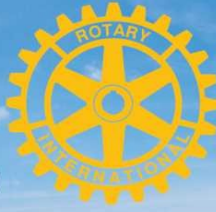


Rotary

District 9910



Pacific Atmosphere



NOUVELLE-CALÉDONIE



VANUATU



NORFOLK ISLAND



NEW ZEALAND

September October 2019



11th Consecutive Year

Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating - four stars from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.



From Governor Ian - September 2019

Kia ora koutou - watewieh yorlye

September has been a whirlwind month for us with visits to clubs in NZ, Vanuatu & New Caledonia, as well as the Zone Institute and New Zealand Australia Conference in Christchurch.

Following are some of the highlights from the last few weeks.

We attended a wonderful 50th Birthday Celebration for **Maungatoroto Rotary Club** on 24th August. A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all in attendance and many reminiscences were shared during the day. Below is a photograph of the chartering of the club 50 years ago.



At the function I was honoured to present Rotarian Colin Smith a certificate from Rotary International President Mark Maloney commemorating his personal 50 years' service in Rotary. A dedicated and passionate Rotarian, Colin continues to embody our Rotary Motto of "Service above Self"



"Rotary Connects the World"

During our combined visit to **Birkenhead & Takapuna clubs** we were delighted to meet Birkenhead Clubs caterer Brooke Gardener.

Brooke is from Norfolk Island and Jasmine and I have known her (indeed her whole family) since her school days on Norfolk Island.

Brooke's brother Brendon is a past golfing partner of mine from the Norfolk Island Golf Club.



Prior to our departure for **Vanuatu and New Caledonia** Jasmine and I were invited by District ROMAC chair Barbara Watt to visit Ronald McDonald house and Starship hospital in Auckland. We got an overview of the wonderful service these facilities provide to the region and our ROMAC families. Whilst on this visit to our absolute delight we were able to meet and interact with two ROMAC children in residence, Jasminah and Ben, both from Vanuatu. Jasmine is a big supporter of ROMAC and as previously reported has a **Governor Partner Project** creating mosaic artworks that she raffles around the clubs to raise funds for ROMAC's training program. An update on her fundraising efforts thus far follows in this newsletter.

Our visit to **Santo Rotary Club** in Vanuatu included visits to several schools highlighting many Rotary projects.

Both Rotary Clubs in Vanuatu place a high priority on education and provide assistance to many schools.

We also visited several projects at the Northern Provincial Hospital in Luganville where recent **Global Grants have refurbished and upgraded facilities including the Children's Ward.**

Our visit to Vanuatu was an opportunity to transport some supplies for the clubs including Banners for Santo Rotary (Kindly Sponsored by Rotarian Ron King) and "Women in Rotary" T-shirts for the ladies in both Santo and Port Vila Clubs.

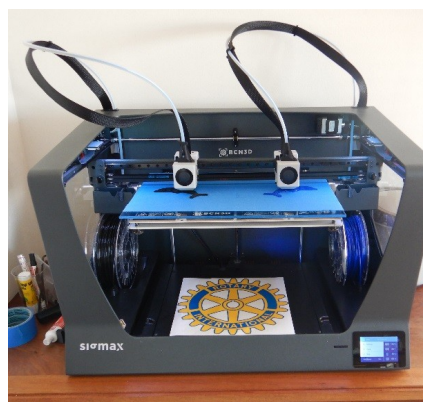


As Mark Twain put it,
"The secret to getting ahead is getting started."

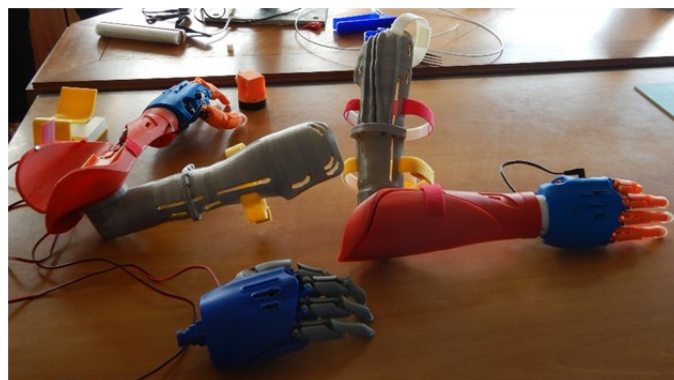
In New Caledonia we joined the Noumea Ouen Toro Rotary Club on their Annual walk/run for Breast Cancer event. On Saturday and Sunday we also joined Noumea Rotary Club to assist with their annual fundraising event for the Little Sisters of the Poor.



