClures Swanson ITM who helped to make this project a reality.

Over the years the Henderson Rotary Club volunteers have donated hundreds of hours of work and effort to Waitākere Hospital in support of their local healthcare services, recently undertaking a big project to rejuvenate the pond area, bringing new life to the landscape of our hospital and providing a wonderful outdoor space for patients, their families and staff.

If you're interested in helping with projects like this in the community, or know of a worthy project that Rotary could help with, please get in touch with them, they'd love to show you what they do and how you can get involved  
[www.hendersonrotary.co.nz](http://www.hendersonrotary.co.nz)



**A huge thank you from Well Foundation and all at Waitākere Hospital for your continued support!**



# WELL FOUNDATION.

**END POLIO NOW 2020-2021  
FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

I am pleased to inform you, your supporters and Contributors of the success of our END POLIO NOW Fund raising efforts from last Rotary Year 2020-2021.

As we all know, the continuing COVID-19 Saga made this last Year of Service one of the most demanding on Record.

It was an incredibly tough struggle to reach the required US\$50m Target to ensure Rotary qualified for the Matching US\$100m from the Gates Foundation this Rotary Year. But Qualify we did. You have been an integral part of the success and please take time to share this good News.

The END POLIO NOW Senior Leadership Team of RI Past Director Robert Hall, RI Past President and now TRF Chairman John Germ and RI Past Vice President Mike McGovern extend sincere thanks to you all for your magnificent Efforts.

**FUNDRAISING RESULTS**

	2019-20	2020-21
Cash	\$32,873,000	\$33,294,000
DDF	\$8,360,000	\$7,652,000
World Fund and Other	\$9,562,000	\$9,081,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,795,000</b>	<b>\$50,027,000</b>



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**The Bill Boyd**

**End Polio Now Club**

Bill Boyd  
Centenary Year Appeal

Join today,  
honour a great New Zealand  
Rotarian and change the  
status of personal giving in  
our country

"What I do you cannot do; but what you do, I cannot do. The needs are great, and none of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."  
Mother Teresa

Donate \$10 to become a member

Join today

*Bank account details or website*



# The legacy of empowering girls



The Empowering Girls initiative should be the start of Rotary making a lasting impact on a generation of girls. We can make a difference in girls' lives by:

- Advocating for the public and private sectors to support girls
- Raising awareness of girls' needs in our communities, our social networks, and our partnerships — as we've done with our polio-eradication work



## The Empowering Girls Initiative

Through the Empowering Girls Initiative, Rotary members worldwide can enhance girls' safety, health, education, and well-being.

## Why empower girls?

- It makes families healthier.
- Educated girls have better-educated children and earn higher wages, helping get their families out of poverty.
- Women participating in the labor market at the same rate as men would add up to \$28 trillion to the annual global gross domestic product in 2025, shares the World Economic Forum.
- Every girl should be in charge of her own future. We have an obligation to protect girls' rights and promote their well-being.

## WHAT CAN ROTARY DO?

Rotary clubs and districts can participate by creating and implementing projects that enhance the quality of life for girls and improves girls' chances of enjoying safe, healthy, and productive lives. They can also modify existing projects to include components that focus on empowering girls.

- What challenges do girls face in our community?
- How can our club work with communities to find solutions to these challenges?
- What cultural norms in our area might keep girls from attending school?
- Which local organizations can we work with on projects that empower girls?
- How can we raise awareness of the need to empower girls within our communities and among our partners?
- Does our club empower women to take leadership roles?

## Resources

### Empowering Girls ambassadors

- Advocate for girls' empowerment.
- Act as a resource for clubs and districts.
- Collect and distribute success stories.

### Opportunities

- Visit the [RI president's page](#) to find ways to participate.
- Attend a [presidential conference](#).

### Rotary Action Groups

- Find contact information on the RI president's page.
- Connect with action groups that can help.

### The Cadre of Technical Advisers

- Find an adviser who can help with initiatives to empower girls by writing to [cadre@rotary.org](mailto:cadre@rotary.org).

### Rotary Showcase

- Find ideas for projects or ways to work with other clubs to empower girls.
- Add your service activity or project to the Empowering Girls Campaign at Empowering Girls 2021 or EG2021.

### Partnerships

- Work with our partner, the Global Partnership for Education, on projects that increase girls' access to education.





