



District 9940 – New Zealand

NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 30 June 2019



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Reflecting on the Rotary year that was 2018/19, I realise that once again the Rotary Club of Wellington had an action-packed and event-filled year. With two years to go before the Club's centenary year, an historian was appointed, and work commenced on writing the history of Rotary in the Club and in New Zealand. Our local centennial project, "A Forest in the Heart of the City", to plant 100,000 trees by 2021 received a huge boost with the Ministry for Primary Industries providing funding to our partners, Conservation Volunteers, to plant the remaining trees over the next three years. This funding, from the Government's "billion trees fund" is being managed by the Conservation Volunteers in partnership with the Club and Wellington City Council. And our joint project with our sister 1921 clubs (Melbourne, Sydney and Auckland) to vaccinate 100,000 children against rotavirus, meningococcal disease and Human Papilloma virus made steady progress from its early beginnings. The centenary activity was launched at a national function at Government House Wellington by Governor-General, Dame Patsy Reddy in the presence of Rotarians from round New Zealand and the Pacific, Pacific High Commissioners and community representatives.

Members continued to participate in a wide range of committee activities, fundraising including the annual Jumbo Tennis Tournament and social activities as well as serving as trustees for the trusts managed by the Club and on District committees. Committee activity is reported on elsewhere in this report.

The annual President's cocktail function was combined with a changeover ceremony at Premier House attended by our Honorary Member, Hon Grant Robertson, Member for Wellington Central and Minister of Finance. Grant assisted in the awarding of Paul Harris Fellowships to Christine Hurley, Lynn McKenzie, Madison Faber, President of Wellington Rotaract and Lance Webster. Fellowships were subsequently awarded in September 2019 at the Eureka Function at Government House to Dr Peter Buchanan and Kim Hill who have both contributed immensely to the development and success of the Eureka Science Oratory competition.

We were saddened to record the death in April of our oldest member, Denzil Brown and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family. His caring and wit are missed.

The Club participated in an outward Friendship Exchange to Taiwan during the year, having hosted visitors from Taiwan two years previously, and also hosted two groups of Friendship Exchange visitors, one from British Columbia, Canada and Washington State (USA) and a second from Orange in New South Wales, Australia.

We made further changes to our club meeting format to cater for the differing needs of members, continuing with occasional evening meetings and changing the lunch meeting on the third Monday of each month to a shorter format.

In May 2019 we were delighted to hear that Past President Mark Wheeler will follow Gillian Jones as District Governor in 2021/22. The Club looks forward to supporting both Gillian and Mark in their District Governor roles.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members of the Board including President-elect Denise Church, Past President Lee Wilkinson and the Committee chairs for their support during the year, the wise counsel of past-presidents and the other committee chairs who ensured the smooth running of club activities. Thanks would not be complete without mention of our Administrator, Rebecca Maresca whose help was immeasurable and valued.

Marion Cowden
President 2018-2019

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

During the year eight membership referrals were received from the District. They were followed up. Only one of these people joined a Rotary Club. The main vehicle for recruitment remains members introducing prospective members. We urge members to share their Rotary experiences with friends and colleagues and invite them to become Rotarians.

Attempts were made to establish a Satellite Group to attract new members into Rotary. Members of this group would be full members of The Rotary Club of Wellington, (Host Club) but would have their own- name, board, communication arrangements and programmes. They would have one representative on the Board of the Host Club. There was some interest, but this was not sustained.

We also attempted to contact members that hadn't been active in the Club to ascertain what they wanted to achieve from their membership. This proved difficult to sustain.

A snapshot of The Club records shows in Rotary year 2018-19, 14 resignations were received, and four members transferred to other Rotary Clubs. There were 121 members at Rotary year end, 30 June 2019. It should be noted that the membership numbers are very fluid and fluctuate especially at Rotary 'change over' time. There were several reasons why members resigned: work transfers, too busy, deceased, lifestyle changes (four members transferred to other Rotary Clubs) and not becoming actively engaged.

Jean Phipps
(Chair)

YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Committee this year consisted of Barbara Lewis, Karen Doucas, Sam Williamson and Tony Hasted (Convenor).

The Youth Committee has responsibility for, or oversight of, on behalf of the Club, the Club's participation in the following programs:

- Outward Bound
- Innovative Young Minds
- RYPEN – Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

- RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- National Science & Technology Forum
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Peace Scholarship (not necessarily a youth program but we do seek younger people to apply)
- Rotaract
- Scope
- Eureka

Responsibility for each of these programs has been allocated across the membership of the Committee. Unfortunately, during the year the group set up to promote Scope closed, so we no longer have that activity as part of the Club.

We have examined the question of 'is there anything in the youth space in Wellington that the Club could do or could do better than existing players?' and determined that we would be much more effective driving the programs listed above rather than trying to initiate something new.

For many of these programs, the Club has sought applications from families of Club members and other contacts, not necessarily reaching those younger people in our community who would most benefit from participation.