We visited several Rotary projects in Noumea including one that all three clubs in Noumea are supporting. The e-NABLE project utilises 3-d printing technology to produce prosthetic limbs for children.



The prosthetic limbs and hands look toy-like, but are in fact very robust and effective. Because they are mostly for children, they are printed in bright colours attractive to them. The team continues to develop the technology to include more advanced electronics and mechanics.



Christmas time is fast approaching

It could be appropriate to invite past members to your club Christmas meeting, and or Summer BBQ, keep the friendship going

Do you know of a lonely or aged person that would be grateful for a warm smile and perhaps a meal with you. If your Club is doing something like a hamper, food parcel, gift for the needy, check with your partnering organisation for Cut off dates, wrapping of presents, or marking Boy or Girl.



Last week we attended the **Zone 8 (New Zealand, Australia and Pacific Islands)** week long symposium and conference in Christchurch. The conference was a wonderful event including inspiring speakers and showcasing many Rotary projects and programs. We were delighted to have two of your young 9910 Rotarians Jenna Tuuta and Hannah Stoddart join us for the weekend conference and participate in the Emerging Leaders Symposium on Saturday afternoon. Jenna and Hannah are pictured here with **RI President Mark Maloney and his wife Gay.**

Two of the highlights from the weekend for myself and Past Governor Jerry was the All Black win against the Springboks on Saturday night followed by a surprise appearance of the Bledisloe Cup at conference on Sunday. Jerry and I are pictured at right with the Bledisloe, and yes, it is the real cup.

Our **Australian Rotarians** at the convention have not seen the cup for so long they queued up for lengthy periods to get a photograph of it. They needed to be reminded of what it looked like.

Overall a great conference. *Governor Ian & Jasmine*



The Red Nose Appeal is just around the corner, and Rotary is supporting by jumping off the Sky Tower to raise funds on 5 October 2019!

Our neighbouring Rotary District 9920 Governor Gary Langford has challenged me to join him to Jump for Red Nose Day. As Rotarian's Gary and I share a passion for doing good in our communities and around the world. We also share a healthy rivalry and I am sure that we both hope our respective districts will outdo the other in our fundraising efforts for Cure Kids.

Please support your Governor in this worthwhile cause by donating via the link below.

Please also share this link with your family & friends.

<https://rotaryskyjumpforcurekids.everydayhero.com/nz/gov-ian-rotary-d9910-challenge>



*Ed Suggests that Clubs may wish to contribute this weeks sergeant session to boost DG Ian's effort
Open the link and follow the prompts*

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ROTARY MONTHLY CALENDAR

September

Basic Educational & Literacy

October

Economic & Community Development

7-13 Oct

Rotary alumni Reconnect Week

24 Oct

World Polio Day

November

Rotary Foundation

December

Disease Prevention & Treatment

January

Vocational

February

Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

23 Feb

Rotary's Anniversary

March

Water & Sanitation

April

Maternal & child Health

May

Youth Services

June

Rotary Fellowship

Each Month, YOU, as a Rotarian, as a club member, club committee chair, Assistant Governor, District Management team members, *are encouraged to*

☑ Enhance an event,

☑ Donate

☑ Make the Rotary Wheel Turn

☑ to fit the Rotary Monthly Theme

And share your activities through this district newsletter.

