



Give Every Child a future – Emergency Response Kits in Tonga – Food Rescue in Wellington

MEETINGS WITH A DIFFERENCE



Wednesday 29 April, 11 am
<https://zoom.us/j/99786807427>

Guest Speaker

Jennifer Young
RYLA Oceania



Jennifer was the Club's 2016 RYLA nominee. She has subsequently gone on to become a leader in the programme.

Jennifer was selected to for a place in RYLA Oceania, an opportunity open to RYLA Alumni across New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific Islands. The year-long programme began with a week-long retreat in Sydney. The year-long programme includes an advanced leadership curriculum and mentoring. Content is being delivered via an on-line platform.

FROM PRESIDENT LIONEL

It's the only topic in town, COVID-19. Listen to the six o'clock news – the 'other news' starts about half way through: if you turn your radio on there's talk-back or interviews about the dastardly virus and/or living through its age of confinement: even music shows parade a raft of newly written (and usually hilarious) songs about living in a bubble: comedians, cooking show hosts and social commentators all work their show around the same central theme – COVID-19.



As a Rotary club President, it feels the same – just look at our meeting agendas. However, Wednesday was a welcome digression as we focussed for 20 minutes or so on something else – just how Rotarians in this part of the world can make a difference through the *Give every child a Future* centenary project. Thank you, Christine Hurley, from the Wellington Club. This is a large and impressive project, one with a budget of \$4.5 million dollars. Once you take out what our partners and RI will be contributing it still leaves a challenging \$1.2M for ordinary Rotarians like you and me to raise. Too much? Too hard?

My, how the polio project must have felt 'too big', even impossible, for the world-wide Rotary organisation when initially launched. Yet, look at the funds that have come together to almost eradicate that disease from the earth. I'm sure our club will seriously consider how best we can play our part in this worthy endeavour that marks 100 years of Rotary for us. Already the notion of combining personal responses and club charitable funds are surfacing.

Getting back to the *rahui* (lockdown) ... the good that is coming out of this enforced disruption to our daily lives is there to behold: I just love it when I'm out for my daily exercising and find I'm sharing the footpaths, the roads and the parks with so many others, particularly family groups: the ways we have had to mark a birthday or an anniversary has stretched us – drive-by celebrations or WhatsApp nonsense to convey birthday wishes: the relentless outpouring of humour to have us laughing when life has become a drag: and the general resorting to amazing displays of creativity and kindness has been an eye-opener. Simply wonderful.

Most of all, while the COVID-19 event has been a cruel blow to the world in lives lost and livelihoods collapsed it does give us a unique (in our lifetime) opportunity to return to a new normal. What can we do without? What can we do better this time round? What are our new values and priorities? In other words, what do we put back into 'normal' and what do we leave out?

I think the same applies to us as Rotarians. We have seen with our own eyes the importance of what is essential to life, and what is really luxury & indulgence, i.e. not actually needed at all. Surely, this will govern our own behaviour and our club priorities when determining how we will make a difference through Rotary in times to come. We will give it our best shot.

Meanwhile, keep safe and keep happy in your bubble. See you on the next **CLUB COFFEE CALL on zoom**, Wednesdays at 11am.
Lionel

CYCLONE HAROLD RESPONSE



On 22 April TVNZ 1 News carried a story of an RNZAF Hercules being loaded with emergency supplies for cyclone devastated Pacific Islands.

What wasn't mentioned was that a week earlier, close on the heels of the cyclone, Rotary New Zealand already had its Emergency Response Kits deployed. Stocks are positioned in the Pacific for immediate release when authorised from NZ. As is usual after each cyclone stocks need to be replenished at a materials cost of \$600 each.

KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE UPDATE FROM TRACY

"We have been super busy at KCA and have now rescued and redistributed nearly 28 tons of food. We have another busy week ahead of us next week with 3 pallets of UHT milk donated by Fonterra and collecting 1-2 pallets of fruit juice from Frucor. We are still waiting for an ETA on 2 pallets of Easter eggs from The Warehouse."



"Our non-perishable food stocks have been depleted to the point where we have run out of staple items such as rice, pasta, coffee, soup, breakfast cereal. We have asked Pak n Save to provide us with a wholesale price for these items in bulk. Porirua City Council has given us a financial donation to cover the purchase of this stock."