# Wonderful Impact of Rotary – Zone 8 Virtual Conference 2021



To celebrate our Centenary, this year's Zone 8 conference is all about sharing the wonderful impact of Rotary. It will take place on 11 & 12 September.

There are some great reasons to attend this year's event:

- Be inspired by Rotary projects in communities around our Zone
- Meet some of our Rotary heroes – dedicating their lives to making a positive difference
- Learn new ways to deepen engagement and impact from Rotary's senior leaders
- Connect with Rotary friends old and new
- Share the 'big picture' of Rotary impact with your newer members
- Be inspired to deepen your engagement and make an even greater difference through Rotary

The 2021 event is virtual with a flexible two-day program designed to inspire and energise you. The event will have all the best elements of the face to face conference – you can listen to great speakers, ask questions, network with Rotarians friends (old and new) and choose the sessions you want to attend – all from the comfort of your home or in a shared space with other Rotarians and friends.

## 11th and 12th September 11:30am - 1:30pm AEST

## 12th September 2:30 - 3:30pm AEST

RI President Shekar Mehta	RIPE Jennifer Jones	PRIP Barry Rassin	TRF Trustee Gulam Vahanaty	PDG Sarita McLean Showcasing Food Plant Solutions, Rotary Access Group	PP Rox Tierney	PDG Liz Courtney Showcasing our Diversity Equity & Inclusion work	Rtn Andy Marcelos Using Social Media for Impact	PDG Karen Purdie United New Zealand	PP Rebecca Fry Rotary Social Impact Network Q&A's Australia	PDG Tom Gump Cancer Research Campaign, USA	PDG Andy Rajapakse New Zealand, Q&A's Australia		
Rotary's Public Image - Making an Impact				Growing Rotary through new Club Types									
PRIVP Dean Rohrs	RI General Secretary John Hewko	Anne Lee Mussey	Rotaract Australia Chair Holly Corbert	PDG Stephen Lamont	James Mattam CEO, Foundation Lead Community	PP Pat Armstrong RISAL, ANZS	Vic Grosjean Principal, Growth Group	PDG Tim Moore	PP Pearl Findlay Jones First Responders in Response	PDG Stuart Batty Emergency Response Rtn	PDG David Lee Water for the World		
Preserving Our Environment				Rotary: Responding to Disaster									
Mary Barry	Robbie Francis	Mark Pearce	Ngaire Ralph	PDG Michael Moore	DGN Andrea Grosvenor Rotaract South Islands	PP Kerry Kohnhauser RISAL Foundation Lead	Moderator	PDG Wayne Bink Q&A	PDG Larry Moore RISAL	Regina Santos Indigenous Knowledge Hub University of Technology, Sydney	PDG Philip Archer Rotary Safe Families Project	Dorothy Connor	PDG Bill Thomas Building Resilient Communities
Preventing Disease				Saving Lives Through Rotary's Foundation									

CHOOSE FROM SIX INTERACTIVE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### Learning, Leading, Action - Showcasing the Wonderful Impact of Rotary

Enjoy the online Zone Conference from Anywhere you choose. Learning, Leading, Action is this year's Zone 8 conference theme, putting a spotlight on the essence of Rotarians and the way we get things done.

The theme also gives a clue to the conference content. Hear from speakers who are leading our organisation and our impact, learn from thought leaders and be impressed by a host of Rotarians taking action to change lives in our communities.

Be Inspired to Lead Learn Act in new ways that deepen our engagement and increase Rotary's impact.

## LEARN HOW YOUR CLUB CAN SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

### REGISTRATION: \$25

[www.rotaryzone8.org](http://www.rotaryzone8.org)

# Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) 2021 - Change to Format



A fun interactive learning programme that builds Rotary knowledge, develops leadership skills and grows your Rotary network.

Open to all Rotarians and Rotaractors.

Recommended for all new Rotarians as part of their introduction to Rotary.

## New Format Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) 2021

### District 9910 & 9920

- **Prework** – learn in your own time at your own pace through the Rotary International Learning Center - [www.rotary.org/learn](http://www.rotary.org/learn)
  - **Online Interactive Group Learning** – 3 facilitated 60 or 90 minute discussions covering Part 1&2 modules. Join others to learn, from your own home, over 5 weeks
  - **1 Day Face to Face Seminar** – date to be advised  
You must have completed Prework and Online Learning to attend, or Part 1 previously. Class size is limited to 20.
- Cost: Online modules \$20 per person.** Curriculum notes included.  
Face to face cost to be advised.