Please send contributions to editor:

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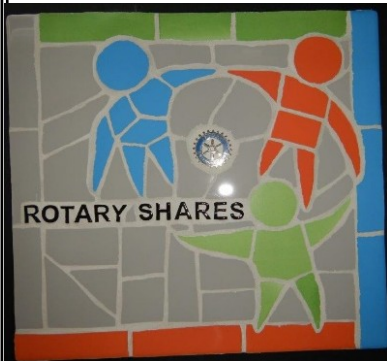


The poster features a large yellow Rotary wheel on the right side. On the left, the text 'OCTOBER IS' is written vertically in large blue letters. Below it, 'ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH' is written in bold yellow and orange letters. The background shows a group of people, including a woman in a white headscarf, working together. At the bottom, there is a quote: 'To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world.' attributed to Dr. Seuss. The Rotary logo and the website 'www.rotary.org' are also present.

No country can truly develop if half its population is left behind | Justine Greening UK Development secretary

GOVERNOR PARTNER PROJECT UPDATE

from Jasmine Kiernan (2019/20 Governor Partner)



"ROTARY SHARES" was raffled during visits to Browns Bay, Birkenhead & Takapuna and Whangaparoa clubs. International Theme for the 2007/08 RI President Wilfred J. Wilkinson of Canada with 9910 District Governor being Keith Rogers, then at Birkenhead Club, now at Cambridge. The winning ticket, drawn at the Whangaparoa meeting by Governor Ian, was held by David Oliver of the Birkenhead Club. David was delighted when phoned to advise he had won and we are looking forward to a cuppa and a catch up with David when we deliver his prize.

International Theme of 2009/10 President John Kenny of Scotland, Noumea Club's Georges Giovanelli was 9910 District Governor, "THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS" with an adjustment in language became "L'AVENIR DU ROTARY EST ENTRE VOS MAINS" and was raffled on our visit to New Caledonia. Noumea, Noumea Ouen Toro and Noumea Ducos Boulari Clubs were very supportive of my fundraiser and this produced the highest number of tickets sold for any of the mosaics raffled to date.

Laurence Martinez who was inducted at the Ducos Bolari club dinner that night, was asked to draw the raffle and she picked out ticket number 61 purchased by Richard Farman of the Noumea Club. The very happy Richard advised, with his beautiful French accent, that it was the first raffle he had ever won!



With Zone 8 Conference in Christchurch following immediately after our visit to New Caledonia, as many Australian and New Zealand 2019/20 DG's would be at the Conference, I thought that would be a good opportunity to continue the fundraising for ROMAC by making this year's themed mosaic. "ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD" was raffled this week. The winning ticket was drawn by our RI President Mark Maloney and this mosaic remains in New Zealand – won by Mark Yaxley of the Avonhead Rotary Club in Christchurch.

Thanks to the support from all clubs, total raised for the ROMAC Training Program to date is just over \$2,650.00

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ROMAC

Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) D9910

Jasminah At the invitation of D9910 District Chair Barbara Watt, the District Governor, Ian Kiernan, and his wife Jasmine, recently visited Ronald McDonald House in Auckland. They got an overview of the wonderful service this facility and its team provide to the region and to ROMAC families, and caught up with two of our patients in residence. Jasmine, a passionate supporter of ROMAC, embraced the opportunity to interact with the children. Jasmine has her own project this year - creating and selling ceramic tiles - with the proceeds going to ROMAC. ***Photo: DG 9910 Ian Kiernan and his wife Jasmine with little Jasminah and her mum Angelina.***

Ben Nineteen-month-old Ben arrived in New Zealand from Vanuatu in July with his mother Mayling. Ben was born with a hole in his heart which required surgery. He was accepted as a ROMAC patient and his Rotary host was Elizabeth



Thomson from **Downtown Rotary** who tells the story of how Ben fared: "I joined other Rotarians at the Airport to meet Ben and Mayling and took them to Ronald MacDonald House. I had done a supermarket shop and bought some warm clothing for them before they arrived. He was to have his surgery about two weeks after his arrival. Ben had three appointments at Starship prior to his surgery which I attended with him. While he was waiting, we went on a few outings. We visited a playground, several times, went shopping and went to Kelly Tarlton. The day of the surgery was very stressful for Mayling and while we waited to hear that all had gone well, we visited the Museum. Ben made a remarkable recovery and was only in hospital 3 days! During his stay there I spent most of the days with them. Mayling speaks very little English and I think she was grateful of the support. Ben needs to stay in New Zealand for about six weeks after surgery. He has three appointments which I will attend and we are planning outings to the zoo, and a few other places and I need to top up the grocery stocks from time to time. Ben would not have been able to have this surgery in his own country

and thanks to ROMAC he is now able to go home and lead a completely normal life." **Photo of Jasmine Kiernan playing with Ben**

ROMAC in Australia has been operating for 31 years. PDG Trish O'Reilly, Huntly Rotary and District 9930 established our NZ Branch in 2004. The first patient came from Vanuatu in 2005. Trish worked alongside Dr Max Morris the Medical Director.

