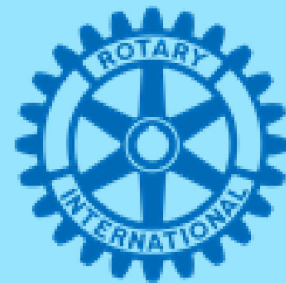




# Rotary Club of Katikati New Zealand



**Bulletin**  
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## Programme:

**20 August -** Speaker Anita Rapson **Partners night dinner at Fairview**  
on **Generation Z and Community Service**

**27 August -** **Committee** meetings at **The Hub**  
(Food platters will be provided, bring your own drinks)

**Frid. 30 & Sat. 31 August -**  fundraising  
collection—volunteers required

### **Greeter\***

**David Owen**

**Rod Calver**

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## Notes:

1. In spite of Secretary Chris's plea for a good turn out for our **first meeting at The Hub**, the **attendance was disappointing**. We urgently need to know why!
2. Members are reminded that the price of our **Raffle Tickets** has increased to **\$5 each**.
3. President Jenie is stepping back from attending weekly meetings to care for husband John who is unwell. Nigel Williams will **chair the next 5 meetings** (*Editors Note—please be kind and understanding to the “standin”!*)
4. Brien James reports that **Exchange Student Julius Lange arrives from Germany** on 1 September. He will initially be **hosted** by Laurie & Heather Donald. We still **need a family to host** Julius for a month: either **October, November or December**. Please rack your brains and contact Brien with your ideas.
5. **Youth Driving Tutors**: We need up to 5 names so we can start the process of them getting Police vetted and then *Bluelight* approved!

## Apology ?

**Members—** If you are unable to attend a meeting please contact **Martin Hawke** by 12 Noon the previous Friday.

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## Katikati Rotary's **new place** in the Rotary Movement

Our club is part of a move to renew the **relevance** of Rotary in our rapidly changing world. Two regions, the U.K. and the Pacific regions, were selected to develop their own new structures in Regionalisation pilot projects. This is a 2 year trial which will influence the future of Rotary worldwide.

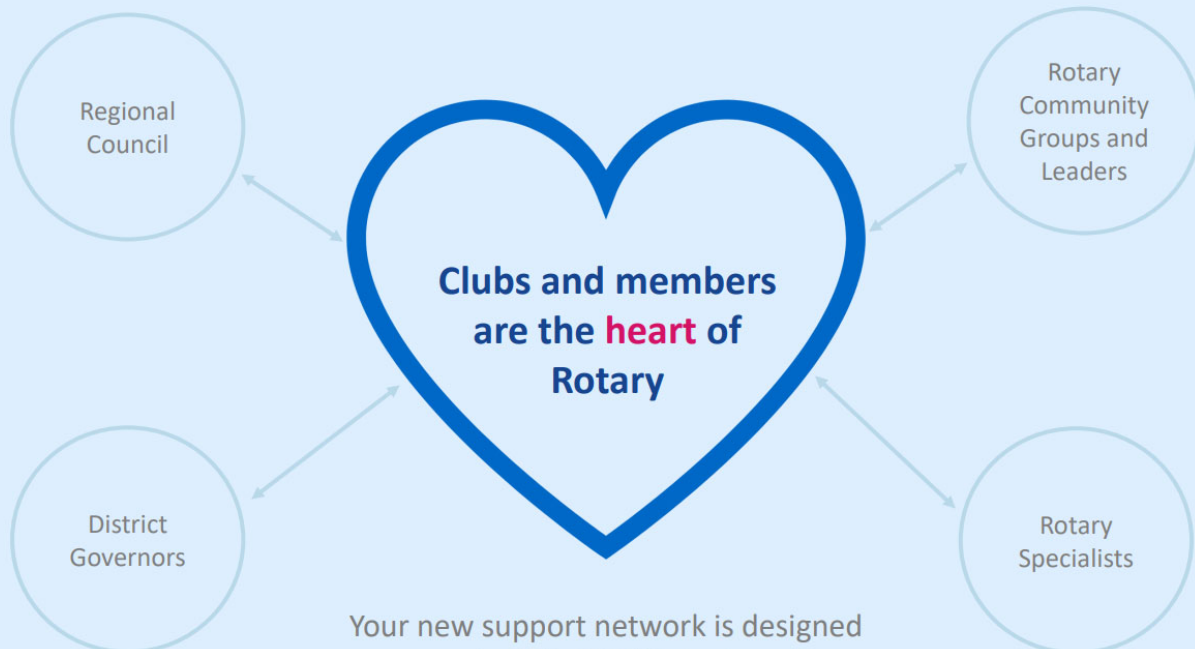
**We need to be proud and enthusiastic to be included this exciting project!**  
**It opens up new opportunities which we have not previously considered.**

**We are Pioneers!**

We remain in District 9930, one of the five districts covering New Zealand and 10 Pacific Island nations. As a participant in the new regionalization structure under development **we are also now grouped into a new, coastal Bay of Plenty, Community Group** of clubs designated as "Area 3" (there are 4 in total) within a region to be known as **Rotary Pacific**.

The **9 clubs** participating in our Group (it will get a name) are: **Katikati, Omokoroa**, Otumotai, Tauranga , Tauranga Sunrise, Tauranga Te Papa, Papamoa, Kawerau and Whakatane.

