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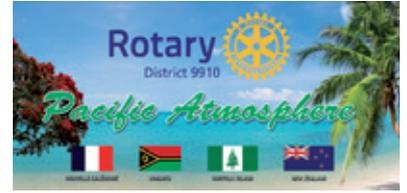
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CHANGE LIVES**

DISTRICT 9910 NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2021

Governor Introduction

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

Welcome to the September issue of the Governor's Newsletter.



September is Basic Education and Literacy Month in Rotary. Enhancing literacy skills is critical in our pursuit of reducing poverty, improving health, and promoting peace. In fact, if all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, it would result in a significant cut in global poverty rates.

Without education, illiterate children become illiterate adults. Today, 14 percent of the world's adult population — 762 million people — lack basic reading and writing skills. Two-thirds of that group are women. Literacy and numeracy skills are essential to obtaining better housing, health care, and jobs over a lifetime.

Once again, we find ourselves in lockdown due to the global pandemic and the arrival of Delta in New Zealand. This has resulted in many changes to the way we live our lives and the way we as Rotarians connect. Prior to the lockdown I had managed to visit 21 clubs and it was great to be able to see you all in person and hear your stories about how we are serving to change lives in our communities.

This lockdown has meant the postponement of several club visits, but we have managed to catch up via Zoom and I look forward to seeing you again after the lockdown levels drop.

I do encourage all clubs to stay connected at this time, and to keep going with your online Zoom meetings as you have successfully done in the past. Maintaining member engagement during this pandemic is so important. Keep positive and continue to be champions of the Rotary brand.

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

Governor - District 9910
2021-2022

*Governor Grant
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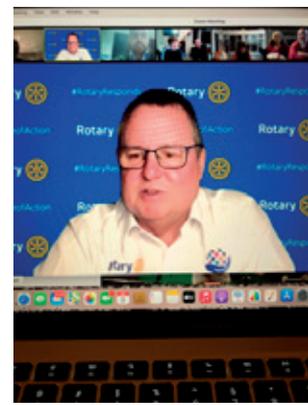
Out and About with Governor Grant



25 August Virtual RLI Preparation Meeting



1 September RLI Training on The Rotary Foundation



8 September Whangarei City Virtual DG Visit



9 September Whangarei South Virtual DG Visit



10 September Whangarei Sunrise Virtual DG Visit



10 September Virtual Meeting Jessie Harman RI Director



September 11 Zone 8 Virtual Conference



September 12 Zone 8 Virtual Conference



15 September Albany Rotary Zoom meeting

Level 4 lockdowns in Auckland have meant that we have not been able to carry out any face to face visits or meetings. However Zoom has enabled us to stay connected and also meant we were able to carry out a few District Governor visits to the Whangarei Clubs.

District Diary

24 September	Rotary Browns Bay birthday (chartered 1984)	17 October	Rotary Kumeu birthday (chartered 1994)
25 September	Daylight Saving starts	23 October	Deadline for content to Governor Newsletter Editor
28 September	Rotary Whangarei birthday (chartered 1925)	24 October	World Polio Day
29 September	RLI Training - Session 3	27 October	Rotary Satellite North Shore NRG birthday (chartered 2017)
30 September	Unused RI allocation returned to RI Rotary Devonport - James Bond 'No Time To Die' - movie fundraiser	28 October	Rotary Dargaville birthday (chartered 1938)
4-10 October	Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week	29 October	Rotary Warkworth birthday (chartered 1962) Polio All Transit - Tag You On Tag Polio Off
7 October	Rotary Henderson - Luncheon Speaker : Sir John Key - Postponed	30 -31 October	Rotary Kerikeri Garden Safari
12 October	Norfolk Island Agricultural Show Day Rotary Takapuna birthday (chartered 1953)	30 October	District-wide Clean Up Day
15 October	RDU copy deadline for next month's magazine	2 November	DG Visit - Waipapa
16 October	World Food Day	3 November	DG Visit - Kaikohe
		4 November	DG Visit - BOI

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

Rotary Te Tai Tokerau Tamariki Mental Wellbeing Project

“Helping Kids Think And Be Healthy For Good”

A Rotary Global Grant Project in District 9910

Each day, thousands of Kiwis are affected by mental health issues – anxiety, depression, or ADHD. The statistics – particularly for our children – one in four Kiwi kids will experience mental health before the age of 18 and fifty percent of mental health conditions start before the age of 12.



Mental Health is particularly prevalent in Northland, and this is where Rotary District 9910 intends to provision of a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to fund a three-year initiative to enable our children to be more resilient and able to cope with the stresses of life today.

Rotarians and your Rotary Club must be part of this initiative.

Rotary will work & support Cat Levine from **Think and Be Me**.

After touring New Zealand schools with mental health advocate and New Zealander of the Year Mike King, Cat Levine determined it was time to package up her popular brand of school presentations into learning programme available in person and online.

Think and Be Me was created in 2021 so that Cat’s years of working through ‘Big Feelings’ with thousands of children, teachers and parents could be easily recognisable and accessible in any home, any school.

Delivering the programme directly to schools and making the programme accessible online is incredibly important to Cat, who like many peers, recognises the need improve child wellbeing. Cat has become increasingly concerned about the rise of mental illness such as anxiety and depression in children. Covid-19 has exacerbated what was is a huge social and health deficiency.

