



District 9940 – New Zealand

**NINETY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT**

For the year ended 30 June 2018



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In our 97th year as a club we had a busy year not just "doing the usual" but setting the foundations for an eventful few years until our centenary is celebrated in 2021.

Strategy – Vision – to Be leaders of Positive Social Change

In the last months of Mark Wheeler's year, a diverse team of club members met on a number of occasions to review our club vision and strategy and it was a great aid in guiding our activities for the year,

A huge thanks to Peter Cornish and Jane McCann for the time put in to make that such a useful exercise for the club. The strategy was based around six key areas:

- 1) Creating a strong and vibrant club
- 2) Supporting a vibrant, progressive and sustainable Rotary
- 3) Striving to be a leader of positive social change
- 4) Taking direct action to improve community well being
- 5) To be a leader in supporting social enterprise.
- 6) To be successful in fundraising and grant making.

The Rotary International theme for 2017/18 was Rotary Making a Difference and we certainly aimed to make a difference with all our activities and events throughout the year.

We also recognised that if we wish to remain a club that is making a positive social change in our communities we should be keeping a watchful eye on issues of the moment that we might be able to influence for the better. I asked Roger Blakeley if he might lead that group and Roger has been an exceptional advocate of the concept. He arranged several sessions to brain storm ideas, followed up by rigorous examination of the ideas to see how we as a club might be able to effect change, along with seeking club member feedback about the projects they are most likely to want to get behind to make a difference.

The outcome was that the club pursue the goal of being the first rotary club to be a carbon neutral club. I thank Roger and his team for the great work and wish them and the club every success in carrying out that goal and encouraging other clubs worldwide to adopt the goal and influence their communities accordingly.

It has been a pleasure to have been the President of such an active and ambitious club that works in so many areas to make a difference in our world.

We are lucky to have the resources that previous members have entrusted to us to allow us to make grants and fund projects across a wide range of areas. These include the John Illot Charitable Trust (which provided approximately \$175,000 in grants to small community organisations across a wide spread of areas), and the funds from the Salmon Knowles Bequest, along with the Eleanor and Huia Hill Bequest which combined in with the RCW funds in the Wellington Rotary Charitable Trust allow grants in the areas of elderly care, medical research and education along with a host of other community support projects.

My thanks go to the Board for their support and enthusiasm to ensure our club continues to prosper.

It was a pleasure to have the Honourable Trevor Mallard available at the President's Cocktail Function to award well deserved Paul Harris Fellowships to Peter Cornish (Strategy and Membership), and Karen Coutts (Community Services), and to award a Sapphire pin to George Fairbairn for his work on the John Illot Charitable Trust, and to award a ruby pin to Anthony Scott for the wonderful work he did re-writing the District Constitution and getting it accepted at the AGM at the District Conference. We also later awarded Bob Stannard a Sapphire pin for long selfless service within the club, and Mark Wheeler with a Paul Harris Fellowship award for his ongoing work on the various Centenary projects. It was a pleasure to recognise our longest serving members (Ulf Ackeus, Bruce Christianson, Wayne Nyberg, Brian McKeon, Bob Stannard, Johnny Johnson, and John Cook) with Emeritus badges - all have been members of our club for more than 40 years. We also recognised Denzil Brown who is still an active member of our club despite his 90 plus years – he delivered a wonderful message at our Christmas meeting and has a long history of club membership with us and several other NZ clubs over the years.

Venue and Format Trial

Retaining and growing membership remains a critical issue to us along with most other rotary clubs in recent times. In an effort to try to satisfy some of the feedback the Board had received regarding attracting and retaining members we trialled a

new format of meeting – keeping the meetings to just one hour, and trialled a new location, and dropped the full meal. This was trialled in conjunction with maintaining the existing format, location and meal by having two weeks of the new format and two weeks of the old format for three months (February, March and April) and a survey of members was undertaken following the trial to assess a sensible way forward.

I am grateful to all members of the Board and the club for their patience, understanding and tolerance as we went through that exercise. I know that not all aspects were well received by everyone but it again highlighted that it is difficult to satisfy all needs with such a diverse membership. Many people appreciated the shorter meeting time, many liked the lower cost, and some feel the full lunch is not needed. Unfortunately, the venue was not suitable to use longer term as there were capacity problems when a good level of attendance was received. It was however clear that some variation on meeting format and keeping meetings shorter was generally favoured and I know Marion will be trying some new initiatives at the current James Cook location to try to find the right mix.

In addition to the Monday lunch meeting format we also tried to introduce more frequent evening optional meetings and had a number of very successful events – including the Social Enterprise Awards evening, a youth committee session seeking feedback from younger people about what motivates them to make a difference in our world, a wonderful summary of member Alex Hare's sailing journey across the Atlantic, a night tour of Zealandia, and a presentation from NASA scientists about the Mars expeditions.

In 2017/18 our club has continued to make a difference through:

- Continued support to RI Polio Plus, combined with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to end Polio Now
- Our Eureka Trust, which increased young New Zealanders interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths subjects and fostered a new class of young leaders able to communicate STEM
- The Rotary Club of Wellington social enterprise kickstart awards in association with Akina. The winning venture was Zeal Creative Studio, delivering creative design services while employing youth

- Our Forum, which is a not for profit activity, continues to generate social discussion on key issues delivered its sixth Forum, seeking discussion on how to make Wellington the city of our dreams.
- We had another two great fundraising events with Jumbo Tennis and the Singers to Listen For event both building on previous success and delivering great enjoyment to those attending and generating valuable funds for our various projects and recipient organisations.

In addition, we have supported Rotary Emergency Response Kits and Sky Hydrant water processing units, two classes of the Skilled Migrants programme, youth education scholarships, Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation, Wellington Children's Hospital, Newtown Community health, eradication of rodents on Mount Victoria and worked on opportunities to support more in the coming years.

I thank Karen Coutts and her wonderful Community Services Committee for the work they have done across many projects and in putting in place the scholarship to fund health research for the elderly – something that should be rolling out in the coming year.

I am also very grateful to Mark Wheeler who has taken on the role of leading / co-ordinating the projects in our centennial programme. These include:

- Rotary Give Every Child a Future; a US\$23M US international project with the other three inaugural Australasian Centennial Clubs Auckland, Melbourne and Sydney, the Asian Development Bank and UNICEF, which is aimed to support an estimated 100,000 children and adolescent girls across nine Pacific Countries through the introduction of three new vaccinations.
- Planting a Forest at the Heart of Wellington, our project to plant 100,000 native trees and shrubs by 2021 – we now have approximately 54,000 planted.
- Documenting the history of Rotary in New Zealand – this is a project much wider than our club alone and Mark is liaising with our District and a national steering committee to access funds through Rotary in NZ to complete a comprehensive of Rotary to be available by 2021.

We are also very excited to have District Governor Nominee Gillian Jones selected from our club to be our District Governor in the year of our Centenary –

congratulations and well-done Gillian, we are very fortunate to have you in that role in 2021, and I know our club will do all it can to support you in that year.

As a club we have a wonderful process where the President from five years ago is the Vice President. My thanks to Tony Hased for his helpful advice, guidance and support throughout the year. I am also extremely grateful to Peter Cornish who not only headed up the Membership Committee but also the Strategy Committee, and for the tireless work of Helen Algar who is busy behind the scenes and out front on so many activities in the club.

Like most Presidents in recent years I must also thank the wonderful Rebecca Maresca for the fantastic job she does as our club secretary – she is the glue to keeping it all going and she does it all so well – thank you Rebecca for your wonderful help.

