



Rotary Pukekohe is actively working to assist our local

## Community ...



Our \$5000 grant to PCA is really making a difference to families in need.

This is a photo of Paul Brown, chairman of Pukekohe Community Action and Louise Le Fleming preparing

food parcels that Rotary funded. Louise is involved in the Seasons programme of PCA.

## District Governor Nominee Selection 2022-2023

I am pleased to advise that the District 9920 Nominating committee have selected Allan K Smith as District Governor for the Rotary year 2022-2023.



The selection is subject to objection by a Rotary club with a 14-day period but only if the club has previously suggested a candidate to the nominating committee.

Allan is a past president of the Rotary

Club of St Johns, District 9920 Area Governor 2020-2021 and a panel member of the Rotary Governance Working Group. Sue is the NZ Operations Manager for ROMAC - Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children and works as a volunteer for many organisations such as the Cancer Society. Jan and I wish Allan and Sue every success in their year as District Governor and I look forward to Allan joining the DG train as District Governor Nominee.

*Gary Langford*  
**District Governor 2019-20**  
Rotary District 9920

## ROTARY AT A GLANCE



**Rotarians:** 1,216,748 in 36,077 clubs in 545 Districts in 220 countries/geographic areas.

**Rotaractors:** 173,345\* in 10,456 clubs in 532 districts in 184 countries/geographic areas.

**Interactors:** 332,810\* in 14,477 clubs in 498 districts in 161 countries/geographic areas.

**Rotary Community Corps members:** 200,615\* in 10,979 clubs in 235 districts in 90 countries/geographic areas.

As at February 29, 2020, there are 26,752 members in 1067 clubs in 21 districts in Australia and 7610 Rotarians in 256 clubs in six districts 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 734 Rotarians in 44 clubs.

## Club News & Projects



We are Zooming along nicely with our weekly online meetings.

We are still having a few MMIA (Members Missing In Action) who are most welcome to join us.

If you need help then Ross, Alan, Derek or Mike are most happy to assist you with working out how to join the meetings online.



Romi has kindly put up his hand to assist with managing this project approved by the Club prior to lockdown.

The Signal Hill lookout which Rotary sponsored many years ago could use a spruce up. Romi will investigate and plan the works so when the weather and COVID-19 allow in the future, a working bee or two can be held to tidy up this local icon.

*Thanks, Romi*

Graham has been looking into the opportunity to hold a **Virtual Event**



↑ Like this one, but on our BIKES

I received this today from another event organisation and note they are charging \$20 for entry and collect \$3. Onetime also charge a fee on the credit card of each entry. Not sure what this amount is but assume it would not be more than \$3.

If we go ahead, I would be strongly in favour of supporting ONETIME (Trident) who have done the timing and registration for all the CCC events.

Kind Regards  
*Graham Russell*

## Member News

**We hear** during our online meetings about how members are coping with the lockdown and adjusting their work practices accordingly.

Few of us have a home office and I hear the dining table and kitchen bench are popular. Both of course are too close to the fridge so exercise that was once occasional needs to become mandatory.

If you have a photo and story to tell, please send to *Ross or Mike* to put into a bulletin.



**Mike Jaggs** has moved his workstation from the Dining Table to his garage downstairs.

The Ryobi Toolwall makes an interesting background to the many online meetings now needing to be held since face to face isn't

appropriate at the moment. Mike who is the Handtools Buyer for Bunnings NZ tells of how on the 28<sup>th</sup> April Bunnings went near full online. Our eCommerce solution for NZ wasn't supposed to go live for many more months, but our team pulled a rabbit out of the hat and got us online in time for Level 3. We only have about 30,000 items online at the moment, but more are being added daily.

Our Support Office team is also down to a 4-day week for a while too, but Mike is choosing to work daily but on alleged reduced hours as one of his categories he looks after is Personal Protection Equipment. Which as we know right now is in high demand.



## District 9920 News

Copied from <https://rotarydistrict9920.org/>

### District Governor Gary's May Message

We have just come out of thirty-three days in Level 4 lock down and have two more weeks (subject to review) at the slightly less restrictive Level 3. All Kiwis can be very proud of achieving a huge reduction in infection rates of COVID-19. Many of our Pacific Island countries have also had stringent lock downs and have been either able to remain COVID-19 free or flatten the curve of infection.