The **Think and Be Me** programmes contribute to delivering this solution in our youngest generations, all built on the proven, highly effective techniques of Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT). All lessons, whether in person presentations or an online video series, are built on a template of fun and engaging delivery, memorable content that increases retention and strategies that make for practical daily use.

Think and Be Me can be summarised by the slogan:

*‘Change what you think, change what you do,
and your feelings will change too.’*



This project will involve the delivery of school presentations to children, provision of teaching and classroom resources, teachers’ professional development and family education packs to 60 schools, 9,000 children and 450 teachers from Wellsford to the far North over a 3-year period.

The three-year project cost is \$500,000.00



More About Think And Be Me

School wellbeing speaker and CEO of **Think and Be Me**, Cat Levine, says kids can easily understand that they need to change what they think in order to change how they feel. Learning this ‘emotional literacy’ applies more than ever in these uncertain times and could be an especially effective preventative mental health medicine for kids living through the effects of pandemic.

Levine and almost 20 tractor drivers took to the roads in March 2021 for a Northland tour labelled The Big Feelings School Tour.

This became the inspiration for the **Think and Be Me** brand and on return from the North she fast-tracked the Covid-inspired project, also setting up a charity to help fund poverty-stricken schools for presentations and programs.

The Think and Be Me platform has been BETA tested with educators and parents. The modules feature videos and worksheets - ‘Think and Be Brave’ is currently available and ‘Think and Be Calm’ will be the next module to be released.

The Think and Be Me programs include a list of optional resources such as parent and teacher worksheets, props and cues. They are available for two age groups – ‘kids’ and ‘teens.’ A free introduction video for each group can be viewed at <https://www.thinkandbe.me/videos>

By end of School year 2024 we will:

- ✚ Tutor 9,000 primary school pupils an provide the knowledge to ‘change what you think’
- ✚ Provide a mental health toolbox to 450 teachers & countless care providers
- ✚ Create a sustainable mental well being programme that with established success attract support & funding from Government and Private Donors

The Project bank account is: 12-3109-0122080-03 (ASB Bank)

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This our opportunity to implement and embellish mental health skills in our communities, and have huge positive results on our children, our families.

This ambition must be supported, and my appeal is for Rotarians to donate generously and Rotary Clubs to contribute at least \$5,000.00. Time is short ... we must lodge our Global Grant applications by 30th October to ensure a mission start in February 2022 .

This is our opportunity of [service to change live](#)

The Learn- To- Sail Project Story

(A better read than the Da Vinci Code!)

A long time ago in a far-off land called Mangawhai, two aging guys who knew a little and a lot about sailing, thought it would be a good idea to pass some of if not all of that knowledge onto the local children in the small community. But would the children be interested? The guys had no idea, so they turned to modern technology for help.

Social Media!

They created some blogs and placed them on the four local community Facebook pages, asking if the local parents and their children between the ages of 8 and 16, and weighing in at less than 70kg, would be interested in learning how to sail a craft no bigger than your average bathtub but a lot prettier.

In less than 48 hours the response was overwhelming. These kids and their parents must have cracked the code and realised just how much fun and knowledge could be gained by messing about on the Magical Mangawhai river's pristine environment in these miniature boats.

So based on the power of social media and the response rate, the two guys took their idea to their leader (President) suggesting that it may be a good Rotary project for due consideration. So, a project was born, but not your average short term Rotary project, this one was on-going like for years and years, just as long as there were kids around who wanted to learn how to sail.

At the start there were over a dozen keen as mustard kids who wanted to learn to sail and only one secondhand boat. So, the guys went back to Mr. Social Media to ask for help, and help was forthcoming in more ways than one following an article about the project in a local newspaper. One of the guys was approached by a gentleman who wanted to donate \$10,000 from his late Mother-in-laws will to the project, and he to was a keen sailor. The money was used to purchase a new rescue boat, outboard and some life jackets, but we only had one training boat.

We spotted an ad on a buy and sell social media page for a Optimist boat, the type we wanted, and approached the seller who was looking for \$100 ono for it up in Whangarei. We told him the project story, said we were Rotarians, and he said, "you can have it". We dashed up to Whangarei to collect it before he could change his mind, and we had our second boat albeit it needed lots of work to make it seaworthy again.

One of the guys (not Tom Hanks) wrote off to countless funding organisations to both tell the story and ask for help, but heard nothing back from anyone for weeks, and serious depression set in amongst the two aging guys, until one day an email appeared from an angle called Chloe (Wright). She wanted to know how she and her family trust could help the project, so the guy (not Tom Hanks) called her, and she kindly donated \$20,000 to the project so we could buy some new boats (4) fully equipped and ready to sail. She as been an inspiration to the project.

The Mangawhai Satellite Rotary Club "Learn-To-Sail project now as 7 training boats, and 18+ children registered to sail in our first season starting next week. We have a waiting list of children who missed out on the first intake, and we get enquiries from parents wanting their children to learn daily. We have received offers of other boats from other organisations, but we need more teachers in order to run more lessons. All our lessons are free, all our teachers at present are members of our club. We have a second project we call "Learn-To-Race" where we will teach our "Learn-To Sail" students after they have "passed out", the additional skills required to race these small bathtubs, just like the late great Sir Peter Blake did.