Members, thank you all for making the club one we can all be very proud of and I wish President Marion, President Nominee Denise and the RCW every success in 2018/19 and in the future years.

Peter Lawson
President 2017-2018

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The last Rotary year has seen the Club's membership remain almost static overall, with 131 current members and eight honorary members. Honorary members now include Sir Anand Satyanand and Robert Fisher recognising their significant contributions to the Club and wider Rotary organisation over a number of years. The Club now also has several Emeritus Members being those that have either been Club members for over 40 years, or aged 90 years and over, still active in the Club and have been members for more than 10 years. The President's Report has full details.

Over the past year the Club has introduced Family Membership and Corporate Membership to try and broaden the appeal and membership of our Club and to move back along a growth path. Work is also being undertaken on developing an e-

engage strategy to recognise that some members struggle to attend our Monday lunches, but want to take an active role in maintaining touch with Club affairs. Members will also be well aware that we have trialled different venues over the past year, and different meeting formats, with varying degrees of success. The decision has been made to remain at the James Cook for the foreseeable future, but changes to meeting formats and timings will continue to be reviewed.

Thank you to all of the Committee members for their efforts over the past year.

Please remember that all members are urged to identify prospective members and to make guests and new members welcome in all aspects of Club activities.

Peter Cornish
(Chair)

YOUTH COMMITTEE

In October 2017 the Youth Committee ran a very well received evening event for alumni of the various Rotary scholarships and grants.

The committee sponsored: one student to attend the Rotary National Science and Technology forum in Auckland, 2 young people to attend RYLA in January 2018 and 2 young women to attend IYM in the Hutt Valley in July.

We also awarded the two District 9940 Outward Bound, Sir Roy McKenzie scholarships and re-organised this scheme so that for 2019 one scholarship will be offered to Te Ara Activity Centre and another to Porirua College.

We facilitated an alternative style lunch at St Andrews in support of the Pacific immunisation centenary project.

We stayed connected to SCOPE through Tony Hased and Rachel Tilghman and arranged a professional mentor for one SCOPE member.

Tony has subsequently agreed to Chair the committee until a longer-term Chair is assigned.

Tracy Brown
(Chair)

VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

The VSC has descoped several of its activities but has continued to support the Skilled Migrants programme, one of the clubs most successful programmes, along with a continued to focus on developing Social Enterprise in Wellington.

The Skilled Migrants programme which is run in conjunction with Victoria University has again in the last 12 months been successful with a wide range of support from members from across the club. This assistance makes great use of the different vocational skills in the club through a variety of different means including lecturing, coaching, mentoring and work placement.

The RCW move into supporting Social Enterprise commenced about 4 years ago, with the Kick-start awards run in conjunction with Akina. These awards have been replicated by the Newmarket club in Auckland.

In 2017, the winning venture receiving \$7,000 was Zeal Education. They operate youth centres around Aotearoa to impact young New Zealanders through creativity, thanks to after-school hangouts, events, creative programmes, workshops, and online crisis intervention

The runners up this year were Collaborate Wellington who received \$3,000 and these monies will go towards developing the product from its current prototype.

The whole evening of competitors in the Kick-start also included finalists, Tane Kaha, The Fresh Desk and NISA Clothing, who all presented three-minute videos and spoke to club members before votes were cast to determine the winners.

We are exploring the next stage of supporting Social Enterprise in the region which would include sponsoring an 'Elevate' programme which is a 5 week, semi-structured, cohort-based growth course run by Akina for new Social Enterprises. The intent is for the club to provide funding to run one course per annum which would include the "Kick-start" finalists.

Derek Gill
(Chair)

CLUB SERVICES COMMITTEE

Club Services Committee is made up of the individual or small groups of Rotarians who ensure visitors are recorded and greeted, the meeting room is set up, audio-visual equipment is working, grace and sergeant's duties are allocated, the newsletter is produced, and people have fun.

Our club administrator Rebecca Maresca co-ordinates much of this, ensuring that each sub-group has done their bit.

Bob Stannard retired from his role as the regular face at the door on Mondays where he was the first point of contact for visitors. He had been undertaking this role for many years and we thank him for his long service to the club.

The Fellowship Committee was active ensuring a wide range of activities was available to members including wine options, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, a Melbourne Cup celebration, Clayton's Billiards, a walking trip to Soames Island followed by lunch at Days Bay, a visit to the Parkin Drawing Competition, also followed by lunch and the regular Thirsty Third Thursday.

Marion Cowden
(Chair)

Speakers Programme

03-Jul-17	Dr Gillian Greer, Volunteer Services Abroad in the Pacific
10-Jul-17	H.E. Peter Woolcott, Australia High Commissioner "Australia-New Zealand Relations"
17-Jul-17	David Seymour, Act Leader
24-Jul-17	The RCW Strategy Committee "The Club's Strategic Plan"
31-Jul-17	Social Enterprise Kickstart Awards
07-Aug-17	Grant Robertson - Deputy Leader of the Opposition, MP for Wgtn
14-Aug-17	Ruth McTavitt, CEO Summer of Tech "What work will your grandkids be doing?"
21-Aug-17	His Worship, Justin Lester, Mayor of Wellington City "Vision for Wellington, especially the CBD"
28-Aug-17	Dr Bronwyn Wood, Victoria University "Young people today: active or a pathetic?"
04-Sep-17	Geoff Simmonds, Dept Leader Opportunities Party "Not left, not right, just what works"

11-Sep-17	Lani Evans, Foundation Manager for Vodafone Foundation "Aiming high – halving the number of young people at risk"
18-Sep-17	Hon Chris Finlayson, National Party, Attorney General, Minister of Treaty Negotiations, NZ Security Intelligence Service, GCSB, Maori Development "Heading in the right direction with Government and Treaty Settlements"
25-Sep-17	David Matthews, CEO CCS Disability Action "Getting the life I want – key messages from disabled people about employment"
02-Oct-17	Jenny Gill, former Chair Philanthropy NZ "Giving it all away – how hard can it be?"
09-Oct-17	Sumi Subramaniam, Principal Development Manager Health, MFAT, Project Hope link "Opportunities and challenges when addressing health outcomes in the Pacific"
16-Oct-17	Ian Cassels, The Wellington Company "Dream for Wellington"
30-Oct-17	Sir Bruce Ferguson "The Return of our Unknown Warrior"
06-Nov-17	Shelagh Magadza – Wellington International Arts Festival
13-Nov-17	Keith McLea, CE of ESR "Making a difference for communiites through science innovation"
20-Nov-17	Colin James "the political landscape"
27-Nov-17	Caren Rangi, Deputy Chair of Creative NZ "Bringing a different voice to the board table"
04-Dec-17	HE High Commissioner for Pakistan, Mr Afrasiab Mehdi Hashmi "Islam"
11-Dec-17	Rotary Youth Exchange Students - In and outbound
29-Jan-18	Jumbo Tennis 2018
12-Feb-18	Tui Te Hau, GM - Innovation Hub Te Papa "Our Innovation Lab"
19-Feb-18	Fletcher Tabuteau, New Zealand First Member of Parliament, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to: the Minister for Foreign Affairs and to the Minister for Regional Economic Development
26-Feb-18	Community Services - "I'm employable...and I have a disability!"
05-Mar-18	Amanda Malu, CE of Plunket "Plunket making the difference of a lifetime in the first 1000 days"
12-Mar-18	Dr Lizzie Valentine "Technology and boards"
19-Mar-18	Strategic Social Issues Group - Roger Blakeley
26-Mar-18	Youth – Tracy Brown
09-Apr-18	Paul Atkins, CE at Zealandia
16-Apr-18	Trust and Grants – Andrew Austin and Helen Algar

23-Apr-18	Forum – Roger Blakeley
30-Apr-18	Zealandia evening visit
07-May-18	Christine Stevenson, Acting Comptroller for Customs NZ
14-May-18	Lindsey Pointer, Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholar "Restorative Justice"
21-May-18	Geri Ward, Sustainability and Community Manager, Z Energy Ltd "Z's sustainability and community programmes"
28-May-18	Nicky Riddiford and the Skilled Migrants programme class
11-Jun-18	The Honorable Scott Brown, US Ambassador
18-Jun-18	Laurence Kubiak, CE NZIER "The budget – one month on"
25-Jun-18	Derek Gill "Social investment – the next big idea or yesterdays news?"