This success has come at a huge economic cost and disruption of normal social interaction. Rotarians across the district have played their part by meeting virtually, finding other ways to stay connected and keep members engaged. It is also encouraging that many clubs have been able to reach out to those in need in the community and donate money and time while observing the lock down requirements.

Over half of our clubs are meeting by way of Zoom or Skype and others are in contact via telephone trees, emails and newsletters. It's wonderful to be able to use technology and many of us have been on a steep learning curve. As an example of the use of technology, my club will have its annual debate with the Rotary Club of St Johns by way of Zoom next Monday. I have attended many club meetings by Zoom and if you send me your club meeting link, I will do my best to attend as a guest.

Now with growing confidence there will be a new normal post COVID-19. More board and committee meetings will be held using Zoom and as an example, Rotary International is organising a virtual convention in June which we will all be able to attend from the comfort of our homes (see separate story on the website and in the newsletter for the website link – operative from 1 May US CDT). It is also interesting to see some clubs attracting new members who prefer this type of meeting to the more traditional meetings. Rotary has established new club operating models over recent years, and these provide new opportunities to attract members.

This year's RYPEN camp was cancelled due to the virus restrictions and replaced by online delivery of its content. Videos of speakers and follow up tasks are all undertaken remotely. This change has enabled the benefits of RYPEN to continue to be delivered and participants have provided positive feedback. I am sure other events in future will also be delivered using a similar format or a hybrid of traditional and new.

The Rotary Club of Tarawa President Ruth Cross, her baby and mother are still unable to return home to Kiribati due to travel restrictions. They were returning home following the South Pacific Presidents-elect training in Auckland at the end of February. Thankfully, they are well supported thanks to the generous support of Fijian Rotarians who found them suitable accommodation and are looking out for them. The good news is that Ruth's husband has been elected as a member of the Kiribati government while they have been away.

Tropical Cyclone Harold caused significant damage in parts Vanuatu, Fiji and Tonga. We are fortunate that Rotary support was able to be provided quickly as the emergency response kits (ERKs) are pre-positioned in those countries. The disaster was complicated by the various countries COVID-19 travel restrictions. This was quickly recognised and the ERKs transported to remote islands as part of each country's disaster management response. There is an urgent need to replace the ERKs.

Congratulations to Allan Smith from the Rotary Club of St Johns on his selection as our district governor for 2022-2023. Allan is a past president of the Rotary Club of St Johns, District 9920 Area Governor 2020-2021 and a panel member of the Rotary Governance Working Group. His wife Sue is the NZ Operations Manager for ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) and works as a volunteer for many organisations such as the Cancer Society. We wish Allan and wife Sue every success.

I also want to acknowledge the passing of Bob Young, Past District Governor 2000-2001. Bob was a charter member and a past president of the Rotary Club of Ellerslie Sunrise and treasurer of the District Foundation Committee for many years. On behalf of all Rotarians in the district we extend our condolences and thoughts to Helen and family.

*Gary Langford*  
District Governor 2019-20

A blue banner with white and yellow text. The text reads: "NOW MORE THAN EVER, ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD: THE 2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION". Below this, it says "20-26 June 2020". At the bottom right, there are logos for "Rotary" and "2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION 20-26 JUNE". The background of the banner has a subtle pattern of white dots and lines.

