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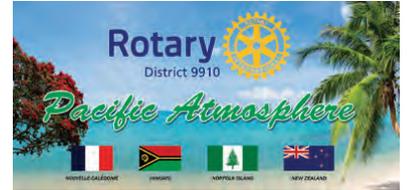


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DISTRICT 9910 NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2022

Governor Introduction

Greetings fellow Rotarians and welcome to the February issue of the Governor's Newsletter and the first newsletter for 2022. February is Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution Month.



Rotary has been actively involved in Peace and Conflict Resolution almost from its inception. In 1914 the Rotary Convention in Houston, amid gathering tensions in Europe, adopted a resolution calling for international peace and for all Rotarians to support the international peace movement. Alas it did not prevent the outbreak of World War 1, but Rotary did not give up on its aim. At its Convention in Edinburgh in 1921 Rotary adopted the Advancement of International Peace and Goodwill as a goal of Rotary.

During World War 2 Rotarians in Britain convened a conference for world peace attended by 21 nations, the outcome of which was a world body serving as a forum for the exchange of ideas in culture, education and science which later led to the establishment of UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation). Rotarians were prominent in the establishment of the United Nations in 1945 where 23 Rotarians guided agendas, provided translations, worded resolutions and resolved disputes between delegates at the UN Charter Conference.

Rotarians were amongst the members of 27 of the 50 nations who sent delegations to the initial UN Assembly. Rotary has a permanent seat in the General Assembly of the United Nations in recognition of the work of its members in fostering goodwill and peace across national boundaries.

So, what is Rotary doing now in the area of Peace and Conflict Resolution? Through funding from the Rotary Foundation, Rotary since 2002 has annually awarded Rotary Peace Fellow Scholarships to suitable applicants to study at a Rotary Peace Centre at one of 7 universities throughout the world including the University of Queensland. The courses offered are a master's degree or Post Graduate Certificate in Peace and Development Studies. Courses are of up to 24 months in duration and about 130 are awarded each year throughout the world.

Do you know someone dedicated to peace and conflict resolution? Encourage them to apply for this fully funded, globally recognised post-graduate program. We are now accepting Rotary Peace Fellowship Applications for the 2023-24 academic year. Candidates have until 15 May to submit their application to the Rotary Foundation,

Most clubs in District 9910 are now getting back into the swing of things after the summer holiday period. Over the next few months we are hopeful that clubs will be able to complete projects and fundraising activities which have been postponed due to COVID, and Sarah and I look forward to attending as many of these as we can.

*Governor Grant
and Sarah Smith*

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Out and About with Governor Grant



15 February – DG Visit to Maungaturoto Rotary



17 February – DG Visit to Whangaparaoa



19 February TRF Training for PETS 1 by Zoom



21 February – DG Visit to Kerikeri Rotary by Zoom



23 February – DG Visit to Albany Rotary



24 February – DG Visit to Bay of Islands Rotary

Due to COVID lockdowns, there have not been many opportunities to get out and about with Governor Grant. In fact the DG visit meeting at Maungaturoto Rotary of 15 February was the first face to face Rotary meeting I have been able to attend since the 17th of August 2021.

Combined Probus Club of Glen Eden Celebrates 20 year Anniversary

Sarah and I had the privilege to attend the 20th anniversary of the Combined Probus Club of Glen Eden on Friday 25 February. Current President Brian Holt and incoming President Barrie Lee (both foundation members and ex-Rotarians) and fellow club members got together to celebrate 20 years of fellowship and serving their community.



It was a great opportunity to meet many of the founding members who are still active within the club and to hear their stories of fun fellowship and outings they have been on over the past 20 years.

Pictured cutting the celebratory cake are foundation members Barbara Lynch and Fay Visor. A wonderful morning tea was on offer for all to enjoy.



Many thanks to the Combined Probus Club of Glen Eden!

District Diary

4 March	Rotary Satellite Henderson-South Kaipara (chartered 2015)	15 March	RDU copy deadline for next month's magazine
5 - 6 March	South Pacific Presidents-Elect Development Seminar (SPPEDS)	18 March	Rotary Whangarei South bday (chartered 1975)
6 March	Foundation Day	22 March	World Water Day
8 March	International Women's Day	23 March	Deadline for content to Governor Newsletter Editor
10 March	Golf Day - Henderson Rotary	5 April	Rotary New Lynn bday (chartered 1958)
		7 April	World Health Day

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

Want to win a trophy and some cash?

Best Bulletin of the Year Trophy and Grant

Every year at District Changeover the District presents an award for the best Club Bulletin / Newsletter. The Jack Keys Trophy was donated by the Rotary Club of Warkworth to the Bulletin Editor and Club for the best Bulletin throughout the year, based on presentation, information, Rotary coverage, interest and style.