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Over the past year, the Community Services Committee (CSC) worked to achieve the following which made it a great year of service as well as fellowship for us all.

Working to framework

The CSC has an operational framework that allowed us to show how we could organise our work as a committee consistent with delivering on the strategic goals of the club.

The framework shows that we aim across all our work to:

- Support projects, or the investment of trust funds, to be consistent with chosen priority groups for the CSC
- Aim to support work in the community that will seed-fund or support a pathway to sustainability of the community initiative
- Look to support groups/needs in the community that are emerging needs in a sector or are part of a sector but less likely to receive funding.

Project: Te Whare Okioki

This is a longer-term project where the RCW wishes to support the establishment of a service for homeless citizens¹ of Wellington to meet their housing needs which has services attached to it to meet any other health or social needs.

¹ Homeless in this case meaning people living on the streets

Over the year the CSC worked on creating networks from the interested key personnel and groups committed to or with a key interest in this project. It started to establish the role of being the 'connector' where lack of communication and long-standing mis-conceptions about the project was creating barriers to success. This was hard and tense work sometimes but helped achieve some real break-through moments to get agreement on what the project and services could be (funded by WCC and MSD), where, what the neighbours want and so on.

Project: Employment of disabled people

This year the project wanted focus on raising the awareness of club members about the opportunity of employing disabled people and the barriers face by disabled people to gaining employment. We ran a lunch session involving awareness raising activities; brought several key speakers to lunchtime sessions that spoke on topics relevant to this topic; and publicised relevant activities occurring in the community to club members.

Trust Fund: Bernie Knowles Fund

The Bernie Knowles Trust had allocated funds for a Pacifica elderly group in Newtown that was struggling to get any funds or find a pathway to sustainability. During the year this group made great use of the first year of support to allow their coordinator to get enough support so that she could ensure the club one day a week continued while she went to Porirua to build up support networks from the broader Pacific community there to help with the club get more volunteers and collaborate on activities. The first year started off those aspirations well.

Trust Fund: Salmon Trust Fund

The significant changes to make better use of the Salmon Fund were fully put into place over the past year. The changes are to ensure that the research supported is targeted to be of benefit to elderly health (and can be in health beyond medical research). Dr Janice Wilson of the CSC worked with the Otago School of Medicine Wellington (the school) to form a partnership to fund a scholarship. The school provides the academic over-sight, staffing and so on; RCW uses the trust funds to provide a PhD level research scholarship in an agreed area of interest of elderly health. The partnership then agreed the scholarship offer and went through the process of advertising and after more than one attempt, agreed on a scholarship

recipient. The club will maintain contact with the scholarship recipient throughout their study period.

Charitable Appeals support

The CSC organised the major appeals the club supports annually: volunteers for the Stroke Pressure campaign (although in the end we were not needed!) and the Anglican Mission Christmas appeal which was as successful as ever! Always a very well-supported appeal by all club members.

We also organised the club to participate in the Memory Tree; and advertised to club members the many other requests for volunteers to help with the various street appeals and so on that the club is regularly requested to support.

Karen Coutts

(Chair)

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Strategic Focus

The International Committee continues to focus on supporting the Club's overarching vision to "Build a better future for the Pacific region" with priority given to:

- 1) water purification projects in the Pacific involving the use of Sky Hydrants under the framework of Disaster Aid New Zealand (DANZ).
- 2) the continuing provision of Emergency Response Kits (ERK's) in response to disasters in the Pacific

Disaster Aid New Zealand (DANZ)

To recap, DANZ was established during the 2016/17 year to promote "Safe water for every child" as part of Disaster Aid International (DAI), an international network headquartered in Australia. The global focus of DAI is funding and installing Sky-Hydrant systems to provide clean drinking water as well as responding to natural disasters, with specific interest in addressing water needs. DANZ is specifically focused on identifying and then supporting projects in the Pacific first and foremost. However, possible water projects in other regions, notably Asia, remain as a secondary priority in the event projects in the Pacific are not identified.

RCW is the host club for DANZ, working in partnership with the Rotary Club of Port Nicholson which has provided invaluable strategic and operational support to the establishment of DANZ. Rotary New Zealand World Community Service (RNZWCS) provides DANZ with administrative and financial services (e.g. overseas money remittances, dedicated DANZ bank account and insurances for overseas aid work), and acts as the primary interface with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT) if needed. RCW/RNZWCS MOU and Operating Rules were signed by both parties on 14 July 2017.

RCW and Port Nicholson set aside indicative amounts at the beginning of the year for implementing projects in the Pacific, supplemented by an offer of \$10,000 - \$15,000 by Rotary Club of Hornby (Christchurch). Unfortunately, it has proven to be a major challenge to identify potential sites and viable partners, resulting in the deferral of all funding allocations to the current financial year. Despite positive indications of interest and identified need in Fiji, Tonga and Vanuatu, it has not been possible to progress any developments on the ground. In part we believe it reflects the limited capability of Rotary Clubs and NGOs in country, especially those badly affected by Tropical Cyclone Gita. In part, we are also aware there is some "clutter" of projects for developing safe drinking water in the region which impacts on a willingness to consider another water-related project – even though we believe the SkyHydrant is a far superior product.

We remain optimistic, however, that once we are able to install a SkyHydrant in the Pacific, its merits will be demonstrated and demand for their supply will take off. We are pursuing all channels through NGOs that are known to have the right capabilities, to develop and implement the project.

The fund-raising promotional programme developed in 2017 and intended for Rotary Clubs around New Zealand has been put aside for the moment until at least one SkyHydrant has been successfully installed in the Pacific. The DANZ management committee considers that the credibility of a successful project is a pre-requisite to launching fund-raising efforts.

In the meantime, one SkyHydrant has been installed in Pampang on the Northern shore of Manila Bay in Southern Philippines with financial assistance from RCW which provided \$6,000 in 2016/17 towards the joint water project in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Port Nicholson, Meppen (Germany) and Makati South

(Philippines). In November 2017, six members of RCW, working in a small village of 240 families with Clubs of Meppen and Makati South, constructed platforms for water tanks to replace the one working pump with clean water, filtered through Sky Hydrants. The work was only partially completed because of the need to relocate the Sky-Hydrant to make better use of the available water but the project is progressing. This was our Club's first Sky-Hydrant project and the practical experience acquired by RCW members involved will be invaluable when it comes to installing SkyHydrants in the Pacific.