Accordingly, this year we joined Ara Taiohi, the peak youth body for NZ giving us access to their 1,400 to 1,500 members to promote our Club's youth programs.

We see one of the principle aims of the Youth Committee as a conduit to the Club's next cohort of Rotarians. Accordingly, our activities this year have been aimed at being more intentional in our relationships with participants and alumni of each of the above except for Eureka (the Eureka Trust fulfils that role).

As examples, we have initiated a trial mentoring program for members of Rotaract; we have initiated linkage between participants in RYPEN, RYLA and the National Science and Technology Forum and Rotaract; we have invited a focus group from Rotaract to assist the Rotary Forum committee with positioning; through Rotaract, we have reached out to Wellington Young Professionals (WYP) and Wellington Young Lawyers(WYL) to become more aware of Rotaract and Rotary and also to provide a focus group for the Forum Committee.

Rotaract would also like to establish a focus group to assist the Club in publicising Rotary and the Rotary Club of Wellington as we don't think that current steps are reaching into the younger market.

As a general observation, we think the fifth Monday evenings are far more suitable for younger people in terms of time and cost and in this respect, we'd like to see evenings devoted to Rotary, Rotaract, WYP and WYL sharing experiences and ideas on projects.

One further thought on increasing engagement of younger people with the Club is to pursue the offer we made a couple of years ago to Scope whereby their members could join the Club luncheon at 1pm to listen to the speaker without incurring the lunch cost.

We can't let the year go by without mentioning our International Youth Exchange student. Bianca Balduzzi, from Sardinia, Italy was hosted in 2018/2019 by a shared arrangement between RCW and the Rotary Club of Mt Kaukau who are based in Khandallah. Bianca spent the first three months with RCW and was hosted by Peter Lawson and Kate Faulks and attended Wellington Girls College. She was hosted for the rest of the year by members of the Mt Kaukau Club.

Tony Hassed
(Chair)

VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

The VSC supports the Skilled Migrants programme in Wellington, and the Social Enterprise Awards for the southern North Island.

The Skilled Migrants programme is one of the clubs most successful programmes and is run in conjunction with Victoria University and the Johnson Group. 2018/19 was another successful year with continued government funding secured for the next few years and 2 programmes being completed. The programme relies on our partners' contributions and the continued 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 moved into supporting Social Enterprise with the inaugural awards in 2015. The Kick-start awards are run in conjunction with Ākina for enterprises in the lower North Island. These awards have been replicated by the Newmarket club in Auckland for new enterprises in the upper North Island.

In 2018, the winning venture receiving \$7,000 was Wā Collective and these monies will go towards extending the product from the initial pilot. The runners up this year was Good Travel who received \$3,000.

The whole evening of competitors in the Kick-start award also included finalists Common Unit Kitchen, and Spirit and Soul, 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 Ākina for new Social Enterprises. The intent is for the club to provide funding to run one pilot course which could include some of the 'Kick-start' finalists.

Derek Gill
(Chair)

CLUB SERVICES COMMITTEE

Support for Club meetings continued to operate effectively throughout the year. Bob Stannard stepped down after many years as the familiar face at the front desk and was replaced by a team organised by John Rowe who take turns to receive visiting Rotarians and handle recording of guests. Patrick McArdle provided regular audiovisual support each meeting, backed up occasionally by Geoff Eades. Following Denzil Brown's death, Peter Cullen took over organising a roster of volunteers to provide the opening words for meetings. Fellowship Committee under Geoff Eade's leadership provided a regular programme of theatre visits, walks, and social events including the annual "Guess Who's coming to Dinner" and an excursion to the Kapiti Coast to enjoy the Kapiti Arts Trail.

Denise Church
(Chair)

Speakers Programme

02-Jul-18	David Alsop, Suite Gallery, Wellington - "Ans Westra, NZ renown Photographer "
09-Jul-18	Stephanie McIntyre, CEO of the Wgtn Downtown Community Ministry and Renee Martin, Housing New Zealand
16-Jul-18	Phil O'Reilly - "NZ in the current global environment will be fine"
23-Jul-18	Stephen Franks - "The background to the adoption of our three strikes law"
30-Jul-18	Adrian Orr - "Investing for the Future at the RBNZ"
06-Aug-18	Grant Cleland, Workbridge Chief Executive Officer
13-Aug-18	John McKinnon - "China - then and now"
20-Aug-18	Rebecca Bonnevie, Fullbright - "The challenges of the commercialisation of space"
27-Aug-18	Jeff Mosley, Fullbright
03-Sep-18	Allan Freeth, CEO Environmental Protection Authority - "Veritas nunquam perit – the truth never perishes – it sometimes doesn't count. Running a scientific organisation in a disbelieving world"
10-Sep-18	Martin Bosley
17-Sep-18	Renee Graham, CE Ministry for Women - "Suffrage"
24-Sep-18	Niamh Lawless, CEO Red Cross
01-Oct-18	Marion Johnston, District Governor
08-Oct-18	Helen Anderson, Director, Chair of BRANZ - "How to spot a great building - a former seismologist's take"
15-Oct-18	Nicky Riddiford - Skilled Migrants Programme
05-Nov-18	Rebecca Miller, Manager at Immigration NZ - "People Smuggling Human Trafficking and Regional Cooperation"
12-Nov-18	Karen Fifield, CEO Wellington Zoo - "Achieving a Carbon Neutral Zoo"
19-Nov-18	Cam Madgwick, CEO at the Petroleum Exploration & Production Association of New Zealand
26-Nov-18	Nigel Bickle, Head of the Provincial Development Fund, MBIE - "Provincial Development Fund"
3-Dec-18	David Knight, General Counsel and Company Secretary of Transpower
10-Dec-18	Murray Edridge, City Missioners