What is in it for you?

Learn from others, share ideas and challenge your thinking.  
Discover how Rotary and Rotaract enables you to contribute to your community.  
Learn how being a Rotarian or Rotaractor is also an opportunity for personal growth and fulfilment.  
Return to your club with fresh ideas, new tools and new contacts to make a difference.

Register now by emailing Ingrid Waugh at [d9920rli@gmail.com](mailto:d9920rli@gmail.com) or call 0274298507.

### Your Manual

Prior to attending the online modules please review the Manuals for Parts 1,2,3.  
These will be sent to you after you have registered.

**Prework** – prior to attending the online modules please complete the following 4 modules in the Rotary International Learning Center - <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/catalog/view/66>

- Rotary Basics
- Foundation Basics
- Rotary's Areas of Focus
- The Rotary Brand

You need a My Rotary login to access the Learning Center

### How to create your My Rotary account -

<https://my.rotary.org/en/learnin-g-reference/learn-topic/rotaryorg-frequently-asked-questions>

**Online Interactive Group Learning** – 3 facilitated 60-90 minute discussions covering Part 1&2 modules.

**Dates:** Wednesdays 1,15,29 September, 7-8.30pm

**Topics:** **Session 1** - Introductions and overview, My Leadership in Rotary, Our Foundation  
**Session 2** - My Rotary World, Rotary Opportunities, Targeted Service  
**Session 3** - Ethics and Vocational Service, Engaging Members

**Logon:** You will receive the Zoom login once you have registered.

**Cost:** A nominal cost of \$20 per person, usually paid by the club. The club will be invoiced.

### 1 Day Face to Face Seminar – date to be advised

You must have completed Prework and Online Learning to attend, or Part 1 previously.

RLI COURSE OVERVIEW	Leadership Spiral	Service Spiral	Membership Spiral
Part 1 The Rotarian	My Leadership in Rotary	Foundation 1: Our Foundation	My Rotary World
↓	Effective Leadership Strategies	Creating Service Projects	Engaging Members
Part 2 The Club	Team Building	Foundation 2: Targeted Service	Ethics and Vocational Service
↓	Club Communication	Rotary Opportunities	Attracting Members
Part 3 My Rotary Journey	Public Image and Public Relations	Foundation 3: International Service	Building a Stronger Club
	Strategic Planning	Making a Difference	<b>RLI GRADUATE!</b>

REGISTER YOUR PLACE TODAY BY EMAIL TO [d9920rli@gmail.com](mailto:d9920rli@gmail.com) or call Ingrid Waugh on 0274298507

# Cure Kids 50th Anniversary

**UPON OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY, WE'RE FIGHTING HARDER FOR SICK KIDS FACING HEALTH 'LOCK DOWNS' DAILY**



By Frances Benge, Chief Executive - Cure Kids

For more than a year, an extraordinary public spotlight has been cast upon the incredible work of health scientists, epidemiologists and vaccinologists in the face of a global pandemic. Cure Kids shares the same relentless drive for prevention, treatment and cures –not just for one condition, but for all of the serious health conditions affecting our tamariki.

Sadly, in August last year, the man who founded Cure Kids passed away in his home, aged 86. Fifty years earlier, Professor Sir Bob Elliott KNZM had the visionary foresight to know that unless we started investing specifically in child health research in New Zealand, we would drop further down in the OECD health rankings.

Professor Sir Bob Elliott and co-founder Dr Ron Caughey established the Child Health Research Foundation with a generous grant from Rotary. Now known as Cure Kids, the organisation has become the country's largest funder of child health research outside of government.

This year, Cure Kids celebrates our 50th anniversary, and the passing of our beloved Sir Bob has given us an even stronger drive to continue his life-changing work. We carry this precious mantle with us today. We are passionately focused on funding research into those health issues which are preventable and a result of the social inequities and deprivation in our country,



Let me paint a startling picture.

While New Zealand has some of the highest living standards in the world, this does not translate into high standards of health and wellbeing for our children. Unicef recently ranked the health and wellbeing of New Zealand children 38th out of 41 developed countries. This puts us behind countries like Bulgaria, Chile and Mexico.

Each year 40,000 Kiwi kids under the age of 14 are hospitalised for poverty-related health conditions.

Rheumatic fever is a stark example of such inequities – a disease eradicated in most OECD nations yet disproportionately affecting Māori and Pasifika in New Zealand, making up 95% of new cases nationally.