Our dream for these kids, these projects, the Mangawhai community and Rotary, is that one day in the future maybe, just maybe, one or more of our students who we taught how to sail and race will represent New Zealand on the world stage in some sailing event.

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The Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week occurs 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.

Some clubs have organised special Alumni events but with these uncertain times, why don't

invite them to your club zoom meetings or just a simply reconnect with a message and see what they are up to.

Invite them to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Rotary9910Alumni>

Ask them to sign up to My-Rotary if not already <https://my.rotary.org/>

If you would like a list of your past Alumni people, please contact your club president and secretary to run a report for you or contact the District 9910 Rotary Alumni team rotaryd9910alumni@gmail.com for any help.

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Get the Most Out of Your Rotary Membership

Earlier this year, Zone 8 Director Jessie Harman wrote an article on member engagement.

She noted; "Engaged members are at the heart of who we are and what we do and they're the key to delivering Rotary's impact. Yet I'm very aware that member engagement is a two-way street. There are a host of things that individual members can do to ensure they are getting value from Rotary".

Below are Jessie's six top tips for getting the most out of your Rotary experience with some D9910 examples.

1. Find the projects that float your boat

Rotary is full of the most amazing projects - from building playgrounds, to mentoring young people, to saving the world's children from polio. Many Rotary projects start with one person's idea or passion.

Rotary Birkenhead's new member, Brenda Young combined her Maoritanga and passion for the community to lead the club's 'Kai Tahi' (eat together) project. Once a month, a free meal is served by Foodbank volunteers and Rotary Birkenhead members at a community venue, providing social contact and an opportunity to connect. Rotarian, Clare McCall's love of Nepal led her to combine her Nepalese contacts with her Rotary club's resources and the Rotary Foundation to provide water and sanitation for five villages suffering from the 2015 earthquake.



2. Visit another Rotary club

Rotary clubs are everywhere, even online and as a Rotarian you are welcome at any Rotary club around the world. Visiting another club opens you up to different ways of doing things and enables you to bring back new ideas to your club.

This could be locally or even whilst travelling within New Zealand, given our current travel restrictions. The Takapuna, Takapuna North and North Harbour Rotary clubs have been combining to share guest speakers and boost the 'energy in the room' at club meetings. Even in lockdown, clubs holding Zoom meetings are happy to welcome guests from other clubs and often promote upcoming speakers on their Facebook page or the [D9910 Facebook group](#).

3. Share your ideas

No matter how long we've been part of Rotary, we're constantly on the lookout for new ideas and ways of doing things. Strengthening Rotary is everyone's responsibility.

District events lend themselves to networking and sharing ideas - even in lockdown. The recent Rotary Learning and Information sessions were held online over several weeks and included attendees from Pacific Island clubs. The [District Conference](#) is another opportunity and the next one will be 8-10 April 2022 in Tauranga D9910 conference. This is what one new member said after the

2021 district conference. "After only two weeks of 'formally' being a member, it was a 'not to be missed' opportunity to get to know people from my own and other clubs..... If it's been a while since you've been to the Rotary Conference, it's time to reconnect and be inspired and enthused by our clubs' diversity of people, passions and projects!"



4. Have fun

Even Rotarians want to have fun and this can be found in your club's social activities, joining a Rotary fellowship or attending the district conference.

It's not all about service, meetings and speakers. It's also about the friendships developed. A number of clubs have various social events such as movie evenings, weekends away or Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. Rotary Henderson have an annual club event at a local pool hall; Rotary Milford have had two 'get aways' to Pauanui and New Plymouth; Rotary Whangarei South held a movie evening in the chapel of a member's funeral home business. If your club hasn't organised any social events yet - they probably need someone to lead the way.

5. Say 'Yes'

Rotary is like so many things; the more you put in, the more you get out in return. Saying 'Yes' opens so many opportunities, not only to give back, but also to develop new skills and make lifelong friends.

When I was asked in 2015 to be an Assistant Governor I said "Yes", which expanded my understanding of Rotary and increased my circle of Rotary friends. When that opened up the next opportunity, of becoming District Governor I said "Yes. The satisfaction of leading and meeting Rotarians throughout the District and overseas, travelling to the Pacific Island Clubs and working with my fellow Governors was an experience that will last in my life forever.

6. Wear your Rotary pin

Rotary is an amazing organisation and we've been making a difference in communities for more than 100 years. The Rotary brand means trust, integrity, action and hope. Wearing your Rotary pin or magnetic badge makes us visible and sparks conversation.

I recall being stuck in a lift along with a number of work colleagues and one observed my Rotary pin. In the ensuing conversation I discovered there were four other Rotarians in the lift, all from different clubs. It took about 10 minutes to get the lift operating so the time was spent discussing Rotary and what our clubs were doing in the way of projects, meetings, community work etc.



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Taking Care of Members

In last month's newsletter (p4, [D9910 Newsletter August 2021](#)) I talked about taking better care of our current members. This includes, taking better care of **how** we introduce our new members into the club and Rotary. You may remember I mentioned members in their first two years of membership are the highest risk group for leaving, making up approximately **50%** of all member terminations each year.