28-Jan-19	Jenesa Jeram, Research Fellow, NZ Initiative
4-Feb-19	Suzanne Snively - "So did New Zealand stay at the top of Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index and How Did Trump do?"
11-Feb-19	Simon Draper Executive Director Asia NZ Foundation - "My Asia Story Our Asia Relationship"
18-Feb-19	Laura Clarke, British High Commissioner
25-Feb-19	Mark Wheeler - "Rotary Club of Wellington Centennial Plans"
4-Mar-19	Gerry Forde - "The Flyer"
11-Mar-19	Steph Dyhrberg, Wellingtonian of the Year
18-Mar-19	Oli Body, Wa Collective, winners of the 2018 Kickstart Award
25-Mar-19	Jane Zintl, CEO Ara Taiohi the peak youth body for NZ
1-Apr-19	Dame Beverley Wakem
8-Apr-19	Jordan Williams, Head of Taxpayers Union Working Group - "Government waste and higher taxes: why we're fighting for taxpayers"
15-Apr-19	John Shewan CNZM, Chairman, Munich Reinsurance Australasia - "Reflections on the Wellington Insurance Market - Where from? Where to?"
22-Apr-19	
29-Apr-19	Rebecca Kitteridge, NZ SIS - "Threats that New Zealand faces and how we can protect ourselves from them"
6-May-19	Alan Bollard - "NZ's Economic Prospects in a Disrupted Asia-Pacific"
13-May-19	Clare O' Leary and Lizzie Price, Health Quality and Safety Commission - "Advance Care Planning"
20-May-19	Korean ambassador, His Excellency Mr Seung-bae Yeo, Ambassador
27-May-19	Skilled migrants programme
10-Jun-19	Geoff Simmons - "Post Budget"
17-Jun-19	Simon Bridges, Leader of the National Party

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Community Service Committee (CSC) strives to be an integrated group, often asking other committees or relevant individuals to present their perspective and we seek mutual advantages. We hope that the incoming

president of RCW will visit at an early opportunity. We invited supporters from the year to the Christmas Lunch.

In July 2018 the CSC hosted Tracy Brown of the Youth Committee who discussed ways in which the two committees could help each other. The outcome has been the gift of Chrome Books to the Te Ara Activity Centre for the benefit of the students' learning and an Outward-Bound Scholarship for a worthy student.

The Knowles Salmon Bequest:

- Is funding the Pacific Island Presbyterian Church in Newtown enabling that community of elderly to meet with regular exercise and social outings. The greater vision is to involve the DHB and other agencies to stand alongside. 2019-20 is the last year of funding and we will monitor it.
- Is applying for financial assistance two more groups who support the elderly.
- Is funding a PhD thesis by Annabelle Greenwood on a possible method of identifying an RNA biomarker in plasma to indicate colorectal cancer.

Te Whare Oki Oki, or a home that supports and nurtures life, is supported by the CSC which receives updates and presentations from Roger Blakely every month. The CSC stand ready to support this initiative. Members feel that there are opportunities within Rotary (eg Rotaract) to promote less able.

The CSC regularly looks for opportunities to promote those who have a disability. We hope to ease burdens and promote education and employment. An opportunity arose when we talked with Derek Leask and Workbridge. <https://workbridge.co.nz/> Some of us saw the potential to extend the Skilled Migrants' Programme to the differently able but experienced members led us to tackle a smaller sector of the group to start. The plan at this point is to work to help but with a lesser sector of the disabled to start with.

The CSC seeks to promote Rotary and Rotaract by encouraging fund-raising and seeking other organisations doing good work such as Samaritans, the WCC, the DHB, the universities and Workbridge.

Susan Satyanand
(Chair)

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Strategic Focus

The International Committee continues to focus mainly, but not exclusively, on the Pacific, consistent with the Club's strategy. Priority continues to be on:

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

Disaster Aid New Zealand (DANZ)

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 initiated in Australia. The global focus of DAI is funding and installing Sky-Hydrant systems to provide clean drinking water and responding to natural disasters, with specific interest in addressing water needs. DANZ is 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, through the International Committee, 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 and acts as the primary interface with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT) if needed.