This year we are going to try something new and invite all clubs to send in ONE entry for the Best Bulletin of the Year.

Each club can send in one entry for a bulletin or newsletter that has been published from 1st July 2021 up to the 30th March 2022. This should be what you consider to be your best bulletin and will be judged by members of the District Management team.

If you win the award, not only will your club receive the Jack Keys Trophy at Changeover, but you will also receive a Grant of \$750 that must be used for an educational project.

Entries should be forwarded to Sarah Smith (china.blue@me.com) by the 15th of April 2022.

Any queries please contact Sarah on 021 623 099.



District 9910 Annual Conference Cancelled



District 9910 Conference 2022

The District 9910 Annual Conference 2022 to be held at Trinity Wharf, Tauranga, Bay of Plenty from 8-10 April 2022 has sadly been cancelled.

Based on the Government's decision to put the whole country into the red traffic light setting (under code "red" public events are limited to a maximum of one hundred persons) along with current COVID modelling suggesting that the major Omicron outbreak will occur at mid/end of March, our Conference team have been left with no option but to cancel. The financial cost to the District with a last-minute cancellation would have been in the vicinity of \$20,000.

The Government has indicated that the country will remain in red for many weeks so we could not continue to plan for the Conference.

The health and safety of our amazing Rotarian members along with the organising committee and wonderful guest speakers is paramount.

This is a huge blow for the committee who have worked so hard to pull this event together, and I thank them for their efforts, time and enthusiasm.

Planning is now well underway to combine some of the annual conference components into the District Changeover which will be held in Orewa on Saturday 2nd July 2022 from 10am.

District 9910 Governor Changeover – Save The Date!

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

This special celebration will be held on Saturday 2nd July from 10.00am to 1.30pm at the Orewa Arts and Events Centre, 80 Riverside Road, Orewa.

Refreshments etc will be provided.

During the changeover we will also incorporate some components of the cancelled District Conference with a few compelling guest speakers including the wonderful Cat Levine who will update us on the progress of the Te Tai Tokerau Tamariki Mental Health and Wellbeing Global Grant project.

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.

More details coming soon! Don't miss out on this special day. Save the date in your diary now!