Glenys Parton, Geoff Pownall and Barbara Watt were fortunate to meet Trish in Sydney on ROMAC's 30th Anniversary. Trish has left behind a huge legacy and in the past year we have had 27 children coming into NZ for treatment. The children have come from Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Samoa and prior to this Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands.

Currently we have one little boy recovering from Cardiac Surgery and he will possibly return home next week. **Another child is scheduled to come from Fiji at the end of the month but with the Measles epidemic we are unsure of travel plans.**

POLIO MONTH | RAISING FUNDS TO ERADICATE POLIO



Hi, For those of you who don't know me, I'm Karim Rostami, I'm from Afghanistan but I am now a proud citizen of New Zealand.

I love this amazing country that I now call home.

Let me share a little of my background, **I am a survivor of the polio virus.**

I was affected by it when I was a small toddler and the doctors predicted I would not walk again, I lost all muscle control in my legs and hips leaving me paralysed, but through years of intense muscle therapy, I was taught how to walk again and regain my independence.

In 2014 I took up swimming, soon after a random stranger approached me at the pool asking me why I was pursuing the sport with my obvious disability (not having full use of my lower legs) - I explained my circumstance to him without thinking anything about it. The following week he approached me again, and with true 'kiwi' ingenuity he had designed a 'rubber band' (aka bike tyre) to be tied round the circumference of my lower legs. This invention has proven to be the key to the success of my swimming and fund-raising endeavours.

In 2015 I decided to use my swimming and my story to raise money for the Surf Life Saving NZ. This was so successful that my story was picked up by the NZ Herald and The Breakfast Show, we raised \$3000 for that incredible organisation.

In 2018, I joined with a group of entrepreneurs to fundraise for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, we swam in teams from Waiheke Island to Mechanics Bay, Auckland - 21 km. We raised in total \$126,000.00, my contribution was \$6050. We had an amazing time and it was a privilege to contribute to this worthy cause.

In March 2019, I again joined the Waiheke to Auckland 21k ocean swim, but this time I did it Solo... I completed it in my record time yet, under 6 hours and collectively we raised \$160K, my contribution was \$5800 and it all went to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.



On the 7th December, 2019, I will be doing the Iron Man 70.3 in Taupo, there will be a 1.9 km swim followed by 90km of biking and finalising the race with 21.1 km of running.

I am partnering with Rotary International to raise funds that will go to support the awareness and eradication of Polio around the world, as a survivor of Polio this is extremely personal to me. All money raised will be doubled by The Bill Gates Foundation.

I would love for you to join me in this partnership with Rotary International and donate generously via my give a little page. <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/raising-funds-for-the-polio-eradication-program-1>

Potato Growing Competition

Extracts from Club Bulletins show a great interest in the SPUD EVENT
Maybe not as a fund raiser,
BUT a great opportunity for Fun and Socialising
Ed, suggests, from past experience, says Don't give up your day job
Don't think that you could be an instant Horticulturist in the spud industry

Ed reflects on Rtn "J" goes home from Club night with his spud and puts it on the kitchen Window. Comes competition day and a few beers and the question was asked, where's your spud Rtn "J" To which was answered, OH its still on the window sill in the Kitchen Rtn "J" is still remembered after and every year hence
ED gives more advice, if you want to get a good potato go to Fruit World or on the Eastern side cliff tops, on Norfolk Islands





Norfolk Island is home to Myself and Jasmine and we frequently get asked questions about the Island. We thought that we would share some of the more unique aspects of our Island home with you in the Governors Newsletter during the year along with some information on the Islands unique language.

