

# The 2010's





ROTARY CLUB OF REMUERA

DISTRICT 9920, AUCKLAND, NZ

# 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011

## President David Hunt



### Food Bank Support

Remuera Rotary has been active on a number of occasions in campaigning among New World Groceries of which Neil Ewart was the key driver of this activity. Shoppers in Remuera were persuaded to contribute donations of food and/or money for the Auckland City Mission. In December 2010 a total of 45 banana boxes full of food and donations of \$427.40 were raised in support of Auckland City Mission. 12 club members were involved in this support. This activity has continued without a break each year with 85 plus boxes of food being collected.

### Motuihe Island Planting - Part 4

Jim Holmes related the story of the adventures of Gordon C, Don H, Colin W and himself on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th May 2011 when they took part in a DOC survey of kiwi on Motuihe Island. 40 birds had been released in 2009/2010 and the survey over several nights was to ascertaining current numbers. At first they discovered only one male who made his presence known only a few feet away. They were accompanied by a DOC ranger Peter. The next day a thorough search at first failed to find any more but with perseverance, to their great joy, a male and a female kiwi were discovered in the one burrow. These were weighed and measured and both birds were found to be 200 grams

heavier from when they were first released. In all 26 hours were spent in the search and gave the team great insight into the difficulties of releasing kiwi birds and the dedication and patience required to do that.

On Planting Day, 22nd May 2011, 20 plus volunteers went to the far side of the island and planted 900 trees in about two hours. In the Nursery 400 seedlings were planted. Saddlebacks were sighted. At the same time a survey was carried out on 40 birds released in 2009/2010. In three hours of hunting a pair of Saddleback birds were found, weighed and measured.

### Tony Drillien

Tony was a long standing member of Remuera Rotary and prominent with assisting students from Tamaki Primary School. He was an ex school principal and assisted the school in becoming a seconded member of the School Board instrumental in helping to provide 38 dictionaries for Year 4 students who thanked us for this provision. President David Hunt thanked Tony for the great work he was doing in liaising with the school. Tony was prominent in all the Tamaki Primary School assemblies where members were invited to join being present for the presentation of books to individual pupils, particularly during 2008



A Paul Harris Fellowship was presented to **Annabelle Valentine** who had just completed a two year term as New Zealand President of Inner Wheel. This was her second Sapphire PHF.

At the same time a second sapphire pin was awarded to **President David Hunt** to go with his Paul Harris Fellowship.

At the same meeting **David Wilmott** received a Presidential Citation largely resulting from the VIP (Visually Impaired) Camp success.

**Hugh Garlick** was awarded the Lionel Lang Cup for his significant contribution to fellowship within the club during the current year.

In recognition of many years Rotary service by both **Roger Bridgman** and **Rex Clapp** they were both made Honorary Members of the Club for Life.



Roger died 20 July 2014. Rex had over 50 years membership of Rotary.  
Rex died 23 February 2018

A Paul Harris Fellowship was presented to **John Laurence** the instigator and motivator behind the **Motuihe Planting Programme**. He spoke of the success being largely due to the many contributors who had participated in planting days over the years. By now saddlebacks were thriving, kiwi had been introduced and bellbirds released on Motuihe.



In November 2010 Roy Austin was the Chair of the Cure Kids Board. He gave an excellent presentation to the Club on the Cure Kids (CK) organisation which was founded in New Zealand in 1971 as the Child Health Research Foundation by PDG Bob Yarnton (District 9910) and Ronald Caughey and Bob Elliott to improve children's health through research and donations. Other CK branches were subsequently formed in Fiji, Australia and the USA.

Much of the research in New Zealand is undertaken at universities under professional guidance. In this respect Professor Bob Elliott has been at the forefront of folic acid and pig cell therapies to prevent spina bifida in babies and to help cure diabetes. Bob is currently serving as a Board member.





Professor Ed Mitchell was Cure Kids Professor of Child Health Research at the University of Auckland from 2001 to 2015 and is now a Professorial Research Fellow. Ed was awarded a Doctor of Science for his work on "The Epidemiology and Prevention of SIDS" by the University of London. He has received several awards for his landmark studies of SIDS and in 2009 was made a fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

Tony Fortune is one of five Members of CK. Members participate in constitutional and governance management aspects of Cure Kids.

Over the years more than \$40 million has been raised to fund the research across 400 different projects. Rotary has been a major player in the raising of such funds starting in 1971. It was hoped that this figure would increase by \$10 Million by 2014. Research was outcome driven and was helping to fight childhood leukaemia, diabetes, brain tumours and cystic fibrosis, to name a few. CK was also helping children with strawberry birthmarks, to have these removed over a period of time.

Fundraising was either by direct donation, or more popularly, by entries from all over the World into such events as the "Great Donation Adventure Race" involving cycling, running and kayaking ( eg March 2011 in Canterbury), and the Accor Extreme Challenge in Fiji. "CureKids Ventures Ltd had been set up as a commercial company to develop and market drugs to fight heart disease and asthma (Smart 6 Inhaler Complete with electronic warning for the caregiver). "Red Nose "Day was also being sponsored by CK.

At the meeting of the Directors of Remuera Rotary in November 2010 an updated **Club constitution** was approved for circulation to members. The Standard Club Constitution was updated at the 2010 Rotary International Council on Legislation in Chicago. PDG Tony Fortune was the District 9920 representative at the Council.

# 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2012

## President John Cowan



President John Cowan thanked 28 Club members and 7 partners of members who contributed their time and talents to a very busy weekend from **Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th March** encompassing three activities at the Remuera Market Day and the VIP Camp. John expressed himself as most grateful that so many members had devoted their time and energy to these causes and read out a list of volunteers' names. John mentioned in particular, Iain Valentine's Community Service Committee as these four activities fell within the scope of this committee. Special regard was paid to:

- Elaine Ebbett who organised the sausage sizzle as part of donation of food and materials with \$875 raised for Plunket
- Stanley Armon the car parade organiser - this provided "pizazz" to Market Day.
- Iain Valentine who organised the sale of umbrellas. These were supplied by Remuera Gallery with \$280 raised through sales and \$120 donated, a total of \$400 for Plunket
- David Willmott for organising the 24th VIP Camp and Karen Willmott for organising the Camp Kitchen.

### John's report against goals set in the plan for the year ended 30 June 2012:

Goal	Achievement
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<b>Membership</b> 65 members by 30 June 2012.	Several members have been recruited but more have resigned and one has died. Current membership is 62.
<b>Community service</b> Identify and commence a long lasting significant project in Remuera which is visible and useful to the community and which members can be proud of.  Continue with Business is Awesome, RYLA nominations, Science School nominations, VIP camp, Remuera market days, Christmas City Mission grocery collection, Motuihe Island tree planting, Trees for Survival.	Potential projects include use of a section near the top of Victoria Avenue and building a shelter on the Orakei basin walkway. A "Rotary" seat was donated for the Remuera Village Green.  All of these projects were carried out successfully. Additional projects included running MUNA for the district, running Step Up with Manukau City Sunrise, Books in Homes for Tamaki Primary and Intermediate schools, presenting 48 dictionaries to Tamaki Primary and assisting the Stroke Foundation with blood pressure testing.
<b>International service</b> Identify and commence a project in the Pacific Islands in our district in conjunction with a PI Rotary club with the support of the Rotary Foundation	Dictionaries were purchased for Samoa and Tonga in association with PI clubs in our district and funding from a trust.  Two Emergency Response Kits were purchased.  A Rotary Foundation grant was received for the Cambodian project.  \$10,000 was donated to ROMAC to enable a girl from PNG to have a lifesaving operation in NZ. \$5,000 came from the Harold Thomas trust.
<b>Rotary Foundation</b> Annual Programs Fund contribution \$125 per member.  Host Ambassadorial Scholars	\$6,545 was donated to the Rotary Foundation which is \$104 per member.  Two scholars were hosted during the year.
<b>Leadership development</b> One member to attend Institute and another to be identified.	Peter Cleland attended Institute and Jaclyn Green has been identified to attend.
<b>Public relations</b> Use media on website and from other sources to raise profile in the community. Get articles on projects published in local newspapers and RDU.	
<b>Club administration</b> Utilise website to ease administrative burden. Mentor to retain new members.	The website is being used to the maximum. New members have been mentored as required.