Emergency Response Kits (ERKs)

The provision of ERK's remains a core focus of the International Committee's strategy as the kits contribute directly to relief efforts in our priority region, the Pacific - which reflects the vulnerability of the region to natural disasters caused by tropical cyclones, tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. The threat is real, regular and increasing, especially as the devastating impact of cyclones continues to increase as a result of the growing number of mega-cyclones. Cyclone Gita, a level 4/5 cyclone, caused widespread destruction in February this year to Tonga and, to a lesser extent, Samoa and Fiji. The Board agreed to the Committee's recommendation to contribute \$10,000 towards ERKs in light of the Cyclone's impact.

Rotary New Zealand, in the form of RNZWCS Ltd, organises the packing of ERKs in Auckland to a standard developed in partnership with MFAT and Pacific governments. RNZWCS also arranges their pre-positioning in various Pacific locations as well as in Auckland to meet immediate demands for assistance. I am the District 9940 representative on the RNZWCS Board which provides a useful link to the work of RCW – reinforced by my role as Chair of the District 9940 International Service Committee.

Other Projects: Rarotonga Mobile Health Clinic

The Board agreed to the Committee's recommendation to make a grant of \$1,000 towards the Mobile Health Clinic for Rarotonga, Cook Islands. The project was the outcome of a model collaboration among eighteen New Zealand Rotary clubs including the Rarotonga Club, four districts and the Cook Islands Government, supported by a Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation. Rotarians Christine and

Nick Hurley were heavily involved in developing the project while they were based in Rarotonga 2015-2016. They remained involved from the Wellington end until the mobile clinic was handed over to the Cook Islands Government on 18 June. The mobile health unit's direct costs, excluding many donated hours of work and materials given free or at cost, totalled \$171,000.

Rotary Club of Masterton South successfully led the whole project for New Zealand, calling on the unique resources of their Club members who provided the bus, the medical expertise to determine with the Cook Islands health authorities what was needed, and project management to oversee the conversion of the bus into a mobile clinic. Careful thought went into ensuring that bus could be serviced locally, was an appropriate size for local roads, and could be driven by nurses themselves. The mobile clinic will enable nurses to work with community-based patients on a range of maternal and child health issues, as well as elderly patient care, in a hygienic and well-resourced environment which can even function autonomously for several days after a natural disaster.

Christine Hurley and I, along with some twenty other Rotarians including the DGs of District 9940 and 9920, attended the colourful formal handover ceremony in Rarotonga.

Committee Changes

Laurie Wilson resigned from the International Committee for personal reasons and I took over as Chair from July 2017. Other members left during the year for personal reasons but it has proven a challenge to recruit replacements.

Conclusion

The Committee's focus on the ERKs and Sky-Hydrant remains valid, despite the challenges of delivering on the latter in the Pacific. Both are directly relevant to the short-term and longer-term needs of our region. We also remain open, however, to other project possibilities where appropriate to our strategy and well justified – as shown in our support for the Rarotonga Mobile Health Clinic and for the SkyHydrant in the Philippines.

Funding remains an on-going challenge to ensure our international commitment matches the profile of the Club as the oldest and largest in New Zealand and whose membership reflects the nature of the country's capital. Efforts to promote

the ERKs and SkyHydrant at outside events e.g. at Rotary Kaukau's fair in Khandallah generate good public interest but only modest funds. The Committee will continue to rely on larger fund-raising opportunities by the Club.

Nick Hurley
(Chair)

STRATEGIC SOCIAL ISSUES / ZERO CARBON COMMITTEE

RCW has a proud history of championing big social issues over its 98 years, including Karitane, Eradicating Polio, CCS, Skilled Migrants, Refugee Trauma Recovery, Eureka, Forest in the Heart of Wellington and Rotary Forums. Previous President Peter Lawson asked me last year to lead a committee to look at issues that the Club may want to take up as *'the next big initiative'* in our Club's history as *Leaders of Positive Social Change*.

Our committee: Roger Blakeley (chair), Helen Algar, Denise Church, Karen Coutts, Geoff Dangerfield, Derek Gill, Peter Lawson, Jane McCann, Lynn McKenzie, Alexandra Hare, and Sir Anand Satyanand.

At the Rotary Club lunch on 19 March 2018, the Strategic Social Issues Committee shared with Club members three ideas of 'big' social strategic issues for the club's consideration:

- Improving life chances for vulnerable boys - to educational and life success.
- Creating Wellington 'city of true inclusion' - volunteers to befriend the lonely.
- Reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change – Club and personally.

Of the three options, the one that members rated the highest was the option on Climate Change. The Board agreed that we take up this issue.

The Zero Carbon RCW Committee comprises Roger Blakeley (chair), Helen Algar, Russ Ballard, Denise Church, Derek Gill, and Lynn McKenzie. The project has two elements:

- *actions we can take as a club*, for example planting 100,000 trees by 2021, making RCW New Zealand's first Net Carbon Zero Rotary Club, engaging other Rotary Clubs, and going global with Rotary International, and
- *actions that we can take as individuals*, for example planting at least three trees a year; walking, cycling or using public transport more often; reducing and reusing plastic and paper bags; making our households more resilient.

Russ Ballard has led our negotiation of an initial 3-year contract with Enviro-Mark Solutions (EMS), which will audit the Club's carbon emissions. They will provide an internationally recognised carboNZero certification. We can then put in place measures to reduce our Club's direct greenhouse gas (ghg) emissions, and more widely in our supply chain. EMS will also help us to identify opportunities to offset our ghg emissions. The cost to the Club will be \$7,000 over 3 years for annual audits and related costs. EMS has agreed to sponsor the Club for the annual membership fee of \$3,600 per year. We will not know until the audit is carried out what the credit cost of offsets will be. Credits cost between \$5-\$25 per carbon credit currently. At any time after the first year ending 30 June 2019, RCW can pull out of the contract if it wishes (e.g. if the cost of carbon credits is unacceptably high). The benefits are:

- the Club will be contributing to global, NZ and local efforts to reduce climate change/global warming and improve the quality of the local environment;
- Members will be supported with ideas and advice on how they can take actions that will reduce their personal carbon and environmental impacts, and be proud members of NZ's first Carbon Zero Rotary Club;
- The project will enhance the profile and 'brand' of the Club, and increase its appeal to environmentally and socially conscious (young and old) people as new members;
- RCW will encourage other Clubs and NGOs to follow our lead, and our span of influence will go global through Rotary International.

Roger Blakeley
(Chair)

PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Eureka!

This report for the 2017 Rotary year reflects the fact that the Eureka! Programme now extends throughout the year and its development has resulted in significant extensions beyond the original idea of a competition designed to identify the best young STEM communicators in New Zealand.

Therefore, to present this report in the second half of 2018 without reference to the developments which have occurred since the end of 2017, would reflect a very incomplete story.

This report confirms that the initiatives taken in 2017 to expand the base and the reach of the Eureka! programme have been successful in profile building and also in engaging younger students and teachers.

The Junior Eureka! programme continues to engage teachers and students in primary and intermediate schools, but at levels which could be significantly improved on if the Trust had the sponsorship support it needs. A series of meetings were held with Ministry of Education during late 2017 and early 2018 to explore how we might make larger gains in the Year 4 to Year 8 age groups. While the resulting evaluation (attached) provided a very useful insight into how we have grown it doesn't yet answer the important questions of where we get the funding to make this grow. This is a work-on which the Trust will be following up in late 2018 and 2019.

