



WESTHAVEN VIEW

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Barbara Watt, ROMAC, 10 September, 2019



On 10th September we were happy to welcome **Barbara Watt** from [Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children](#) (ROMAC) who talked to us about how clubs can be involved. Barbara was introduced by **Alan Geoff**, the current Romac Treasurer.

Barbara explained the purpose of ROMAC is to provide surgical treatment in Australia and New Zealand, for children from developing countries in our Pacific Region who do not have access to this medical assistance in their own home country. Places such as the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Micronesia and Melanesia are where most of the patients come from.

Starship Hospital provides vital support to ROMAC and have some availability to assist with cases but these cases need to be funded. They have reduced the fees significantly to make the work possible but there is still a cost involved.

Barbara shared that ROMAC has been run by volunteers for over 30 years and that cardiologists visit these regions one or twice a year to assess patients.

ROMAC in New Zealand and Australia enlists assistance from medical experts, hospitals, nurses, physiotherapists, pathology and radiology services, airlines, sponsors and other supporters. Today ROMAC is providing surgical treatment to around 50 children from Oceania every year – they are making a huge difference in their lives.

ROMAC Objectives

- Provide hope and restore dignity to transform a child's life
- Provide the best possible surgical and medical expertise
- Engage Rotary and the community at all levels to fund and support the ROMAC cause

To maintain and improve the quality of the management process and ensure high quality governance of the ROMAC project.

District Committee and Hosting Club Role

Members of the ROMAC Committee are responsible for the day to day management of the ROMAC patient and their parent/guardian and will co-ordinate with members of the Hosting Club.

Hosting Clubs are encouraged to take an active interest in the care and support of the patient and their parent/guardian during their stay, but it is a matter for each Hosting Club to decide its level of involvement. A "Guide for Hosting Rotary Clubs" is available to assist clubs to determine their level of involvement in activities such as:

- Patient arrival and departure
- Hosting and/or liaison with carer families
- Visits to Rotary meetings with patient and parent/guardian
- Transport to medical appointments
- Hospital visitation

For more information on ROMAC, please click on the link below:
<https://www.romac.org.au/about-romac/what-we-do/>



Upcoming Speakers

8 Oct: Kimberly Pond (Mentoring Co-ordinator), [Brothers in Arms](#), with CEO Dave Robertson

22 Oct: Michelle Kelly—Charity that makes blankets for children

Upcoming Events

7—13 Oct: Rotary Reconnect Week

20 Oct: Auckland Marathon (volunteers needed)

24 Oct: World Polio Day

8 Nov: Charity Dinner Event. Contact [Chandu](#) for info and tickets.



THOUGHT

'Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.'

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Want to know more about Rotary?

Click on links below:

[Rotary Westhaven website](#)

[Rotary District 9910 website](#)

Meetings

When: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Venue: Billfish Café Z Pier Westhaven Drive

Time: 7.00am for 7.15am start

President: Regina Smuga

Secretary: Louise Shearer

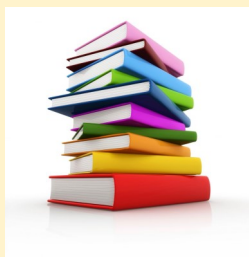
Treasurer: Tom Morton

Bulletin: Clare McCall

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Do You Have Books?

Rex Billington recently spoke about his visit to Tonga and the first library being set up there. Rex would welcome books as this is a voluntary exercise. Donation of books new and old are very welcomed. Please contact Rex if you are able to help;

Email: rex.billington@orcon.net.nz



Auckland Marathon—Sunday 20th Oct

Volunteers are needed for marshalling duties for the **Auckland Marathon** on Sunday 20 October at 5.30am. Location northern side of Harbour Bridge. If you are able to help with this, please contact Alan Foote.

Email: am.lmfoote@slingshot.co.nz

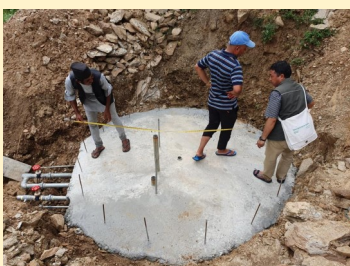


Thamdanda Water and Sanitation Project Update—Nepal

Things have been very busy in Nepal! Over the last month or two there has been a lot of activity and progress. There has been joint field monitoring visits by Rotary, Repair & Maintenance Training, Environmentalist visits from an Italian team for the study of environmentally friendly agriculture production, Operation and Maintenance Training and Women Empowerment Group Training— learning about generating income sources. Pipework is continuing and everything is going well. Photos below:



Field visit by Italian team of environmentalists



Field Visits by Rotary



Training Classes



Women in Training:

Women selling their local fruits (near a local highway) as an example of an 'income generating activity' - part of their training to build skills and confidence.