The highlight of the year for me has been the weekly meetings where the speakers (particularly members), food, venue, write up in Remoires and sergeants have all been excellent.



# 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013

## President John Burrowes

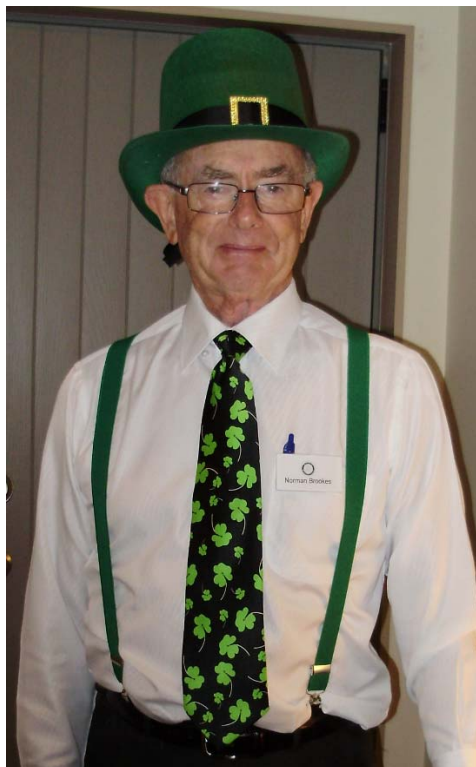


John commented:

- We carried out all the usual activities such as BIA & VIP camp. We endeavoured to get regular committee reports for posting on line as introduction to members to use a Clubs Facebook page. This effort was undertaken by Peter Cleland who found the lack of uptake by members a little frustrating;
- Fellowship was organised by Michael Bernecker and included a well supported walk from Beachlands to Maraetai for coffee and return; and the evening picnic on Kohi Beach;
- A highlight was a very successful dinner and fund raising goods & services auction held at Dilworth School. This was coordinated by a Sub Committee chaired by Murray Wetherston who was an able MC and outstanding auctioneer;
- A major achievement for the Club in this year was the raising of a significant amount of money (With our own contribution and the same amount from 2 other Auckland clubs) augmented by the use of RI matching grants. This sum enabled the main hospital in Fiji (as designated beneficiary) to purchase a large amount of medical supplies and equipment from an American charity that acquired surplus items from hospitals and refurbished them and made them available at very discounted prices. The "retail" value of this charitable gift to Fiji was indeed substantial. This project was handled by the International Committee under the able Chairmanship of John Beck.

# 1 July 2013 – 30 June 2014

## President Norman Brookes



**Norman is very proud of his Irish heritage having been born there and emigrated with his parents to New Zealand when he was 10.**

## Treatment of Parkinson's Disease

In March 2014 our own Professor Bob Elliott gave a fascinating presentation on the company in which he co-founded new treatment for Parkinson's Disease. The treatment, known as NTCELL, is in a clinical trial at Auckland Hospital and the first patient had been successfully implanted. Bob showed the results of studies in rats and monkeys which demonstrated significant improvements compared to the control animals. NTCELL. The cells are encapsulated so that they are not rejected by the body's immune system.

In June 2013 John Beck reminded Club members of the opportunity, every year, to donate to the **Rotary Foundation** through our Club Treasurer and other sources the sum of \$US 100 or about \$NZ 120. It is believed this has long since been achieved.



Near the end of October 2013 or early in November, Ed Mitchell, one of our distinguished members and an Auckland University academic at Auckland's Medical School, was able to report:

"Well it's done! And the three goals achieved:

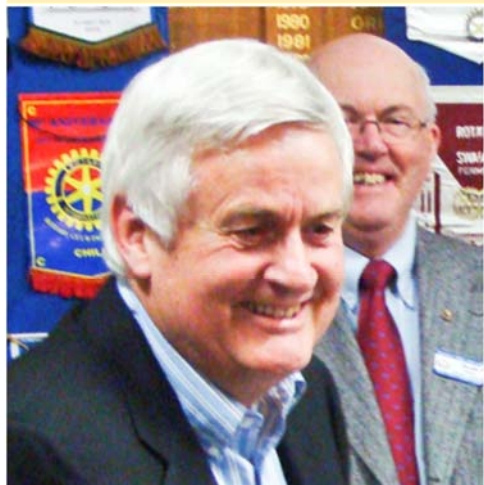
1. I survived
2. I finished
3. I cracked two hours."

What was he talking about? Nothing less than his participation in the New York Marathon.

Ed then called for increased donations from members towards the Cure Kids Project which funded his chair of Medicine at Auckland University.

In February 2014, Ed Mitchell gave a presentation on his research into still births with a fascinating presentation. Three students sponsored by this club to the Summer Science School reported on their experience.

Death of Bill Smith on 3rd September 2013. A Paul Harris Fellow and a Remuera Rotary member since 2000. He died in Auckland Hospital after a serious illness. His funeral was held on 11 September.



Sometime in 2014 District Governor Willard and past District Governor Allan Eyes presented Treasurer Bruce Howe with a Paul Harris Fellowship for his work on the District Finance and Administration Committee.

# 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015

**President Bob Elliott**



## **Toilet Block on Taveuni Island Fiji Vuna District**

Vuna District Primary School Toilet Block - Taveuni Island Fiji. Remuera Rotary partnered with the lead club, the Rotary Club of Otumoetai. Other project partners were Rotary Kihikihi (near Teawamutu), Auckland East, St. John, Cambridge, Taveuni and the Harold Thomas Trust. Our role, led by Roy Austin was assisting with fundraising.

Mission accomplished in 2015/2016. An enthusiastic team from New Zealand arrived at the school in early May 2015/2016 to get the job done. The local Taveuni team led by Geoffrey Amos had already poured the floor and were well on the way with the block walls

Local schoolboys on their holiday break were on the job helping. The builder Bill Wilson shared his hammer with them. The new toilet block with its own water supply was a great improvement to the sanitation at the school and the fresh new building was a boost to the schools community.

The Host club Rotary Taveuni President Geoffrey Amos played a vital part in co-ordinating the materials and generally bringing it all together onsite.



The total cost was \$26,350. Remuera Rotary's contribution amounted to \$3,000 and raised a further \$10,000 from other Auckland clubs.



In about July 2016 David Hunt advised receipt of a letter from Dr, Gary Lawrence thanking our club for its generous donation of \$6,000 to assist the people of Taveuni Island with their **dental health problems**.



# 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016

**President Barbara Morgan**



## ***“An everlasting vision but an ever changing view” — Barbara***

It has been a very challenging year as President of our Club, regardless of my being the first female President. I have continued to learn a great deal more about Rotary in all its facets and I have learnt to appreciate the strength and breadth of Rotary International. Those members who have worked alongside me in 2015-2016 to develop the club and to enhance the narrative of Remuera Rotary have been greatly valued but I also want to thank you all for offering your talents and your skills in our effort to grow the club.

There is still so much more to accomplish and so I don't feel satisfied at the end of my presidential journey but I do believe that we have enough rewarding and enjoyable moments to reflect upon positively as a new Presidential Year is about to begin. I also believe that we can be successful as a club.

As I reflect on the year, I believe that an aspect I am most proud of is the induction of six new members, five of them women. I am so excited that you came on board during my term of office and I look forward to working with you and our projects. Kelly, I see

you as the leader for a new, younger group of members all of whom will help to represent our club with new energy.

The term "fund-raising" is indelibly engrained in my psyche as I know how important this is to our overall contributions to our "serving humanity" and in this area I have failed. There has been no Celebrity or Charity Dinner or Gala Ball, or Golf Tournament, which can be large fund-raisers, but we have enjoyed the Scottish Evening which could be further developed and hopefully my idea of a mother/daughter charity afternoon tea and fashion show will eventually be a fund-raising winner as will the Retirement Village Tour.

The Diocesan/Caughey Preston visits I believe will also be winners within the community and for that we thank Tony Drillien. I also hope that the Epsom Lodge breakfasts will continue with our support.

Thank you to the programme convenors for arranging such interesting speakers. Thank you to our Remoires editors, for our photographers for all our photographs of events, for our members who look after the regalia, for our almoner, for our cashier and our historians. We do appreciate our convenors and thank you for the time you spend on these responsibilities.