2017 saw the successful introduction of two additional award programmes:

- the Eureka! Video Awards for students in intermediate school and secondary who are asked to produce a 5-minute video on an application of science or technology in their community and the value that application brings to the community, and
- the Eureka! Teachers Awards which recognises teachers who have demonstrated their fulfilment of the objectives of the Eureka! Trust

Both programmes have continued successfully in 2018.

Our newest initiative is the Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Young Science Leaders Forum – which arose from discussions with our Vice-Regal Patron about a way in which Her Excellency could do something more than just host our Awards Dinner.

This has been a very exciting development which is set to become a new annual event where our alumni, national finalists, scholarship winners and top science students and teachers from invited secondary schools get to consider a major issue of public importance where science and technology will have a vital role in sound decision making. The results of the consideration process will be presented to the Government and other agencies as the thoughtful input of the leaders of tomorrow. The forum is guided by senior science policy advocates and advisers.

This initiative is another vital element of the legacy the RCW Eureka! Trust has been set up to create. We now have over 110 alumni who have been national finalists and/or scholarship winners. These passionate eloquent young people are the leaders of tomorrow. We are helping them to channel their enthusiasm and to develop the skills they will need to be effective leaders.

Our alumni are also making their mark in academia and the STEM workforce in New Zealand and the rest of the world. Alexia Hilbertidou, Andrew Tang, Sam Hall McMaster, Hadleigh Frost, Evan Brenton-Rule, Jennifer Palmer, Neakiry Kivi and several others have already established formidable reputations as voices of their generation.

It has been very gratifying to note that the quality and number of entries for our Awards competitions has continued to increase year by year reflecting the continual widening of the pool to include schools which have not had contestants in previous years showing our promotional effort are bearing fruit.

We are also very grateful for the support of many Rotarians from RCW as well as clubs in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch, Ashburton and Dunedin.

The Board's Financial position continues to be positive. However, we are constantly seeking new sponsors to fund our activities and future developments.

The Board is now in a period of renewal with several initial Trustees coming up for replacement. The Board has a clear plan to ensure institutional knowledge is retained while fresh ideas are also brought to the table. Our National Convenor, Francis Wevers, retires from his position at the end of 2018 and will be replaced by

Debbie Gee who was selected following a thorough search and assessment process.

Russ Ballard
(Eureka Trust Chair)

Jumbo Tennis

This year we celebrated our 10th anniversary of NonSuch Consulting Jumbo Tennis.

While aiming as always for forty teams we ended up with 35. It was great to have Wellington Children's Hospital involved as both beneficiaries and participants. The profits of \$26,050 were shared out between the Wellington Children's Hospital, the Akina Foundation and Wellington Junior Tennis.

A huge thank you to club member Youssef Mourra and NonSuch Consulting for their third and final year as sponsors.

A very successful event thoroughly enjoyed by all.

William Sommerville
(Convenor)

Singers to listen for

The third Singers to listen for Concert was held at St Andrews on the Terrace on Friday 10 November 2017. As a fundraiser it was among the most successful of the events, with \$24,197 (excl. GST) raised from ticket sales and the charity auction. The charities to benefit were Rotary's project with UNICEF for children's vaccinations in the Pacific; equipment for the Wellington Children's Hospital; and The Kiri Programme.

The evening was a celebration of wonderful young talent. Outstanding young opera singers were featured, several on their way to international careers, together with a new fresh Polynesian sound which is captivating audiences.

Four of the singers – Natasha Wilson, Manase Latu, Ipu Laga'aia and Samson Setu are participants in the Dame Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation Singer Development Programme and have been chosen because they are recognised as having serious international potential.

The three men are also part of an outstanding vocal group 'The Shades' and for this they were joined by the fine young baritone – Mataka Vuni. They brought a distinctive blend of Polynesian fun and energy coupled to superb singing. Natasha has worked with The Shades in the past and we had the benefit of her collaboration with them for this concert.

The doyen of New Zealand accompanists, Professor Terence Dennis, partnered the singers and Rodney Macann was the MC for the evening. In the audience of nearly 200 this year was Sir Bill and Mary English, together with a trustee of the Dame Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation, Ian Fraser. Many well-known Rotary members and Wellington opera supporters enjoyed the evening. A visiting Rotary delegation from Taiwan attended and enjoyed it so much they were reluctant to leave.

The Organising Committee is grateful for the support given by the sponsors; principally Lexus, of Wellington, Chris Parkin, CQ Hotels of Wellington, and donors of items in the charity auction. Rotary members did a great job in supporting the event, especially William Sommerville who organised the charity auction.

The Committee decided to not hold a Singers to listen for concert in 2018 and a decision has yet to be made on whether there will be a concert in 2019.

John Boshier
(Convenor)

Rotary Forum 2018 – Wellington: Impossible Dreams

RCW has organised a very successful annual Forum attended by a total of over 1,000 people over the last eight years. It has focused on contemporary issues that are important to Wellington, such as Earthquake Resilience, Local Government and a Constitution for NZ.

The membership of the RCW Forums Committee over the last year has been:

Roger Blakeley (chair), Helen Algar, Lynda Carroll, John Cook, Fraser Carson, DK, Allan Frost, Alexandra Hare, Tony Hassed, Tui Te Hau, Taniya Scott, Chris Whelan and Mark Woodard. The Committee was supported by Centre for Lifelong Learning, VUW.

Over the last two years we have adopted the theme of "Wellington: Impossible Dreams". For the most recent Forum on 23 August 2018, we invited 13 inspiring 'dreamers and disruptors' to share their impossible dreams for Wellington and its people, and how those impossible dreams could become reality. The speakers were: Georgina Beyer, former MP and Mayor; Dr Michelle Dickinson, 'Nanogirl'; Susan Freeman-Greene, CE, Engineering NZ; Eric Janssen, Editor, DomPost; Nick Morrison, campaigner against plastic bags; Nick Kapica, Design Lead, WCC; Benjamin Johnston, Co-founder of the Freestore; Melissa Clark-Reynolds, Futurist and Professional Director; Kim Workman, Justice Reformer; Fraser Callaway, Partner at Strategy Creative; Peter McKenzie, Student at VUW; Jaye Glam Morgan, Fashion Producer and Commentator; and Hon Grant Robertson, MP for Wellington Central. There were 130 people present in the Renouf Foyer, Michael Fowler Centre. The feedback from participants was "outstanding speakers and remarkable for their diversity and youth", a buzz in the room, and people wanted to keep the conversation going.



Planning for Rotary Forum 2019

We have started planning for our 2019 Forum. We have asked some big questions about the purpose and sustainability of the Forum, and the Club's strategic commitment to the Forum. We concluded that the Forum aligns strongly to RCW's purpose of 'Leaders of Positive Social Change', that it is sustainable, and the Club has demonstrated its commitment through participation by members, and funding support this year of \$6,943, funded from reserves from revenues of past Forums.

We want to co-design the future of the Forum with our potential partners and 'customers/audience'. We want to map the niche of the Forum from a customer perspective. We are asking the question: "who is our constituency?". Broadly, we see it as 'people, young and old, who care passionately about Wellington, and are highly ambitious for the future of our city, region and communities'. We want to be aligned to others working in this space. We have invited several influential "dreamers, disruptors and thought leaders" to a workshop with us on Sunday 9 December 2018, to help us to gather ideas and plan for the future of the Forum. We are open to Club members who would like to join the Committee.

Roger Blakeley
(Chair)

WELLINGTON ROTARY CHARITABLE TRUST

Annual Report YE 30 June 2018

On behalf of the Trustees of the Rotary Club of Wellington Charitable Trust, I have great pleasure in summarizing the activities of the year.

