



FRIENDS OF ROTARY PAPANUI: GUIDELINES

Introduction

Rotarians are committed to assisting people less fortunate than themselves in our local and global communities. Rotarians believe that by fostering relationships, providing education and understanding, and helping others to help themselves, we can improve the lives of people around the world.

The Rotary Club of Papanui's Vision Statement

'A vibrant and sustainable membership serving together on local and international projects, making a positive difference.'

Who are the Friends of Rotary Papanui?

Rotary Papanui has established a group called the 'Friends of Rotary Papanui'. The purpose is to foster closer links with people who share Rotary's principles and objectives but for whatever reason (e.g. time, travel and financial constraints, and other commitments) are unable to commit to full membership; they would however like to promote Rotary's ideals in our community and internationally by having a formal association with our Club.

What can you do and what are the benefits of becoming a Friend of Rotary Papanui?

You can:

- Learn more about Rotary and what we do
- Participate in the life of Rotary Papanui and support our Club

- Make a difference to local and international communities, and have fun, using your skills, experience and areas of interest to assist with projects and events, as your time allows
- Assist with other voluntary Club activities and enjoy raising money for good causes
- Attend the Club's social events which offer great opportunities for fellowship with likeminded people, catch up with old friends and make new ones in a safe, caring environment
- Attend some mealtime meetings, particularly on special occasions
- Receive our weekly newsletter 'The Chat', electronically. This will enable you to see what is happening in the Rotary Club of Papanui
- Be covered by Rotary insurance when you are joining in with our service projects or activities. To be eligible for this cover you need to 'sign on' before you participate
- Make a voluntary tax-deductible donation to Rotary fundraising projects.

Friends of Rotary Papanui Guidelines

A Friend of Rotary Papanui:

- Is not a Rotarian or member of the Rotary Club of Papanui and is not entitled to the rights, or subject to the responsibilities, of full membership as provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws. Rather, a Friend of Rotary Papanui has a formal association with the Club, which provides an avenue to participate in Club activities.
- May be accepted by the Board following:
 - Invitation by a member of the Rotary Club of Papanui, and
 - Completion of an 'Application to Become a Friend of Rotary Papanui' form.
- Once accepted by the Board, will be welcomed formally at a meeting of the Club and presented with a badge entitled 'Friend of the Rotary Club of Papanui'.
- Will have an initial period of association with the Club for the current Rotary year. Ongoing association will be renewed as appropriate by the Club annually, to ensure mutual expectations are being met.

- Will have a Sponsor i.e. a full member of the Rotary Club of Papanui who is the ongoing link between the Friend and the Club, and acts as their mentor. The Sponsor will ensure the Friend receives details of all Club activities and will encourage them to be involved in as many of these as they wish.
- Will pay a fee of \$50.00 per annum to cover administration and badge costs.
- May subscribe at the level of full Rotary membership, should they wish to.
- Will pay for meals and costs for social activities at the same rate as full Rotary members.
- Will not vote on any decisions made by the Club, nor serve on the Board.
- Is not entitled to wear the internationally-recognised Rotary lapel badge.
- May express a wish to become a full member of the Club. If so, the same application process will occur as for new members.

Note:

- With the agreement of the Board, a Friend of Rotary Papanui's association with the Club is available to existing full members; however, the member must resign from Rotary.
- All the above guidelines may be varied from time to time by the Board.

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