A more organised introduction to Rotary, building understanding of the structure, language and an awareness of opportunities to engage both within and beyond the club helps improve the retention of new members. In the [Membership](#) section of My Rotary there are ideas and resources to help under 'Make New Members Feel Welcome', as well as the article [below] on [Getting the Most out of Membership – whatever it David O calls it].

To complement the work clubs and districts are doing to help engage members, all new members will receive a series of email messages directly from Rotary International (RI) over the course of their first year of membership, to help introduce them to the broad menu of opportunities to get involved and derive value out of their membership – particularly beyond their own club.

This campaign is first launching to English-speaking new members, and will then be expanded to other Rotary languages later this year.

Campaign Overview (CTA = Call To Action)

1) Welcome to Rotary! (Day 1)

- Trigger message sent on first day a candidate is added to the RI database as an active member;
- Content: Short video highlighting Rotary as People of Action;
- CTA: Create a My Rotary account and update profile.

2) Hello, new member (Day 7)

- Trigger message sent one week after admit date;
- Content: Get more out of your membership;
- CTA: Review Rotary Basics reference guide or online course.

3) Get more out of your membership (Day 30)

- Trigger message sent one month after admit date;
- Content: Reinforcing benefits of membership and explore how to get more out of membership;
- CTA: Interactive survey to access customized engagement opportunities of interest.

4) Make an impact, find connections with Rotary (Day 90)

- Trigger message sent three months after admit date;
- Content: Polio eradication, Rotary Action Groups and Rotary Fellowships, Annual Report;
- CTA: Read about ending polio, learn about Rotary Action Groups, and join a Rotary Fellowship.

5) Welcome from The Rotary Foundation (Day 180)

- Trigger message sent six months after admit date;
- Content: The Rotary Foundation Video, Rotary Direct and donor recognition opportunities;
- CTA: Learn about TRF and ways to give.

6) Congratulations on your Rotary anniversary! (Day 365)

- Trigger message sent one year after join date;
- Content: Happy anniversary; thank you for joining Rotary;
- CTA: Refer a potential member.

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Firewood for Rotalite

After the very successful clearing of trees at Waitakere Hospital, Rotalite West Auckland have split, dried and bagged up Ti tree to enhance your cooking and flavour experience. Sustainably sourced and 100% of the profits will go to Rotalite West Auckland Projects.

The bags are \$15 for one and \$20 for two. We are happy to talk about bulk orders. Please contact Wendy – wendy@magusalpha.co.nz.

Delivery to Rotarians in Auckland \$4.50 for up to four bags.

You can also check us out on Trade me our user name is [rotalitewest](#)



Literacy Committee

One of the great benefits, and one might even say joys, of belonging to Rotary is that it introduces you to a wide range of like-minded people outside of one's normal friends and work colleagues.

As a career librarian I was attracted to Rotary partly because of its strong support of universal education and its strong advocacy of literacy. District 9910 is the only Rotary District in New Zealand with a formal Literacy Committee. The committee meets in person and by Zoom 6 times a year.

We deal with a range of projects including supporting the Vanuatu Little Stars Summer School for secondary school age students held on the island of Pentecost; supporting an "Education in the Environment" in the country's two northern most schools, Te Hapua and Ngataki; providing books for teenage mothers; finding ways to support rehabilitation of prisoners.

Our most constant project is providing illustrated dictionaries, atlases and ABC books to preschool, primary and intermediate students throughout the 9910 region. Of these publications the dictionaries are the most popular and the aim is to provide one to every new intermediate age student each year. These are funded by clubs in our area and are happily received by the students.

Does this aspect of Rotary sound interesting to you? Come and join one of our meetings in person or via Zoom.

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Update on "End Malaria in Vanuatu – For Good" Rotary GG2014632

Introduction

The Rotary Global Grant 2014632 was approved in December 2020 and is managed by PDG Lindsay Ford NZ 9910 and Southern Region RAM Supervisor Gloria Hargreaves D9810. The Grant project is funded through Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM), Southern Region RAM RAWCS Project 104-2019-20, and District Designated Funds from DNZ9910, D9790, D9800, D9810, and D9820.

The objective of the Rotary GG2014632 "End Malaria in Vanuatu – For Good" is to train and equip a team of twelve National Indoor Residual (IRS) spraying trainers for Vanuatu.

Project Updates

Southern Region RAM is pleased to report that two activities have been completed.

- Dr David Zinyengere, the International Master Trainer for IRS Training was contracted as a short-term IRS Consultant and he has completed the five-day refresher training for two local Master Trainers in Vanuatu. Dr David has also developed valuable training materials as part of this activity.
- Ten sprayers and attachments have been purchased and shipped to Vanuatu

Unfortunately, the next step which is the training of local trainers has had to be delayed due to activities associated with COVID-19 but it is hoped this activity will be implemented in the near future.

Despite the disruptions caused by COVID-19 preparedness, decrease in Annual Parasite incidence was just 1.7 per 1,000 population. One challenge however to the Vanuatu Ministry of Health, is the gaps remaining in human resources in key posts at National and Provincial levels.

Southern Region and New Zealand will continue to raise money via <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/104-2019-20> for the Malaria Elimination Program in Vanuatu and sincerely appreciate the contributions made by Rotary Clubs and Individual Rotarians.