Trustees

During the year we had two replacements to consider, Martin Lenart retired effective 31 December 2017 and we sought to replace Wayne Morgan who retired at the end of the last Rotary year but continued to provide assistance and handover of the Trust financials.

We were pleased to welcome on board Joy Tracey to replace Martin Lenart, and Gray Hughson to replace Wayne Morgan. Both bring strong not for profit governance experience; in addition Joy will offer investment management experience and Gray strong guidance over the financial accounts.

Current Trustees are: Andrew Austin (Chair), Helen Algar, Alexandra Hare, Gray Hughson, Kate Mitchell, Joan Smith and Joy Tracey. We meet as Trustees quarterly (February, May, August and November) and transacted by email on any issues arising between meetings.

Funds Management

Hobson Wealth (previously Macquarie Private Wealth) have again managed our funds this year, with their representative, Curtis O'Connor, reporting once per annum to the Trustees in person. We receive quarterly valuation reports and annual performance.

In addition to the income earned from the portfolio of investments, we oversee the donations received from club members to the trust, and we oversee the use of those funds predominantly in the same year as gifted. These funds can include regular weekly donations, one off lump sums, and in some cases the proceeds from fund raising events.

Sir JR McKenzie bequest of Rangatira shares - During the year the Board authorised the Transfer of 10,000 Rangatira Shares (value approx. \$100,000) from the club into the Trust's investment portfolio held with Hobson Wealth. This allows the Trust to administer the assets with ease on the existing investment platform. The Board will continue to advise how the income is to be spent each year.

The shares are not to be sold as per the wishes of the McKenzie bequest with the income to be spent on 'club choice' determined by the board. The annual income will grow, but will be in the vicinity of \$5,000 - \$6,000 for the coming year.

Including the Rangatira transfer, the portfolio totals approximately \$1.64M of combined funds as of June 2018.

Investments

With the trustees assistance Hobson Wealth maintained a moderately conservative portfolio appropriate to the risk profile of the Trust. The asset allocation was set at 55 income /45 Growth and throughout the year and have been maintained to this ratio. Although overall returns from the portfolio have been strong this year, corporate debenture rates (fixed interest) have continued to decline. This has been offset by improved returns from equity investments.

At the last Trustee meeting held on June 5th, 20, 2018 was noted that the Trust has been with Hobson Wealth (Ex Macquarie) since June 2010. Therefore after a period

of 8 years the Trustees feel it is appropriate to review the current market to ensure the Trust is receiving the most appropriate services available.

The Trustees are considering reviewing the Trust's investment manager in the new Rotary year.

Trust Financial Accounts – Appointment of an external accountant.

The Trust approved the appointment of an external accountant to assist with quarterly and end of year accounts. With the assistance of Gray Hughson, the firm of Moore Markhams was appointed and they are currently handling the transition to a Xero based accounting system.

This will be an extra cost for the Trust in the new Rotary year.

Grant Applications

The Trustees advised the Rotary President that funds available for distribution during the 2017/2018 year would be \$70,000.

We have advised the president \$80,000 is available for the 2018/2019 year, again with the potential to review and increase. This includes the Rangitira Dividends forecast at \$5,600, as per below.

Source	Salmon Trust	Knowles Bequest	Eleanor & Huia Hill	RCW Funds	Rangitira	Total
Purpose	Elderly or Medical Research	Elderly	Youth Education	Club choice	Club Choice	
Amount available	\$26,464.08	\$17,305.44	\$3,042.96	\$27,587.52	\$5,600.00	\$80,000.00

We note that the portfolio has had excellent returns in the past 3+ years and therefore surplus is available. However, the trustees wish to review, and potential enhance, policy to ensure that capital gains are managed appropriately in regards to future sustainability of the investment funds.

Promotion of the Trust and growing the Capital Fund

The Trust reports back to the Club from time to time with a presentation at a lunchtime meeting, both to demonstrate what has been achieved through grants made, and to encourage club members to consider supporting the Trust through

either regularly pledged weekly donations at meetings, a lifetime gift, a bequest in their will, or a combination of these.

The Trustees continue to discuss initiatives to best promote the Trusts capability.

Grants

Specific grants made from Trust accounts and paid in YE June 2018 were:

Fundraising/Member Donations/Centenary Funds

Source of Funding	Donations from Members		Fundraising					Total	
	Seargents Sessions	Rotary Foundation	District grants	Website	Jumbo Tennis	Singers	ERKS		Illot Trust
Centennial Committee Forest at the Heart of Wellington - Vermin trapping			\$ 2,750						\$ 2,750
Community Services Committee Wellington Youth Activity Centre				\$ 5,000					\$ 5,000
Fundraising Projects Wellington Childrens Hospital (Hospital Foundation)					\$ 11,000	\$ 5,000			\$ 16,000
Kiri Te Kaniwa Foundation						\$ 9,000			\$ 9,000
International Committee Emergency Response Kits	\$ 1,870						\$ 130		\$ 2,000
Vocational Committee KickStart Awards 2017					\$ 10,000				\$ 10,000
Rotary Foundation		\$ 4,987						\$ 3,100	\$ 8,087
Totals	\$ 1,870	\$ 4,987					\$ 130	\$ 3,100	\$ 52,837

Bequest and RCW Funds

Source of Funding	Salmon Trust	Knowles Bequest	Eleanor & Huia Hill	RCW Funds	Rangitira Shares	Total
Purpose/Criteria of funds	Elderly or Medical Reserarch	Elderly	Youth Education	Club Choice	Club Choice	
Centennial Committee Forest at the Heart of Wellington - Vermin trapping				\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000
Forest at the Heart of Wellington - trees, support for Conservation Volunteers			Approved not yet	\$ 6,000		\$ 6,000
Youth Committee Youth Awards Total			\$ 5,000			\$ 5,000
Community Services Committee Age Concern Newtown Older Adults Exercise Group		\$ 2,500				\$ 2,500
Tagata Matutua PIPC Newtown		\$ 5,000				\$ 5,000
Wellington Youth Activity Centre				\$ 1,900		\$ 1,900
International Committee Emergency Response Kits				\$ 4,000		\$ 4,000
Mobile Health Clinic for Rarotonga				\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
Vocational Committee Skilled Migrant Lunch				\$ 600		\$ 600
Rotary Forum				\$ 4,194		\$ 4,194
Totals	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 20,694	\$ -	\$ 33,194

Our sincere thanks

The continuing link between the Rotary Club of Wellington and the Wellington Rotary Charitable Trust is very important to the club and its members. We, as Trustees, value the continuing ability to assist worthy groups and organisations because of the very good work by the Committee Chairs and the great work of their committees in finding worthy recipients and because of the generosity and foresight of earlier members and the ongoing generosity of existing members who donate funds to the trust.

I personally thank the Trustees for their commitment this year and acknowledge Martin for his service to the Trust.

Rebecca Maresca's services were again invaluable in administering the Trust.

Andrew Austin
(Chair)

J R McKENZIE YOUTH EDUCATION FUND

We have continued our focus on moving to a school bulk funded model. With a target of decile 3 and lower schools. To date 16 schools have accepted this model and it is working well. The schools can apply twice per year and we cap the amount per school based on the school role.

The schools build an internal distribution model that suits their needs. This has ranged from the provision of rain coats on rotation to school shoes.

Each school reports back on how the funds were spent and how this has helped in their area.

