

# DISTRICT 9920

## Foundation Newsletter

### Message from our District Foundation Chair PDG Jennie Herring

At the time of writing this report we find ourselves in very difficult times. Who would have thought that two months ago we would now be confined to our homes and living in what is called your own “bubble”.

I would like to thank all the members of our communities that are working on the front lines to protect and service us. The medical staff, the emergency services, the staff at supermarkets, in fact everyone who is considered essential services.

Rotary has now moved to virtual meetings whilst we are in lockdown with many clubs still meeting but using Zoom/Skype and other means of electronic communications.

On a more positive note the Fiji Oxygen Project, which is under the leadership of the RC Remuera, has finally been approved by The Rotary Foundation and the project will most likely get underway once Fiji comes out of lockdown. I am sure that RC Remuera are ecstatic with this news as are all the clubs and Districts who have contributed to this grant. Hopefully we will be able to give you an update once the project gets underway.

I have received many requests with questions as to what is happening with regard to our District Grants. I have received the following advice from the RI Paramatta Office, Rob Byrne:

Many district grant activities have had to be **postponed** and in this situation the clubs can hold onto the funds: district grant funds are to be spent within 24 months after they are released from TRF; districts can report that the funds were distributed to the club in their district grant report and close the grant, and the funds can still be spent or returned within the 24-month period.

If the activity is **cancelled**: enter “0” (zero) in the report and the funds can be **returned** to District Rotary Foundation and be **re-allocated** funding to **another activity that was already approved** in the spending plan. A **new activity** can be added to reallocate the funding if the new activity is in response to COVID-19, and you are allowed to act quickly.

Districts and clubs can spend non-grant funds on COVID-19 response after March 15 and request reimbursement in their 2020-2021 district grant, in the spending plan, by selecting the category “Health: COVID-19”.

Any questions on the above please contact our Grants Officer Richard Thorpe [richard.thorpe@tnlpindar.com](mailto:richard.thorpe@tnlpindar.com), - 021 289 7744

There are many postings on social media – one I like to quote is:

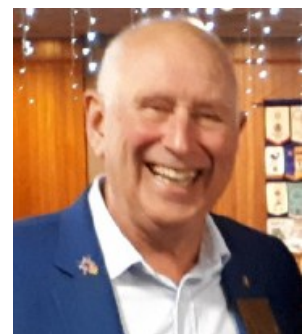
**“Our grandparents were asked to go to war – we have been asked to sit on a couch – we can do this”**

Keep safe

**PDG Jennie Herring**  
**D9920 Foundation Chair**



**RI President Mark Maloney**



**DG Gary Langford**



**PDG Jennie Herring**

## ..and more about the End Polio program in D9920

It is intended to have another Polio All Train (PAT) event in 2020.

Date : 23rd October 2020

However with the current COVID-19 situation the date is not yet confirmed .

**What we hope for our next PAT**

- A Bigger Bolder, Better event
- More individual Rotarian and Club participation.
- Better mainstream media coverage e.g .TV ONE and TV 3 news
- Clubs seizing the opportunity to promote themselves and their projects and much more.

*Look out for announcements from your Joint District PAT taskforce*

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

**DID YOU SEE digital Light Up for Polio Aotea Square 24 February to 10 March or the one night only video feature on the Aotea Wrap Sunday 23 February ?**

Digital LIGHT UP for Polio act 2 appeared on the Auckland Live digital screen in Aotea Square from 24 February to 10 March.

This is the second time that Auckland Live has generously supported this event with a subsidised screening fee , this time to celebrate the Rotary International Anniversary on 24 February.

With 4 screenings a day Rotary Auckland South was there to lend its support on a sunny Saturday afternoon once again for Rotary's greatest project.