Unique Fact number 3 – The Road Rules are different on Norfolk Island

Cows roam freely around the Island and are often found on the roads. Cows have right of way at all times. There's one roundabout and no traffic lights. Locals wave to all passing vehicles which is called the "Norfolk Wave." Many visitors to the Island spend their holiday learning new waving techniques.



Norf'k words and meanings

1. "Gurret" - To rebuke
2. "Ippy" - A silly person
3. "Nairsy" - Nasty or Naughty
4. "Nor gwen" - Not going
5. "Nawe" - To swim

Norf'k Phrase

Ai nor gwen nawe, se moosa sink suff.
I am not going swimming because it is nearly low tide

Rotary



District 9910



Each Year, The Rotary Foundation arranges a **Polio Movie Event** as a fundraiser for End Polio. This year's movie is [Ride Like a Girl](#), the inspirational true story of Michelle Payne – the first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup.

The public release date in New Zealand is Thursday 24th October, however clubs may be able to arrange pre-release screenings with their local cinema. This movie will appeal to all demographics so you may wish to consider screenings at times suitable for family audiences. Gala events are another great option, perhaps with a horsey theme! To better understand the opportunities, [check the trailers](#).

To help clubs promote the event, a [template](#) has been created in PowerPoint that will allow you to quickly produce posters, flyers and Facebook posts. Just insert details for your club and event.

This is a great movie and a great fundraiser for End Polio – let's all get behind it and make it a huge success!

Clubs are recommended to work with their Assistant Governors toward Maximising Club efforts

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION PRESENTS
THE INSPIRATIONAL TRUE STORY OF JOCKEY MICHELLE PAYNE

Teresa **PALMER** Sam **NEILL**



♦ outstanding fundraising opportunity for End Polio
♦ excellent for community engagement ♦ lots of fun!
Create your club's pre-release event from 3rd Oct.

Rotary



District 9910

“Friendship Exchange international exchange programme for Rotary members and friends

that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs. Participants may travel as individuals, couples, families, or groups, and may be Rotary members or not.”

The District Friendship Exchange Committee is tasked with making all Clubs in 9910 aware of the committee’s purpose and activities. To educate Rotarians in the opportunities of differing exchanges and plan for ongoing future exchanges.

Since 1995 there have been twenty Inbound Exchanges and fourteen outbound Exchanges.

Because of an imbalance in Exchanges we are this year promoting an outbound Exchange, of up to 6 couples, to District 7070 in the US Virgin Islands, with possible visits to the British Virgin Islands in March 2020.

Already we have 4 couples indicating they will go, so reserve your seats for a lifetime opportunity and contact Michael, mhill@jpt.co.nz

The return visit to New Zealand would be in September/October 2020.

Exchanges are organised around at least one of three themes: culture, service and vocation. All exchanges are paid for by the participants. Hosts are not expected to assume a significant financial burden.

The benefits of an exchange broaden international understanding. Explore a profession or job in a different context. Build enduring friendships and learn about a region’s people, food, languages, customs and history.

Any further interest should be directed to me, mhill@jpt.co.nz

Regards
Michael

RIDE THE TRAINS TO END POLIO

A cross-district event to raise awareness and funds for Rotary and the End Polio campaign.

Based on the successful ‘Ride the Train to End Polio’ event in Sydney last year, districts 9910 and 9920 have permission from Auckland Transport to ride the Auckland train network on Friday 1 November 2019.



The basic idea is for different clubs to meet the group riding the train at one of the stations and present funds raised for Polio. Giving an opportunity for promotion of Rotary and our global initiative to rid the world of polio. Donations can also

be received during the event from members of the public.

More information will be coming out from the project team soon.

In the meantime, if your club is interested in

Participating; contact

Min Roche (AG Area 7) minroche@hotmail.com or Donald Bennington (President Rotary Waitakere)

donlben@gmail.com

Link to Facebook post of Sydney event

<https://www.facebook.com/rotarydownunder/posts/2925499784159089>



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ROTARY ALUMNI RECONNECT WEEK

"I am so thankful for this year and for this amazing experience with Rotary and I cannot recommend enough to go on an exchange, just do it!"

