



**KARORI ROTARY  
CELEBRATING  
40 YEARS  
OF SERVICE  
1982 - 2022**





## President's foreword

Kia ora koutou.

The Rotary Club of Karori can reflect with pride on the many achievements of members serving our communities and Rotary District 9940. Over four decades, we have seen a significant change in membership. Karori has had a history of transfers and others moving on. In addition, a number of members have left the Club to work overseas but have subsequently come back to resume Rotary service in our Club.

We have had some outstanding leaders, several of whom, sadly, have since passed on. These members not only made their mark in their work lives, their “service above self” through Rotary also has been well documented and rewarded.

Over the past twenty years, pressure on jobs, family commitments and other interests have led to a regular outflow of members, and a challenge to the Club to seek a broader base of interest in Rotary causes and projects, locally, at a District level, and on the international front.

From July this year, our Club will have only its second woman President in its history. This is quite extraordinary, given we have had women members in Rotary since 1989. We are also reaching out to younger groups to attract their interest in Rotary objectives and to strengthen a strong base for Rotary from people serving through Rotaract.

It is most interesting that the incoming first woman President of Rotary International from July this year, Jennifer Jones from Canada, is going to offer top Rotary positions at international level to members of Rotaract working with Rotary on future programmes. That will be well received in the Rotary world.

Going forward, we must diversify, look at how and when we meet, and decide what we want to achieve. Future projects increasingly will be built around what communities want, new initiatives to attract prospective members, and ensuring we support and look after our family of Rotary.

As a Rotarian who has served for over 35 years at club, district and international levels, and now back at the helm in a shared Presidential year, there is still much to aim for and achieve in Rotary.

Ngā mihi nui.

*David*



*David Watt, President, Rotary Club of Karori, January - June 2022.*

## Rotary International

The first Rotary club was chartered in Chicago in 1905. Since then, Rotary has undertaken countless projects to: Promote peace; provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; save mothers and children; support education; grow local economies; protect the environment; and fight disease.

One prefect example is our PolioPlus initiative, which Rotary launched in 1985. As a result of decades of commitment and work, more than 2.5 billion children have now received the oral polio vaccine. Today, polio remains endemic in just two countries - down from 125 in 1988.



*"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."*

*Rotary founder  
Paul Harris.*



*The Karori Club joins "The World's Greatest Meal", a worldwide Rotary initiative to raise funds to eradicate Polio, in 2012.*

## Rotary in New Zealand

The first club in New Zealand was chartered in 1921. In the ensuing years, Rotary clubs in New Zealand have been instrumental in establishing numerous community services throughout the country including Plunket, Outward Bound, CCS, Meals on Wheels, Defensive Driving, National Women's Hospital, New Zealand Asthma Society, Samaritans Lifeline, Cure Kids, Riding for the Disabled, DARE, the Life Education Trust, the Mobile Transfusion Service, the Kidney Foundation, Child Research Heath Foundation, and Starship's Ronald McDonald House, as well as hundreds of local service initiatives.

## The Rotary Club of Karori

The Rotary Club of Karori is one of 36,754 clubs with over 1.2 million members in 220 countries and territories around the world.

Like all Rotarians, we share the ideal epitomised in the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self", and, like Rotarians everywhere, we translate our passions into relevant social causes to change lives and make lasting improvements locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Our club was chartered in May 1982. This, our 40th anniversary year, is an opportunity to reflect on, and celebrate, the Club's many activities and achievements over the years. The following are a few highlights.

# THE FIRST 10 YEARS (1982 - 1992)

## The Marsden Club

The Rotary Club of Karori has supported the Marsden Club in Newcombe Crescent, Karori since its inception 1984. The latter provides quality day programmes for people



with dementia and related disorders, and guidance and support to their caregivers.

In 1986, we established the Rotary Karori Marsden Community Trust and, over the next 10 years, raised \$186,000 to purchase the Newcombe Crescent property from the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary.

In 1993, then Trust Chairman and Past President of Karori Rotary, the late Eric Aston, on behalf of Karori Rotary, arranged for British actress, Stephanie Cole (Aunty Joan in Doc Martin) to tour New Zealand with her one woman performances of plays by Alan Bennett (famed English actor, author, playwright and screenwriter). This tour alone raised \$40,000 and helped us complete the purchase of the Newcombe Crescent property in 1996.



*Programme for "An Evening with Stephanie Cole".*

## Art Auctions



*Large crowd at the art auction held at the Teachers' Training College in 1989.*

225 attendees and art to the value of \$14,525 was sold. The second, in 1989, produced a profit of \$5,000. And the third, in 1990, a profit of \$4,000.