Communication is a very important word for me as not only have I studied it at university but I have taught it in various forms in schools and at tertiary level. This is how we spread our message and how we highlight the message of our Rotary Club to our immediate environment. Please continue to communicate the message of Rotary and especially of Remuera Rotary. I shall be very happy to see the digital screen at New World or somewhere within the Remuera community operating as a messenger for Remuera Rotary.

For me personally, I wish to remain a very active member of Remuera Rotary but I also want to be involved internationally so hopefully I can contribute at that level in the near future. The Rotary 9920 Conference at the Jupiter casino and convention centre on the Gold Coast was thoroughly enjoyed. I have Pam Deal, our Assistant Governor, to thank for her support and willingness to include me in the various activities at the Conference. Again, I learnt a lot about the people who support this organisation and what makes them want to continue honouring the phrase "service before self" in so many different ways. I also realised the importance of having excellent speakers – speakers who challenge and motivate Rotarians to "do more". I encourage you, especially our new members, to attend a District Conference, and maybe an International one.

In particular, I want to thank the Vocational committee for the Vocational visits, for Business is Awesome, and the Visually Impaired Camp.

Thank you also to Community for our involvement in ROMAC, which holds a special place in my heart.

I sincerely hope that these activities are maintained and developed in 2016-2017.

These are Rotary projects of which we can be especially proud. At this point, I want to thank the Directors and Project Leaders for their commitment and help in getting projects off the ground and running. At times, it has been a big struggle, and I deeply appreciate those who have put up their hands and made the necessary commitment.



Stanley Armon

Leigh Marshall

John Simpson

I especially want to thank Stanley Armon for the Visually Impaired Camp, and Leigh Marshall for Business is Awesome. Our member-in-charge of Fellowship has been John Simpson. John, I truly want to thank you for all your support and encouragement in organising the function we have managed to put together. Your experience, your understanding and your calm manner have been valuable to me and have been especially enhanced by the presence of Sharon. Thanks to you both.

I want to thank my three Sergeants, who in my opinion, are pivotal to the fellowship of the evening meetings. Thank you Murray, Brian and Norman. The opportunity you provided for laughter on a Monday evening was essential for our well-being. You all have talents in helping us to think about the lighter side of life and also to test our general knowledge. The jokes are another story!

Awards have been enthusiastically given out over the year. I believe very strongly that acknowledging the effort and commitment of our members is essential to a group's success, and therefore presenting certificates to members who have given 25 years of service and 35 years of service to the club was important. It has been especially pleasurable to give the first Paul Harris Fellowship to a woman in the club, Gloria Poupard-Wallbridge and also to present Paul Harris Fellowships and sapphires to other members. I look forward to the time when we are able to present Paul Harris Fellowships to younger members who demonstrate that Rotary is an organisation for them as well.

I wish to thank my family for their love and support during a very busy time for all our family members. Their support has helped me to enjoy my time as President, and helped me keep going when the going has been tough. I also want to thank those of

you who have thanked me for positive steps I have made along the way and who have uttered words of encouragement at opportune moments.

As one of the Rotarians said in 1913-1914 at the Rotary Club of Kansas City, our Rotary vision should be: "What constitutes a successful man? He must possess these qualifications: honesty, ability, initiative, enthusiasm, tact and sincerity".

Apart from the fact that in this day and age gender is no longer an impediment, I hope I have been a successful President. I congratulate Brian Burke as the incoming President, together with Fay, and wish him, together with the incoming Board, a very successful year.

**Rota Pacific** is an annual three week educational programme held between May and June and sponsored by Rotarians in District 9920. It is designed to encourage young Pacific Island People between the ages of 21 and 28 to develop leadership skills and accept the responsibility of good citizenship. It also offers the opportunity for understanding between the various countries of the South Pacific.

The programme brings young people from the district's Pacific Island Nations to Auckland for Leadership and vocational training, including attendance at RYLA.

In 2015/2016 we donated \$400 to District 9920 towards funding an attendee.

One of our members, Leigh Marshall chaired this District Committee for many years.

### VIP Camp Hunua











# 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017

**President Brian Burke**



## **PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR YEAR 2016/2017**

I would like to share with you my view as Club President for the last twelve months and I am on reflection surprised at the many number of things that we did throughout the course of the year.

We received income from fundraising, the charitable trust and various grants to fund the projects and donations during the year. We finished the year in a healthy financial position.

During the year we had 5 resignations and sadly **Tony Drillien** died 27 July, however Jo stepped into the breach later in the year and was inducted as a Rotarian along with three other new members.

The club presented **two community service awards (Alison Delagard and Marie Jujnovich)**. We participated in many other community projects such as **MS Street Appeal, Arthritis NZ, Epsom Lodge Breakfasts, Stroke Foundation Blood pressure testing, City Mission Food bank Collection (92 Banana boxes of groceries), Defibrillator placement in our community and the Dio/ Caughey Preston companionship programme.**

The club made two vocational visits during the year, one to Auckland Airport and one to Auckland University Engineering School. We sponsored two Dio Students to the National Science and Technology Forum (Catherine Murphy and Lydia Watson).

Business is awesome was successfully run again in February this year.

Four **Rylarians** visited the club and spoke of their camp experiences from July last year, and we have two students going to **RYLA** in July.

Books in homes was continued at Tamaki Primary and a number of club members attended their prize giving in December last year. **Trees for survival** is being installed there as well as a **3D Printer** project being completed early next year.

Work and planning has started on a joint venture **Duck Race Project** with the Takanini/Manurewa Rotary Club, which is likely to be held in November this year. This project has the potential to be an annual event.

Funding for a digital sign was approved at the last board meeting and this project has good fundraising potential going forward.

A High Tea was held at the Pullman Hotel in May to raise funds for Cure Kids. An amount in excess of \$3000.00 was raised.

Lamb Tasting in August and two movie evenings rounded out the fundraising projects for the year.

The Fiji Oxygen Project continues with application for funding underway, President Norman is putting a focus on this project in the coming year.

Donations have been made to the Emergency Response Kits programme and we are up to fill a batch this year.

The club supported two ROMAC patients this year Daniel and Jeff. Auckland East Inner wheel assisted us with these patients.

The following fellowship events were held over the year:

- Wine tasting and lunch at Soljans Winery;
- Christmas Party at Sorrento's

- Rotary District picnic
- Picnic on the beach
- Rotary District Conference

We had a good variety of speakers throughout the year:

- David Seymour (Twice),
- Niamh McMahon – Honary Consul general for Ireland,
- Gordon Walker – Lisa Carrington’s coach,
- Iaan Buchanan – Eat My Lunch,
- Confusing talk from Andrew Clark – A2 Milk,
- Jeremy Scott – 52,000km bike ride from London to NZ and I felt we rode every Km with him and
- the highlight of course was the DG’s visit and his talk but then I had to say that.

Our sergeant Kelly raised some good coin for the sunshine fund this year, which I tried to give away but have left some for President Norman.

Remoires was again presented very professionally by Jaclyn and Catherine.

Photographers, Almoners, Regalia, Historian, Webmaster, Cashier, Trust Treasurer. Thank you all for doing the jobs that often get little or no recognition.

One of the highlights of the year was the presenting of 5 Paul Harris Fellowships to deserving recipients at Changeover for their outstanding service to Rotary and the club:

- Moira McGivern (non-member – ROMAC),
- David Blaker (non-member – Trees for survival)
- and Graeme Martin, Barbara Morgan and Bruce Howe (Club members)

And on a final note I would like to personally thank all the board members for their support and work during the year and all members for their contribution and participation in the running of our club.



Club members were thrilled and delighted to learn that **Roy Austin** had become a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (CNZM) in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List for 2017. A proud moment for us all. Roy joined Bob Elliott and Peter Salmon the other members of the club who are also Companions.





## The Fiji Oxygen Project – Part 1

In October 2016 Tim Edmonds of Cure Kids and Stephen Howie a University Associate Professor of Paediatrics spoke to the club about the Fiji Oxygen Project. At the time pneumonia was the biggest killer of children in Fiji. The provision of oxygen reduced this rate by 35%. This programme for the provision of oxygen was based upon Stephen's experiences in Africa, and that these lessons could be translated to Fiji.

The project encompasses the supply of oxygen concentrators and the building of solar power to ensure a stable electrical supply. Tim outlined the opportunity from a Cure Kids perspective. It was all about funding and working with the local community, including the Fijian Ministry of Health. The cost to provide this stable source of oxygen was \$45,000 per clinic. The initial two year vision was to select 15 health centres for this project at a cost of \$675 000 over two years.