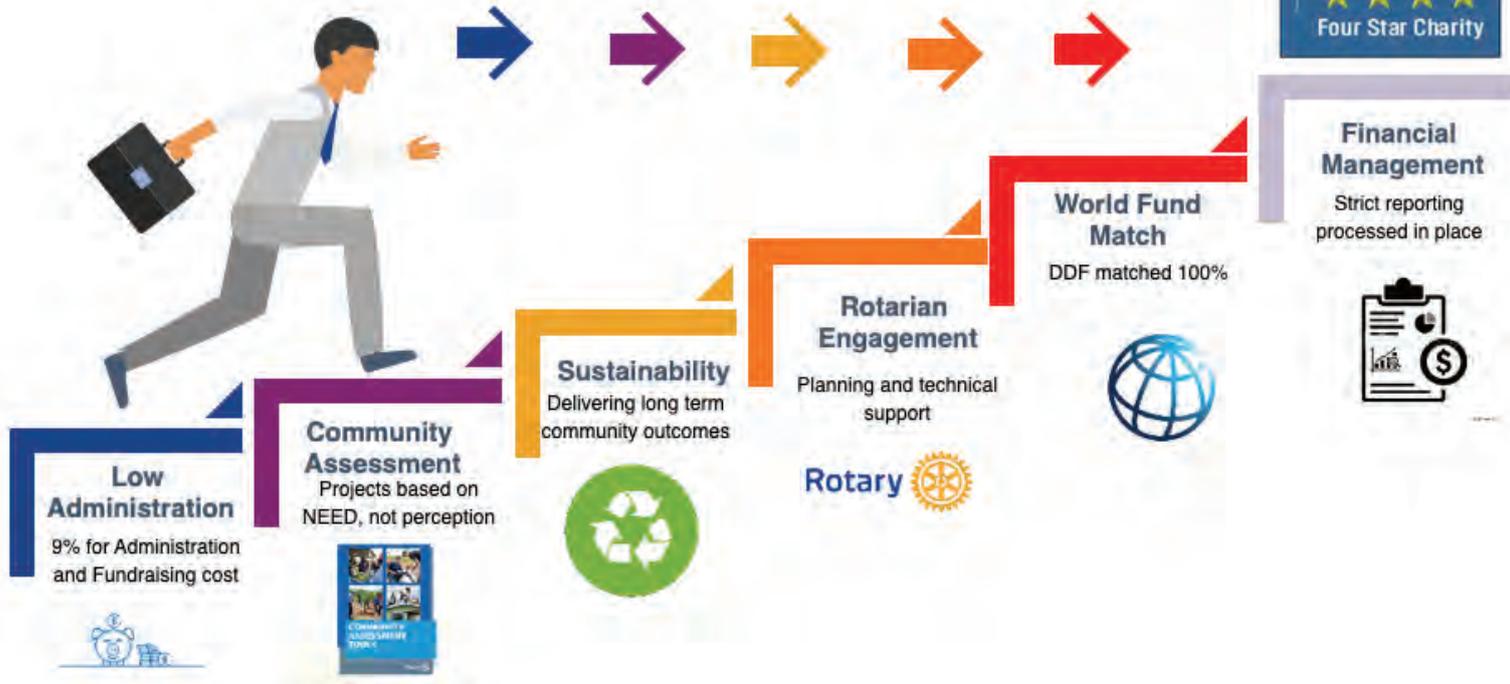




FOUNDATION NEWS

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Charity Navigator has again given TRF its top **Four Star Charity** rating, with an overall score of 100%. That's 100 / 100 for all four parameters: *Financial, Accountability & Transparency, Leadership & Adaptability and Culture & Community.*

After 14 years, it would be easy to take this rating for granted but in a letter of congratulations, [Michael Thatcher](#), President and CEO of Charity Navigator, pointed out that **"Only 1% of the charities we evaluate have received at least 14 consecutive 4-star evaluations"**.



CONTRIBUTIONS

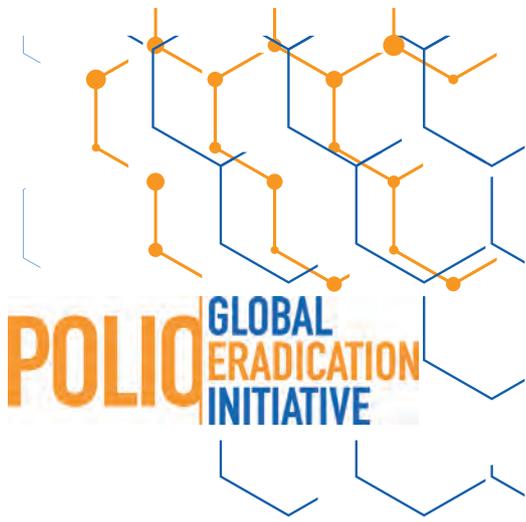
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2.Send an Email to the District Treasurer (Details below) stating what the deposit was for, how much and when it was deposited.

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Scarlett Hawkins – Rotary Peace Scholar

As the Rotary theme for February is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention month it's good to hear how our D9910 Rotary Peace Fellow, Scarlett Hawkins is going in her studies.



A little selfie in front of the Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

Scarlett is at the Duke-University of North Carolina Rotary Peace Center, now in her second semester of the Master in Global Studies, Migration and Labor Rights at the University of North Carolina (UNC) in Chapel Hill. In addition to her program, she is undertaking two Graduate Certificates: International Peace and Conflict Resolution at UNC, and International Development Policy at Duke University.

Scarlett is a Gender-Based Violence Specialist who, at the time of being selected for the prestigious Rotary Peace Fellowship, was working in Vanuatu on the Spotlight Initiative to Eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls, first with the United Nations Population Fund, and then with the International Organization for Migration, the UN migration agency.

"I have taken to life in Chapel Hill with great enthusiasm. Through my interdisciplinary studies, I am undertaking a strong mix of practical and theoretical classes this semester which include conflict transformation, project management for international development, social work for refugees and recent migrants, and violence prevention through public health approaches. My research interests relate to structural drivers of violence in the emerging area of the humanitarian-developing-peace nexus, with a focus on mechanisms for community healing, addressing root causes of conflict, and accountability to affected populations."

"Currently I am seeking internship opportunities for the summer as part of my Applied Field Experience. I hope to work in peacebuilding or humanitarian affairs for a United Nations agency or a peacebuilding-oriented civil society organisation. I am looking at opportunities both in the United States and across Latin America."

"Whenever I'm not nose-deep in a book or journal article, I love to ride my bicycle around town, go to a yoga class, or explore beautiful North Carolina with my husband Jero, who is a chef working at a popular Asian Fusion restaurant. I have strategically waded into the ferocious debate about which of the state's two signature barbecue styles is best with characteristic Peace Fellow diplomacy – by indulging in both kinds regularly and with great enthusiasm!"