For more information on the Vanuatu Project, please contact: ramsouthern@rawcs.org.au

PP Gloria Hargreaves
Interim National RAM Secretary
SR RAM Supervisor

Geographical Reconnaissance (GR) that supports Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) in Tafea



October 24th is World Polio Day

There is no Room for Rotary International and its Partners to be selective in caring for the Children of the World.

Rotary has just 35 Members in Afghanistan. They inspire us all daily with their courage and perseverance. The Polio Programme has always been Politically neutral in every Country. Rotary and our Partners work with the Leaders who are in charge. We now work with new Leaders in Afghanistan. Rotary funds WHO and UNICEF. We do not send any Funds to the Governments nor to the Groups other than WHO and UNICEF. We monitor the spending they do on our behalf very closely. We have never been closer to eradicating Polio in Afghanistan. We will continue to work with the Afghani people and our Partners to finish what we began over 35 years ago.

We are frequently assured that:

- “We are this close”.
- “We have entered the Last Mile”.
- “The end is in sight”.

*Let's make it happen. Now is not the time to slacken off.
 We must stay true and “Finish the Job” as was promised to
 the Children of the World at the Outset of Rotary's
 “END POLIO NOW” Campaign all those years ago.*

5 REASONS WHY WE MUST ERADICATE POLIO

1 YOUR GIFT WILL IMPROVE LIVES.

Today, 19 million people who would otherwise be paralyzed by polio are walking, and 1.5 million people who would otherwise have died are alive.

2 YOUR GIFT WILL INVEST IN THE FUTURE.

If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year. A polio-free world will be a healthier world for children everywhere.

3 YOUR GIFT WILL IMPROVE CHILD HEALTH.

Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems, like vitamin deficiency and measles, so we can address them sooner.

4 YOUR GIFT WILL LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS.

The global effort to eradicate polio has already saved more than \$27 billion in health care costs since 1988, and expects to save \$14 billion more by 2050.

5 YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE HISTORY.

Polio eradication will be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eradicated from the world.



At the end of the 1980s, more than 350,000 children were paralyzed by polio every year. Today, Rotary and its partners have reduced the incidence of polio by 99.9 percent. However, until we see the last of the poliovirus, eradication efforts need additional funding to:

IMMUNIZE

more than 400 million children against polio every year

IMPROVE

disease surveillance systems to detect any poliovirus in a person or the environment

HIRE

more than 150,000 health workers to go door to door to find every child

Donate now at endpolio.org

CONTRIBUTIONS

.On line payments for Annual Giving and Polio Plus:

District Rotary Foundation Account # 01-0125-0146572-00

.On line Payments for Centurion:

District Centurion Account # 01-0125-0146572-02

If you deposit Funds directly into either of these Accounts please ensure you:

1. Clearly Identify the Club or Individual's Name which relates to the Donation, and
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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 Email: bronwyn@otsl.co.nz

Overview of Rotary's Polio Eradication Efforts



WORLD POLIO DAY
IS 24 OCTOBER endpolio.org | [#endpolio](https://twitter.com/endpolio)



October is World Polio Month and October 24 is World Polio Day. Polio remains Rotary's priority project and we all need to fly the flag boldly in the face of challenging times and COVID restrictions.

What is Polio?

- Poliomyelitis, or polio, is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that primarily threatens children under the age of five. It still circulates in Afghanistan and Pakistan and invades the nervous system, potentially causing total paralysis. Polio can be prevented by vaccines, but it is not curable.

History

- Rotary conducted its first polio immunization campaign in the Philippines in 1979 and based on its success launched its PolioPlus program in 1985 with a goal to raise US\$100 million to immunize the world's children against polio.
- By 1988 Rotary members had raised US\$247 million for polio immunization efforts which served as the catalyst for the World Health Assembly to adopt the resolution to eradicate polio in 1988.
- At that time there were 350,000 cases of polio every year in 125 countries.
- The resolution led to Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention founding the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) which was later joined by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.
- Rotary's main role in polio eradication is:
 - fundraising to support the implementation of polio eradication activities
 - advocacy with donor governments who also provide funding to the GPEI
 - advocacy with polio-affected governments to ensure polio eradication remains a priority
 - raising awareness about the benefits of vaccination against polio and the need to finish the job
 - volunteer engagement including direct participation in polio immunization campaigns
 - To date, Rotary has committed over US\$2.2 billion dollars and countless volunteer hours to the global effort to eradicate polio and today 19.4 million people who otherwise would have been paralyzed are walking due to these efforts and those of our partners.