This project involves collaboration between Remuera Rotary, the Rotary Club of Taveuni, Cure Kids and the University of Auckland.







Kelly's induction!

# **cure kids** high tea







# 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018

**President Norman Johnston**



## **Fiji Oxygen Project – Part 2**

President Norman Johnston spoke at the club's meeting on 19th April 2018 to point out that the Oxygen Project was one of the biggest projects Remuera Rotary had undertaken and having recently returned from attending the 9920 District Rotary Conference in Fiji, he realised how important this project is to the children of Fiji. He asked the club to see this project to the end. At the Board meeting that evening, he asked the Board to consider a donation from the Club's Charity Trust. \$250,000 needed to be raised.

Frances Benge and Dr Tim Edmonds were invited to come and speak at our Club to provide further insight into the Fiji project. 200 children under the age of 5 die every year in Fiji. The Oxygen Concentrators project would take a huge cost out of the Fiji Government's health budget. They wanted to develop a network of health centres and build the infrastructure to achieve national coverage in Fiji. Tim expressed his gratitude for the enthusiasm the Club has shown for this project.

Roy Austin spoke about the funding of the project and the need to raise \$250,000. A draft for a global grant had been submitted and RI had advised it met the criteria. District grant funds are \$100,000. Roy also reported receiving a letter from Geoffrey Amos from the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island, the third largest island in Fiji with a population of about 18,000. Since construction of the local hospital by AUSAID and passed over to the Fijian Ministry of Health the medical staff had been relying upon the supply of oxygen in heavy steel cylinders, supply and delivery of the same being brought with problems and expense. The cylinders are heavy and awkward for nurses to handle and move to the patient's bedside. The quality of oxygen varied as does the effectiveness.

Geoffrey Amos had written to Roy Austin on 18th November 2017 and reported that his club had been involved with the second hospital installation of Oxygen Concentrators in Fiji. Taveuni is the third largest island in Fiji and had a population of about 18,000. The hospital had been constructed by AUSAID [WHAT IS THAT ?] and passed over to the Fijian Ministry of Health. The medical staff were relying upon oxygen supplied in heavy metal cylinders. The supply and delivery prices was fraught with problems and was expensive. The cylinders were heavy and awkward for nurses to handle and transport to the patient's bedside. The quality of the oxygen varies as does its effectiveness. Geoffrey Amos forwarded the following report. (repeats)

A recent operation had been carried out about 10th November 2017 by a USA based volunteer surgeon Dr Jeff Rutgard upon a 6 year old girl born blind with congenital bilateral cataracts where surgery is carried out under full anaesthetic the child was supported throughout by oxygen. In this case the Oxygen Concentrator was used and proved highly efficient, providing high quality oxygen. The patient was able to be moved over from surgery to the recovery room with ease. Adults do not require oxygen as their surgery is done with local anaesthetic. The little girl became highly playful, could push a wheelchair and create havoc in the wards. For the team the outcome brought tears to their eyes. Special thanks were due to the Harold Thomas Trust, Cure Kids, private donors and all those working too raise funds for the project to install the Concentrators in Fiji's rural hospitals.





**cure kids**  
fiji islands

**Rotary**  
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Remuera Inc.

## NO CHILD SHOULD DIE FROM A LACK OF OXYGEN

Each year in Fiji, approximately 200 children under 5 years-of-age die from pneumonia and newborn illnesses.

Using oxygen to treat pneumonia in children reduces death by 35%. However, many health facilities in Fiji have unreliable oxygen supplies, leaving patients vulnerable.

Cure Kids and Rotary, in collaboration with the Fiji Ministry of Health and Medical Services and experts at the University of Auckland, are implementing new ways to improve oxygen availability.

This includes providing:

- bedside equipment which turns air into oxygen
- advanced solar power systems to run the oxygen concentrators and ensure oxygen is always available for patients who need it
- training for health workers who use the equipment, and biomedical engineers who maintain it

### Please join us in providing life-saving oxygen

Our vision is for no child to die from a lack of oxygen and we need your help to make this a reality.

Funds raised, in partnership with Rotary, will help realise the next stage of this vision: to upgrade the oxygen delivery facilities of 11 hospitals and health centres over the next 3 years.

We need to raise \$650,000 to make this possible. The funding budget is:

• Rotary Global Grant	\$250,000
• Rotary District Funds	\$100,000
• Donations	\$300,000

### How can you help?

Please give generously to support this life-saving project by donating to the Rotary Club Remuera Inc Charitable Trust Account, BNZ 02-0256-0043645-31

For more information, please contact:

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Thank you for your interest in supporting this project and helping to ensure that no child dies from a lack of oxygen.

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AND NEWBORN ILLNESSES

TREATING CHILDREN WITH  
SEVERE PNEUMONIA  
WITH OXYGEN  
REDUCES DEATH BY  
**35%**

Over the next three years we are aiming to ensure:

**11**  
**HOSPITALS**  
AND HEALTH CENTRES  
HAVE RELIABLE SUPPLIES OF OXYGEN

WE NEED TO RAISE  
**\$60,000**  
**PER HOSPITAL**  
OR HEALTH CENTRE  
TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE



During the installation process nursing staff were trained in the correct way to use the

equipment, two people were trained to service and repair the Concentrators and who offered to support all hospitals in the north of Fiji

Bob Elliott said he had suggested that the Fiji Project could be the pilot study for a Global project and that this was our club's opportunity to perform. Wayne Brewer officially thanked the speakers for acknowledging Remuera Rotary to be recognised as the club that instigated this project.

In May 2018 and following on from the presentation by Professor Stephen Howie the club has asked us all to start thinking about people, companies and trusts who might be interested in contributing to our fundraising for this project. Members were asked to contact Peter Salmon for any help or if anyone has any bright ideas.

### The Great Auckland Duck Race

The main object was to raise funds for Life Education Trust (LET) who deliver health and nutrition lessons to local schools. LET has been active in New Zealand for 30 years. Harold the Giraffe is their mascot. 2018 was the second year the event has taken place. The Great Auckland Duck race was held at WERO with various sideshow attractions (2018??).

A further Great Auckland Duck Race was held in November 2018 with similar fundraising expeditions. This however included the presence of a Life Education Trust Mobile Classroom (set out to be the major beneficiary of the forthcoming Great Auckland Duck Race) situated in the grounds of the Remuera Intermediate Primary School, Vincent Avenue, Remuera. Several of our members attended a display of its functions on the evening of 15th October 2018.





## Emergency Response Kits

Over 35 years ago forward thinking Rotarians in New Zealand were empowered to assist our Pacific neighbours with emergency assistance at a time when climatic and other natural disasters including cyclone, devastating flood, tsunami or earthquake occurred.

They identified the most immediate needs for a family which could be placed in a container strong enough to be transported by air, sea and land to destinations where local Rotarians and community members could distribute them.

Today Rotary New Zealand (RNZWCS Ltd) is a registered charity and co-ordinates the Emergency Response Kit programme. Kits are pre-positioned in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu and the Cook Islands. Stock is also retained in New Zealand for immediate transportation by emergency airlifts to other more isolated Pacific countries.

Each kit contains more than 60 essential items for a family in an emergency situation. While no food items are included the kit contains essential tools and waterproof tarpaulins for temporary shelter, and a folding shovel for trenching and ground work. Fishing tackle and a hunting knife, a cooking grate, a bombay pot for preparing food, bowls, mugs, plates and kitchen utensils are also included. Cleaning implements and products are also included for hygiene and sanitation.

All manner of clothing is provided for both sexes and all ages, also with soap, toothbrushes and paste, painkillers, antiseptic cream, bandages and water purification tablets. The container has a capacity for holding 78 litres of water. Gumboots and a wind-up rechargeable torch are added for safety measures in hazardous situations.

Mothers often give birth during emergencies and a birthing kit is included in the container.

Rotary engages and collaborates with National Disaster Management organisations that coordinates relief efforts in each country. Each container is valued at about \$600. Following a disaster Rotary New Zealand seeks the necessary financial support from Rotarians in New Zealand

In November 2013 24 Remuera club members spent an evening also packing Emergency Response Boxes as part of national Rotary New Zealand project. The kits provided basic equipment designed to assist families build a simple shelter and to clothe themselves. There were tools, toiletries, first aid supplies and household items in each kit which can assist families in the South Pacific who have lost everything through a cyclone or other disaster.