Throughout the '80s, the Club held a number of successful art auction fundraisers. The first, in 1983, and was held at Firth Hall, Wellington College. 120 people attended and the value of the paintings sold topped \$5,600. This was followed in 1984 with an auction of art, pottery and sculptures at The Academy in Willis Street, which produced a profit of \$2,500. Three further auctions were held, all at the Teachers' Training College in Karori. The first, in 1985, had



*A later art auction in full swing at Marsden School, December 2014.*

## Rosie Jones Appeal

In 1985, Rosie Jones, a Wellington student, became seriously ill and urgently required a liver transplant. Arrangements were made to have this surgery done at the Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre in Birmingham, England at a cost of some \$63,000. Rosie's family asked if Karori Rotary could help raise this money. The Club agreed and a four-person trust was established under the leadership of Club charter member Graeme Titcombe,

Rosie left for Birmingham on 28 September 1985 accompanied by her mother, Jennifer, and a doctor. However, in the week following her arrival, Rosie's condition deteriorated further and, sadly, she passed away, with her mother at her bedside, whilst waiting for the operation.

The Trust continued to raise funds to offset the expenses incurred.

## Rotary National Science & Technology Forum

The Rotary Club of Karori has had a close association with the Rotary National Science & Technology Forum, held in Auckland in January each year, since its inception in 1990. This is a programme for outstanding all-round science, maths and technology students in Year 12, returning for Year 13, who are planning to study the sciences or technology at tertiary level.

A past President of our Club, and Professor of Chemistry at Victoria University, Jim Johnston, has been District 9940 coordinator and selector of students from secondary schools in our District for many years.

The Forum has been a very high profile Rotary programme, with many outstanding science students from Marsden School attending over the years. Several students have even been selected to further their science studies at Oxford University after attending the Forum.

Over the years, The Rotary Club of Karori has provided many thousands of dollars in sponsorship support to Marsden students to cover the fees required to attend the Forum.

Unfortunately, for the past two years, the programme has had to be cancelled due to the covid pandemic.



*2018 Forum attendees from throughout New Zealand, including three from Marsden School.*



## Probus Clubs

In 1991, our Club, together with the Rotary Club of Wellington Central, established the Probus Club of Karori, which now meets each month at the Wilton Bowling Club.

The basic objective of Probus is to advance intellectual and cultural interests, promote healthy minds and active bodies through social interaction, and enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

At its first meeting, members voted for the Karori Probus Club to be a combined men's and women's club, making it the first 'mixed' club in the District.

Membership grew very quickly and, within a short time, reached 120 members. Within a few years, it became obvious that there was unfulfilled demand in Karori and a decision was made to form a second club, the Probus Club of Marsden.

Today, these two Probus Clubs have a combined membership of some 160 members and are more relevant than ever, thanks in no small way to the continuing efforts of charter, and still active, member of the Rotary Club of Karori, Douglas Langford.



## Government House Ball

One of the highpoints of the Club's first 10 years, both a social and fundraising event, was a Club charity ball at Government House in August 1991. A most memorable occasion for those who attended, it raised nearly \$5,500 for the Rotary Karori Marsden Community Trust fund.

*Johnny and Gloria Biggs at the ball. Johnny was a Past President and a charter member of Karori Rotary.*

## THE SECOND TEN YEARS (1992 – 2002) Homewood Garden Parties

The very popular garden party series came about as a result of discussions between the Club and then British High Commissioner, Robert Alston, and his wife, Pat. The first, in 1995, raised \$7,000 for Mary Potter Hospice. The second, in the following year, raised money for various children's charities, and the third, in 1997, raised \$3,000 for the Save the Children Fund.



*Homewood Garden Party, November 1997.*

These garden parties were 'traditional English' in style, with cream tea, strawberries and cream, a brass band playing the hymn 'Jerusalem' and other appropriate tunes, games including coconut shies and skittles, and demonstrations of Morris dancing.

## Te Papa Pre-Opening Tours

In 1996, our Club, together with three other local Rotary Clubs, organised three incredibly popular pre-opening tours of Te Papa.

We were very fortunate that the site Project Manager was a member of the Rotary Club of Hutt City because, for health and safety reasons, members of the public were not normally permitted on the building site.

The Open Days commenced in 1996 and were repeated in 1997 and again, in 1998, once the building was finished. Over the three years, these tours raised \$100,000 for a variety of very worthy causes.



*Visitors signing-in for pre-opening tours.*

## Karori Youth Awards

These awards were initiated by the Karori Community Centre in 1998, with our Club acting as the founding sponsor and remaining a leading sponsor ever since.

In more recent times, the running of the Awards has been undertaken by the staff of the Karori Youth Centre, which our Club has also supported and which provides after school activities for Karori youth.

The main purpose of the Awards is to recognise, celebrate, encourage, and reward the personal achievements of Karori's youth and to send a strong message acknowledging their vital role in our community.

