

# Rotary Club of Katikati



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## Bulletin for Tuesday, October 21, 2025

The Rotary Club of Katikati presents its bulletin for Tuesday, October 21, 2025. This document provides a summary of recent and upcoming club activities, meetings, and announcements relevant to our members and community.

## Upcoming Meetings

21st October Fairview Meeting

Guest speaker Michelle Tanner. Francis Young will be the greeter.

11<sup>th</sup> November Hub meeting

BYO. The greeter for this meeting will be John Buchanan

18<sup>th</sup> November Fairview Meeting

Guest speaker is Hilary Johnson, Academy of Horticulture (Growhub). The greeter for this meeting will be David Foris

## Business meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October

### Results of Member Survey

Ann raised the result of a recent Member Survey on Satisfaction & Engagement, part of which called for a review of our meeting structure. As a result and, in the interim, Ann proposed to drop the 3rd meeting of each month, meaning that the 2nd Tuesday of each month will remain unchanged at The Hub, BYO (or having eaten earlier) with a Greeter's talk (up to 10 mins) and Board Meetings.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month will also remain unchanged at Fairview, a dinner meeting with Partners, friends and a guest speaker (but no Greeter's talk). And in order to secure a meal, we will still be required to opt-in by 3pm on the previous Friday.

A concern was that by dropping a meeting, there is too long a duration following the last meeting of the month and the next meeting. As a result, I will make enquiries with both Fairview and with the Lions Club in order to ascertain whether there is a viable option to move the Fairview meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> or the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. The cost of using the Hub (\$80 per night) came up too, while some supported moving from The Hub to Growhub at the Katikati College. These matters will be reinvestigated and a

finer breakdown in costs will be obtained in order for everyone to fully understand what it costs to run our Club, and these questions will be able to be addressed at our next meeting at The Hub on 11 November.

## Establishment of a Rotary Community Corp (RCC)

Paul then spoke in support of a proposal to establish a RCC and although it was moved for the Club to sponsor a Community Corp and the motion was seconded, there was sufficient concern that perhaps the Club were moving too quickly and that more information was needed. As a consequence it was decided to lay the motion on the table and for further information to be sourced and distributed amongst our members

The following link provides a very thorough reference on the subject of RCC and I would recommend it as worthwhile reading on the matter <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/rotary-community-corps>

## Polio Train

Attached is both a flier and a registration form for the Polio train mentioned at the last meeting. The train leaves Hailton at 6am on 14 November so its an early start. Here is a link to a short video about the event.- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-11CdNjOMPk>

**Harcourts New Age**

**14 November 2025**

**TAG POLIO OFF**

By riding all the bus, train stations & ferry terminals in Auckland in ONE day

**LET'S CONNECT THROUGH THE AUCKLAND TRANSPORT NETWORK!**

**UNITE FOR GOOD**

**CHALLENGE**

To raise funds for, and awareness of, the End Polio Now campaign.

**HOW**

Ride the Trains and ferries nearest to your Auckland Club for free! Bring friends & meet other transit riders.

**WHEN**

ALL Day!  
8am - 6pm on Friday  
14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

**Rotary District 9910** **Rotary District 9920** **Rotary District 9930**

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**CLUB REGISTRATION**

YES! OUR CLUB IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING

WE CAN ...

☐ Meet the train/ferry at the station/terminal allocated to our club.

☐ Organise and manage a stand at one of the selected station/terminals.

**Rider registration**

Yes! I want to ride the all transit stations

☐ I need an End Polio t-shirt available at Rotary Order Under Supplies.

☐ I have my own End Polio t-shirt

**TO RIDE FREE YOU MUST BE WEARING AN END POLIO T-SHIRT**

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Train Rider / Ferry Rider (print name)

Rider Contact Email: or Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Harcourts New Age**

Electronic bank to: Rotary Foundation

D9910: A/C# 01-0125-0146072-00 with reference [name] & code

D9920: A/C# 02-0226-0232474-00 with reference [name] & code

D9930: A/C# 03-1552-0212120-01 with reference [name] & code

**PAT14NOV**

Send registration form to: [tagpoliooff@gmail.com](mailto:tagpoliooff@gmail.com)

## CPR Workshops

Hato Hone St John are offering as part of shock October, free 1 hour workshops on CPR. There are lots of dates to choose from and is held at the Katikati Community Centre. They are also offering a free child first aid workshop on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## Synopsis of Greeter's Talk (Jim Bremner)

In June this year Mary and I travelled to San Francisco to begin our 17<sup>th</sup> trip to the USA. The seeds were sown during a conference at Mt. Cook where Mary got to know Gale and Margaret Ferris from Portland OR. They ended up staying on Jim's parents' farm near Waitomo Caves and seeing sheep shearing in action. Our first visit to America sometime later was a four-week tour taking in Portland OR and a visit with the Ferrises. About two years later the Ferrises were back in NZ visiting the Bremners now living in Rotorua. Trout fishing was now on the menus for Gale with the catch of a 9-lb rainbow in Lake Tarawera. The a trip to the South Is. with Mary and a trip back to Waitomo to see Jim's parents and on to North Auckland to see the sights there. At the airport Gale insisted Jim take a tip of \$2,500 for everything they had done. This was put towards bringing the children on a visit to America another two years on.

Another trip involved attending the Homestead Festival of classic cars in Princeton IL (just east of Chicago) in 2005 and meeting the guy who had sold Jim parts for his American classic on Ebay. Their Kiwi accents were a big hit. Other trips were spent exploring the national Parks of America: Yellowstone, Yosemite, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Grand Canyon, Mount Rushmore; covered bridges; the Rust Belt (and the decay as American jobs were exported overseas). The last visit, that was mentioned at the beginning started in San Francisco and the long drive up to Seattle (on country roads) ending with a cruise up to Alaska. When is our next trip? maybe when America becomes great again.

## Invitation to Masonic Lodge Function

Jerry Payne has extended an invitation to all members to attend an upcoming Masonic Lodge function at Lodge Katikati No. 295. The Empty Chair ceremony is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm. Lodge members will be wearing Jackets and ties; smart casual would be acceptable.

## Computers to the Pacific Islands

John Buchanan continues to be busy upgrading computers for use in the Pacific Islands. Here are his latest achievements.

### Fiji



Thank you for the kind donation of laptops for the communities of Fiji and the Solomon Islands. Six of the laptops went to Nasinu secondary school in Suva. The picture with me has the Deputy Principal receiving them. They were all in a box. They would be going to the senior students where they could book them in school time. Pleased would be an understatement. Nasinu Secondary school is a government school. We spent the day with this school and visited classrooms and taught lessons. The average class size was 40. The students are well cared for and they have a good plan to keep them in school – it's all about rugby:)

### Solomon Islands

The rest of the laptops went to a small village community and to the Red Cross administrators. They are all nurses(male) and the purpose of this trip was a medical one. We as a team completed two first aid courses under the guidance of the nurses and then put some of the skills to practice. Renovating the children's ward and the female ward was a wonderful opportunity to work together with the locals. 130 kg of medical supplies were delivered to the clinic. The nurses response was overwhelming. A sustaining programme for supplies was also organised.



## Samoa

Talofa from Nuufou Baptist Academy.

Today, Moses from local Rotary delivered 5 laptops to our school. On behalf of Nuufou Baptist Academy's Principal Mrs Masoe and all the children of the School, we would like to say thank you so much for your continual support. Thank you again Rotary NZ and your local reps here in Samoa for giving us a hand in making a difference in these student's families' lives. Faafetai and God bless you all.

Sene on behalf of Nuufou Baptist Academy.