In February 2018 family, 17 members, family and friends of our club, formed a human conveyor belt to fill blue buckets of general household and personal items which would eventually go into the large blue Rotary kits. This exercise was repeated in July 2018 with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Drury. These would also contain other items such as tarpaulins, spades, cooking utensils, clothes etc which were all essential for emergency shelter.





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018

In setting out the objectives, at the changeover on 26 June 2017, that I hoped to achieve during my Presidential Year, I outlined a number of goals that we as a club could reach:

- 1) In terms of membership, the intention was not only to increase the numbers of members, but also to reduce the average age and bring diversity into play in terms of sex, age and ethnicity. As part of this process, we knew we needed to involve increased access to modern communication such as Facebook and Community Publicity.
- 2) While Service Projects are an important part of the work that our Club undertakes, it was my intention to introduce and expand New Projects both nationally and internationally. One of the major projects was the oxygen project in Fiji. We projected 24 Service Projects, 4 Major Fundraising projects and 25 change projects for the twelve month period.
- 3) Given a longstanding involvement in Education, with a significant number of projects taking place at Tamaki Primary, Dilworth, Diocesan, and Wesley College, I believed that the Club should push forward in further interaction with the schools we have been assisting over many years. Of particular interest is the implementation of the Rotary Reading Enhancement Programme.
- 4) It was very important to continue an involvement in working with other Rotary Clubs, following the decision to undertake the Great Auckland Duck Race Our connection with this project contributes significantly not only to the Life Education Trust but other worthwhile projects.
- 5) Automated External Defibrillators (A.E.D's) can save lives in our community and the installation of these at strategic places which are readily accessible, would make a big difference to improving health outcomes. Publicity in terms of what not only our club achieves but also what Rotary World Wide also achieves, will not only help grow our movement but will also help improve outcomes for all of the people that inhabit this earth.

Many of these objectives were incorporated in our Forward Plan which we advised to District as part of the Citation Awards.

With the help of all of our Members, the Club gained the Presidential Citation for 2017-2018 achieving all the significant goals we set for our club. We were one of only nine clubs in our District to achieve this award. We were also recognised for achieving the 2017-2018 Membership incentive of a net gain of four members. This success

was rewarded with the payment of \$2,500 from District and we outlined how the money would be used to support projects and membership growth.

The Oxygen Project has received a huge impetus this year and the projected fundraising target looks like being achieved.

An amount of \$3,600 has been spent over the last two years on A.E.D.s' and continued funding of Books in Homes (Tamaki Primary & Intermediate), Rotary Summer Science School, Business is Awesome, Trees for Survival continues. All nominees performed well.

Regular projects such as Refugee Support, and V.I.P. Camp, continued with good results.

The club continued with ongoing financial and personal support of ROMAC youngsters coming to New Zealand for life changing surgery.

The club made a donation of \$ 25,000 from Club funds to the Remuera Rotary Charitable Trust.

Our club set up the Rotary Reading Enhancement Programme at Wesley College which with the help of between 15 and 20 Tutors has benefitted many of the pupils to improve not only reading skills but also provided mentoring for students struggling with family and personal problems.

The club financially is in a healthy position with \$34,530 on deposit at the bank.

Many thanks to our Treasurer Bruce Howe for the prompt and efficient reporting of results on a monthly basis.

The Digital Display project continues to provide very worthwhile returns.

A number of interesting Fellowship events were held with good participation from members.

A number of our club members attended the District Conference in Fiji and we made a substantial donation to the Community at Taveuni Island.

There were a wide ranging variety of speakers during the last twelve months. Some of these included:

- Dr Stuti Misra
- Dr Kathleen Campbell
- Professor Peter Lineham
- Hon. Simon Moore
- Bishop Ross Bay

- Professor Bill Hodge
- Violinist Andrew Beer

Paul Harris Fellowships were given to Catherine Holden, Hugh Garlick, Stanley Armon, Wayne Brewer and Peter Salmon for outstanding service to our club.

Overall it has been a very successful year for our club and this would not have been possible without the enormous support not only from the Board Members but also from Project Leaders and club members themselves.

Special thanks are due to our incoming Presidents for the next two years, David McAuley and Catherine Holden who have contributed their time and enthusiasm to ensure what we set out to do has been achieved.

Norman Johnston      28<sup>th</sup> October 2018

President



**Every Rotary member is challenged to plant at least one tree each and changes the environment for the better by Earth Day on 22nd April 2018.**











# 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

**President David McCauley**



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2019,**

Last year at change-over I said I thought the club was in good shape and I was optimistic about the club's future. The events of the year 2018-2019 have convinced me I was more than right.

We have had a vibrant year; we have done a lot and achieved a lot. There has been an air of enthusiasm. We do have a membership of great, talented people with a depth of experience.

You will recall we made a decision to change the running of the club back to a committee-based structure (rather than a project-based one). I have no doubt, in retrospect, this was the correct decision.

Early in the year, we looked back on our past to see where the club has been – "A trip down memory lane". We recognised those with many years of service and heard from one member who has been in Rotary for 50 years! We learnt of previous ambitious



projects which the club has been involved in with the organisers of projects explaining what they did and how they did it.

Next year is our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we hope to celebrate that in style. Adrian Vennell has been writing a history of the club. It is hoped this will be completed by the time of the anniversary.

Our stand-out project this year has been the Fiji oxygen project. A great deal of energy has gone into this. The project has been very ably led by Peter Salmon, Roy Austin, Tony Fortune and Kelly McKeown. There has been an ambitious funding target and our efforts to raise the funds have taxed the club to a degree.

It has been impressive how everyone has "pulled together" to raise the money within the club and in the wider Rotary community. The project seems to have "struck a chord" and we have had such great support from other clubs and also districts with DDF'S.

Our own club was involved in the great Auckland Duck Race with the Manurewa-Takanini Club with funds going to the Life Education Trust and to the Fiji Oxygen Project. We ran the wine-tasting evening which was a resounding success and in conjunction with the St John's Club, we had a Trivia Quiz night, also amazingly successful. It has to be acknowledged that the St John's Club very generously donated their half of the profits to the Oxygen project.

Two other clubs very generously donated substantial funds from their own fund raising ventures, including the Rotary Club of South Auckland and the Rotary Club of Papatoetoe Central. We are extremely grateful to both clubs for their generosity and interest. There have been a number of other clubs that have also donated to our project.

On the eve of Changeover we learnt that the Fiji Clubs had made a substantial contribution making it possible to announce that we had reached our cash (and DDF target). (see page7) The next phase is to secure the RI Global Grant.

The most important insight to come out of the experience has been the fostering of a spirit of co-operation between clubs around a good project; this is likely to be an increasing way of the future. The advantages that flow from this are important, including greater fellowship and getting to know others better, which can only be a good thing.

Our own Fellowship Programme this year has been remarkably good with high engagement in fellowship activities. I must thank and compliment Murray Weatherston for that.

Our meeting speakers have been in the main of exceptionally high standard with topics ranging from "destructive technologies", visits to Nepal; people-trafficking and slavery; commanding a Royal New Zealand Navy Warship and a career as a professional oil driller etc.

Our Youth Programme was again very busy and is really our biggest project area, ably led by Brian Cooper and Brian Haggitt.

We inducted six new members over the course of the year, but unfortunately lost three through resignations. One member transferred to a club with morning meetings. Karen Robichaud, returned to Canada. Of particular note, was a loss of our long-standing

member Charles Goldie, a highly respected member, a great man with a great sense of humour. He will be sorely missed.

A Club Forum was held in October to review the Club's progress and future. The Club's Vision and Mission Statement were also reviewed but were not thought to require updating.

During the year, we presented two PHF sapphire pins to Bob Elliott and Roy Austin for their work with Cure Kids. I should also mention Tony Fortune was presented with a PHF ruby pin at district change-over by Malini Raghwan for services to the district. Five other Paul Harris Fellowships were presented at our club's Changeover night while four Certificates of Appreciation were also presented. The Laing Cup was presented to Jamie Young

There was a considerable range of other activities our club has been involved in. "Business is Awesome" was again very successful and run so well by Leigh Marshall. Unfortunately, our VIP camp didn't happen this year but we see it resuming again next year. We attended the chartering of the new Auckland Airport Area Rotary Club and invited that club to a meeting where we presented the president with a gavel as a memento of their chartering. In return, we learnt about the president's escapades as an RAF fighter pilot!