The Importance of Fundraising

- Rotary has a fundraising partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation matches 2 to 1 every dollar Rotary raises up to US\$50 million per year resulting in US\$150 million that is granted to the World Health Organization and UNICEF to carry out essential polio eradication activities.
- In the last three Rotary years, despite the global pandemic, Rotary has reached its fundraising goal of US\$50 million and has received the full match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- It is important for Rotary to meet its fundraising goal so that critical polio eradication activities can continue.
- Rotary funds the following activities that are core to polio eradication:
 - vaccines with which to immunize children
 - supporting the delivery system to get the vaccines to children
 - raising awareness in communities about the importance of vaccination and opportunities to get vaccinated
 - the surveillance system that is critical to detecting virus
 - technical experts in the polio-affected and high-risk countries to guide polio eradication efforts

Polio Status Update

- We are pleased to see the progress in polio eradication with only two cases of wild poliovirus reported so far this year--one each in Pakistan and Afghanistan (as of 28 July 2021). There is also a marked reduction in the number of positive polio isolates in the environment.
- And while this is great news, we cannot become complacent even when the case numbers are low. Now is the time to redouble our efforts and capitalize on the progress we have made.
- While the poliovirus circulates anywhere in the world, it is a risk to children everywhere. Rotary's funds help immunize up to 400 million children each year to sustain high levels of immunity against the poliovirus which requires hundreds of thousands of frontline workers going house to house to immunize children under the age of five multiple times per year.
- Rotary's funds also help to further increase and sensitize disease surveillance systems to detect the poliovirus in a person or the environment to know exactly where it may be circulating so a response can be mounted quickly.
- As we get closer to our goal, we will rely upon this surveillance system to prove that we have interrupted transmission of the poliovirus which will be required to certify the world polio-free.

The Polio Campaign Helps Combat Other Diseases

- Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have built a vast infrastructure to implement polio eradication activities and reach every child with the vaccine.
- This infrastructure includes 145 laboratories with technicians and surveillance medical officers around the world that investigate suspected cases of polio, conduct contact tracing, and test specimens that are collected from either a child or from sewage samples.
- The infrastructure also includes hundreds of thousands of frontline vaccinators and community mobilizers who immunize children multiple times per year and educate parents and communities about the benefits of vaccinating against polio and other vaccine preventable diseases.

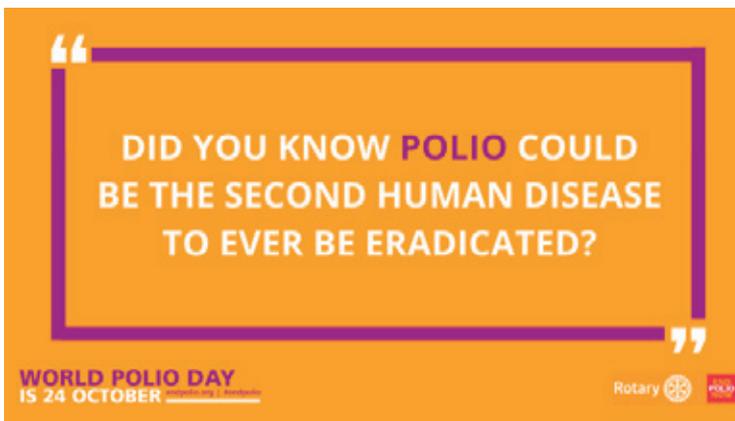
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- Technical Medical Officers provide expertise to polio eradication efforts at the national, provincial, and local level.
- The polio eradication infrastructure has been used to address other health emergencies such as Ebola in Nigeria and most recently the COVID-19 pandemic.
- For COVID-19 polio surveillance medical officers investigated cases of polio and COVID-19, conducted contact tracing, and the polio laboratories tested COVID samples as well.
- Polio technical medical officers provided training to frontline workers who educated communities on COVID safety measures including social distancing, handwashing and wearing personal protection equipment.
- Rotary is proud that the infrastructure built for polio has contributed to the COVID-19 response.



Praise for Rotary

- **Bill Gates, Co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 16 June 2021**

The persistence of countless Rotarians gives me hope that we can achieve a polio-free world. I'd like to thank Rotary for the continued partnership.

- **Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO, 24 October 2019**

This World Polio Day, I have two messages. The first is a simple and wholehearted 'Thank You' to Rotary. Everything you have done has brought us to the brink of a polio-free world. Second, I ask you to redouble your efforts for this last push. We cannot succeed without you."

- **Karina Gould, Minister of International Development, Canada, 1 May 2021**

It's been a wonderful partnership to work with Rotary in advancing the fight against polio and we've seen so much success over the past 30+ years ...the fact that Rotary and Rotarians have remained committed to the fight against polio is something that I take to heart and really appreciate. It's individuals with big hearts in their communities around the world that have led to this important milestone that we've reached. We haven't eradicated polio yet but we're very close and we're going to get to the finish line.

- **Trent Zimmerman, Member of Parliament, Australia, 26 August 2020**

Amidst the gloom of the coronavirus pandemic, there has been some positive and, indeed, exciting news on the global health front. Today, health authorities have declared the entire African continent free of wild polio. It means that polio can be found now only in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and in very small numbers. This is a stunning achievement for the global health community. It is also a credit to those who have worked to fundraise for the international efforts to eliminate polio, particularly Rotary International, which has led the charge by making the elimination of polio their global mission for many years. Every one of the tens of thousands of Australian Rotarians can be proud of their contribution to this outcome.





“It Starts With Us”

Come and join us in the beautiful Bay of Plenty for a weekend away to remember!

Reconnect and reflect with other Rotarians and friends of Rotary, experience inspirational moments, and enjoy fellowship and fun!

We look forward to welcoming all Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Alumni, Friends of Rotary, prospective members and their partners to the most exciting event on the 2021/2022 Rotary calendar – the District 9910 Conference.