*It is to be hoped that increasing communication, fellowship, cooperation, and possible joint larger-scale projects within our new Group will increase our **enjoyment and participation** in the Rotary mission. ( More information will follow)*



Your new support network is designed to help YOU thrive!

## Speakers - Peter Mackay & Bronwyn Carter on *Building a New Club*

Peter started by saying that after his year as Club President at Katikati (during the Covid pandemic) he committed to starting a new club at **Omokoroa**. His initiative was greatly supported and assisted by Assistant District Governor Pat Taylor and a number of informal coffee shop informal meetings were held to gauge local interest.

The results were disappointing until Peter realised that some of the members of his *Zumba* exercise group were exactly the type of people who would make excellent members of Rotary. A few taps on the shoulder and he was “in business”!

Bronwyn then gave her perspective on how the embryonic club then developed. From July 2022 further informal meetings were held with Peter and Pat Taylor closely involved before a formal meeting to establish the club in March 2023.

Three prospective members attended and a President (Bronwyn) and Secretary (Meredith) elected. Various meeting venues were tested before settling on the Omokoroa Boat Club and regular meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. were scheduled. With a small membership meeting agendas were necessarily flexible (no set speakers) and costs kept down by not including a meal.

The club was formally established as a “**satellite club**” of Katikati in November 2023 and has concentrated on establishing a presence in the local community. To this end **projects** have included:

- Beach “clean-ups”
- Plantings at the primary school (with the Lions Club)
- Cooking “bacon butties” at the monthly market at the Community Hall
- A publicity tent at the summer night markets at the Domain
- Donated computers sent to Gisborne and Hawkes Bay to provide extreme weather event resilience
- Refurbished computers sent to the Solomon Islands (transported by Behlehem College)

**Fundraising events** have included:

- \$600 from a tea party at *Websters Tea* for *Polio Plus*
- Participating in the Katikati Club garden ramble fundraiser and put their \$500 share towards the trailer for Matahui School
- \$1,200 from a brunch for the *Pink Ribbon* breast cancer campaign
- \$8,500 from a Mid-winter Christmas Dinner for a training mannequin for the local first-responders based at the Fire Station —>

**Membership** has reached 9, so the target of 20 required for the club to “charter” remains a challenge. Bronwyn acknowledged the ongoing support received from the Katikati club and planned to focus on social media, club apparel, and a branded gazebo’ to promote the club.



Bronwyn, Peter and Meredith Ahearn



# Member's Talk

Ian Stevens on *An Adventure in the U.K.*

Ian gave us a fascinating insight into his recent epic ebiking adventure in the U.K. With 8 in his team (the oldest 79) they cycled from **Lands End** (south-west tip of Cornwall to **John O Groats** (north-east tip of Scotland) in just 35 days! It is a well-documented route known as "[LEJOG](#)", although he used his own knowledge and experience to vary the route occasionally.

The long-planned trip had been delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic but was meticulously planned by Ian using the latest mapping and navigation technology installed on the hired ebike. Using secondary and minor roads where necessary and canal-side and walking paths where possible the aim was to use all the senses to slowly roll through and enjoy the fascinating scenery along the way. The team displayed Kiwi silver fern flags on their bikes and this worked a treat to engage with passers-by.

Accommodation along the way had mostly been pre-booked well ahead and although variable was generally good. Inevitably, there were some memorable challenges encountered, including:

- A few mechanical issues (the experience and tools on hand were invaluable)
- 4 punctures and one blowout
- Few public toilets (especially for the females, pubs and cafes helped)
- Hosts not used to providing facilities for charging batteries
- Navigating through larger towns and cities
- One team member ever keen to explore off-route and engage locals in conversation.

A comprehensive blog kept by Ian, including many photos can be viewed [here](#).





# Rotary Pacific—renewing the Rotary mission

## Representing our diversity



Kiribati



Timor-Leste



American Samoa



New Caledonia



Samoa



French Polynesia



Cook Islands



Tonga



New Zealand



Australia



Norfolk Island



Fiji



Vanuatu

Your **Rotary Community Group (RCG)** is your peer support network!

Clubs working  
together to achieve  
more than they could  
on their own



# OBJECT OF ROTARY

*The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:*

- 1** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- 3** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- 4** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## Parting Thought from

Bronwyn Carter

Be kind,

Be courageous

Be purposeful

Dr Claire Achmad,

Chief Children's Commissioner

## Where is Rotary still growing ..... Fast?

On the **Indian sub-continent** there are approximately 180,000 Rotarians spread across 4,500 clubs, a formidable force for positive change.

How are they able to do it, when we are struggling to maintain membership?

## ROTARY AT A GLANCE

**Rotarians:** 1,184,368 in 36,983 clubs in 528 Districts in 221 countries/geographic areas.

**Rotaractors:** 175,505 in 10,634 clubs in 504 districts in 181 countries/geographic areas.

**Interactors:** 326,830 in 14,210 clubs in 486 districts in 144 countries/geographic areas.

**Rotary Community Corps members:** 200,615 in 13,432 clubs in 267 districts in 101 countries/geographic areas.

As at May 12, 2024, there are 22,475 Rotary members in 975 clubs in 15 districts in Australia, and 6,286 Rotary members in 250 clubs in five districts in New Zealand and the Pacific. In addition, there are 571 Rotaract members in 47 clubs in Australia and 347 Rotaract members in 19 clubs in New Zealand and the Pacific. Australian and New Zealand districts include Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu, where there are 591 Rotarians in 36 clubs and 276 Rotaractors in 13 clubs.