Identification of potential sites and viable partners in the Pacific for installation of SkyHydrants continued to be major challenge. Despite positive indications of interest and identified need in Fiji, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu, it has not been possible to progress any developments on the ground although the Committee is optimistic from recent interaction that we will be able to install an initial SkyHydrant in the first half of the next Rotary year. The Committee is confident that once its merits are demonstrated, demand for SkyHydrants will take off. At that point, we will launch the fund-raising promotional programme we have developed in 2017 for use with Rotary Clubs around New Zealand.

To increase our capability to install SkyHydrants, the RCW Board agreed in May to fund airfares for Committee member William Sommerville to accompany David Langworthy (immediate Past President of Disaster Aid International) to Bogota, Colombia from 28 June to 12 July to help and learn about the application and installation of SkyHydrants. Over fifty SkyHydrants had been delivered to Colombia and were ready for installation, with the involvement of Prof Rhett Butler the inventor of the SkyHydrant and a major benefactor through his company, SkyJuice. The cost of the travel came from RCW's unspent allocation for SkyHydrants.

William's visit was to take place in late June but was postponed until July.

In March, in response to an invitation from Disaster Aid International to formalise New Zealand's relationship with DAI and the latter's relationship with Rotary International, the RCW Board approved signature of an MOU with DAI as an Associate Country Partner. An MOU to that effect, together with bylaws, had been drawn up and signed by DAI members following a conference of the parties. That associate status has no financial obligations (although it also means New Zealand does not have any voting rights at DAI Council meetings) but it will enable us to get a better understanding of the issues and New Zealand's appropriate role.

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, tsunami, 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. Fortunately, the Pacific was spared any cyclones in the 2018/19 cyclone season unlike the previous year when Cyclone Gita caused widespread destruction in Tonga and, to a lesser extent, Samoa and Fiji.

As there was no call for immediate post-disaster funding, the Board deferred any funding support for ERKs owing to the Club's reduced fund-raising sources. However, a lunch generously hosted by Lady Susan Satyanand in June raised

\$2,000 for ERKs. The Committee will continue to explore similar fund-raising opportunities in the coming year.

Rotary New Zealand, in the form of RNZWCS Ltd, organises the packing of ERKs in Auckland to a uniform 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.

Committee Membership

I was called by MFAT at short notice to return to Samoa as Acting New Zealand High Commissioner from early August, returning to Wellington in late February. William Sommerville kindly took over my responsibilities as Chair during my absence ensuring continuity in the Club's international activities.

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 last year 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 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)

STRATGIC SOCIAL ISSUES

Climate Change Committee

On 11 November 2019, Rotary Club of Wellington became the first Rotary Club in New Zealand to become a certified Carbon Zero organisation. Rotary Clubs around the world are involved in projects to reduce their carbon footprint but we believe that our Carbon Zero certification is a world first.

Rotary Club of Wellington has a long history of being 'leaders of positive social change'. Our Club members decided in early 2018 that Climate Change is the next big issue that we should tackle.

This year we worked with Club members to calculate the Club's annual carbon footprint. This included the carbon emissions of members travelling to and from lunch meetings and other Club events, and our share of the electricity, food and waste at our venues.

At the Club's request, Enviro-Mark Solutions appointed an independent auditor, who confirmed our carbon emissions calculation. The annual total for the Club in 2018/19 was 7.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide. The audit process included submission of a plan to progressively reduce our carbon emissions in future years.

To offset the carbon emissions for 2018/19, the Club has purchased eight tonnes of carbon credits from Puhī Peaks Station, Kaikōura at a cost of \$34.10 per tonne. These are "gold standard" native forest carbon credits with biodiversity add-on benefits of protecting endangered native birds.

The purchase of carbon credits for 2018/19 has a modest total cost of \$273. There has already been an expression of interest by a number of Club members in sponsoring that cost.

Although the Club's footprint is small, the greatest impact will be influencing other Rotary Clubs in New Zealand, and through Rotary International, and other membership organisations. We are writing up a case study on our experience, which we intend as helpful guidance for other organisations wanting to follow our lead. Our Club's modest efforts can be multiplied many times by other

membership organisations, to become a significant contribution to the global effort to combat climate change.

The first phase of our project is about achieving net zero carbon emissions by the Club. In our second phase, we will also increase awareness amongst our members of the personal actions and decisions that each of us can take to reduce our own and our household's carbon footprint, through actions on transport, energy, food and waste.

The Club respects that Club members have different views on climate change. It was a voluntary matter as to whether Club members wanted to participate. The certification has been for the Club, not for individual members.

Dr Roger Blakeley
(Chair)

Forums Committee

The 2019 Rotary Forum was held in the Renouf Foyer, MFC on 4 July 2019.

The Forum has been running for eight years on a range of topics. The last two years have been focused on developing a blueprint for the future of Wellington, by hosting some of New Zealand's most innovative speakers and asking them to share their 'Impossible Dreams' for Wellington city and the region.