Sunday evening 24 February between 8-11pm there was also a one night only feature on the Aotea Wrap at the Aotea Centre but unfortunately your DRF Polio coordinator was away overseas so a pictorial record was missed. Calling any Rotarians who might have attended an event at the Aotea centre that Sunday evening and taken a video of this to contact PDG Ron Seeto [ronseeto@ronseetoarchitect.co.nz](mailto:ronseeto@ronseetoarchitect.co.nz)



Watch this space for

- another Aotea Wrap feature
- Confirmation of the October 2020 date for a repeat of the Polio All Trains - interested volunteers for committee please contact PDG Ron Seeto
- World's Greatest Meal D9920 event for November 2020— interested volunteers for committee please contact PDG Ron Seeto



# Ambassadorial Scholarships

To date the Rotary Foundation has funded 350,000 scholarships globally at cost of about US \$7.5 million.

District 9920 has been looking forward to hosting a second Ambassadorial Scholar in this current Rotary year.

**Kaitlin Sandor** from Atlanta (USA) was be studying for her Masters in Biomedical Science from March 2020 to February 2021 at the University of Auckland. The Rotary Club of Ellerslie-Sunrise will be the host Club for District 9920.

Update: Unfortunately, Kaitlin Sandor's flight to Auckland was cancelled at the last minute due to the spread of Covid – 19. She is in midst of formulating a Plan B and we are presently waiting for more clarity of her plans. However we are optimistic that Kaitlin will still be able to travel to NZ sometime in the future.

In the meantime another application is under preparation from the Rotary Club of Baldock in the UK (District D1260) for **Rosalynd (Rosie) Boxall**. The Rotary Club of Otahuhu would be the host Club for District 9920 should the application be successful.

Rosie is hoping to come to the University of Auckland to study for a research masters degree with Professor Avril Bell in the Department of Sociology, starting in July 2020. The research project would be looking at how tertiary students can help or hinder efforts at peacebuilding and conflict resolution (and other decolonisation efforts) with Indigenous communities in New Zealand.

**The Rotary Foundation funds scholarships for undergraduates and graduate study for 1 to 4 years duration.**

**Conditions apply and for further information please contact Shefali Mehta**  
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## ROTARY'S Areas of Focus



Maternal and  
child health

Basic education  
and literacy

Economic and  
community  
development



Peace and conflict  
prevention/resolution

Disease prevention  
and treatment

Water  
and sanitation

# How to donate

## Donations to Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus - New Zealand based 9920 Rotary Clubs

### Tax Credit for Donations / Tax receipts

New Zealand based Rotary Clubs can send their donation and contribution for Annual Giving and Polio Plus by internet banking, and advising the Rotary Foundation Administrator 9920, stating what the amount is for, whether donating from your Club or Charitable Trust. Tax receipts are forwarded in August/September.

If internet banking is not an option, then please contact Peter Wilcock to discuss alternative payment options.

### Charitable Trusts

Nearly all clubs have a Charitable Trust. Rotarians should donate through their Club's Charitable Trust, who can issue individual Tax Donation receipts. The Club's Charitable Trust then forwards the total amount on to the Rotary Foundation Administrator 9920, and emails an Excel spreadsheet with the Rotarians' name, ID numbers and amounts to Peter Wilcock. The donation will be credited under the Rotarian's name with RI.

### Tax Receipts

Once Rotarians receive the Tax Donation receipt they can claim the tax credit of up to 33%. For full details Google "ird tax credit for donations" Tax receipts are forwarded in April/May

### How to pay

#### Internet banking

Bank Account "Rotary Foundation 9920" 02 0256 0333474 00

Reference box "Club name" or "Rotarian name" Please email [pdmwilcock@gmail.com](mailto:pdmwilcock@gmail.com) the amount and the allocation i.e. Annual giving or Polio and the Club or Charitable Trust name.

**For other payment options or questions contact The Rotary Foundation Administrator 9920 Peter Wilcock**

*Note: The donations are transferred to RI Parramatta before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, any donations after that are at the Rotary exchange rate for the next month.*

### Donations – Paul Harris Society (PHS) Members and Sustaining Members

Contact the Rotary Foundation Administrator 9920

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