A range of Award categories - school, arts, sport, club or interests - have been created for young Karorians aged 10 to 24 years. These include recognition of academic improvement in the face of difficulty and showing courage and bravery. Recognition also is given to people or organisations 'serving' young people in Karori.

Public ceremonies are held to recognise recipients of the Karori Youth Awards each year. These are attended by community leaders, parents, other family members and friends.



*Wellington Central MP, Grant Robertson, with an award winner.*



*Students in the Kapa Haka group at Karori West Normal School perform at Award ceremonies.*



## Pre-Opening Tours of Westpac (now Sky) Stadium

In 1999, our Club, with the support of the Rotary Club of Wellington and the Wellington City Council, organised hugely popular public pre-opening tours of the new Wellington stadium, prior to its official opening in January 2000.



*Wespac (now Sky) stadium*

Club members helped with health and safety and guiding during these public open days in return for a gold coin donation, which raised substantial funds for Wellington charities.

Rotary Club members also had the opportunity to act as ‘guinea pigs’ for the catering of a formal charity dinner, also held at the stadium.

## Zealandia

A cornerstone of forest regeneration in Wellington, this fenced wildlife sanctuary in Karori is centred on what was once the city’s water reservoir. Beginning in 1999, Karori Rotary initiated a fundraising project to sell the naming rights for fence posts for the 8.6-kilometre, predator-proof fence - the first stage towards restoring an area of native forest and biodiversity. Our Club actually purchased a ‘block’ of posts and sold naming rights to both Rotarians and the general public.

This fence post initiative raised nearly \$300,000.



*The 'hidden valley', future site of Zealandia.*



*Working bee at the Discovery Area.*

Then, in 2003, our Club, in collaboration with all the other Rotary clubs in Wellington and under the leadership of Club member and Past President Allan Frazer, who acted as overall project manager, embarked on the ambitious Discovery Area Project, an interpretation and display of the old upper dam construction site, which had been a hive of activity from its inception in 1906. The Discovery Area incorporates historic relics such as rails, bogeys and skips, a replica single-men’s hut, interpretation signage, and a gantry tower, similar to that used during dam construction, which now provides commanding views over much of the sanctuary.

Rotary raised close to \$200,000 to meet the total cost of the Discovery Area, which was completed in 2007.

One of our major fundraising efforts was the very successful annual “Gutbuster” race around the boundary fence, for both runners and walkers, which ran for a number of

years. Many club members participated and others helped manage the event, both in planning and 'on the day'. These races also contributed funds for the development of an education centre for school groups.



*Gutbuster competitors leaving the start line at Ben Burn Park.*



*Visiting Rotary International President-Elect Glen Estess helping out on the Discovery Area construction in 2004.*

## Karori Community Bus

Karori Community Bus Incorporated is a not-for-profit society providing a community bus service to the Western Suburbs of Wellington for over 30 years, with the support of service clubs and the Lion Foundation. The organisation uses a 12-seater bus, as this is the most appropriate vehicle for this type of service. Travel is free-of-charge, with running costs being covered by donations and through the support of local community-based organisations, such as Rotary.

The community bus provides weekly shopping trips for the elderly to Johnsonville Mall and is also used by diverse disability, elderly, school, club and cultural groups for various purposes and activities over 200 times each year.

Between 2000 and 2002, Karori Rotary provided \$6,000 towards the purchase of a replacement bus, in addition to regular and ongoing donations towards running costs.



*Karori Rotarians at the launch of the Karori community bus.*

## Karori Park Playground

The Club, under the guidance and leadership of Past President Bob Murdoch, worked closely with the Wellington City Council to build the children's playground at Karori Park. This was formally opened by the then mayor, Kerry Prendergast (herself a Rotarian), in June 2002. Not long after, our Club provided tables and chairs, so that families could enjoy watching their children at play.



*Karori Park Playground nearing completion.*



*June 1993 and the Club is addressed by the Rt. Hon. David Lange.*

Following the upgrade of Karori Park, in September 2007, the Club also provided two bench seats, on the perimeter of the park, for the convenience of those undertaking activities or watching sport.

## THE THIRD TEN YEARS (2002 – 2012)

### Books for the Solomons

In 2002, in response to an appeal from a Wellington VSA lawyer working in Kirakira, the provincial capital of the Makira-Ulawa Province in the Solomon Islands, the Rotary Club of Karori collected and despatched some 3,000 books to Honiara for subsequent distribution to the library in Kirakira and schools on Makira (also known as San Cristobal) Island.



*Unpacking library books in Kirakira.*

### School Grants

For many years, the Rotary Club of Karori has provided support in the form of special needs funding to schools in our catchment area. Over \$2,000 has been given in total each year for projects at six schools - Makara Model, Karori West Normal, St Teresa's, Karori Normal, Cardinal McKeefry and Northland School. Past President Richard Oldham was a key initiator of this major project.