Our Christmas function was a success. Adrian Vennell's daughter and son-in-law, visiting from the UK and both musicians, royally entertained us with music.

ROMAC support continued with a lot of involvement from club members. One particular youth from Papua-New Guinea (Kevin) was here for a long time. We felt we got to know him and his mother Veronica, quite well.

We were involved in our usual four community collections over the course of the year. This included another record number of boxes full of food for the City Mission Christmas Appeal.

Our community projects have been led by Jamie Young. Jamie has brought a unique Eastern Canadian perspective to the club. We are very sorry that he will be returning to Canada at the end of the year (Karen, his partner, returned earlier).

One simple project we did this year was a garden and garage clean-up for a lady living in the district who is bed-bound as a result of a devastating illness. We cleaned up the over-grown garden on a Saturday morning. The way members rallied around to do this was outstanding. No one seemed to want to leave when we had completed the task and we sat in the garden, had lunch and a few beers on a warm summer's day. It is meaningful local and defined projects like this that really appeal to members. (see below)

Our involvement with our five schools (Dilworth Junior, Dilworth Senior, Diocesan School for Girls, Tamaki Primary and Wesley College) continued. There have been two planting-out days under the Trees for Survival Programme for the two primary schools we support. There are six RYLA participants this year. The Reading Recovery Programme at Wesley is extending.

Our club supported and attended the ANAZC Breakfast following the ANZAC Dawn Service arranged by the St John's Club.



We had a team from our club ready to go to Taveuni with St John's Club to help continue with the programme of House Rebuilding (damaged by tornado), but this fell through with the unfortunate death of Geoffrey Amos.

Two members of the club attended the Divisional Conference (Catherine Holden and myself) which was so ably arranged by Ingrid Waugh and held in Napier. Tony Fortune also attended the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

The club made a number of donations, totalling \$11,291, from the Sergeant's Fund (Sunshine Fund) during the year including to the Christchurch Rotary-organised appeal following the attack against the Moslem community, to the Glen Taylor School Scholarship programme and the Taveuni Eye project amongst others. (see page 8)

Unfortunately, the club did not manage to qualify for an RI Presidential Citation this year.

In concluding, I need to thank a lot of people for the support received during the course of the year, particularly Catherine Holden, our president nominee and the club board who have been a wonderful team with good advice when I needed it. Bruce Howe as treasurer, continued to provide the financial rigor and clarity of thought underlying the solid financial foundation of the club. Others to mention include David Lamb, our AV Specialist who upgraded our AV equipment, personally refurbishing the lectern and other equipment.

Thanks also need to go to our club officers including our almoners, bulletin editor, web master, club Facebook master, RI Foundation representative, photographers, sergeants, cashier and regalia trustees.

Finally, I want to thank the members of the club for entrusting me with the responsibility as president. You are a wonderful group of people and it has been an honour to serve. With the year behind me, I can say I have enjoyed the experience. We look forward to another successful year with our excellent incoming president, Catherine Holden.

**David McAuley**  
**President 2018-19**





## Charles Goldie

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 1936 – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019**

**Rotarian since 1.12.83  
Club President 1988-1989  
Past District Governor 1993-1994  
Sapphire PHF 1991  
Esteemed Member of Rotary Club of Remuera**



**Adrian Vennell  
8<sup>th</sup> May 1932 - 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019  
Rotarian since 7.11.16  
PHF 2019  
Esteemed Member of Rotary Club of Remuera**

### Donations made from Sergeant's (Sunshine) Fund

• Auckland Girls Choir	500.00
• Taveuni Eye Project	1,000.00
• Dilworth Student Exchange	1,000.00
• RCR Trust (Oxygen Project)	5,000.00
• Taveuni Scholarship Fund	560.00
• RC Riccarton (Christchurch Appeal)	1,000.00
• Beyond Water	521.00
• Glen Taylor School	210.00
• Anneke Cummack (IBO)	<u>1,500.00</u>
	<b>\$11,291.00</b>

## **Acknowledgments for the Rotary Year 2018-2019**

### **Paul Harris Fellowships:**

#### **13<sup>th</sup> May-Partner's Night**

##### **Bob Elliott**

recognising his Contribution to Cure Kids

##### **Roy Austin**

recognising his Contribution to Cure Kids

#### **1<sup>st</sup> July-Changeover**

##### **Ed Mitchell**

recognising his contribution as Medical Advisor to ROMAC.

##### **Kelly McKeown**

recognising her contribution to the Fiji Oxygen Project.

##### **Adrian Vennell**

acknowledging his contribution in writing the History of the club.

##### **Pamela Garlick**

recognising her contribution in hosting of ROMAC families.

##### **Sharon Brewer**

recognising her extensive contribution to ROMAC as secretary and hosting of families.

### **Certificates of Appreciation**

#### **Sharon and Wayne Brewer**

by ROMAC organisation recognising their contribution

#### **Rotary Club of Auckland South**

Recognition of generous donation of funds

#### **Rotary Club of Papatoetoe Central**

Recognition of generous donation of funds

#### **Rotary Club of St Johns - Robyn Ingram President**

Recognition of all that St John's has done to assist our club during year

### **Laing Cup (and Certificate)**

#### **Jamie Young**

The Lionel Laing Fellowship Awarded to the member who best exemplifies Fellowship during the year. Certificate given in addition as Jamie returning to Canada at the end of the year.





### Fiji Oxygen Project – Part 3



In September 2018 Peter Salmon delivered a very good presentation to the many clubs involved at the International Service Evening on the subject of the Oxygen Project. In particular the Rotary Club of Auckland South was very enthusiastic about this project.

In October 2018 President David McCauley gave a PowerPoint presentation summarising our club's commitment to the Oxygen Project - the amount we needed to raise and the projects we were undertaking to raise the money. These projects were to include our Wine Entertainment evening on 25th November 2018, a Trivia evening in May 2019, the Duck Race on 25th November 2018 as well as other sources of club income

Following are some thoughts from DG Ingrid Waugh in the DG 9920 Annual Report 2018:

*"The Fiji Oxygen Project - No child should die for a lack of oxygen."*

"Yet too many die from otherwise treatable illnesses because of variable access to good quality oxygen in Fiji. The Rotary Club of Remuera Inc, working in partnership with other charities and trusts, is working to raise \$650,000 in order to provide reliable oxygen supplies to Health Clinics throughout Fiji. This is a project worthy of wide support and I fully endorse it and would like to see it come to fruition as soon as possible. I would appreciate Rotarians giving their full support to this project.

The Fiji Oxygen Project is designed to save the lives of children in hospitals, and clinics who are currently dying due to the lack of a reliable supply of oxygen"

As its major project for the Calendar Year of 2019 Remuera Rotary was campaigning to raise \$650,000 towards the Fijian Oxygen Project. IN January 2019 President David McCauley fully endorsed the campaign urging club members to give the project their fullest support. The biggest problem is the supply of oxygen in heavy cylinders whereas portable cylinders are now in major production

**Rotary**  **Club of Remuera Inc**

Supported by Rotary Club of St Johns Inc

**Presents the Inaugural  
WineFriend Wildcard  
Wine Evening**

**SATURDAY 03  
NOVEMBER 2018**

  
*Yvonne Larkin*

Net proceeds  **cure kids**  
will go to **fiji islands**  
**The Fiji Oxygen Project**

**The WineFriend Wildcard evening was very successful.**





### Preparing Breakfast at Salvation Army Epsom Lodge



**New Zealander of the Year Awards. Bob Elliott** was finalist in the Metlifecare Señor New Zealander of the Year. He is pictured here [ see photo from Remoires Vol.38 No.24 dated 01/03/18]with his wife Betsy, Annabelle and Iain Valentine and Auckland Councillor Desley Simpson. The citation in part reads:



"Through a huge portfolio leading in Child Health Research, Bob has benefited society around the World. His guidance and pioneering work has helped the nation's most health challenged children by shaping the way those with serious diseases and health conditions are diagnosed and treated. At 84, Bob continues to search for new innovations and to encourage younger people into research. He serves on the Board of Cure Kids, is Patron of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and Medical Director of Living Cell Technologies."