This year we built on that success with the theme "*Wellington: Creating Tomorrow*", with ten inspiring speakers: Hon Grant Robertson, MP for Wellington Central; Wayne Mulligan, Chair, Port Nicholson, Block Settlement Trust; Chlöe Swarbrick, MP; Tamatha Paul, President, VUWSA; Anake Goodall, Chair Hillary Institute of International Leadership; Sophie Handford, Strike 4 Climate leader; Abbas Nazari, former refugee from Afghanistan and advocate for inclusion; Victoria Spackman, Arts and Creativity Advocate; Dr Sarb Johal, Psychologist and disaster mental health expert; Moana Mackey, Chief Adviser to Chief City Planner, WCC. The Forum also established 'communities of interest' among participants to help them engage, collaborate and co-create the Wellington of tomorrow.

There were 100 registrants at the Forum, and a total of 120 attendees including speakers and volunteer organisers. Fees were \$92 waged and \$31 unwaged.

The feedback from participants gave the Forum an overall rating of over 8/10, which was similar to the high ratings in earlier years of the Forum. Comments were that the speakers were 'outstanding', including youth and diversity, on contemporary issues.

The financial contribution of the Club to the Forum was \$6435. In that regard:

- This funding came out of reserves from previous surpluses on RCW Forums.
- The Forums support the RCW Purpose of "Leaders of Positive Social Change".
- The Forums promote the RCW "brand" as a modern, diverse, dynamic, relevant organisation - tackling today's and tomorrow's big issues for Wellington.
- The Forums help attract younger people as potential RCW members.

The RCW Forums Committee conducted a "first principles" review of the Forum on 7 August 2019. Some suggestions in that discussion were:

- Revised purpose: "*Using our influence and networks to facilitate neutral apolitical discussion and actions on matters that are important to the future of Wellington*".

Possible options for the future form of the 'event' considered were:

1. Enhanced status quo
2. Roundtable lunch or dinner
3. Partner with Massey, WCC, event manager
4. Electronic format or podcasts
5. Endow a trust to take it forward, like Eureka

Roger Blakeley stepped down after having chaired the Forums Committee over the last three years, and a small group of Lynda Carroll, Mark Woodard, Chris Whelan and DK (with Helen Algar and Fraser Carson 'in the loop') was formed to consider ideas and options and next steps, and report on options to the Board.

Dr Roger Blakeley
(Chair)

PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Eureka!

The 2018/19 Rotary year has been one of substantial change for the Rotary Club of Wellington Eureka! Trust - with its attendant ups and downs.

Highlights

A highly successful Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Young Science Leaders Forum was held for the first time at Government House under the sponsorship of the Governor-General. Following a number of keynote addresses from distinguished New Zealanders who set the scene, the Eureka! finalists, invited high school STEM students and sponsors addressed the question of "The Agriculture Dilemma" - the trade-offs between the need for food, protection of the environment and economic performance. A very stimulating day for all involved. The Forum is again planned to take place in 2019.

Participation levels in Eureka's main competition were sustained in 2018 and 2019 is heading for in excess of 80.

The National finals were again held at Massey University. The National Judging Panel were impressed with the high calibre of the presentations across the board. The winner of the Sir Paul Callaghan Premier Award in 2018 was George Mander from Otago University addressing the topic "The Case for Crickets"

The Eureka video awards continue to gain momentum with two awards given in 2018. Nonsuch Consulting has picked up the sponsorship for these awards in 2019.

In 2018 the Awards Dinner was hosted at The Wellington Club by the Hon Jenny Salesa, Associate Minister of Education. In excess of \$100k of prizes, scholarships and internships were awarded

Our Alumni group continues to grow as do their reputations. Jennifer Palmer, a past Premiere Award winner has joined the Eureka Board and Logan Williams gained national attention for his entrepreneurial approach to the 'rock snot' problem.

The Board renewal has continued this year with high quality new Trustees coming in to replace those retiring on rotation and resigning. Debbie Chin has replaced Lee Wilkinson as a RCW Trustee and Jennifer Palmer has replaced Evan Brenton-Rule as the Alumni rep on the Board. Tim von Dadelszen resigned in late 2018 and will be replaced by Jo Haanstra, co-founder and Director of PS DUO Ltd. Strong support, at both the governance level and for operations, continues from our other Trustees, John Boshier, Anthony Scott, Jennifer Rutherford and Margaret Hyland.

Rebecca Maresca has taken on an administrative support role with Eureka. Rebecca's admin skills and Rotary connections have been a real asset to Eureka during the transition in the National Manager position.

Eureka continues to receive very good support from the club membership around the administration of our events. Special thanks go to John Emmanuel, Chair of the National Organising Committee, Gray Hughson, our honorary Treasurer and the tireless Lesley Moffat and Joan Smith. John Emanuel resigned his role at the end of 2018. Joy Tracey has stepped in to take on the role with vigour and enthusiasm.

We said goodbye to Francis Wevers as our National Manager at the end of 2018. As an original founder of Eureka! and 8 years of committed work for the organisation we owe much to Francis. Ill health finally got the better of him. Debbie Gee was appointed to replace Francis on 1 January 2019.