School principals attend special grants-giving Club meetings each year and update the Club on programmes that will utilise these grants.



*President Phil Oliver (at right) with the principals of Karori Normal, Karori West Normal, Northland and Makara Model Schools after presenting annual Rotary grants in 2021*

### Karori Events Centre

In 2007, the Karori Community Hall Trust was established in response to the Council's inability to fund a replacement for the original hall demolished earlier that year.

The driving force behind this venture was Wallace Simmers, founding Chair of the Trust (and who remains an active trustee), and a member (and now life member) and Past President of the Rotary Club of Karori. The trustees raised funds to make the Karori Event Centre a reality. Their vision was to create, equip and manage, a modern



*Rotary Club of Karori member, and founding Chair of the Karori Community Hall Trust, Wallace Simmers, updating Sir Tim Shadbolt on the proposed Event Centre.*



future-proofed, multi-purpose events centre that would help make Karori a more vibrant place to live and visit.

In 2017, the first phase of the Karori Event Centre building, the base build, was constructed. Currently, the building is going through the final phase of completion.

Our Club has had an ongoing and active participation throughout the 15 years of this venture, in assisting with fund raising, providing trustees and advisers, and in making donations to the Trust. Many members of the Club have made individual and family donations to assist in both the base build and fit-out of the building. Karori Rotary also assisted in running the public 'Open Day' in 2018, a successful fundraiser that had the additional benefit of giving locals a preview of this wonderful community asset.

## Karori Foodbank

In 2008, the Club embarked on a three year project to assist Karori Foodbank. This commitment involved making yearly donations over the three year period, dedicating Club meetings to raising funds, and donating cans and packets of food. We also organised public raffles, with the proceeds going to the foodbank.

*The Community Centre is a collection area for donations and the distribution point for food parcels.*



## English Conversation Classes

Commencing in 2011, the Club has run weekly, one-hour English Conversation Classes from the Karori Community Centre for speakers of other languages. These have been aimed primarily at new arrivals to the country who have come to live in the Karori community and, in so doing, has given them another point of contact with locals. They also have provided an opportunity for new arrivals to ask questions so they can



*Club stalwart and Past President Allan Fraser turned ESOL instructor.*



better understand the support available to them from a range of other organisations, and to explain some of the things in our Kiwi way of life which we take for granted but may be baffling to newcomers. Many attendees are undertaking formal studies. So, these weekly meetings are also an opportunity for them to 'try out' their new learning.

Over the years, many Karori Rotary members and their partners have supported this activity.

Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic has forced this initiative into abeyance.



*Winifred Bain, at left, with two attendees.*



*Our Club has regularly contributed to Rotary New Zealand's "ShelterBox" and emergency response kit programmes.*



*Fundraising for emergency response kits at the Karori Karnival, 2016.*

## THE LAST TEN YEARS (2012 - present)

### Lego Exhibitions



*Expo, Wellington College, 2014.*



In 2012, our Club, with support from Lego outlets in the City, organised the first Lego Expo, at Capital E in Wellington. This very successful project was repeated in 2014 under the leadership of Club members Michael Fagg and Russell Law, this time at Wellington College. Several other companies joined in, including McDonalds, Toyland and Meccano. In total, we raised over \$10,000 to help support our Rotary community programmes.

## Blood Pressure Monitoring

In 2012, Rotary Clubs throughout New Zealand became involved with the Stroke Foundation and New World to provide blood pressure awareness stands in malls where New World has a presence and give administrative support to St Johns and Wellington Free Ambulance nurses conducting blood pressure tests.

The Rotary Club of Karori has been a strong supporter of this programme, which is such a valuable indicator of people with high blood pressure, and thus at risk of a heart attack or stroke, and most of our members have helped ‘man’ the stands over the years.

Sadly, like many other events and activities planned over the last two years, the covid pandemic has seen this service ‘put on hold’.



*Blood pressure testing in full swing at Karori Mall.*

## Pre-opening Tours Of Arras Tunnel

In 2013 and 2014, our Club organised pre-opening tours of the Arras tunnel, adjacent to the Carillon and National War Memorial. The funds raised through gold coin donations went towards the Phillipines Disaster Relief Fund, set up following the devastation caused by the super typhoon Haiyan.



*Huge crowds walk the completed tunnel.*

## Makara Model School

A big team of Rotarians and their partners turned out early on a sunny Saturday morning in 2014 to undertake a big clean-up of the grounds at Makara Model School. This followed an address to our Club by the school's principal, during which she mentioned that there were so many demands on parents of children attending this small school it was proving difficult to ‘get everything done’ to a good standard, especially grounds maintenance.

Armed with pruning saws, a couple of lawn mowers, weed eaters, shovels and spades, as well as paint and brushes, we got to work. An excellent morning tea helped boost the





*Working bee, Makara Model School, where we also made good use of 'redundant' office computers.*

energies of all and, by lunch time, a long timber fence had been painted, trees trimmed, grass cut, and weeds removed.