"RYLA will expand possibilities and opportunities beyond what your mind can fathom."

Wow – why wouldn't you want to **re-connect** with that sort of enthusiasm for Rotary???

And that is what Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week (7 –13 October) is all about.

Plan this in to your **club programme** and reach out to your Rotary Alumni. Those people your club has sponsored to participate in a Rotary program such as Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), Group Study Exchange (GSE) or a Rotary Scholarship. Your club could:

Invite them to a meeting – maybe one where the speaker is your current RYLA or Youth Exchange;

Invite them to be the guest speaker;

Invite them to a project or social event;

Include them in your club bulletin newsletter distribution list, website or Facebook page;

Share with them any of the following links:

Alumni information in My Rotary

<https://www.rotary.org/alumni>

Alumni page of D9910 website

<https://rotarydistrict9910.org/page/alumni>

Rotary Reconnect 2019 website

[Rotary Reconnect 2019](#)

They may not have continued an active connection to a Rotary club, but by attending club meetings or getting involved in projects, they can re-experience how Rotary reshapes lives in their community and around the world.

REMINDER – D9910 has a membership incentive this year, specifically for Rotary Alumni

"Any person who has previously attended an official Rotary programme – Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Vocational Training Team, Group Study Exchange, Exchange Students, Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Scholars - who joins a Rotary Club in District 9910 between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020 will be entitled to a \$100.00 rebate on their fees."

Club Presidents and Secretaries have more information on how to find and connect with Rotary Alumni. As well, there are a few simple things we can each do to connect with those Alumni we know and meet.

Always wear your Rotary badge;

Take a look at the links mentioned above;

"Like" the [Rotary D9910 Alumni Facebook page](#) and invite any Rotary alumni you know to do the same;

Enjoy re-connecting with your Rotary Alumni



District Conference

23-26 April 2020

Vanuatu

**A WEB PAGE AND OTHER INFORMATION
IS TO FOLLOW**

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18 SEPTEMBER 2019

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT ROTARY EMERGENCY RESPONSE KITS

ERKs

The 2019/2020 Pacific Cyclone season will soon be upon us.

ERKs was established in 1985 and was a project of Districts 9910, 9920 and 9940 for 20 years before it became expanded throughout New Zealand.

The supply of Box and Contents is in itself a project and many clubs each year pack the kits in Auckland – hands on Rotary service.

ERKs is the only Rotary New Zealand Humanitarian service project responding to disasters in the Pacific, mostly to countries that are part of Districts 9910 and 9920.

ERKs also supports in-country economies with many of the items being manufactured in the Pacific.

90% + of all donations is spent in New Zealand with a smaller amount in Pacific countries to cover expenses incurred by in country Rotary Clubs. Rotary New Zealand does not pay any commissions or royalties.

ERKs is recognised by Governments throughout the Pacific who waive import duties and taxes, with local Rotary clubs taking responsibility for distribution in consultation with Disaster Management Offices.

Consistently ERKs are the first tangible support families receive after a disaster.

Throughout Districts 9910 and 9920 the Pacific clubs are ever grateful for the support New Zealand Rotarians give in times of disaster and value this as a significant part of their community service.

The attached brochure provides more detail: We would welcome an opportunity to present to clubs who wish to learn more.

In anticipation of the events of the 2019/2020 cyclone season, please consider a donation to ERKs this year if not already done so.

PDG Stuart J Batty QSM, JP
Executive Director
RNZWCS Limited (Rotary New Zealand World Community Service)





From : Rufino Pineda, AG09, Santo Rotary Club

Through collaborative work between Vila and Santo Rotary Clubs, Santo RC sponsored the visit of Orthopedists Roby Malonzo a volunteer from Philippines, and Nurse Rosina Malakai from Port Vila Central Hospital. In three days they took the print of ten patients in order to make them an artificial limp the will enable them a better life with more mobility. Santo Rotary Club is seeking partners (sponsors) to assist patients with the cost of the artificial leg which is 75,000VT (#NZ\$1,000) for limp above the knee and 50,000VT (#NZ\$667) for limp below the knee. The next visit is scheduled for end of October when prosthesis will be manufactured. Santo Rotary Club will organize a fund raising to alleviate as much as possible the cost of the limps as none of the patient are currently able to earn an income and rely in family and relatives to assist financially. The cost of the limps represents three months and two months' salary in Vanuatu. If keen to contribute, please contact Rufino Pineda AG09 at nsa.vanuatu@gmail.com