# Rotary International News

Articles from <https://www.rotary.org/en/news-features>

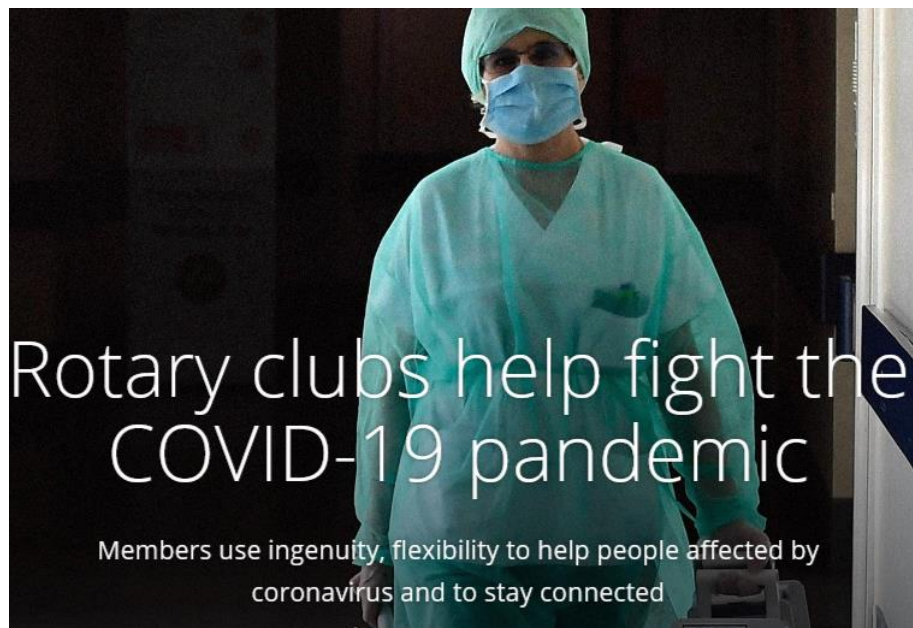


Photo by *Fiorani Fabio/Alamy*

As the COVID-19 pandemic spreads uncertainty and hardship around the world, Rotary members and participants are innovating, caring for those affected, and showing that even at a distance, there are ways to help.

As people of action, Rotary members are engaged in their communities — gathering for projects and offering help to those in need. But in many areas, life is changing drastically. Health experts are urging people to maintain distance from others or even isolate themselves in order to slow the spread of the highly contagious virus.

Fighting disease is one of Rotary's main causes, so members already support efforts to promote proper hand washing techniques, teach people other ways to stay healthy, and supply training and vital medical equipment to health care providers. Now they're helping health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals that are under strain because of the pandemic.

These are just some of the ways that members are supporting their communities right now:

- In Italy, one of the countries that has been affected most, clubs in District 2080 are raising funds to purchase ventilators and protective gear for overstretched hospitals. And when the worst of the outbreak was raging in China, the district's clubs raised more than \$21,000 for protective masks to prevent spread of the disease there.

- Clubs in District 2041, also in Italy, raised funds online to buy protective gear for health workers who will care for COVID-19 patients at a 400-bed hospital being built at Milan's fairgrounds.
- In Hong Kong, Rotary clubs have raised funds, packed medical supplies, and visited public housing to distribute masks and sanitizers.
- Rotary clubs in Sri Lanka installed thermometers in airport bathrooms and produced posters to raise awareness about the coronavirus for schools across the country
- The Rotary club of Metro Bethesda, Maryland, USA, is contacting neighbors who live alone and are quarantined. Volunteers are asked to contact at least five of those people each week to ask how they are and if they need anything. Members are also leaving flowers on their doorsteps.

## Using technology to address the crisis

- Although clubs and districts are canceling or postponing their in-person meetings and events, they are still finding ways to keep up their fellowship, reimagine their service efforts and respond to the pandemic:
- The Rotary E-Club of Fenice del Toronto invited the public to its 11 March online meeting to raise awareness about the coronavirus. A virologist spoke about the virus, how it spreads, and how to keep safe.

- The Rotary Club of Singapore hosted a webinar in which an epidemiologist and an infectious disease expert addressed questions and concerns about the coronavirus and the pandemic.
- The Rotary Club of East Jefferson County, Washington, USA, used crowdsourcing to create an online listing of area grocery stores, pharmacies, and restaurants that offer home delivery.
- Rotary members in Hereford, England, created a [Facebook group](#) for Rotary members and others to use to link people who need support with people or organizations that can help. More than 6,900 people have joined the group since it was started 14 March
- Two days before its annual fundraiser, the Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates, Illinois, USA, moved the event to Facebook. It auctioned more than 100 items and raised more than \$100,000, about the same amount as in previous years. Food set to feed 350 people at the event was delivered to those in need.

- The Rotary Club of Karachi Darakhshan, Sind, Pakistan, distributed thousands of masks to people in Karachi.
- Clubs in District 3700 (Korea) have donated \$155,000 to the Red Cross.
- Rotary clubs in Nigeria's Akwa Ibom state conducted a campaign to raise awareness about the threat of the virus. Members shared information about the illness and how to keep safe at two schools and distributed materials about using good hygiene to stay healthy. The Rotary E-Club of Silicon Valley, California, USA, held an online meeting for members of other clubs to share advice on using digital tools to remain connected. The club recorded the meeting so members could watch it later and share it with others.
- Rotary clubs in Zone 34 (Georgia and Florida, USA, and the Caribbean) created a guide to help members stay connected online. The Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean 7020 is helping clubs in the zone arrange online meetings.



The Rotary Foundation has approved more than \$4 million in disaster response grants to address the COVID-19 pandemic