Overall, we are very happy with this model and it has helped reduce the regular one of grants to children in these schools.

If a direct application comes in, we recommended that they talk to the school first.

Our second source of grants comes from Barnardo's, Cobweb Trust (Otaki), Birthright and Salvation Army. These come with full supported documentation and generally they have to show that they are a beneficiary or in financial hardship.

Finally, we do receive direct applications and applications from district Rotary clubs. However, these are now much fewer in number as we have moved to the bulk funding model.

In the 2017-2018 year, 99 individual applications were approved, with a total value of \$23,221. 13 bulk grants totalling \$35,000 were paid to schools directly.

My thanks to the Administrator of the Rotary Club of Wellington who organises the vetting, distribution and payment of all grants along with my two fellow Trustees Donna Dentice and Denise Church.

Grant Uridge
(Chair)

JOHN ILOTT CHARITABLE TRUST

It was my pleasure as President of the Rotary Club of Wellington (RCW) to Chair the John Ilott Charitable Trust in the 2017/2018 year.

Background

John (Bert) Illot was a charter member of our club and subsequent president, and a District Governor when NZ was one District, going on to become Vice President of Rotary International. Bert hosted Paul Harris on his visit to Wellington in 1933. Bert's son Jack joined RCW in 1963 and was President in 1978. In 1992 the family handed control of the Trust to RCW. In addition to the Trustees, and recognising the limitations provided by an ever-changing Trust board, the provision of an advisory board of not less than 2 and not more than 5 was established to maintain continuity.

There are three key elements to the successful running of the John Ilott Trust – good governance, management of the investments, and distribution of the income as provided for in the guidelines from the Ilott family.

Governance

The Board is set up to have the President Elect, the President (Chair), and immediate Past President as Trustees so I was joined by Mark Wheeler and Marion Cowden as Trustees. We were joined on the Board by George Fairbairn continuing as the Advisory Board Chair, Denis Kirkcaldie as the Treasurer, and Rebecca Maresca as the Secretary. This provides for a Board with good continuity of knowledge. In addition the Trust's governance processes and manuals contain requirements to review processes to ensure they are followed and that they remain relevant for purpose. Marion provided a review of the Trust which highlighted the need to review material on the website to better fit purpose, and a need to tidy up some accounting and reporting to avoid the issue of non-reported un-cleared cheques – an issue which had required the re-issue of a grant to Te Papa during the financial year.

Distributions process

The distribution of the income is administered mostly by the work the John Ilott Advisory Committee. Applicants send in their requests in October following the guidelines from the website and the Committee review applications and make grant recommendations to the Board at the November meeting. On the John Ilott Advisory Committee George Fairbairn was well supported by Peter Halsted, Gray Hughson, Keith Newell and Sue Paterson. The Advisory Committee do an excellent job of each reviewing all grant applications independently and rating them for appropriateness and grant allocations, then meeting together to discuss each applicant and forming a consensus view taking into account the feedback of all. This means that they all make a significant time commitment in late October and early November to meet the deadlines for the grants cycle. They also ensure that there is a good spread of grants across organisations, regions and grant sectors. The work of George and the Advisory committee is an excellent example of service before self and is greatly appreciated.

Sadly, Sue Paterson recently passed away and I would like to acknowledge the great work Sue did over a number of years contributing to the successful review of grant applications and providing her valuable knowledge in particular regarding the arts.

Investment management

The Trust funds are invested under a balanced investment profile provided to the third party managers by the Trustees. Regular dialogue takes place between the managers and the Treasurer, and the Board is involved in reviewing the investment position of the portfolio at each Board meeting to ensure the portfolio is in line with agreed protocols.

The management of the funds is currently provided from Craigs Investment Partners ably led by David Cheape. They were the successful tenderer when this was last tendered and they have provided outstanding service and advice to the Trustees. The Trustees reviewed the need to go to tender for this management role during the year and determined that we did not need to do so at this time.

Grants made

The Board made \$175,000 available for distribution in 2017/18. We received 138 applications and approved 92 with a total amount of \$173,779 distributed. The balance was left invested in the portfolio value.

The John Ilott Charitable Trust has a March financial year. The portfolio had an opening value at 1 April 2017 of \$3,684,526 and a 31 March 2018 value of \$3,691,869.

Peter Lawson

(Chair)

J R MCKENZIE TRUST REPORT

Highlights

Two highlights of the year were the establishment of the new *Opportunities, Partnerships and Collaboration Fund (OPC Fund)* in mid-2018 and the inaugural Peter Mc Kenzie Project grant to a new social innovation hub, *Tokona te Raki: Maori Futures Collective*.

With the establishment of the new OPC Fund, the trust will proactively seek opportunities to work collaboratively with other funding partners to achieve greater social change in New Zealand. In partnership with Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu the Peter Mc Kenzie Project is supporting a new social innovation hub which is

designed to increase Maori participation, success, and progression in education and employment in the Ngai Tahu region. The grant is for \$1.37 million over five years.

Current Focus of the Trust

To help realise the Trust's vision of "A socially just and inclusive Aotearoa New Zealand", the Trust is focussing on three issues for the decade 2010 -2019:

- Reducing **child and family poverty**
- Growing the focus on **Maori Development** by philanthropic organisations
- Decreasing **inequalities and social injustices in Aotearoa, New Zealand.**

Proactive Work of the Trust

Te Kawai Toro Committee

In 2003 the Trust established the Te Kawai Toro Committee in response to a strategic review which identified the under-representation of Maori in the Trust's philanthropic activities and in philanthropy across Aotearoa New Zealand. This year a key focus has been on establishing a network of government and philanthropic organisations interested in increasing grants to Maori organisation.

Connecting Education and Communities Committee

Following an initial survey of the issues affecting children and young people in New Zealand in 2010, approximately \$1.5 million over 5 years was set aside for proactive work around the theme of *Connecting Education and Communities*. Five community lead projects that build a community's and their whanau/families' capacity to achieve better educational outcomes for their disadvantaged children are being funded and supported in the second five years of this work stream. One of these projects is in District 9940 and is supporting the Muaupoko Tribal Authority in Horowhenua.

JR McKenzie Trust Board

As a Wellington based trustee, Joan Smith, is a member of the Executive Committee of the Board that meets between the quarterly Board meetings. Joan is also a member of the Board's Te Kawai Toro Sub-Committee and Chairs the Board's Connecting Education and Communities Sub-Committee.

The JR McKenzie Trust has always had a strong commitment to learning and development. This year there were two Board learning days. The first, held on the Lower Hut marae of local iwi, Te Ati Awa, was devoted to learning about the local iwi and marae customs and protocol. At the second learning day the Board hosted international social innovation leader, Paul Schmitz. He shared his learnings around the topic of "Everyone leads and Social Innovation".

Mark Dossor was welcomed as the new CEO of Rangatira Investments. The Trust holds 51% of the shares in Rangatira and is funded by dividends earned by the company. This pioneering company was established by Sir JR McKenzie in 1937. Today it grows iconic New Zealand medium sized, largely family owned, businesses utilising a co-investment model.

Responsive Grants

Each year the Trust allocates over \$2 million to responsive grants. About a third of grants are for projects addressing issues that affect disadvantaged children and their families; a third are for Maori Development projects; and a third are for projects addressing issues of social justice and inclusion.