Subsequent to this working bee, the Rotary Club of Karori made a donation of second-hand computers to the school.

## Karori Road Mural

The Rotary Club of Karori was involved in community discussions with the Council and various Karori leaders and in selecting the winning design for the mural, which was developed by professional artists Ruth Robertson Taylor and Ian Taylor, in collaboration with students from six Karori Schools - Marsden, St Teresa's, Cardinal McKeefry, Makara Model, Karori Normal and Karori West.



*Karori Road mural on the wall outside Marsden School. Rotary Karori is one of several community organisations recognised for contributing to the cost of preparing this mural.*

## Wellington Regional Children's Hospital - Te Wao Nui

In 2017, Wellington property developer and philanthropist, Mark Dunajtschik, donated \$50 million to get this wonderful project under way, with the expectation that the community and government would meet all the other costs.

As a result, our Club's district (which covers the Lower North Island with 1,500 members and over 50 clubs) pledged to raise \$400,000, which will go towards developing and outfitting two family rooms, one on each of the inpatient floors. These rooms will



*Quiz night fundraiser at One Fat Bird, June 2021.*



*The new Wellington Regional Children's Hospital, scheduled to open in late 2022.*

give families somewhere to go apart from their child's room. They will be bright and open spaces, with food preparation facilities and sleeping areas for those with children in ICU.

Karori Rotary has run a number of fundraisers for this very worthy cause, including a quiz night at One Fat Bird in June 2021, which was attended by over 50 people - Club members, their families and friends, and members of other Wellington Rotary Clubs - and raised in excess of \$5,000.



*Brian Souter, Rotary Club of Karori charter member, Past President, life member, and 2006-08 World President of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians, at a Club meeting in 2008.*

## Epilepsy First Aid Education Publication

This wonderful publication was written by Club member and epilepsy sufferer, Krystle Crimmins.

In 2020, the Rotary Club of Karori, with the assistance of several other Rotary clubs in the area, arranged for the printing and distribution of this very important education aid to every primary, intermediate and secondary school in Rotary District 9940 – basically the lower North Island. This was a significant achievement given the size of the District and the 504 schools in it.



*Club member Krystle Crimmins with Wellington Mayor Andy Foster at the launch of the Epilepsy Aid booklet in 2020.*

## Election Candidate Meetings



*Wellington Central MP and deputy Prime Minister Hon. Grant Robertson speaking at a meeting at the Karori Baptist Church, one of the largest held in the Capital before the general election in 2020.*

For many years, our Club, with the support of the Karori Residents' Association, has hosted public meetings in Karori before local body and general elections. These meetings have allowed residents to hear the views and policy positions of candidates standing for Parliament and for the Wellington City Council for our constituent area. This year, we will once again support the Karori Residents' Association at a public meeting in late August ahead of the City Council elections in October. And in 2023, we will no doubt be involved in organising public meetings for candidates in the next general election.

## Karori Community Patrol

Neighbourhood Watch Patrols were resurrected in Karori in 2021 and the Rotary Club of Karori joined forces with several other community organisations to help sponsor a new vehicle and meet running costs for the newly established Community Patrol team.

This is a vital service to assist the New Zealand Police and the Rotary Club of Karori strongly supported the efforts of the Karori Residents' Association through its Chair and fellow Karori Rotarian, Andrea Skews, to get this new service 'on the road'.



*Andrea Skews, Club member and Chair of the Karori Residents' Association, and Past Rotary Karori President Graeme Titcombe with the new Community Patrol vehicle at its 'launch' in 2021.*

## Rotary Student Exchange

For many years, the Rotary Club of Karori has played its part in hosting international exchange students to Wellington and supporting the programme of outbound students to other countries. Our members and their partners have had many rewarding experiences as home hosts for exchange students.

We also have strongly supported the Matched Student Exchange with Australia for many years. Club members Wally Simmers, John Barton and David Watt, have all played an active role on the District 9940 Student Exchange Committee.



## Club Meetings

The Club meets every second and fourth Tuesday at Samuel Marsden Collegiate School (Marsden, to 'Karorians'). Most meetings feature a keynote speaker.



*Governor-General-designate, Lieutenant General Sir Jerry Mateparae addressed the Club prior to being sworn in.*



*Michael Smith, Chief Executive of the Wellington Division of the Cancer Society, addressed the Club in February 2021.*



*Barbara Mulligan, from the Friends of Karori Cemetery, addressed the Club in March 2021.*



*Wharangi/Onslow-Western Ward Councillor Simon Woolf, at a combined Rotary Lions meeting at Marsden School in October 2021*

## Business Breakfast Meetings

Our business breakfast meetings, held at the Karori Park Sports Café several times a year, undoubtedly have been one of our Club's success stories of recent years.