12th September—St Joseph's School Production—Alice In Wonderland

A few photos from the St Joseph's School Production, held on 12th September 2019



Principal, Regina Smuga, supporting the young but talented cast.



Alan Foote received both his Rotary Westhaven name badge(s), membership certificate and Centurion certificate from President Regina. Thanks for joining us and the Centurion programme Alan!



Photo of **Jasmine Kiernan** with her mosaic.

Ian and Jasmine Keirnan, 24 September 2019

We were delighted to welcome **DG Ian and Jasmine Keirnan** to our meeting on Tuesday 24th September. Ian and Jasmine gave an insight into their 6 month stay in New Zealand for club visits. Jasmine is fundraising for ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) and raffling beautiful mosaics of Rotary themes from various years (see photo above).

Ian shared a personal background of his journey from West Auckland to Norfolk Island and back accompanied by an entertaining slide show from his daughter!

Ian's message was based on the theme of **'Rotary Connects The World'**. He emphasised that Rotary needs to embrace change with clubs being "fit for purpose" and attractive to new members of all ages, concentrating on undertaking high quality volunteer work. Many thanks to Ian and Jasmine for an enlightening visit.



ROMAC
Rotary Oceania
Medical Aid
for Children

the Indian Weekender Orb360 TicketBazaar

Orb360 Foundation Trust

CHARITY DINNER EVENT

COMING TARUN MOHAN BHAI AND JEET RAVAL

Our Charities: food4life GUT CANCER FOUNDATION AUCKLAND CITY MISSION

TARANA your Indian Radio RFE

Our Media Partners

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

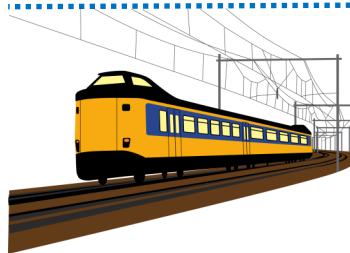
\$125 PER SEAT
\$1,000/ TABLE OF 10

At Mahatma Gandhi Ashram Centre, Eden Terrace, New North Road, Auckland

For more information please contact Jay Changlani on 021 076 3762 or Sachin on 022 345 6107

Uber funny Illuminates CHARITY DINNER

A great event coming up to support Auckland City Mission and some other worthwhile causes. Contact Chandu or for more information/tickets contact Jay Changlani on 021 076 3762 or Sachin on 022 345 6107.



Ride for Polio

Polio: All Trains Event 2019

Ride a Train to enable others to Walk

"TAG YOU ON TAG POLIO OFF"



October is Polio month with World Polio Day occurring on 24th October. Districts 9920/9910 are collaborating to hold an event called Polio All Trains (PAT) on the Auckland Transport Network. See link below for further info:

[Polio: All Trains Event 2019](#)

Rotary Reconnect Week 7th to 13th October

Need an idea for Rotary Reconnect Week? Click on the link below for some great ideas;

Link: [Service Ideas, Fellowship Ideas, Celebrate Online](#)

RECONNECT WEEK SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Want to join the festivities of Reconnect Week, but not sure where to start? Here are a few concrete ways you can take action to celebrate #ROTARYRECONNECT.



SERVICE IDEAS

Organize a service project that involves local alumni sometime during Reconnect Week 7-13 October, 2019, or near those dates.
Provide an opportunity to do a joint service project with an alumni association.
Plan a Rotary Foundation fundraiser and invite alumni to contribute for Alumni Day of Giving on 9 October, 2019.

FELLOWSHIP IDEAS

Host an online party with alumni using a video conferencing tool like Skype or Zoom.
Invite an alumni out to coffee to catch up.
Ask alumni to speak at your next club meeting or district conference.
Organize an informational session about your club for alumni to learn more about Rotary.

CELEBRATE ONLINE

Host an online party with alumni using a video conferencing tool like Skype or Zoom.
Recognize the achievements of alumni from your club or district and share their story.
Invite alumni to share "how Rotary has influenced me" in a 30 second clip on social media about their experience and how it has impacted them.
Use the #ROTARYRECONNECT hashtag on social media to tag all of your posts about Rotary alumni leading up to and during your event.



'Someday'

"Conditions are never perfect. 'Someday' is a disease that will take your dreams to the grave with you.... If it's important to you, and you want to do it 'eventually,' just do it and correct course along the way."