The Conference will be held from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th April 2022 at the urban waterfront retreat Trinity Wharf Hotel in Tauranga.

Trinity Wharf is a premium over-water hotel, restaurant, and conference venue. The hotel is built on three piers that stretch out over the water’s edge and is conveniently located on the cusp of the Tauranga CBD and is just 10 minutes from the Tauranga airport which is regularly serviced with flights from Auckland.

The Conference theme of “It Starts With Us” promises attendees a fabulous line up of inspirational speakers, as we celebrate the successes we have made during this Rotary Year and the impact we have made to serve to change lives. Come prepared to be informed, entertained and inspired!

The conference commences on Friday evening with welcome drinks, and the conference proper starts on Saturday morning. There will be free time on Saturday afternoon for you to explore the local surroundings and activities. Pack your glad rags for the Saturday dinner as the theme will be “Glitz and Glamour”. Sunday will wrap up at lunchtime, for your safe travel home.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Accommodation

Accommodation for the conference will be at Trinity Wharf Tauranga, a superior over-water hotel in the heart of Tauranga, a flat ten-minute walk to nearby bars, restaurants, and shops, and a ten-minute drive to Mt Maunganui and the airport. Free parking onsite.

Trinity Wharf Tauranga offers two accommodation categories –

- Urban or Harbour

Each category has a slightly different view and floor plans may differ; however, they all boast king beds, four-point bathrooms, heated floor tiles and complimentary Wi-Fi.

Further information regarding room categories can be found here:

[Urban](#)

[Harbour](#)

Room Prices:

- Urban King (1x King Bed) - \$175 per room per night
- Urban Twin (2x Single Beds) - \$175 per room per night
- Urban Balcony - \$195 per room per night
- Urban Balcony Premium - \$215 per room per night
- Harbour King - \$235 per room per night
- Harbour Deluxe Spa - \$265 per room per night

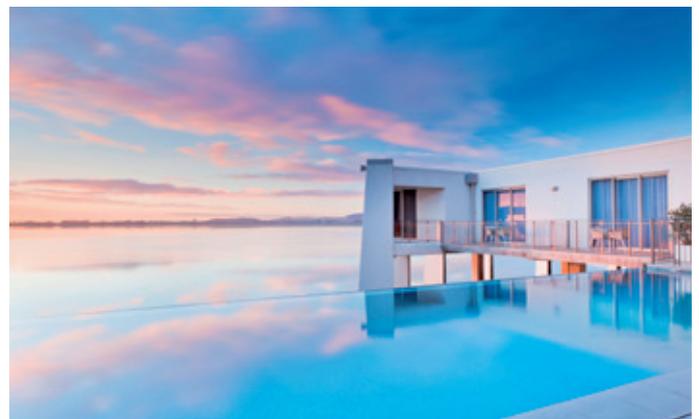
Room Prices include GST but do not include breakfast.

In house buffet breakfast is available for \$24.00 including GST per person (can be charged to your room account).

To book your accommodation please complete the Accommodation Booking Form by clicking the link below:

<https://bit.ly/3zajfD>

Once you have completed the booking form, the hotel will receive an email indicating your booking and will then confirm your booking directly with you.



Hotel Contact details:

51 Dive Crescent, Tauranga

Bay of Plenty, 3110

P: 07 577 8981

W: www.trinitywharf.co.nz

E: groups@trinitywharf.co.nz

Conference Registration

Once you have booked your accommodation, you will need to register for the conference. You can register here: Registration Please complete one registration form for EACH conference attendee from your family/group. A copy of each individual’s registration will then be sent to them once it has been completed. Any cancellations must be advised by email to rasfambc@gmail.com

After registration you will be sent an invoice by the Conference Treasurer (which will include bank account details for payment) In the event of COVID disruption or circumstances beyond our control that cause the conference to be cancelled – registrations fees will be refunded in full, less any committed or incurred costs, or a donation can be made on your behalf to The Rotary Foundation. Accommodation cancellation fees will be advised by the provider, these costs are your responsibility.

\$195 Full Conference (Fri 8 - Sun 10 April)

\$150 Full Conference - Rotaractor (Fri 8 - Sun 10 April)

\$100 Full Conference - Interactor/under 18yo (Fri 8 - Sun 10 April)

Rotary says Thank You to the Business Community

Last Sunday 12th September Rotary Norfolk Island hosted a BBQ function at the Banyan Park Early Learning Centre. This function was the Rotary Club's opportunity to showcase outdoor play equipment donated to Banyan Park and say thank you to the Norfolk Island businesses that supported Rotary's fundraising efforts for this project.

Norfolk Rotary has a long history with Banyan Park dating all the way back to 1976-77 when it was established by the Norfolk Island Wives & Mothers Club. Norfolk Rotary not only donated \$6500.00 towards the building fund but undertook to oversee the building works. Rotarian/builder Joe Mueller volunteered to be overseer. It was truly a community project with many members of the community including members of the Lions Club donating various services.

Banyan Park Early Learning Centre was redeveloped in 2019 and the original building replaced with the current new facility. Unfortunately, the redevelopment did not include playground equipment for the outdoor play areas. After consultation with Banyan Park, Norfolk Rotary undertook to fund the purchase of \$8,000 of equipment. This project was made possible in part by a grant from Rotary District 9910 and the Rotary Foundation.