Under the leadership of Club stalwart David Watt, and with the support of our venture partner, initially ANZ and presently Forsyth Barr, these meetings bring together local business and education leaders, members of community groups (including Rotary, Lions and Probus) and others to hear top speakers on issues of the day.

Over the years, our many outstanding speakers including senior politicians, nationally recognised business leaders, top medical and research professionals, Chief Ombudsmen, ambassadors, and many others, have attracted 'sell-out' crowds.





Professor Michael Baker briefed the breakfast meeting in May 2021 on "How Aotearoa New Zealand is beating Covid-19 and key lessons for the future".



Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Grant Robertson addressed the breakfast meeting at Karori Park Café in March 2021 on a post-Covid world.



Race Relations Commissioner, Meng Foon, speaking at a breakfast meeting in 2020.



Then CEO of Wellington City Council, Kevin Lavery, guest speaker at our first business breakfast meeting, April 2014.

## Service With A Smile!



Club Charter Members Graeme Titcombe and Doug Langford still enjoying Rotary 40 years on.

## Awards

Over the years, our Club has received recognition, both locally and internationally.



In 1986, we received a Significant Achievement Award for the Rosie Jones Appeal.



In 1990, the Club received its first Friendship Shield Award.



In 2000, we were given a Rotary Presidential Citation for the breadth of the Club's work.

## Rotary Foundation Scholars

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Rotary Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. One of the most important and enduring of these is the funding of scholarships. The Foundation and clubs jointly invest in the world's future leaders and philanthropists by funding scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study.

Over the years, The Rotary Club of Karori has successfully nominated a number of Kiwis.

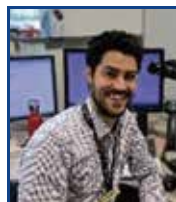
In turn, our Club has hosted many incoming scholars studying at both Victoria and Massey universities.



*Rotary Foundation scholar the Rev. Chris Nicol of Praise Be fame was nominated by our Club and selected as our Rotary District's awardee in 1982 for study overseas and, specifically, post graduate work at Christ Church Cathedral in England.*



*Rotary Foundation Scholar Andrew Sweet was nominated by our Club and selected as our Rotary District's outbound scholar in 1992. Andrew studied advanced economics at the University of York, England.*



*Rotary Foundation scholar Dr Matt Wheeler, a young doctor specialising in haematology at Wellington Regional Hospital, was nominated by our Club and selected as our Rotary District's awardee in 2019 enabling him to take up a prestigious year-long clinical research fellowship at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.*

## Club Presidents

1982/83	David Edgar	1992/93	Wally Simmers**	2002/03	Bill Joyce	2012/13	Bill Joyce
1983/84	Maurice Perry	1993/94	Jim Johnston*	2003/04	David Sercombe**	2013/14	Rowland Woods
1984/85	Doug Langford*	1994/95	Alex Watson	2004/05	David Watt*	2014/15	Allan Frazer*
1985/86	Eric Ashton	1995/96	Kevin Fox	2005/06	John Barton*	2015/16	Richard Oldham *
1986/87	Brian Souter**	1996/97	Allan Frazer*	2006/07	Colin Jones	2016/17	John Barton*
1987/88	Graeme Titcombe*	1997/98	Coral Aitchison	2007/08	Peter Meggison	2017/18	Graeme Titcombe*
1988/89	John Biggs	1998/99	Russell Law	2008/09	Allan Frazer*, Cliff Daly & Colin Jones	2018/19	David Watt* & Jim Johnston*
1989/90	Douglas Webb	1999/00	Clive Hesketh*	2009/10	Doug Webb	2019/20	Phil Oliver*
1990/91	Robin Adair	2000/01	Ron Elton	2010/11	Michael Fagg	2020/21	Phil Oliver*
1991/92	John Fox	2001/02	Cliff Daly	2011/12	Michael Fagg & David Watt*	2021/22	Graeme Titcombe* & David Watt*

\*Current member. \*\*Life Member.

## Paul Harris Fellows

Continuing the legacy of our founder, the Paul Harris Fellow programme recognises individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, substantial donations to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

The honour was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions that support our Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.

Over the years, this honour has been earned by 45 members and friends of the Rotary Club of Karori.