ZOOM MEETING – WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

President Lionel opened the first structured virtual meeting of the club by welcoming guests Marion Patchett, RNZASE Chair and, through Marion, John Wall, President of the Rotary Club of Melbourne South and Pam Dittmer, President Elect.

Graeme Waters advised that the club's allocation of tickets for the Wellington Children's Hospital Playground had been sold.

Happy Dollars followed with Maurice Scott noting the names for later billing.

DAVE BENNETT'S REFLECTION

I want to commence with a question. What causes us to reflect? Date ... Event ... Reminder.
(Last week I received a Facebook photo of what I was doing 5 years ago.)
Our reflections can be either positive or negative.
I want to direct your reflections to ... togetherness ... conflict ... fear.
We're about to keep ANZAC
Reflect on what we enjoy because of their sacrifice.

COVID-19. Reflect on how our; Being strong, being kind and staying home has saved lives
... even when we've felt ... frustrated ... constrained ... controlled.
Reflect on what we enjoy.
Reflect on what we need to do to make a safer world.

GUEST SPEAKER

President Lionel introduced Christine Hurley from The Rotary Club of Wellington.



Christine has been involved in overseas diplomatic postings initially including Tehran, Geneva and Brussels and later with her husband, Nick in Samoa and Rarotonga.

Christine spoke to us about her work on the steering group of the Australasian Centenary Immunisation Program, 2018-2021. This project is to recognise 100 years of Rotary in Australasia and, in cooperation with UNICEF, is aiming to reach 100,000 disadvantaged babies and children during the next four years. The vaccinations are intended to prevent diseases including cervical cancer, severe diarrhoea, blood infections and meningitis.



Rotary will help introduce three life-saving vaccines across nine Pacific Island countries – Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

For donations and further information about this project - visit; www.everychildafuture.com

Funds will support

	Vaccines Procurement and distribution
	Supplies Cold chain equipment, other supplies and logistics
	Education Healthcare workers, communities and partners
	Technical Support Policy, management and system strengthening

The Give Every Child a Future project has the support of UNICEF and a Rotary Foundation Global Grant of \$2.1 million. The target of the campaign is to raise an average of \$45 per member over three years. It is described as the bar at the top of the cliff rather than the ambulance at the bottom. We are only too aware of the recent measles epidemic in Samoa to know how vulnerable the children of our Pacific Island neighbours are.

The Board will be discussing a Wellington North response to the appeal.

PARTING THOUGHT

Given by Ross Foubister



When someone does something good, applaud! You will make two people happy.

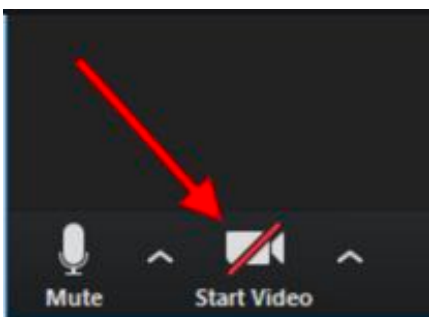
Samuel Goldwyn MGM



ETTIQUETTE

Because there are some differences between individual devices and operating systems it is not possible to give precise guidelines. However, there are some simple controls which can enhance the experience.

Sight and sound



In the bottom left corner of the screen [generally] there are two buttons,

a microphone and a video camera icon respectively. When the microphone is showing a red diagonal line you are mute. When the video icon has a diagonal red line through it, you cannot be seen by others. To turn these functions on and off, touch the button once and the red line will appear or disappear.

It is important that the microphone is muted unless you are about to speak, otherwise any background noise in your home can cause your image to replace the speaker on screen.

When you wish to speak please raise your hand to indicate to the Moderator [Lionel] that you wish to speak. When acknowledged immediately unmute and check the button to ensure that it has responded. When you have finished speaking hit mute.

In the top right there are some icons, which won't interfere with what is going on but are worth testing. The enable the options of full screen view, montage or speaker view. The montage lets you to see everyone else and is good for interactive discussions with the speaker at the time highlighted. The speaker view is best when, say, a guest speaker is presenting.

More handy hints next time. [if needed?]

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