

Interact End of Year Report 2019



Polhill Reserve

This involved weed clearing, mulching, Brooklyn 1st Sunday monthly. Around 10 per session.

Interact Leader: Molly Carr (027 379 3061)

Project Contact: Rachel McLellan, Park Ranger (0212278392, Rachel.McLellan@wcc.govt.nz)

Refugee Goods Sorting

We helped set up refugee households with their needs. This is organised by the Wellington Catholic and Anglican Dioceses. One Sunday every two months, 7-10 people volunteer. 2-2.5 hours in the afternoon.

Interact Leader: Aidan Homewood (022 673 2256, 16274@wc.school.nz)

Project Contact: Patricia Cooper (027 616 3821)

Patricia@anglicanmovement.nz)



Shakespeare/Sheila Winn

This involved the admin at their office. 1-2 people per shift. Shifts were from 3:30-6pm on weekdays.

Interact Leader: Molly Carr (027 379 3061)

Project Contact: Dawn Sanders (027 231 6119 action-sanders@xtra.co.nz), Dawn Sanders (dawn@sgcnz.org.nz)

Karori Toy Library

Volunteering at the Karori Toy Library every Saturday from 10am-12pm.

Generally pairs have volunteered to do this.

Interact Leader: Ken Rayner (027 410 8848, 16127@wc.school.nz)

Project Contact: Anne Kerins (karoritoyleft@xtra.co.nz)

Blue Dragon Book Fair

Helping sort out books for a book fair fundraising for Blue Dragon. This was done by a group of 6-8 people on a Saturday. The book fair is an annual event.

Interact Leader: Ken Rayner (027 410 8848, 16127@wc.school.nz)

Project Contact: Kirsty Hazeldine (k.hazeldine@wc.school.nz)

Crofton Downs Tree Planting

Planting Trees. 20 at first session, approx 10 for future sessions. Timing of sessions varied: one was in March, 3 more planned for June/July.

Interact Leader: Molly Carr (027 379 3061)

Project Contact: Graham Weir (grahamweir@xtra.co.nz)

Movie Night Fundraiser for Youthline

Every year Interact has a movie night fundraiser. This year that fundraiser was for the charity Youthline. The movie night happened on the 28th of June and raised \$1355.60. This was the result of work from every Interact member. Members worked on the night in four groups: raffle, baking, marketing and ticketing. Our meetings are every second Tuesday from 4-5pm. So for a good 40 minutes every meeting work was being done on organising the night.

Art for Oranga Tamariki

Oranga tamariki has a contact at Rotary Port Nicholson (Nicole) who asked us to create some art for foster children to choose to put on their walls. We had a plethora of art pieces contributed (~ 25) and Nicole photographed them all one Tuesday.

Project Contact: Nicole Barker (029 200 3751)

Quiz Night

Every year Interact collaborates with the Wellington College International Students' Association to hold a Quiz night fundraiser for the Blue Dragon Foundation. Interact had to coordinate food, entertainment, marketing, and the raffle. These groups met during meetings. The raffle group sometimes went out to get sponsors in town. This year we raised \$2250.

This was organised in a big part thanks to Ken Rayner.

Street Appeals

Street appeals were another big part of Interact. We had interactors volunteer in a multitude of street appeals throughout the year. These are frequent on winter Fridays and so are a great thing for WC boys before school, and after school for everyone. Ken Rayner organised all of these.

Zealandia

This was every month or so, reducing in frequency toward the end of 2018. No events took place in 2019. Around 6-10 people went each time to plant trees and help with gardening. 15 people max per session.

Interact Leader: Florence Schuch (0211049909, schuchfl@wgc.school.nz)

Project Contact: Ashley Joy (ashley.joy@visitzealandia.com)

Interact Day

This was a day where we met with other clubs in Otaki. **Next year in 2020, we have promised to host the Interact day.** The key contact for this is Marilyn Stevens, the Interact district 9940 coordinator: marilynandwayne@yahoo.com

Closing Thoughts/Reflection by Aidan

The central focus/change made this year was in the involvement of club members in projects. Instead of the board taking on lots of work, other members of the club were invested in different areas. This was great as it gave purpose to the meetings.

On the note of the purpose of meetings, this was a challenge we faced throughout the year. Sometimes we found ourselves searching for something to fill the meeting when not doing a project. Sometimes groups had finished all they needed to do. This made us shift to a definition where we saw Interact as a great place to socialise and have fun: that being a reason why people want to volunteer and participate. The end goals of Interact should be to (1) have a positive impact on our community, and (2) get students involved in service in a fun way. The two goals are interdependent.

It was sad to see 'CV hunters' within the club: that is those who only come and become a member to put something on their CV or university halls application. This was likely due to the relatively non-strict rules for becoming a member: and the badging half-way through the year. The board next year may want to consider changing the membership requirements (currently three consecutive meetings and two volunteering opportunities taken) to something requiring more commitment throughout the year, maybe even having just one badging session at the end of the year.

This year many more opportunities were given, we improved relationships with WC, gained many new members, and had a positive impact with many successful projects: big and small.

Reflection by Interactors

<i>What went well?</i>	<i>Do you have suggestions for any improvements that we could make?</i>	<i>Do you have any further comments?</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A wide range of volunteering opportunities - Heaps of people involved - Leaders did well organising events for us - Quiz and Movie Night - Meeting new people and helping the community by volunteering - Ice breakers (Speed Interacting) - Shared Lunch - Everything 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More full group activities - Less icebreakers - Bring more people by spreading the word and more information about volunteering opportunities - More people - More badge clarity - Send out surveys for interact opportunities - Nothing - Maybe Icebreakers (we know you guys are trying your best) - Better communication on location of Interact and when it's on - Further promotion of the club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People stopped coming :(- We're looking forward to the picnic - We've had so much fun :) - You've done a good job

This is essentially the raw data we got. I'm sure the board in 2020 can take into account their and their friends' experiences when deciding what should be done for Interact this year. A complete record of events is available on the Facebook group's timeline of posts.

Rotary Club Advisors

A big thanks to the following advisors from Rotary who helped us throughout the year:

Gillian Robertson (472 8173, 021 492 166, gbhr@wildpress.org)

Darryl Ross (029 801 5515, darrylross@clear.net.nz) (retired.)

Paula Smith (021 398 145, paula.mcknight@ppmck.co.nz)

Board of Interact Port Nicholson 2019

Molly Carr (WGC) - Co-president

Aidan Homewood (WC) - Co-president

Ken Rayner (WC) - Treasurer

Jared Lebanoff (WC) - Board of directors

Grace Smyth (WGC) - Board of directors, joined mid-year

Whakaahurangi Gallagher (WGC) - Board of directors, retired toward end of year