**REMINDER
WORLD POLIO DAY
24TH OCT**

The Need

For over 35 years Rotary New Zealand's **Emergency Response Kit** has been providing immediate relief to our Pacific Island neighbours in times of cyclone, devastating flood, tsunami, or earthquake, through the efforts of Rotary volunteers and supporters.



Donate Today

Emergency Response Kit Rotary New Zealand

The value of each Emergency Response Kit is approximately \$600. All donations, what ever the amount, will be used for the Rotary New Zealand Emergency Response Kit programme.

Please post this form to the address below so that a donation receipt can be sent

I/We wish to make a donation towards the Emergency Response Kit programme of:

\$..... \$600 \$1200 \$1800 \$2400

(Insert or strike out if not applicable)

Donor/Club Name _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Cheque Enclosed (tick) ☐

Date Lodged (If direct credited or banked) ____/____/____

To pay by direct credit please enter the date lodged in the form above, post the form or email to the address below, and pay to our donations bank account:

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Please put your name or Rotary club's name in the transaction reference field

To pay at any branch of Westpac Bank lodge your donation to the RNZWCS bank account above with the donor's name in the transaction reference field.

To pay by Cheque please make your cheque payable to RNZWCS Limited and post with the form to:



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Emergency Response Kit

A New Zealand initiative for
Pacific Emergencies



Rotary New Zealand World Community Service

Why an Emergency Response Kit?

Over 35 years ago forward thinking Rotarians in New Zealand were empowered to assist our Pacific neighbours with emergency assistance at a time when climatic and other natural disaster including cyclone, devastating flood, tsunami or earthquake occurred.

They identified the most immediate needs for a family which could be placed in a container strong enough to be transported by air, sea and land to destinations where local Rotarians and community members could distribute them.

Today, Rotary New Zealand (RNZ WCS Limited) manages and coordinates the Emergency Response Kit programme. Kits are pre-positioned in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu and the Cook Islands. Stock is also retained in New Zealand for immediate transportation by emergency airlifts to other more isolated Pacific countries.

What does it contain?

The kit contains more than 60 essential items for a family in an emergency situation. It includes two weatherproof tarpaulins for temporary shelter, tools including hammer and nails, and a folding shovel for trenching and ground work.

Whilst the kit contains only non food items, food and water is the key to survival and for that fishing tackle and a hunting knife is included along with a machete for gathering wood, a cooking grate and a bombay pot to prepare food. Bowls, mugs and plates and kitchen essentials are there too. Cleaning implements and products are included to alleviate hygiene and sanitation issues.

The kit contains all manner of clothing for women and girls, men and boys including linen and towels. A medical pack recognises the hygiene and safety requirements of all the family and includes soap, tooth brushes and paste, pain killers, antiseptic cream, bandages and water purification tablets. The Emergency Response Kit container has the capacity for holding 78 litres of water. Gumboots and a wind up rechargeable torch are an added safety in hazardous situations.

Mothers often give birth during emergencies and a birthing kit is contained in the container.

How you can assist?

Annually, Rotary New Zealand volunteers' purchase the stock and assemble the kits, to allow it to pre position and distribute hundreds of Emergency Response Kits throughout the Pacific. The objective of the programme is to have the stock on hand for immediate distribution as soon as the situation is such that Rotarians and their supporters are able to do so without putting their own lives at risk.

Rotary engages and collaborates with National Disaster Management Organisations that coordinate relief efforts in each country to ensure that the Emergency Response Kits are distributed to those most in need.

The container and contents together with storage and freight costs are valued at approximately \$600. Rotary New Zealand seeks the financial support from Rotarians in New Zealand and worldwide as well as the general public and donor organisations to ensure this essential programme continues to respond to those most vulnerable following a disaster.

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