**ROMAC** - Wayne Brewer reported that Kevin Tavir from the island of Rabul, Papua New



Guinea hosted by Remuera Rotary since his arrival 26 September 2018, with his mother, had been cleared to return home after a final consultation with the ENT surgeon on 19th February 2019. Support covered three major surgeries, 20 clinic and specialist appointments, 20 radiology appointments, numerous IT scans involving 19 people including 12 Remuera Rotarians, 3 Inner Wheel members, 2 ROMAC committee members and two friends of Remuera Rotary members, for an estimated total of 109 hours.

Specialists included Neurology, ENT, Audiology, Ophthalmology, Oral Surgery, Radiology oncology and all the supporting services.

Kevin and his mother attended our club's weekly meeting on 18th February 2019 to thank the club for its support.



Kevin & Veronica

### **"Rotary Digs In"**

This is a headline from THE HOBSON on page 14 of its issue for April 2019. The article is reproduced below, with gracious permission from the HOBSON Editor:

"The Remuera community is giving green fingered, practical support to a family struck by a life changing event. Long time resident Carol Powell suffered an aneurysm in 2017, which left her largely paralysed and unable to speak. After 18 months of care in hospital and rehabilitation centres, Carol was able to return home in January, much to her and her family's delight.

Catherine Holden, a fellow Remuera resident, wanted to help her in a tangible way. The two are friends from Playcentre days, when their children were young and they went along to Newmarket Playcentre in Hapua Street together. "Carol was wonderful with all of the children, and has done so much for the community over the years, and people wanted to return that help" says Catherine.

With real need to make her home and garden more wheelchair friendly, Catherine suggested the idea of a working bee to her fellow members of the Rotary Club of Remuera. A working bee on Waitangi Day followed (pictured), with Rotarians pitching in to clear Carol's garden of two years of overgrowth, plus making the house's terrace better suited to a wheelchair. Neighbours added plantings of colourful flowers, and even the front fence got the once-over.

"Remuera Rotary wants to get out and help where it can, and the turnout was fantastic. We had 23 people turn up, not just members, but also their families. The teamwork meant that we made a real difference while having a lot of fun" says Catherine.

Rotary's work means Carol can now enjoy her garden again, and access to and from the garage makes it easier for her to move from the car to the house. Her son Tom, says his mother has always enjoyed gardening and being outdoors, so the family is delighted she can enjoy it once again. Future ideas for improvement include raising the vegetable beds so the former lawyer and mediator can work on them herself, and extending the paths.

A deeply moving note of appreciation was received by our club.







The following is an article on **Fellowship** within the Remuera Rotary Club written by Wayne Brewer. This author (Adrian Vennell), a comparatively recent member can do no better than use Wayne's own words:

"Fellowship has always played an important part in Remuera Rotary. From the beginning occasions such as Changeover and the Christmas Party were singled out as special events. Members such as Gavin Yates introduced progressive dinners regularly and



Murray Wilton organised Christmas Parties and Guy Fawkes celebrations, usually BBQs at his school, Dilworth which were always well attended. These events evolved to become more formal over time at venues such as the Northern Club, Sorrento, Kings School and College, Selwyn Library and Tamaki Yacht Club, Remuera Golf Club, even a cocktail party on board the super yacht MV Pacific Mermaid for 90 guests and many other venues around the city.

"Iain Valentine introduced Crate Parties, casual occasions in members' homes, sometimes coinciding with Rugby Matches. Michael Benecker introduced evening soirees on the beach at Kohi in the summer months. Wayne Brewer with Ranjit Sinnaduray perfected "Guess who's coming to Dinner" which was an annual event for twenty odd years under various Fellowship directors.

Weekends away have always been popular to a number of destinations such as Rotorua, Waitomo, Kaipara Harbour and regularly at Pauanui due to the fact that a number of members have homes there. Fishing trips, black water rafting, walking, shooting hiking and of course sightseeing group lunches, dinners, even shopping for the ladies are just some of the activities enjoyed on these occasions.

Other fellowship events have included film evenings, trips to Tiri, the Riverhead Pub by boat, Motuihe Island tree planting (combined fellowship and community project), the Sculptureum at Matakana and dinners have all been memorable Fellowship events.

Many members have played a significant role in Fellowship as noted by the recipients of the Lionel Lang Trophy each year. "

From DG Ingrid Waugh - April 2019

"It is with much sadness that I inform you of the passing of **Geoffrey Amos** of Taveunui Rotary. Most of you will know of the enormous contribution Geoffrey has made to his community through Rotary.

His legacy will be the many lives he has changed. He has been an inspiration to us all. We send our condolences to his family and his community."

Members will recall his effective liaison activities between his homeland and Tavenui Island Fiji, By way of example, in relation to children and their elders from the improvements in dental hygiene effected by Niel Ewart, the New Zealand Army Dental Corps and local dentists in the repair of local Fijians' teeth an object long overdue.

The following is an extract from the Death Notices in the NZ Herald for Saturday April 20 2019:

"Passed away on 12 April 2019, aged 77 years at Auckland City Hospital - In keeping with Geoffrey's wishes a private cremation has been held".

A memorial service to celebrate his life was held at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (Dinghy Locker), Westhaven Marina on Sunday 28 April at 2 pm. Remuera Rotary was well represented among the estimated 200 mourners. A man who lived his life to the full in the service of his fellow human beings giving unstinted devotion to their welfare. The energy he displayed in looking after people and always the gracious host in making sure all his family and guests took full advantage of the facilities to be found in the vicinity of Tavenui Island. Among his varied big game fishing activities was catching a Marlin swordfish off the Bay of Islands. The fish was weighed and then eaten. They later found it would have constituted a World record.

A final word about Geoffrey. After a particularly devastating hurricane on the island of Tavenui a few years ago he lobbied various governments for relief funds and received substantial contributions from Australia, Japan and New Zealand.

One of the most moving aspects of this service was the rendition by a granddaughter Lily McCarthy, aged possibly in her early teens, of a beautiful song with her own skilled guitar accompaniment.

Remuera Rotary Monday meeting 20th May 2019.

A special welcome was extended to Frances Benge, a member of the Rotary Club of St. John's and also the CEO of Cure Kids.

Two Paul Harris Sapphire Pins were presented at this meeting. The first recipient was Roy Austin and the second was Bob Elliott. The presentations recognised their incredible contribution, over many years to Cure Kids. That was not all in the way of tribute.

This was a partners' night and the following is a list of the partners who attended, most of whom have provided distinguished service to our club and its members in the course of their own partners' membership:

Janet Austin and daughter Mika, Karina Beck, Laurina Bernecker, Sharon Brewer, Margaret Brookes, Sue Cooper, Carol Cowan, Betsy Elliott and son David, Anne Fortune, Pam Garlick, Rosemary Goldie, Jennie Haggitt, Sue Holmes, Hilary Mitchell, Zeta Robertson, Alison Ross, Sharon Simpson, Annabelle Valentine, Clare Veber, David Wilmott and Adrian Vennell's daughter Arabella Brawn.

The Roy Austin Repatriation Fellowship has now been established to honour Roy's enduring commitment to Cure Kids since 1994 and who was the Board Chair from 1996 to 2018. Roy's passion for Cure Kids international significance in child health research makes this a fitting accolade.

**Repatriation Fellowship.** This Fellowship will repatriate an outstanding researcher with an established career on medical or health research to further their work back home in New Zealand. The Fellowship will be a two year appointment.

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**Elliott-Caughey 50th Anniversary Award** Professor Robert Elliott was a co-founder of Cure Kids in 1971. To recognise the enormous contribution of Professor Elliott and Dr. Ron Caughey, Cure Kids will establish a 50th Anniversary Fund in their name. When Bob Elliott began his work in New Zealand in 1971, there were only 32 part-time health professionals working in Paediatrics. Today, there are over 150 researchers working across the medical industry in New Zealand, many of whom have come to the profession through Professor Elliott's inspirational work.

A critically important Rheumatic Fever/Rheumatic Heart Disease research collaboration is one of the programmes of research that will be supported by the fund.