A very happy reunion with Pumpkin

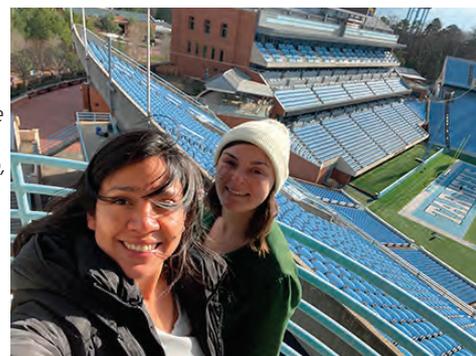


Some of the Rotary Peace Fellows at the iconic Old Well, UNC

Jero and I recently had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. for a very special Vanuatu reunion – with our foster dog, Pumpkin! Pumpkin's owner had to return to the United States at the start of the COVID pandemic, but wasn't able to bring her 8-month-old puppy. Consequently, we had the pleasure of taking care of Pumpkin for an entire year before she was able to return to her forever home. Now this unusually well-travelled dog lives just a few hours' drive away, and all the humans in her life have developed a firm friendship."

Applications are now open for the Rotary Peace Fellowship for Master's Degree and Professional Development Certificate programs around the world. To anyone considering taking the next step in their commitment to service before self, Scarlett says: "Don't hesitate to apply for the Rotary Peace Fellowship – it's a life-changing experience!"

If you know anyone who is considering applying, it is recommended they contact PDG Peter Garnett, the District Rotary Peace Fellowships Chair, for feedback on their draft application prior to submitting. Email pgarnett.rotary@gmail.com



Scarlett and Rotary Peace Fellow from Colombia, Nathalia Contreras-Pardo, at the UNC Football Stadium



Many of the Rotary Peace Fellows on a group trip to Surf City, N.C.

Rotarians on the Move

One of the wonderful things about being a Rotarian is that wherever you are in New Zealand or overseas, you are welcome at the local Rotary club. It's very handy when travelling to have such a connection for good recommendations on the best things to do or see but also if things go wrong. It's even better if you have to move to another part of town, the country or the globe as you can continue your Rotary membership. At least 15% of the people in our district recorded as 'new members' at a club since 1 July 2021 have come from another D9910 club and at least 11% are Rotarians from outside our district. They may have different stories about how they got there, yet their reasons for continuing reflect those Rotary's values of friendship and service.

Below are the relocation experiences of some D9910 current and past members.

Yolanda van Yugt

2020 – 2021 Rotary Henderson Satellite club of Rotary West aka Rotalite (D9910)
2021 – now Rotary Lake Taupo (D9930)

Yolanda was a member of the Rotalite satellite club until her move to Taupo last year. Her experience of Rotary through Rotalite is proving inspirational and valuable to her new club. After asking her to speak about her satellite club it has decided to establish a satellite in Taupo.

"I joined Rotary because I wanted to meet like-minded individuals, and because I wanted to make a positive impact in my local community. My partner and I wanted to get out of Auckland, to escape the hustle and bustle of the big smoke, and to get onto the property market. As we both love Taupo it was an easy choice!"

"Moving from a Satellite club to the Rotary Lake Taupo club was quite a transition. It's a very different way of operating in this club and a much different average age! But everyone has welcomed me into the group and the same Rotary spirit is here."

"I have made some new friends here through Rotary, made connections that have helped for business networking, and been supported with some of my own business endeavours."



Yolanda (left) and fellow Rotalite member assisting at a Rotary Henderson project last year



Don in action for his club at the Rotoiti Lodge Upgrade Project at the Rotoiti Lodge Outdoor Education Centre.

Don Pointon

2009 – 2018 Rotary Birkenhead (D9910)
2018 – now Rotary Blenheim South (D9970)

"I originally joined Rotary because I thought it would be a great way to slot into a new bunch of friends when I next moved. I was expecting my next move to be abroad again, but it turned out to be within New Zealand and yes, it proved to be great for exactly that!"

"The main driver for my relocation was the kids had finished school, and there was a lack of good reasons to live in a city rather than living in the bush. You know, if we're going to live in NZ, then we may as well do the full NZ experience, and not city-life."

"There are two local-ish clubs in my new area (both are 40 mins drive from home), and I joined the one I had a little contact with previously. I was more than happy to build on the earlier conversation, and didn't even really consider joining the other club."

"Continuing with Rotary here has been great. Instant new friends, continuation of interests such as district training and building on continued experience to progress into other district areas like comms and IT."