1988	David Stevens <sup>1</sup>	2005	Robert Murdoch	2014	David Watt (three Sapphires)**
1991	Doug Langford*	2007	David Sercombe**	2015	John Barton*
1992	Eric Ashton	2008	Cliff Daly	2015	Elaine Harris (community PHF)
1993	Graeme Titcombe*	2008	Russell Law	2016	David Watt (District Sapphire Pin/ Fourth Sapphire)*
1993	John Biggs	2008	Graeme Titcombe*	2017	Jim Johnston (District Sapphire Pin)*
1996	Hilary Petersen (community PHF)	2008	Doug Webb	2017	Doug Langford (two Sapphires)*
1997	Maurice Perry	2010	David Watt (Sapphire Pin)*	2017	Doug Langford (a third Sapphire)**4
1997	Wally Simmers**	2012	John Biggs (Sapphire Pin)	2017	Rowland Woods
1998	David Watt* <sup>2</sup>	2012	Don Langridge (community PHF)	2018	Richard Oldham
1998	Jim Johnston*	2012	Ethne Wyndham-Smith (community PHF)	2018	Rosemarie Ashton
1999	Brian Souter**	2012	Frances Gazley (community PHF)	2018	David* & Winifred Bain
2000	Allan Frazer* <sup>3</sup>	2012	Wally Simmers (Sapphire Pin)**	2019	Jamie Milne
2003	Rosemarie Ashton	2012	Barrie Keenan (community PHF)	2020	Henk Rood
2003	Pat Duncan	2013	Heather Baldwin (community PHF)	2021	Clive Hesketh*
2004	Robin Adair	2014	Andy Foster (community PHF)	2021	Doug Langford (five Sapphires)*

\*Current member. \*\*Life Member.

1. As a member of the Rotary Club of Downtown Auckland



2. As a member of the Rotary Club of Tawa
3. Received Sapphire Pin in 2005 & District Sapphire Pin in 2019
4. Rotary Club of Kaukau

## District Committees

Our Club has made a significant contribution to Rotary District 9940 on a wide range of district-sponsored programmes.

1986-87	Maurice Perry	Chairman	Extension and Development
	Doug Langford	Committee	NZ-Australian Student Exchange
1988-89	Eric Ashton	Committee	Rotary Foundation - Promotion
	Brian Souter	Committee	Vocational
	Doug Langford	Committee	Peer Support & Reaching Out
1989-90	Bruce Ruscoe	Committee	China Exchange
	Doug Langford	Committee	Vocational
1991-92	Robin Adair	Committee	Environment Issues
	Doug Langford	Committee	Friendship Exchange
1992-93	Robin Adair	Area Representative	Wellington 1
	John Fox	Committee	Interact
1993-94	John Biggs	Committee	Emergency Box Scheme
	John Fox	Committee	Interact
	Doug Langford	Chair	Membership Development
1996-97	Wally Simmers	Committee	NZ-Australia Matched Student Exchange
	Doug Langford	Committee	Group Study Exchange - Outwards Committee
	David Stevens	Committee	Rotary Foundation Scholarships
	Brian Souter	President	International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians
1997-98	Allan Frazer	Committee	Rotary Foundation Humanitarian
	Jim Johnston	Committee	Siemens Science Experience
	Doug Langford	Committee	Group Study Exchange - Outwards
	Barbara Newdick	Interact Representative	Samuel Marsden Collegiate School
	Brian Souter	President	International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians
	David Stevens	Committee	Rotary Foundation Scholarships
2000-01	Coral Atchison	Committee	Group Study Exchange - Inwards
	Rosemarie Ashton	Committee	District Communications - DG Newsletter Reporter
	Allan Frazer	Committee	Scholarships
	Clive Hesketh	District Co-Ordinator	Trees for Survival
	Jim Johnston	Committee	Siemens Science Experience
2001-02	Allan Frazer	Chair	Scholarships Subcommittee
	Clive Hesketh	District Coordinator	Trees for Survival
2002-03	Robin Adair	Chair	Centennial Celebration
	Cliff Daly	Chair	Public Relations
	Allan Frazer	Chair	Rotary Foundation Scholarships
	Doug Langford	Wellington 1	NZ-Australia Matched Student Exchange
2003-04	Robin Adair	Chair	Centennial Celebration
	Allan Frazer	Chair	Rotary Foundation Scholarships
	Bill Joyce	Wellington 1	World Community Service Projects
	Wally Simmers	Wellington 2	District Fellowship Exchange Committee
2004-05	Robin Adair	Chair	Centennial Celebration
	Cliff Daly	Committee	Rotary Foundation Promotion and Giving
	Allan Frazer	Chair	World Community Service Club Support
	Allan Frazer	Alumni Assn Rep	Rotary Foundation Scholarships
2005-06	Allan Frazer	Alumni Assn Rep	Rotary Foundation Scholarships
	Bill Joyce	Chair	World Community Service Club Support
	Brian Souter	World President 2006-2008	International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians
	David Watt	Science Programs	Vocational Committee
	David Watt	District Coordinator	National Science & Technology Forum 2006 - Genesis Research