Around 40% of 5-year-olds have evidence of tooth decay, with higher rates for Māori and Pasifika children. Hospitalisation for tooth decay is particularly high for children living in areas of high deprivation.

Respiratory conditions are the leading cause of acute admissions to hospital for children, with 'asthma and wheeze' the most frequent diagnosis. Māori and Pasifika children, and children living in areas of

high deprivation have the highest hospitalisation rates for respiratory conditions.

Rates of hospitalisation for serious skin infections are highest in Pasifika, Māori, children younger than 5 years, and children living in areas with high socioeconomic deprivation.

These shocking, and quite frankly, shameful statistics are the reason Cure Kids has taken the move upon our 50th anniversary year to create the Elliott-Caughey Fund, a \$10 million pool of funding dedicated entirely to research that addresses illnesses linked to deprivation.

Work is being done both by government and the private sector to address sub-standard housing conditions, high living costs, inequalities in education, and the widening gap between the rich and the poor, and we absolutely must keep that momentum going.

But early intervention and prevention in a medical sense is paramount too. That's why it's an honour to be able to fund New Zealand's brightest child health researchers, who devote their lives to finding preventions, treatments and cures to ensure our children have healthier lives with a brighter future. Our researchers are the cream of the crop of New Zealand's child health research workforce.

What excites me most about our researchers'

work is the potential for any New Zealand-derived research breakthroughs to translate into international impact.

Imagine if our Kiwi researchers could find local, ground-breaking solutions for rheumatic heart disease and impart this knowledge with third world countries where the same issues are rife.

So, to reflect on both the previous and next 50 years of our work, on behalf of everyone at Cure Kids, I want to acknowledge our supporters – our generous donors who make our funding possible, the dedicated researchers with endless questions to solve, and the brave children at the heart of our cause in the first place.

However, the most timely acknowledgement must go to the legacy of the late Sir Bob Elliott and Dr Ron Caughey. For these two fine gentlemen, I want our vision of healthier children with brighter futures to be widely known, and for Cure Kids to be the absolute partner of choice for government policy makers, budding researchers, corporate supporters, and our team of five million Kiwis, who have the biggest of hearts and who are generous with their giving.

## 2021 TOURNAMENT

# GOLF FOR STARSHIP



## NATIONAL AIR AMBULANCE

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18  
NORTH SHORE GOLF CLUB

Teams of 4, Better Ball Stableford - 2 scores to count  
Individual prizes for activities and challenges on course  
Mulligans available

\$145 Per player, Carts available at \$45

To register your interest or team for the day  
email:-

[golf@brownsbayrotary.co.nz](mailto:golf@brownsbayrotary.co.nz)

or contact Frank Lewis on 021 272 5610  
or Colin Southgate on 027 394 2316

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# ROTARY & INTERPLAST A GOOD NEWS STORY

**During the COVID-19 pandemic, Interplast and its volunteers across Australia & New Zealand continue to provide life-changing care to patients. 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, doctors like Bhutanese Sonam Jamtsho continue to receive necessary training and mentorship, which enables him to continue changing the lives of Bhutanese patients in desperate need.

Motivated by a desire to make an impact, Dr Sonam credits his mentor, Australian plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Dr Tim Proudman for pursuing a path as a surgeon.

“I had the opportunity and honour to work with Tim since 2015. One of the reasons I was so interested in plastic and reconstructive surgery is because of the work that I have seen the Interplast team do and how much change he has brought to the Bhutanese population,” Dr Sonam explains.

While Covid-19 has limited Dr Proudman from travelling to Bhutan and Dr Sonam’s scope for clinical training, it has nonetheless provided an opportunity for collaboration and learning. Enabled by his relationship with Dr Proudman - Interplast’s country coordinator for Bhutan – the junior and his mentor have met online more than 60 times since March 2020.

“He has been very instrumental despite the pandemic causing obstruction to my training, I have been receiving the training from his side continuously. He has done more than he has been required to,” Dr Sonam says.



Motivated by altruism and a passion to see reconstructive surgery skills “spread where they are needed”, Dr Proudman spends hours late at night with Dr Sonam, assisting him to hone his knowledge.

Mindful of the time and experience necessary to complete a plastic and reconstructive surgery training program, Dr Proudman is currently working to enable Dr Sonam to travel to Australia to continue training under his capable guidance and further their shared dream of providing life-changing surgery to those who need it most.



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