Ruth Moore

2010 – 2020 Rotary Bay of Islands (D9910)
2020 – now Rotary Rototuna (D9930)

"My mother was a member of Rotary Bay of Islands, so she would get me involved as a volunteer for many of the club's events. Through this I got to know the members and really enjoyed helping with Rotary. I then later became a member in my own right."

"Two years ago, I decided to relocate to Hamilton, a city offering more opportunities for what I wanted in life. Although I kept my Rotary membership going, after 10 plus years in Rotary I decided to take a break from Rotary for a year and get settled into my new life. Then with some encouragement from my previous club, I decided to return to Rotary in Hamilton. As well as continuing the community work, I knew with certainty I would meet new people and make new friends."

"After meeting with a Hamilton-based Rotarian (introduced by Governor Elaine), we looked at the different clubs within the city to decide which club would fit in best with my personality and lifestyle. I therefore joined Rotary Rototuna, which is a newish club and quite informal but very proactive, and with many lovely people."

"By joining this new club, I have made lots of new friends, expanded my social life and got to know the community I live in better. Their projects are great fun and give you that sense of giving back to the community, which I love."



Ruth (left) with Rotary Bay of Islands members, Adam Morley and Sue Hamnett

Kelly McLuckie

2009 – 2010 Rotary Wellington North (D9940)
2011 – 2012 Rotary Swindon North and Thamesdown, UK (D1100)
2012 – 2019 Rotary Takapuna (D9910)
2020 – 2020 Rotary Brisbane High-Rise (D9620)
2021 – now Rotary Kaipātiki (D9910)

Over Kelly's 13-year Rotary journey to date she has been a member of six Rotary clubs, both in New Zealand and overseas. Out of that experience she has some key observations to clubs to consider.

"I consider myself now a Global Rotarian - with strong Rotary links, but less loyalty to the club structure. I still keep in touch with a number of clubs and attend projects when I find out about them, and have time."

"I first joined Rotary after leaving the military; seeking a group of like-minded people who enjoyed service, and to make some new friends shortly after moving to Wellington. I have stayed in Rotary for those reasons and much more. My family moved a lot for work, and every time I relocated, joining a Rotary Club helped me connect with my community quickly."

"Some of these clubs have been morning, some lunch, some evening - I pick a club depending on the day/time of meetings to fit around the family schedule. I always research my clubs online first, then go along to visit. I think as Rotarians it's worth considering what that experience is like, both online and in person, for someone new."

"I think lots of us are looking for a place to belong, so when recruiting it's important to make people feel comfortable and involved. Don't pressure them immediately to start taking leadership roles or being the recruiting officer (a role I was approached to do in every club I joined)."

"I am always motivated by the service itself and get involved most in projects - having a young family means my time is limited. Service and fellowship are what makes me love Rotary! I believe those things will attract others."

One of our true 'Rotary Nomads' must be Terry Nuthall. Read his relocation story below.....

Terry Nuthall

1978 – 1980	Rotary Kawerau (D9930)	1990 – 1994	Rotary Henderson (D9910)
1980 – 1984	Rotary Tokyo (D2580)	1994 – 1997	Rotary Parnell (D9920)
1984 – 1988	Rotary Mt Roskill (D9910)	1998 – 2002	Rotary Kumeu (D9910)
1988 – 1989	Rotary New Lynn (D9910)	2003 – 2009	Rotary Parnell (D9910)
1989 – 1990	Rotary Downtown (D9920)	2009 – now	Rotary Warkworth (D9910)

"In January 1978, I was transferred by my employer BNZ, as Manager Kawerau. What I did not realise, was that part of that job was belonging to Rotary and being on the local school committee. I thought it would be a good idea to continue tradition and I already had a good experience in community service/fellowship via Jaycees in Lower Hutt, Tamaki and Melbourne."

"My first job from Day One in Rotary Kawerau, was to produce the weekly Rotary bulletin. I got to know all 30 members quickly. There were no computers in those days! It was a fun time with lots of social activities, especially when Rotary Kawerau won the Regional Top Town competition. I was President elect, ready to take the helm in July 1980, when the Bank decided to move the Nuthall family to Tokyo, Japan."

"As I was already enjoying Rotary I immediately transferred to the Rotary Tokyo, a club of over 400 men who were either Presidents or Chairmen of their respective companies. We met for lunch weekly at the Imperial Hotel, but as there were about 15 foreign members the club provided simultaneous interpretation. There were not many projects – it was more of a cash donation club. But I did run a successful International Night highlighting New Zealand food and wine (kiwifruit wine would you believe!)"

"When we returned to New Zealand, I was appointed Manager, Dominion Rd Branch. A customer asked me to join Rotary Mt Roskill, a rowdy, fun and active club. The main project for this club was to host American tourists for a typical Kiwi dinner. It was a great fundraiser."

"When I was transferred to Manager, New Lynn, I thought I had better join local to understand how that suburb 'ticked'. It was another fun club. The pity with moving about so much was I did not really have a chance to be on the Board. I always seemed to pick up the Treasurer's role – all cash-based in those days."

"Then there was a move into the city to run the BNZ Share Registry during the mad times running up to the crash of 1987. I managed to get the business sold and moved on to Manager Henderson and Rotary Henderson, which was full of wonderful wine growers. Following yet another move to Auckland City, I joined the very active Rotary Parnell. Then we purchased a property at Kumeu, so I joined that club."

"When I retired from the BNZ, and joined ANZ I re-joined Rotary Parnell, where I was able to contribute more than in the past. Now it is Rotary Warkworth where I participate to the best of my ability, and health allows. Rotary has been a big part of my and Beatrice's life, but the satisfaction of participating in projects; visiting other clubs in places like Hong Kong, London, Lisbon, and Australia; and the fun and fellowship we have had, has been fulfilling."

"I would do it all again. Thank you, Rotary, for your opportunity to serve."

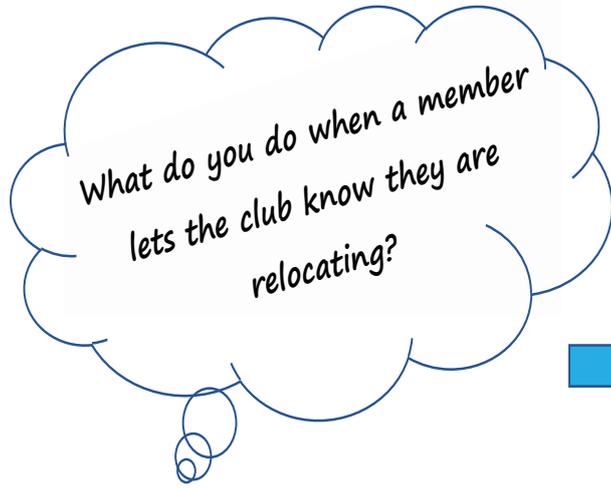


Kelly (far left) and Rotary Takapuna members at a beach clean up project



Terry and Beatrice at the presentation of Terry's Paul Harris Fellow 2nd sapphire.

Attention Club Administrators - How to Move A Member Between Clubs



Member	Current Club	New Club
<p>Advise club of your new location and when you are leaving – preferably in writing</p>	<p>Provide member with a list of Rotary clubs in the area or direct them to: https://rotaryoceania.zone/page/find-a-rotary-club for a list of clubs in New Zealand; OR https://my.rotary.org/en/club-search for clubs outside New Zealand</p>	
<p>Register your interest in Rotary in the new location by completing the 'Rejoin or change clubs' form in My Rotary: https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/member-center/member-relocation?embed=true.</p> <p>Your request goes via the Membership Leads system and the appropriate District Membership Chair will follow up with you.</p> <p>They will help you select a club based on your preferred meeting time/day, format, club culture demographic</p>	<p>Discuss with Board and member about keeping them on the club list until the next RI invoice, whilst they find their new Rotary home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This keeps them on the club and district newsletter distribution and connected with Rotary news; <p>Provide the transferring member with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed copy of 'Confirmation of Former Rotary Club Membership and Good Financial Standing' Their RI membership number 	<p>If the club receives notification of a potential Rotarian member, ensure the club follows up and connects with them.</p> <p>Invite them to a meeting, project or social event.</p>
<p>Once you have chosen a club, apply to join following the new club's processes and provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of your 'Confirmation of Former Rotary Club Membership and Good Financial Standing' Your RI membership number <p>Note – RI does not recognise 'automatic transfer' and membership is at the club's discretion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<p>Follow your club's usual procedure for selecting new members.</p> <p>Note – RI does not recognise 'automatic transfer' and membership is at the club's discretion.</p>
<p>When advised of successful application, confirm your termination date by email to your previous/current club and CC the Secretary of your new club.</p>	<p>On receipt of member's confirmed termination date in writing make the required changes in My Rotary as soon as possible.</p> <p>Note: the new club cannot load the member until they are terminated from your club.</p>	
	<p>Advise the ex-member when this is done.</p> <p>Advise the Secretary of the new club of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ex-member's RI membership number; confirm no RI dues outstanding; confirm date of termination from your club: 	<p>Once the member is terminated from their previous club, add them to the RI database via My Rotary using the RI membership number provided.</p> <p>Note: the member cannot be loaded until they are terminated from the previous club. Using the RI number ensures prior Rotary history is brought across. This is best done via My Rotary.</p>

J R McKenzie Youth Education Fund Report

The school year has recommenced and once again it has been as busy as can be receiving and assessing applications for students needing assistance with uniforms, shoes and stationery.

Please, check out the needs of the schools your club supports to see how we can help them get kids in uniforms and with the right stationery early in the school year.

Financial constraints are not limited to the lower decile schools so don't be afraid to ask the Dean or the counsellor at the school. We are able to arrange convenient and confidential ways to meet these needs.

We get referrals from a wide range of ancillary services such as budgeting services, Victim Support, Women's Refuge, Social Housing providers, family social services and schools.

The award for the club that gives us the most referrals this month goes to.... Birkenhead Rotary and Cherry Barber. Great work with local schools and De Paul House.

Here's a sample of comments we receive from the recipients ...

"Thank you so much for your help with the expenses for my son, it all helped to make Life easier. Without the help of the trust it would have been much harder worrying about, and the pressure to get uniforms and stationery bought and ready to go on day one of school."

Schools which received a bulk fund for uniforms and stationery have said, "*as discussed, we found the bulk funding option very useful, we were able to have confidential conversations with our families, understand their situations and be able to give them support and answers directly and swiftly.*"

As you know it is very difficult for many of our families to make the step to access support, and so to be able to give them immediate support, confidential processing, and discreetly distributed items to the families, makes such a difference in the approach and outcome for all."

Contact us jrmckenzie.rotarynh@gmail.com for further information and to clarify how the Trust is able to help vulnerable people in your community.

Ali Chamberlain
Rotary North Harbour,
Administrator, JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund
Rotary District 9910 New Zealand
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Feelings For Life - Tractor Trek 2022

Feelings For Life is the charity associated with Rotary's Te Tai Tokerau Tamariki Mental Wellbeing Project. Funding is from many sources including other Rotary clubs, District Designated Funds, Global Grant and non-Rotarian contributions.

During February, mental wellbeing educator and fellow Rotarian, Cat Levine in her red Postman Pat replica van, along with a team of up to 12 tractors, drivers and support personnel have been on the [Feelings For Life - Tractor Trek 2022](#) visiting towns and schools between New Plymouth to Napier to raise funds supporting childrens' mental health and wellbeing.



Cat Levine in her Postman Pat replica van



Phil Aish (Cat's father), Rod Kestle, Steve Thorpe, Cat Levine



Day Four convoy, visited three schools

[Feelings for Life](#) is a Charitable Trust that raises funds for its delivery arm, [Think and Be Me](#) (TBMe).

[Cat](#) is Founder and Presenter of TBMe which she created in 2020 . The trek funds will enable Cat to continue work and supplement the UDS413,900 Rotary funding which was just approved on 25th Feb. The fundraising will also allow for the production of more videos for the [Think and Be Me](#) programme which are especially needed during this COVID pandemic which is impacting visits to schools.

Cat noted, "I have some resources already available but I want to create more that teachers can complete with their pupils. They're child-friendly and engaging. Having to cancel the school presentations is sad, but also it has given me the time to create more resources which can be reached by wider audiences to help more people."

Having these resources available helps children learn about mental health and different emotions. "It's crucial they learn about these things and how to express their emotions in a positive way."

The 13-day tractor trek ran between 14-26 February successfully completing the 1,100km round trip across central North Island visiting 20 Primary schools and 2,300 school children along the way.

"I usually give a talk and then the kids can get an up-close look at the tractors. We've had to change our plan so now we will park outside the school, wearing masks while the children can view the tractors from a distance", says Cat.

The trek didn't always follow the main highways and often diverted through less familiar kiwi backroads where treks like this would be a rare event. This produced its own challenges (and rewards) helped in no small way with patchy cell phone coverage. Through sheer determination, teamwork and good spirits they continued along the route planned by fellow club member and project initiator, Rod Kestle.

Cat acknowledges the help and support of others who provided cooking and logistical support and included members of her family, Rotarians from clubs along the route and Pump Hire Ltd who provided our club's tractor and driver.



School children waving to the convoy

WANT TO DONATE?

If you wish to donate, a [Givealittle](#) page has been set up for donations that will be gratefully received.

MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT, FFL and TBME

Feelings For Life is the charity associated with Rotary's Te Tai Tokerau Tamariki Mental Wellbeing Project. The project was initiated by Rod Kestle of the Rotary Club of Onehunga - One Tree Hill. It was quickly realised the original concept showed great promise and so the project was migrated to Rotary District 9910. A Global Grant was applied for which has been approved and will contribute to the overall budget. A budget of NZD600,000 was identified to fund the three year project to enhance children's well-being in selected Northland Primary Schools. The concept was successfully piloted in 2021 and the additional funding will allow for trainers and additional learning materials designed to help students develop better emotional literacy and self-regulation through the [Think And Be Me](#) (TBME) programme.



Mangawhai Sandsational Event

Sun, surf and sandcastles!

[Video Link](#)

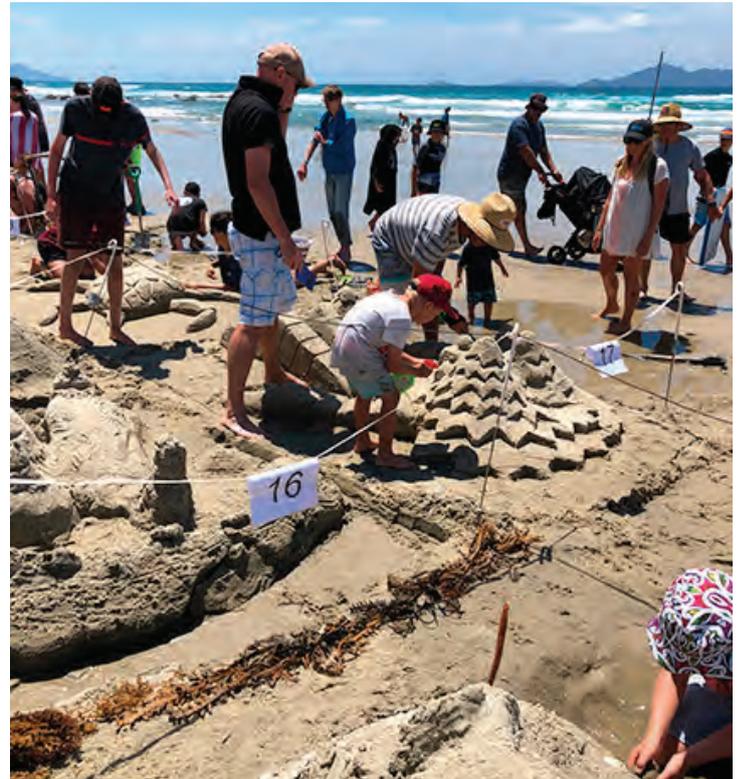


With a sublime summer backdrop of blue sky and green surf, Mangawhai's second annual sand sculpture competition got off to a glorious start on January 30th attracting 50 enthusiastic sandy artisans and hundreds of spectators.

Following the "Drop the Golf Ball" and "Dog and Owner Fancy Dress" competitions, the 52 square plots of sand along Mangawhai Heads surf beach were slapped, cut, moulded, dribbled, and even coloured to form TVs, sofas, cars and pyramids, harassing sea creatures, diving dolphins, a cute seal and a dignified gorilla.

This year's fun event was brought to the community by the newly formed Mangawhai Satellite Rotary Club and Sand Art Mangawhai (S.A.M.) founded by the REAL Team Real Estate owners Marlene and Dennis Emsley, with support and sponsorship from Mangawhai Four Square Store, Raincloud Water Delivery, Bachcare NZ, The Vet Centre (Northland) and the REAL Team Real Estate. Prizes for all three competitions amounted to \$3,800.

The event was a huge success raising \$ 2,932.90 for the satellite club and gaining priceless exposure for the new club and Rotary within the community and beyond, and will take place yet again in 2023 at the same location.



**WHANGAPARAOA ROTARY CLUB
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Red Beach
Fletcher Living



Maygrove Village

RETIREMENT LIFESTYLE & CARE FACILITY

**Friday 1 April at the
Whangaparaoa Golf Club**

TEAM FORM

**Get a team of four together for
the Ambrose tournament**

Individual entries accepted

**11.45 am for Ambrose
Tournament Shotgun start at
12.30 pm**

**Great team prizes, numerous spot
prizes at prize giving**

**Entry Fee : \$60 per player
includes a boxed lunch
and team platter**

**Have a great day and help Rotary
support Community Youth
Projects**



Please note: All attendees and players must show proof of full vaccination for Covid-19

To register, phone Dan on 021 055 5220,
Email: healeydan56@gmail.com or return the
enclosed entry form to PO Box 197, Whangaparaoa
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CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT 2022



Thursday 10
March 2022

Shotgun start 12:30pm. Entries close **3 March 2022**

\$100 Entry Fee per player.

Entry fee includes evening meal and on-course food and refreshments. Proceeds from this event go to Henderson Rotary projects and West Auckland Charities.

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