	David Watt	Committee	NZ-Australia Matched Student Exchange
2007-08	John Barton	Committee	NZ-Australia Matched Student Exchange
	Allan Frazer	Alumni Assn Rep	Ambassadorial Scholarships
	Jim Johnston	Vocational Committee	Science Programmes
	Jim Johnston	District Coordinator	Rotary National Science & Technology Forum
	Jim Johnston	District 9940 Coordinator	Victoria Science Experience
	Colin Jones	Rotary Foundation Promotion and Giving	District Rotary Foundation Committee
	Colin Jones	Chair	Rotary Foundation Promotion and Giving
	Colin Jones	Contact	Taxation and Donations for Charitable Purposes
	Brian Souter	World President 2006-2008	International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians
	David Watt	District Governor Nominee	
	David Watt	Assistant Governor Wellington 1	
	David Watt	Committee	Strategic Planning Committee
	David Watt	Committee	Training and Development
	David Watt	Committee	NZ - Australia Matched Student Exchange
	David Watt	Committee	District Advisory Committee
2008-09	Robin Adair	Chair and RNZWCS Ltd Director	World Community Service District Committee
	John Barton	Chair	NZ-Australia Matched Student Exchange
	Jim Johnston	Vocational Committee	All Science Programmes and Forums
	Jim Johnston	District 9940 Coordinator	Rotary National Science & Technology Forum 2009
	Colin Jones	Chair	Rotary Foundation Promotion and Giving
	Colin Jones	Rotary Foundation Promotion and Giving	District Rotary Foundation Committee
	David Watt	Chair	Strategic Planning Committee
	David Watt	DGE	Training and Development
	David Watt	ex officio	District Rotary Foundation Board
	David Watt	DGE	District Advisory Committee
2009-10	Robin Adair	Chair and RNZWCS Ltd Director	World Community Service District Committee
	John Barton	Chair	NZ-Australia Matched Student Exchange
	Jim Johnston	Vocational Committee	All Science Programmes and Forums
	Jim Johnston	District 9940 Coordinator	Rotary National Science & Technology Forum 2009
	Colin Jones	Chair	Rotary Foundation Promotion and Giving
	Colin Jones	Rotary Foundation Promotion and Giving	District Rotary Foundation Committee
	Doug Langford	District Governor Liaison Officer	
	David Watt	DGE	
	David Watt	District Fund Trustee	
	David Watt	Committee	Strategic Planning Committee
	David Watt	DG	Training and Development
	David Watt	ex officio	District Rotary Foundation Board
	David Watt	Chair	District Advisory Committee
2010-11	John Barton	Committee	NZ Australia Matched Student Exchange
	Jim Johnston	Vocational Committee	All Science Programmes and Forums
	Jim Johnston	District 9940 Coordinator	Rotary National Science & Technology Forum 2011
	David Watt	District Representative	NZ RDU Promotion Committee
	David Watt	Immediate Past District Governor	
	David Watt	Committee	District Advisory Committee
	David Watt	Committee	Strategic Planning Committee
	David Watt	District Coordinator	Convention
	David Watt	Coordinator	Club Visioning
2011-12	John Barton	Committee	NZ Australia Matched Student Exchange
	Michael Fagg	Committee	District PolioPlus and Polio Awareness
	Rowland Woods	Committee	International Service
	Jim Johnston	Vocational Committee	All Science Programmes and Forums
	Jim Johnston	District 9940 Convenor	Rotary National Science & Technology Forum 2012
	David Watt	District Representative	NZ RDU Promotion Committee
	David Watt	Group Representative for NZ & Pacific Islands	Rotary Down Under Board
	David Watt	Secretary	District Advisory Committee
	David Watt	Convenor	Club Vision Facilitation

2012-13	David Watt	Coordinator	Club Visioning Programme
	Michael Fagg	Chair	District PolioPlus and Polio Awareness Sub Committee
	David Watt	District Representative	NZ RDU District Representative
	Jim Johnston	Convenor	Science programmes and Forums
2015-16	Michael Fagg		District Newsletter Editor
	David Watt	Committee	Club Development
	David Watt	Group Representative	Rotary Down Under
	Jim Johnston	Chair	Science programmes and Forums
2016-17	David Watt	Member	District Advisory Committee
	David Watt	Director	NZ and Pacific Islands Representative on Australian Board
	Jim Johnston	Chair	Science programmes and Forums

*To the best of our knowledge, the information in this brochure is correct at the time of publication.*

## Applications for membership are always welcome

The personal satisfaction and growth that comes from serving others is the most important reward of Rotary membership.

There are also other benefits such as: Development of leadership and organizational skills; making acquaintances in numerous businesses, professions and communities; the opportunity to benefit from the business experience of others; exposure to stimulating speakers and increased knowledge of world and national affairs; close contact with community leaders, including mayors, MPs, Governor's General and Chief Executives; recognition for service to the community; a broader social life; and a warm welcome in unfamiliar communities throughout New Zealand and worldwide.

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aroha ki te tangata.

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a precious treasure.

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