Health and Wellbeing Expo

On Saturday 18th September a Health & Wellbeing Expo was held here on Norfolk Island. NI Rotary had a table display to showcase the many areas of Rotary that are involved in Health and Wellbeing. Ian and I manned the table and were on hand to talk with people about Rotary. We received some donations to Polio eradication & sold a few Rotary Christmas Puddings. Given that currently NI tourism is fairly heavily affected by Covid, the Expo, which is now an annual event, was quite successful. I have attached a photo of our table at the Expo.

Our Club has a pretty busy time, catering-wise, from now through Christmas for a number of annual events. We will be catering this coming Saturday for the Church of England Spring Fair, the NI Agricultural and Horticultural Show on Monday 11th October, the NI Food Festival on Tuesday 23rd Nov, and 2 events in December – the Christmas Street Parade and for Carols by Candlelight.

Jasmine Kiernan



Rotary Reusable Face Masks

Rotalite West Auckland along with Rotary Henderson is running a fundraiser selling these wonderful 'Rotary People of Action' reusable facemasks.

These are selling for \$15.00 each, with pickup from Henderson, or delivery for a small additional fee. All profits will go to community projects in West Auckland.

Why not promote Rotary while keeping yourself safe - a great conversation starter about Rotary too.

Order online from <https://www.hendersonrotary.co.nz/masks/> and pay by credit card, or email Wendy Cole at wendy@magnusalpha.co.nz - we can invoice you if you prefer.



Update from our Rotary Peace Fellow Scarlett Hawkins



I am delighted to share the latest news from Scarlett which provides an insight into the wonderful support Rotary gives to the Peace Fellows studying at the Duke-University of North Carolina Peace Centre.

Scarlett, and her partner Jero, have arrived safely after leaving Vanuatu at the end of May. In her words "It has an absolute whirlwind, we had visa appointment cancellations, lockdowns, delays, you name it, but we made it!"

On their arrival they were collected from the airport by the Rotarian responsible for supporting the Fellows upon arrival and stayed at the home of my Rotary Host Counsellor the first night. The next day, "we went to the meeting of the Southwest Durham Rotary Club which was in the gorgeous historic Hope Valley Country Club - talk about a culture shock!"



D7710 Governor Angela Jamison, Host Counsellor Jeff Blass, Scarlett and Jero

The same afternoon, they moved into their apartment, which was furnished generously by the Rotary clubs. The clubs have a warehouse full of furniture that is taken by and recirculated to fellows each year as one cohort finishes and one starts. In Scarlett's words "It's been a huge relief to just walk into our place, throw down our suitcases, set up a few furniture pieces and have a new home set up!"

Her orientation for school was the next day. She said "it was so exciting to walk around the beautiful University of North Carolina campus. It's just gorgeous, the architecture is lovely and it's leafy and young and bright. People are so incredibly welcoming and I've adapted to school like a fish to water. The Fellows are incredible people from all over the world and their insights are so intrinsic to this journey we are on as peacebuilders together.

She is already getting involved with her host Rotary club. "In a couple of weeks I'll be throwing on a dirndl and pouring beers as a volunteer at one of the Rotary Club fundraisers here, headed by Scott Reynolds, Host Area Coordinator for the Duke-University of North Carolina Peace Center. It's sure to be a lot of fun... and for a fabulous cause!"

Her partner Jero, a fine-dining chef, has applied for his work permit and is excited to return to the kitchen. They plan to go to Jero's home country Spain for Christmas.

To read more about the UNC – Duke University Peace Centre and to see information about the current Peace Fellows studying there - go to this link from the D7710 website

www.rotarypeacecenternc.org/class/current-fellows/

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RYLA 2022

Sunday May 1 – Saturday May 7
Muriwai Surf Club

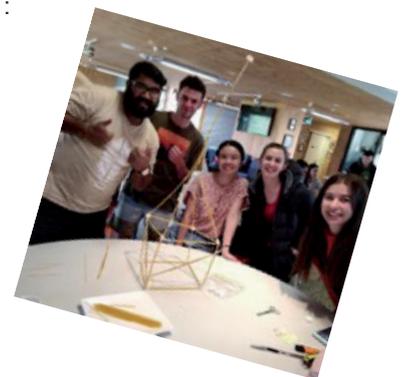
A reminder to all Rotary Clubs that the closing date to reserve a place for your RYLA 2022 delegate is October 31 2021. Places will fill fast and we have limited places available. Approach your local businesses to see if they will co-sponsor a delegate. The fee for RYLA 2022 is \$1100 per delegate. This covers accommodation, food, trips and access to top presenters and facilitators.



The RYLA Governance Team have designed a programme that would facilitate an alternative look for RYLA in May 2022 should Covid-19 once again place restrictions upon us. Please discuss with potential delegates the need to keep all participants Covid safe and vaccinations should be in completed.

All details including a printable Brochure, for potential sponsors and delegates and the application form can be found on the D9910 website: <https://www.rotarydistrict9910.org/page/rotary-youth-leadership-awards>

To reserve your club's place please email by October 31 2021:
RYLA Co-ordinator Fay Norman – ryla9910@gmail.com



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