Challenges

Our 2018 financial year was the first year that Eureka! has operated at a loss – albeit a small one with over \$90k of reserves to cover it. Increasing event and admin costs contributed. Trying to balance our 2019 budget has also been a challenge which we have risen to by a strong push in April/June to pick up additional sponsors. This drive appears to be paying off at the time of writing this with several new sponsors signing up.

Considerable time and effort were spent in 2018 working with the Ministry of Education working on the 'next steps' for Junior Eureka to develop it into a National programme. These efforts floundered when it came to the point of

funding the next steps. The Board made the decision to stay with the low-level status quo in the meantime and reconsider our strategy for Junior Eureka! expansion at our October Strategy session.

The transition of the National Manager role from Francis to Debbie has proved difficult for a range of reasons. The outcome has been that the work pressure in a somewhat unstructured and changing environment was affecting both Debbie's health and intruded on her other part-time work responsibilities. Debbie tendered her resignation effective from July 4, 2019. Rebecca Maresca has agreed to pick up some of Debbie's admin responsibilities and event management has been picked up by the National Organising Committee under Joy Tracey with key responsibilities allocated to key Board and RCW members. The Board will review administrative support arrangements going forward at our October Strategy session

Russ Ballard
(Eureka Trust Chair)

Jumbo Tennis

Jumbo Tennis 2019 saw 37 teams entered, a record number with many of the first-time participants expressing a wish to return. The weather was kind and participants and helpers made the most of the late summer conditions. Funds raised were similar to prior years and after a payment to Wellington Tennis to support youth tennis, in exchange for use of the courts, these funds were shared between our centennial project, Rotary: Give Every Child a Future and equipment for the new Wellington Children's Hospital.

William Sommerville
(Convenor)

WELLINGTON ROTARY CHARITABLE TRUST

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

Trustees

We said farewell to one of our most experienced and diligent trustees this year, Helen Algar resigned in June, maintaining her position until the role was filled by Rhys Barlow in August 2019. She acknowledged she was one of the current longest standing, thus the importance of the continual refresh of Trustees and also her increasing workload with the club in other areas. Helen has been a huge contributor to the Trust's governance and the development of its understanding of grant distribution. Her tireless work on the grants spreadsheet must be acknowledged!

Current Trustees are Andrew Austin (Chair), Rhys Barlow (from August 2019), Alexandra Hare, Gray Hughson, Kate Mitchell, Joan Smith and Joy Tracey. We meet as Trustees quarterly (February, May, August and November) and communicated by email on any issues arising between meetings.

Funds Management / Investments

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 as a bare trustee. These funds can include regular weekly donations, one off lump sums, and in some cases the proceeds from fund raising events. Proceeds from fundraising and weekly donations are typically distributed within 6 to 12 months, whereas the accumulated assets of the club are by club discretion.

The portfolio totals approximately \$1.79M of combined funds as of June 2019 (from \$1.64M in 2018).

With the trustee's 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 Trustee meeting held on June 5th, 2018 it was noted that the Trust has been with Hobson Wealth (Ex Macquarie) since June 2010. Therefore, after a period of 8 years the Trustees felt it was appropriate to review the current market to ensure the Trust is receiving the most appropriate services available. This action did not occur in the 2019 year, it will be considered in the current year.

Trust Financial Accounts

The Trust continues to use Moore Markhams as its external accountant, ably guided by Gray Hughson. The Trustees are comfortable with the additional accounting costs this has incurred due to the improved reporting we receive. The costs were high in transition, but we expect will be lower going forward as the work required to align with Markhams systems will be largely complete now.

Capital Maintenance Policies

We were very pleased this year to develop and implement formal policies to manage the various fund buckets. This improvement to the ongoing governance capability was due to some hard graft in first instance by Joy Tracey and then strongly supported by Joan Smith and Gray Hughson. We thank them for their efforts and time.

We now have a clear understanding of the inflation adjusted balances and the accumulated balances (funds held in excess of the required capital, that are available for distribution).

We clarify also the different 'Restricted' and 'Unrestricted' funds

- Restricted - funds under the Trusts direct stewardship that have specific criteria; most likely from the original bequeaths wishes.
- Unrestricted – Funds that have full board discretion. The Trust acts as a Bare Trustee.

Importantly this information allows the Trust to provide full transparency to the Club on funds available. We are excited about the improved decision-making capability this will provide.

We note the following key points:

- The club has significant funds managed within the Trusts investment portfolio - approximately \$690,000. The distribution of which can be determined by the board, equally so the board has the option to grow this capital fund.
- Rangatira shares – 10,000 shares gifted to the club by Sir Roy McKenzie. The dividends are available to be distributed. There has been no request this year for these funds – the Board may wish to consider an ongoing cause to support, currently dividends are accumulating, unspent.
- The Knowles bequest has a significant accumulated balance of investment returns. The board has excess funds available to provide grants to the elderly from this fund.
- Salmon Knowles – All accumulated funds have been committed to the PHD scholarship arrangement with the Otago university.
- Huia and Eleanor Hill fund – The commitments of \$5,000 per annum is more than the income the fund is generating, it is unsustainable. We understand the 2019/2020 was the final year of commitment, therefore any resubmission would require review and would continue to require a ‘top-up’ from RCW funds. The Trustees will be seeking to restore the deficit balance.