Four multi-year major grants were made to Wellington based organisations in District 9940 and one organisation located in Palmerston North. In addition, two smaller one-off grants were made to organisations in District 9940, one located in Whanganui and one located in Lower Hutt. Brief details of the organisations and purpose of the grants follow:

- **ActionStation** – A second grant of \$186,000 over three years was granted in mid-2018. This grant will enable ActionStation to support Maori, Pasifika and multicultural communities to speak, advocate and organise around issues of racial justice, and give Pakeha opportunities to tautoko them. The first grant helped establish ActionStation as a successful online community of over 190,000 New Zealanders who have signed up to be involved in building petitions and campaigns for the elimination of child poverty and other social injustices in New Zealand. These campaigns significantly influenced the poverty reduction policies of the major political parties during the 2017 General Election and beyond.

- **New Zealand Drug Foundation** – A second grant of \$387,000 over three years was granted in 2018. This grant will enable the foundation to continue building support for health-focussed drug law reform to 2020 and beyond including working with Maori to ensure they are represented/engaged in any reforms of drug laws.
- **National Council of Women**- Funding of \$294,000 over three years was granted to support their work on gender equality. This work includes advocacy, policy submissions, engaging with members and volunteers, and tackling gender norms and stereotypes.
- **Te Rau Matatini** – Funding of \$100,000 was granted for building national Maori youth leadership, resilience and strength to prevent suicide. Te Rau Matatini are partnering with the “Key to Life Trust” to provide a youth led peer support programme into schools.
- **Mauria Te Pono Trust** – Funding of \$192,242.50 was granted over two years for whanau investment. This is a pilot project to build the capacity of whanau to educate themselves and then to support them to improve their lives through the development and use of a “Path” strategic plan for each whanau. This Palmerston North whanau has recently relocated to Turanga nui/Gisborne.
- **Whanganui Safe and Free** – A one-off grant of \$12,000 was made to support the training and supervision of Maori Educators fluent in Te Reo to implement specialised sexual violence prevention programmes in mainstream and Te Reo –only settings; develop resources for whanau; and research suitable programme models for specific needs and different ages.
- **Trade School Industries Trust** – A one-off grant of \$30,000 was made to the Trust for its work with ex-prisoners. Trade School Industries Trust is a social enterprise and therapeutic community providing ex-prisoners with a chance to turn their lives around through employment. This funding will support a community reintegration programme to provide social wrap-around support for ex-prisoners as they are employed in the social enterprise.

Wellington Regional Panel

During the year, the regional panel and Chair, Joan Smith, welcomed three new members. They are Sir Roy McKenzie’s grand-daughter, Sarah McLennan, and Rotary Club of Wellington members, Christine Hurley and Joy Tracey.

Joan Smith

Trustee JR McKenzie Trust and Chair, Wellington Regional Panel

COMMITTEES – 2017-2018

DIRECTORS

Community Service

Karen Coutts (Chair), Roger Blakeley, Sue Elsworth, David Henderson, Raewyn Hailes, Martin Lenart, Wayne Nyberg, Joan Smith, Brian Steele, Janice Wilson

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Membership

Peter Cornish (Chair), Roger Miller, Kate Mitchell, Youssef Mourra, Rama Ramanathan, Prashanta Mukherjee, Geoff Shaw

Strategy

Peter Cornish (Chair), Grant Foggo, Peter Lawson, Youssef Mourra, Owen Gibson

Vocational

Andrew Miller (Chair), Siah Hwee Ang, Andrew Austin, Bice Awan, Geoff Bascand, John Emanuel, Derek Gill, Graeme Hall, Ramsey Margolis, Murray Milner, John Prebble, Rachel Qi

Youth

Andrew Jackson (Chair), Dean Blair, Tracy Brown, Hannah Carter, Wheldon Curzon-Hobson, Karen Doucas, Tony Hassed, Olivier Lacoua, Terry Shubkin, Mark Stephens

Projects

James Austin (Chair)

Forum

Roger Blakeley (Convenor), (Lead), Helen Algar, John Cook, Karen Coutts, Alexandra Hare, Tony Hassed, Grant Uridge, Mark Woodard

Eureka

Francis Wevers (National Convenor), John Emanuel (RCW National Events Coordinator), James Austin, Russ Ballard, John Boshier, Stephen Brown, Alexandra

Hare, Andrew Jackson, Peter Lawson, Patrick McArdell, Kate Mitchell, Lesley Moffat, Anthony Scott, Joan Smith, Laurie Wilson, Euan Wright

Tree Planting

- Forest at the Heart of Wellington: Richard Norman
- Vermin Trapping: Donna Dentice

Jumbo Tennis

Hannah Carter (Event Convenor), Helen Hancox (Franchising Convenor), Peter Cornish, Gray Hughson, Oliver Ibbetson Tuku Kururangi, Duncan McDonald, Youssef Mourra, Keith Newell, John Rowe, William Sommerville

Singers to listen for

John Boshier (Convenor), Russ Ballard, Leanna Dey, Alexandra Hare, Gillian Jones, Olivier Lacoua, Duncan McDonald, Andrew Miller, Murray Milner, Sue Paterson, Mark Stephens, Suzanne Snively, William Sommerville, Heather Verry

Club Service Committees

Peter Lawson (Chair)

Fellowship

Geoff Eades (Convenor), Stuart Brooker, John Cook, Michaela Draper, Robert Fisher, Ralph Green, Peter Halsted, Helen Hancox, Gillian Jones, Lesley Moffat, Keith Newell, Sue Paterson, John Rowe, Susan Satyanand

Door Welcoming

Johnny Johnson (Convenor), John Nimmo

Inductions

James Austin (Convenor), Russ Ballard, Tony Hassed

Attendance Desk

Bob Stannard (Convenor), George Fairbairn, John Hall, Johnny Johnson

Luncheon Arrangements

John Gibbons, Patrick McArdell

Luncheon – Grace

Denzil Brown (Convenor)

Member Support

George Fairbairn (Convenor), Jenny Button, Brian McKeon, Colleen Singleton

Music/ Premier House Function

Sue Paterson

Speakers' Programme

Lynn McKenzie

Sergeants

Grant Uridge (Convenor)

5 minute Talks

Peter Bushnell

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Colleen Singleton (RCW Convenor), Marion Cowden (RCW Zone Rep) Helen Hancox, Brian McKeon, Richard Norman, Sarah Owen, Lee Wilkinson (RCW Zone Rep)

Club Records

Brian McKeon (Convenor), Helen Hancox, Euan Wright

John Ilott Advisory Committee

George Fairbairn (Chair), Peter Halsted, Gray Hughson, Keith Newell, Sue Paterson

John Ilott Charitable Trust

Peter Lawson (Chair), Mark Wheeler, Marion Cowden, Denis Kirkcaldie

J R McKenzie Trust

Joan Smith

J R McKenzie Youth Education Fund

Grant Uridge (Regional Chair and National Trustee), Denise Church, Donna Dentice

Wellington Rotary Charitable Trust

Andrew Austin, Helen Algar, Alexandra Hare, Martin Lenart, Kate Mitchell, Wayne Morgan

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Honorary Solicitor

Roger Miller

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Justin Lester, Mayor of Wellington

John Dew, Archbishop of Wellington

Justin Duckworth, Bishop of Wellington

Grant Robertson, MP for Wellington Central

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Donna Dentice – RYLA

Ray Matthews – RYLA

Anthony Scott – Secretary, District Advisory Committee and Minutes Secretary, District Board

Joan Smith – District Trustee, JR McKenzie Trust

Grant Uridge – JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund Regional Chair and National Trustee

Lee Wilkinson – District 9940 Assistant Governor