

# Bulletin

Tuesday 8 April, 2025

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## Programme (upcoming)

		<b>Greeter</b>
<b>15 April</b>	<b>Fairview (Partners evening) Speaker Paul Lassman on African Wildlife</b>	<b>Bruce Calder</b>
<b>22 April</b>	<b>The Hub (Platters) Luka Verran (to speak on youth trip to Nepal)</b>	<b>Barry Denton</b>
<b>13 May</b>	<b>The Hub (BYO) (Board Meeting afterward)</b>	<b>Bronwyn Webster-Hawke</b>

## Tuesday evening

After getting through our general business quickly and without a speaker for the evening, we were ahead of time and Lynley, and then Jenie regaled us with stories of recent travel adventures (Lynley should write a book!)

Then John Dallimore told us of some of his personal sporting experiences in 'Sporting Moments'. For John, this started in his student days at Timaru Boys High, the starting place for a number of very well-known Kiwi Sports Stars, people like Jack Lovelock, Pat Boot and Dick Tayler. John too had been a runner of some repute however he did concede having coming second to Tayler on one occasion

John has spent most of the last 30 years providing services to sports people throughout New Zealand at home and abroad and not just from the perspective of a sporting injury, but imagine the disruption caused to sporting plans by a bomb threat to a major venue, or tsunami or other weather event for instance. John mentioned having particularly enjoyed his work with para-athletes Through his love of sport he has visited some interesting places and met some interesting people

## District 9920 & 9930 Conference 2025

Single-day-only Registrations are now open (see brochure at rear)

## Our Greeter

Ann Owen

Ann spoke passionately about the role of Women in Wartime, a role which has often not received the recognition deserved, and it is rather timely with ANZAC Day just around the corner

One of the references for her talk was a Western Bay Museum booklet named 'Service & Sacrifice', and which contains stories like 'What did you do in the War Granny' and other amazing stories of women, many of them local and in various roles from military to medical and social service

If you (like me) can only think of the likes of Florence Nightingale or New Zealander Nancy Wake (the White Mouse) then this is an exciting book to borrow because there are some amazing stories to be learned

## Remembering

The passing of Rosalie (Rosie) Smith was noted on Tuesday evening. Rosie was a well-known local historian and although she initially trained to be a teacher she is known widely for her journalism in a wide range of areas including the Bay of Plenty Times, Katikati Advertiser, and Horticulture, and she was also involved in the management of our own Project Parore. Rosie was awarded a QSM in 2007

Rosie's maiden name was Goodyear and she is the sister of our fellow Rotarian Alan and our thoughts also go to Alan, and to Rosie's family



## A letter from our District Governor

As Rotarians, we take pride in our ability to respond swiftly and effectively when disaster strikes, offering support to those in urgent need. Thanks to the generosity of clubs in our district, our **Rotary District Disaster Fund** has provided critical aid to communities affected by the recent **earthquake in Vanuatu** (which sent \$5000 on behalf of all clubs in the District), and we have recently received requests to provide financial assistance for disasters such as the **Queensland floods** and the **Myanmar earthquake**.

With these significant contributions, our fund has been substantially depleted. To ensure we remain ready to respond to future emergencies, we are calling on all clubs to help **replenish the Disaster Fund**. Every contribution—large or small—ensures that we can continue providing timely assistance where it is needed most.

We encourage your club to consider making a donation to the fund at your next board or club meeting. Contributions can be made via the District 9930 Bank account **[03-1152-0121120-000]**, reference **Disaster Fund** and if your club requires further information, please feel free to reach out to **me**

Your support embodies the Rotary spirit of **Service Above Self**, ensuring that together, we can continue to make a real difference in times of crisis. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to making Magic and helping those in need

**We are encouraged as individual Club Members to consider our DG's request above and when able, to make our donations directly**

## **Stevens Family Acorn Fund**

At our Board Meeting on Tuesday evening we were addressed by fellow member Ian Stevens who announced the creation of an endowment fund by his family, aptly named 'Stevens Family Fund'

In line with Ian's passion for this topic, the fund has been created for the development and the enhancement of walkways and cycleways between the Wairoa River and Waihi Beach

Ian and his family have generously offered to fund these amenities in the region and for Rotary to be involved by applying for these funds and to hold and to administer the funds for projects of this nature

The Acorn distribution for the fund will this year be in the vicinity of \$6000 and in 2026 it is envisaged to reach \$12000.

**Our July 8 meeting instead of being held at the Hub**

**Will be a joint dinner meeting together with Paeroa Rotary - at the Waihi Beach RSA**

**And our speaker will be Scott Simpson, MP for Coromandel and Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

**More about this later**

## **A parting thought**

**Ann Owen**

Patriotism is supporting your country all the time and your government when it deserves it  
– Mark Twain

## Footprints – Public Event later this year

Speakers on the environment and water quality - Dr Mark Joy, Dr Chris Battershill & John Burke

What            Public Event

Where            Waikato University on Cameron Road, Tauranga

When            5.30pm – 7.30pm Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

How much       \$25 per head



## District 9920 & 9930 Conference 2025

**9 days to save on your registration + day registrations are open!**

- Conference dates: 16–18 May 2025 | Rotorua, NZ
- Standard registration closes: 16 April 2025
- Late registration from: 17 April 2025 (additional \$25pp)

*\*\*Day registrations have opened\*\* See below for further information*

**A Message from your Co-MC: Talofa lava and warm Pacific greetings, everyone! 🌺**



I'm absolutely thrilled to be co-MC'ing this year's **Better Together District Conference**. In true Island style, come dressed in your **brightest and most colourful attire**—let's bring the vibrant Pacific spirit to life! 🌺

Throughout the weekend, I can't wait to connect with you all and hear your amazing stories. And don't be surprised if I ask you at the ball if you're rocking something from the Pacific! 🤗  
Let's make this weekend unforgettable.

**See you soon! Fa'afetai lava!**

### **Island Night Conference Dinner – A Must-Attend Social Highlight**

Join us for a stunning celebration of Pasifika culture, complete with:

- Island-themed décor
- Captivating entertainment
- A shared Island-style feast

**Dress Code:** Island Night – prizes for the **best-dressed club!**





### Friday Afternoon Activity Spotlight: Acts of Service for the local Rotorua community



Join us for an inspiring **Acts of Service Afternoon**, where we come together as Rotarians to make a tangible difference in the Rotorua community. An opportunity to embody Rotary's motto Service Above Self.

Throughout the afternoon, volunteers will participate in a variety of service activities, there will be a few options available and we will provide further information on where to meet and the contact person for each one close to the time.

**Timing: 1.00pm - 3.00pm**

**To Book:** Please ensure you select this option during registration, this confirms you wish to partake in the Acts of Service. If you are unsure if you have chosen this option or wish to add it to your registration, please email [registrations@hpce.co.nz](mailto:registrations@hpce.co.nz) and we can help.

## REGISTER NOW

**Full registration | \$400 pp**

Full conference included Welcome Function, Conference Sessions and Conference Dinner

**Day registration (Saturday) | \$150 pp**

Conference Sessions only for Saturday

**Day registration (Sunday) | \$100 pp**

Conference Sessions only for Sunday

\*all prices are GST inclusive

### **Need Help?**

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