## **Death of Charles Goldie**

One of our most outstanding club members, Charles Goldie, died in his sleep during the weekend of 25th/26th May 2019. He was aged 83. A tragic loss for the Remuera Rotary Club. Charles was President of the Club 1988/89 and District Governor of Rotary District 9920 1993/94. Excerpts from his distinguished career have been outlined in this history elsewhere. Charles' funeral was held in St Mary's at Holy Trinity 30 May 2019 and was attended by a vast majority of club members who formed a Guard of Honour between the church and hearse. St Mary's was filled to an estimated 95%, an indication of the esteem with which Charles was held in the Auckland community.

President David McAuley called upon Bob Elliott, Tony Fortune and Hugh Garlick to pay tribute to Charles Goldie and his achievements within Remuera Rotary Club and the 9920 District. Charles had been a member of our club from 1st December 1983. Bob spoke about Charles' warmth, humour, compassion and his great loyalty to the Remuera Club. Bob also spoke about the journey Charles made assisting William Tan in his wheel chair Challenge from Wellington to Auckland.

Tony Fortune's association with Charles began when Tony was Secretary and Charles was President of the Club. Tony spoke about how when Charles was District Governor in 1994 Charles and Roy Austin arranged for the District Conference to be held at Karaka. This District Conference holds the record to date for the biggest attendance with over 400 in attendance.

Charles was instrumental in setting up the Andrew Ngatuakana Liver Transplant Trust which enabled Andrew and many more to go to Brisbane for liver transplants. (see 1993 for details of local hospitality for these NZ patients).

Hugh Garlick spoke about how Charles served his 36 years in Rotary with distinction, how he was a father figure to many Rotarians within our club and District 9920, and how he was a stickler for doing things the "correct" Rotary way.



Members stood for a minute's silence to remember Charles when so requested by President David.

## **Trees for Survival**

### **A National Revegetation Program**

The Trees for Survival Trust is a charitable trust administered by the Auckland Council.

It is an environmental education programme which involves young people growing and planting native trees to revert natural habitats by helping landowners to revegetate erosion prone land, improve stormwater flow and water quality and increase biodiversity. This programme creates community partnerships by engaging schools, their community (often Rotary), local businesses and Councils working together to protect and restore our natural heritage. Europe's waterways are mostly planted along the edges; New Zealand's waterways are not.

The Trees for Survival programme works by forming partnerships between schools, landowners, region councils and community support groups. Rotary Clubs as community support groups play a key role in assisting schools to purchase programme resources as well as providing personnel and funding to support planting days.

Trees for survival was now operational in 124 schools as at September 2016. Each school has a dedicated Plant Growth Unit. Our club supports Dilworth School, Diocesan School for Girls, Auckland International College and the New Zealand International College. Newmarket Rotary supports Epsom Girls Grammar School and St. Cuthbert's. With this programme we introduced it to Tamaki Primary and Intermediate Schools in 2017.

Seedlings are grown away from the school and delivered in punnets of cabbage trees, Coprosma and flax. Schools received seedling plums three time a year in May, June and August. Students grow these on to about 30 cm high and then these are planted on to riparian and eroding sites in mostly rural areas. To date 1.5 Million trees have been planted up to now and this increases by 80,000 each year.

The annual fee to keep Trees for Survival operational is now \$690 per annum. Roger Milne is currently operating this programme. Roger had been involved in growing for more than 30 years as a starter, judge. umpire on the water and signing off the result. He reported that the lake on which the Olympians competed was much cleaner than the Tamaki River, the water was mainly drinkable and the transport was fantastic.

Several members of Remuera Rotary attended the completion of this project at the Tamaki Primary School in 2017. Principal guests were President elect David McAuley and Jo Drillien member and widow of Tony Drillien (Tony was once principal of Mangere East Primary School). The following is a copy of the speech given by Catherine Holden President Elect for 2019 and a relieving teacher at early childhood centres:

"I want to acknowledge the major contribution that David McAuley has made to this project. It is an honour for us to be here today celebrate the completion of the Trees for Survival Unit for your school.

The Rotary Club of Remuera appreciates the opportunity that this project offers to strengthen our connection with this school by enabling students to engage in raising about 800 seedlings each year and planting these on at risk land.

There are many people and organisations who have helped make this project possible and we would like to sincerely thank:

The Mt. Wellington Trust for their contribution to the cost of the fence and gate;  
 The June Gray Trust for their contribution to the cost of the growing on it;  
 Andrew Ilich and his team for the irrigation work;  
 Roger Milne from Trees for Survival for his guidance and support.

The idea for this project came from the late Tony Drillien who until July 2017 was a member of the Rotary Club of Remuera and also a board member of Tamaki Primary. Tony saw the Trees for Survival Project in operation at Dilworth Junior School and also Diocesan and wanted to see it at Tamaki Primary and Intermediate School.

His widow, and now also a Remuera Rotary member, Jo Drillien cut the ribbon to declare this Trees for Survival Project up and running.

On Thursday 17th May 2018, Bryan Haggitt joined Dilworth School for the planting of about 500 trees from the Trees for Survival Project. The planting was at Runciman in South Auckland and was carried out by 30 Year 7 & 8 students from Dilworth School who were accompanied by Cathy Wagener, David Baker, 3 Gap Students and two Auckland City environmental workers. All were scheduled to be presented at our meeting on 21st May 2018. Caleb, one of the Gap students, is a direct descendant of James Dilworth who had graduated from Ulster University and paid his own way to New Zealand. All three *Gappies* attended Dungannon College (in Northern Ireland), James Dilworth's old school and which has a very special relationship here.

The TFS programme creates community partnerships by engaging schools, their community, local businesses and Councils all working together to restore our Natural heritage.

With over 5,000 school students involved and more than 70,000 trees planted each year TFS has planted more ten million trees in its first twenty years (up to 2014)

We continue to support Dilworth School by paying their annual servicing/supplies costs of approximately \$580. Similarly, until about 2014 we also supported Diocesan School for Girls but they have now withdrawn from the programme. Since then Tamaki Primary School and Intermediate School has started TFS with impressive results.

Remuera Rotary had undertaken to underwrite \$3,000 to provide a plant propagating shade-house at Dilworth School. Seedlings were to be nurtured by the boys until they

were ready to be transplanted. One way in which club members could assist was in the purchase of attractive Rotary Trees or Survival calendars. At the time there were three such calendars, each making attractive Christmas presents. Colin Wilson was co-ordinating the programme, assisted by John Hawthorn.

In September 2008 Charles Goldie reported a successful tree planting in the rain with 35 Diocesan girls at Muriwai. Over 600 trees were planted.

### **TREES FOR SURVIVAL PLANTING DAY - Tamaki Primary School 25th June 2019.**

This is a hardy annual, a tribute to the devotion of the Head Teacher of the time, pupils of the school at all stages of their learning, all devoted to the planting of a huge number of trees by pupils, their supervisors and members of Remuara Rotary. 2019 was to be no exception. The following report is from Brian Cooper:

"At 9am on a lovely sunny morning, Bryan Haggitt and Brian Cooper met up with 18 children aged 7 - 11 plus their principal, Rhonda Kelly and two other teachers. At 9.15 we boarded our bus and headed south somewhere beyond Ardmore and Clevedon to a large lifestyle block with beautiful views but badly in need of land stabilisation. At 10.00am, after a quick morning tea with tasty homemade cookies, we donned our boots and descended the steep, winding drive to where the trees were laid out for us. We had a quick demo from Frankie (a tree planting expert with the Auckland Council) and set to work planting both sides of a gully, in wet to soggy ground varying between sloping and steep with a marshy stream at the bottom.

Everyone worked hard, and Chris (the owner) joined us mid-morning to help towards the target of completing the planting by 12.30 pm. We completed the planting of a staggering 725 trees and missed our target by just 5 minutes!

We packed up, went back up to the house, cleaned up and had a lovely lunch on the verandah admiring the view. Chris' wife Heather and helpers had prepared a delicious feast of home-made pizza, barbecued sausages with onions, home-made chocolate brownies, iced chocolate cake and lots of fresh fruit. After a relaxing time, dangling legs in the pool and playing with the two dogs, until the bus returned. We boarded at 2.15 pm and were entertained by the children singing throughout the return to Tamaki primary School - a relaxing end to a strenuous but thoroughly enjoyable day."



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**President Catherine Holden**



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The last meeting at Remuera Bowling Club was 9 December 2019.

The first meeting at Carlton Cornwall Bowling Club was 20 January 2020:

