

# Bulletin

Tuesday 29 April, 2025

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## Programme (upcoming)

## Greeter

**No meeting 6 May**

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| 13 May | The Hub (BYO)<br>(Board Meeting afterward)                        | Bronwyn Webster-Hawke |
| 20 May | Fairview Club (Partners evening)<br>Speaker – Glenys Parton ROMAC | Paul Lassman          |
| 27 May | The Hub (Platters)<br>(Committees meet)                           | John Dallimore        |

## ANZAC Day commemorations

ANZAC Day is so very special to many of us and we chose to celebrate it in different ways, such were the choices made available to us by those who made terrible sacrifices for us, and those who have gone before us

Many of us were able to take part at one of the various local ceremonies being held throughout New Zealand and our own Club were present at the Katikati War Memorial Hall dawn service where a wreath was laid on our behalf to commemorate those sacrifices

We will remember them



## Footprints for our future

We have been hearing a lot about this exciting project lately and on Sunday, Paul Lassman represented our Club at a meeting of the steering group behind the project which will run **Bay of plenty wide during the week of 8 – 14 September**

The target of the project is the *enhancement of our seashore and our waterways* and due to its planned regional impact it is likely to gain a lot of attention and it is hoped to gain television coverage of the event also

A public speaking event *Healing our waters* at the University of Waikato on 10 September in Tauranga will feature guest speakers including Dr Mike Joy, Victoria University, Professor. Chris Battershall, Waikato University and John Burke, an environmental farmer

It is envisaged that our September project could become an annual event and that by being held together with a similar district-wide event such as a food bank drive immediately before Christmas will help to boost Rotary's profile

Watch this space!

## District 9920 & 9930 Conference 2025

- Registrations available for Single-day passes
- Saturday \$150
- Sunday \$100
- Car-pooling available (contact Jenie)

### **District 9920 & 9930 Conference 2025**

Rotorua, New Zealand

Conference Dates: 16–18 May 2025

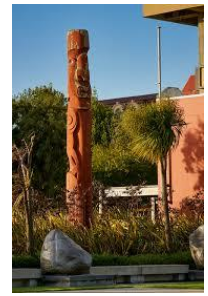


#### **Introducing Debbie Sorensen – Keynote Speaker**

We're honoured to welcome Mrs. Debbie Sorensen ONZM, C.C.T, CMIInstD, NZRPN to our speaker lineup. As CEO of the Pasifika Medical Association Group and Pasifika Futures, Debbie is a tireless advocate for Pacific health equity. She brings over 30 years of transformational leadership across health, governance, and community development. Her perspective is sure to challenge and inspire us all.

## **New Initiatives to Celebrate: The Peace Pou Installation**

We are proud to announce a special Peace Pou will be installed as part of the conference programme — a meaningful symbol of unity, legacy, and the Rotary commitment to peacebuilding in our communities.



## **Social highlights**

Don't miss the **Welcome Function** and **Island Night Conference Dinner** — a colourful celebration of culture, connection, and good fun! It's your chance to reconnect, make new friends, and enjoy the best of Rotorua's hospitality.

## **Flexible Attendance Options: Day Registrations Now Available!**

Only available for part of the weekend? No problem!

- **Saturday Day Pass | \$150 pp**  
Includes access to conference sessions and exhibitions on Saturday
- **Sunday Day Pass | \$100 pp**  
Includes access to Sunday sessions, including keynote and closing
- **Full Registration | \$400 pp**  
Includes Welcome Function, all sessions, and the Island Night Dinner

*All prices include GST*

Link - [REGISTER NOW](#)

## **Book Now – Rotorua Awaits**

Rotorua is calling, and the programme is packed. Don't miss your chance to be part of an unforgettable weekend of learning, laughter, and leadership.

## **Need Help?**

**Registrations:** Teleios Papuni – [registrations@hpce.co.nz](mailto:registrations@hpce.co.nz)

**Sponsorship & Exhibition:** Vanessa Huntley – [events@hpce.co.nz](mailto:events@hpce.co.nz)

## **Thank You to Our Sponsors**

We're grateful for the support that brings this event to life.

Meet Our Sponsors [here](#)

## **RYDA**

Also, at our conference there will be a RYDA stand where the plan is lift awareness of Road Safety Education and the RYDA program but at the same time, raise some extra cash for our RYDA collective.

It has been decided to auction mixed wines as a separate fundraiser at the conference but in order for this to happen we have been asked:

**Can you please donate a single bottle of wine from your pantry, which will be used to make up selective boxes of six wines.**

They will then be individually auctioned off using the silent bid system, which will make it a lot easier to manage at the conference stand.

If every member supplied a single bottle of wine, we would have quite a few to auction away and in the process make some extra cash for our collective RYDA funds

**All responses to Robyn Walker please - Robyn will arrange collection this coming weekend**

## **Hospice awareness week...**



**Hospice Awareness Week is coming up (May 12 – 18)** and we can be part of this by helping out

As you will know, Waipuna Hospice is all about providing compassionate care to those facing a life-limiting illnesses and is looking for volunteers to assist in collecting donations and to raise awareness of the Hospice at various locations throughout the country and a couple of hours of your time could make a huge difference to someone

**If you or a friend is keen to volunteer, then sign up – it would be a great way to make a difference together**

To learn more - click on the link. <https://waipunahospice.org.nz/2025/04/hawk-2025/>

## Cans for a cause

This worthy cause is a nationwide event, supported by our DG Nick and promoted as an ALL NEW ZEALAND EVENT - supported by Rotary Clubs throughout New Zealand

# ROTARY CANS FOR A CAUSE CAMPAIGN

9<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025

### **Can you help us make a difference?**

*Local food banks are sounding the alarm — the need for food support has never been greater. One in five families across New Zealand are facing food insecurity as economic pressures continue to rise.*

*Rotary Clubs across New Zealand are stepping up, aiming to collect 1 million food items to support our communities.*

*We're calling on businesses, schools, community groups and residential complexes to take part, by setting up a food collection point, for staff, pupils, residents and friends to donate during our Rotary Cans for a Cause week (9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025).*

*We'll supply everything you need — posters, collection boxes, and support.*

*All donations will be collected and distributed by Rotary to local food banks in your community.*

*Together, we can work to make a difference.*

More about the HOW later but in the meantime – have a look at the poster overleaf





# ROTARY CANS FOR A CAUSE

Many families across New Zealand are struggling to put enough food on the table for their whānau and are in urgent need of support.

The Rotary Clubs of New Zealand are committed to collecting 1 million cans of food to support local food banks in our communities.

## You can help!

Donate your food items between 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June to help us collect a million food items.

A community project organised by:

### Items most in need:

- Canned fish
- Baked Beans and Spaghetti
- Canned veges
- Canned fruit
- Soup
- Diced tomatoes
- Spreads
- Rice
- Pasta
- Cereals