Grant Applications

An update was provided to the incoming president including an increased level of information funds available for distribution. Our aim is to empower the board further increase grant distribution and ultimately improve transparency to the club overall and raise the profile of the Trust.

The Trust will no longer provide an estimate of funding available; we will instead provide:

- Trust Funds – For each bequest, a table of accumulated reserves available for each bequest, above the capital protected balance for all Trust funds.
- RCW club funds – full balance of funds available.
- Realised returns from the previous year on Trust funds and club 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 and are aiming to make this a priority as we move into the club’s centennial year.

Fund status

Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	2019	2018
Retained earnings / Accumulated funds (Club Funds)	\$ 696,410	\$ 573,023
Funds held B Knowles Trust	\$ 305,287	\$ 297,669
Funds held Salmon/Knowles Trust	\$ 464,047	\$ 486,170
Funds held Eleanor & Huia Hill Trust	\$ 77,249	\$ 80,197
Rangatira Shares JR Mckenzie Trust	\$ 127,500	\$ 116,000
Unrealised Gains	\$ 119,677	\$ 89,588
Totals	\$ 1,790,170	\$ 1,642,647

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 again acknowledge Helen for her significant contribution 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 13 schools have accepted this model and it is working well. The schools can apply once per year and we cap the amount per school based on the school role.

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.

This year we received 125 individual applications, 120 of which were approved, with a total grant value of \$16,372 and 13 bulk grant payments were made to schools, totalling \$32,000. An article on the bulk grants can be viewed here:

<https://rcw.org.nz/Making-a-Real-Difference-in-the-Horowhenua>

My thanks to the Secretary 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 gives me great pleasure to present the annual report of the John Ilott Trust for the 2018/19 year.

Background

John (Bert) Ilott 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 Trustees are the President of the Rotary Club of Wellington, the Immediate Past President and the President-Elect, so, at the start of the year, Denise Church joined Mark Wheeler and me as the Trustees for the year. We were supported at our meetings by George Fairbairn, the Chair of the John Ilott Advisory Committee, Denis Kirkcaldie, the Treasurer of the Trust and Rebecca Maresca, secretary. In addition, the Trustees have the benefit of a comprehensive governance manual that distils many years of accumulated wisdom and advice on operating the Trust.

Distribution

The John Ilott Advisory Committee under the able leadership of George Fairbairn undertakes a significant workload in the distribution process. Members during this process were George Fairbairn, Bice Awan, Keith Newell, Gray Hughson and Peter Halsted. Keith Newell subsequently resigned and has been replaced by Lynn McKenzie. Applications for grants are received once a year, whereupon the advisory committee members individually review each

application to assess it against the grant criteria. The committee then meets as a group to go through the applications and make a decision on whether or not to recommend each one for a grant. The list of recommendations is then referred to the Trustees for approval of the grants at their December meeting. This year 142 applications were received, 88 were approved and \$171,571 was distributed.

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 Trustees extended the range of investments this year by agreeing to include investment in private equity up to a limit of 5% of the current value of the portfolio.

The management of the funds is currently provided from Craigs Investment Partners ably led by David Cheape.

Value of Portfolio

The portfolio had a value of \$3,858,076 at 31 March 2019 (the Trust's year-end), up from the opening value of \$361,869. Investments performed satisfactorily over the year with a return of 9.1% after expenses. Current interest rates will not allow similar levels of grants to be made from cashflow and maintenance of similar levels of support in future years will rely on capital growth.

Links with the Ilott Family

During the year John McKellar, grandson of John Ilott and nephew of Jack, visited Wellington and met George Fairbairn and me. He expressed the family's satisfaction with our processes and the regular reporting to the family.

Marion Cowden

(Chair)

J R MCKENZIE TRUST REPORT

Changes in the JR McKenzie Trust Board

At the December 2018 AGM the trust farewelled, Hamilton Rotary Club member, Patrick Cummings, who had served for the maximum ten years as a trustee of the JR McKenzie Trust, the last six years as its Chair. Patrick brought much wisdom and wide experience to his role as Trust Chair. Wellington based Law Society trustee and Deputy Chair, Manaia King, was elected the new Chair of the Trust while Rotary Club of Wellington trustee, Joan Smith, was elected Deputy Chair. Four new Trustees were welcomed to the trust: Pacific Island Wellington-based Trustees Aiolupotea Lil Tuioti and Jay Farris, Hamilton Rotary Club member Melissa Campbell who replaced Patrick Cummings and District Governor Jerry Norman, the Trustee for Rotary District 9910, replacing long serving Trustee Charles Wilson.

Joan continued as a member of the Board's Te Kawai Toro Sub-Committee and to Chair the Board's Connecting Education and Communities Sub-Committee.

Ten Year Review of the Vision and Focus if the Trust

At the Trust's February 2019 meeting Trustees began their ten-year review of the Trust's strategy. The review will continue throughout 2019 culminating in a new strategy for the next decade, 2020-2029. This will be released in early 2020. The Centre for Social Impact is facilitating strategic workshops for the Board and undertaking a review of trends and contemporary practices in philanthropy.

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. During the year the committee has continued to focus on supporting Maori-led development and exploring what a true partnership could look like, together with other funders and ropu/groups who apply for Trust funding.

Two committee members, Manaia King and Dr Chelsea Grootveld, attended and presented at the International Funders for Indigenous Peoples, 2018 Global Indigenous Funders Conference in New Mexico.

Connecting Education and Communities (CEC) 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*. This work is built on the belief that improved life outcomes happen when people (particularly children and young people) have access to relevant, quality and positive educational opportunities. The CEC programme partners with communities to enable, create and develop connections with education. One of these communities is the Muaupoko Tribal Authority in Horowhenua. It has been an outstanding success in raising educational achievement for its people.

Peter McKenzie Project

The long-term Peter McKenzie project, which has a vision of “an Aotearoa New Zealand where all our children, young people and mokopuna flourish”, made multi-year grants to three new initiatives. aimed at reducing poverty. These were Ngai Tahu’s Tokona Te Raki education project, community organising movement Te Ohu Whakawhanaunga and the Wellington based capacity-building group, The Workshop. A one-off grant was also made to the Taranaki-based Whyora organisation that is increasing Maori participation in the health professionals.

Responsive Grants

During the year to 30 June 2019 the Trust allocated over \$3.51 million to responsive grants. The grants were for projects addressing issues that affect disadvantaged children and their families; Maori Development; and issues of social justice and inclusion.

Six multi-year major grants were made to organisations in Rotary District 9940. Five were to organisations in the Wellington region and one to an organisation located in Ohakune. Brief details of the organisations and purpose of the grants made follow:

- **Ngati Rangi Trust, Ohakune** – A grant of \$260,000 over 3 years was made. This grant will enable the Trust to further develop its Community Learning and Tech Hub in Ohakune. The Hub aims to provide rural students, whanau and communities with the same or better access to the latest digital technologies and education/training that big city people have.
- **Te Whare Tane Charitable Trust, Lower Hutt** – Funding of \$240,000 over 2 years was granted to support men who want to stop the violence they have been perpetrating against their families. This grant will enable the newly formed trust to establish temporary accommodation and counselling services for these men.
- **Billy Graham Youth Trust, Lower Hutt**- Funding of \$301,702 over 3 years was granted to support their work in youth development. The grant will provide tools, training and resources to successfully establish new youth boxing academies in other cities/towns in New Zealand.
- **NZ Federation of Multicultural Councils Inc, Wellington** – A one-year grant of \$102,000 was made for the implementation of a well-being framework for ethnic women. This project is an innovation to activate women’s potential by creating opportunities for them to fully participate in their local New Zealand communities.
- **The Common Unity Project Aotearoa, Eponi, Lower Hutt** – A grant of \$240,000 over 3 years was made for The Unity Kitchen and Café Community Regeneration Project. This project integrates the Urban Kai Network that grows food for Common Unity with the production of nourishing meals for Eponi school pupils and the local community, the Rotary Club of Wellington provided a Kickstart Award grant in conjunction with the Ākina Foundation to Common Unity for the development of their off-grid kitchen.
- **The Community Law Wellington & Hutt Valley** - A grant of \$108,000 over 3 years was made to expand a pilot project to run a prison advocacy and education service for Maori prisoners in Rimutaka. prison. The project includes the provision of legal outreach clinics at Rimutaka Prison and the development of easy to read legal resources for prisoners that cover the most common issues they face. It will also give support to incarcerated persons to resolve legal issues like debt, tenancy, family law, (especially care of children matters) and Māori land matters meaning they have a much higher chance for successful reintegration upon release.

A small one-year **grant of \$27,000** was made to the **Upper Hutt Community Youth Trust** for the co-design and evaluation of a pilot programme for the young people of the under-served Timberlea community.

Wellington Regional Panel

A big thank you to members of the Wellington Regional Panel who assist the Panel Chair and JR Mc Kenzie Trust staff in visiting shortlisted responsive grant organisations and assessing their grant applications. Panel members are Sir Roy McKenzie's grand-daughter, Sarah McLennan; Rotary Club of Wellington members, Karen Coutts, Christine Hurley and Joy Tracey; Rotary Club of Johnsonville member Mark Pickering; Rotary Club of Kapiti member Liz Koh; Trevor Mc Glinchey, Christian Council of Social Services; and Peter Mc Neur, Wairarapa.

Joan Smith

Chair, Wellington Regional Panel
& Deputy Chair, JR McKenzie Trust

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

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