

District Newsletter
November 2019

A Message from Tania Lowery (District Governor):

I hate to say it, but the holiday season is fast approaching, and the number of pay day's left until Christmas are in the single digits!



By the time you get this newsletter President Elect training will have been held in Dunedin for those who are going to be Club Presidents for the 2020-2021 Rotary year, and all of a sudden the current Club Presidents realise that they have flown through the first half of their year! They do say that time flies when you are having fun!

Since my last note to you all, things have been pretty busy. We attended the Christchurch Regeneration conference in September, along with Dylan Murray and Nick Wood, as the District Governor leadership team undertook more Rotary training, and had the chance to network with our fellow Rotary leaders. Phil and I were privileged to host Rotary International President Mark Maloney and his wife Gay, when they attended a dinner with the District Governor's from Australia and New Zealand while we were in Christchurch. They were pretty impressed with the Rotary Kia as we chauffeured them to and from the dinner venue. They also attended a joint dinner with Districts 9970 and 9980, entertaining the many Rotarians from both districts during the evening, and mingling so easily with us all. They are a great couple, so approachable, and full of passion for Rotary and their role within the organisation.

Multiple events with many clubs have kept us travelling around the district, enjoying the company of the many Rotarians we have met along the way. Working and celebrating alongside fellow Rotarians is a great way to spend the year in this role, there is a lot to be said for those fantastic People of Action!

We have attended the 50th anniversary of the Timaru North club, and the 40th anniversary of the Cromwell club. It's great to be able to celebrate the work they have undertaken and the differences that they have made in their communities. All the best to you for the future years.

World Polio day (October 24th), saw us riding the trains in Sydney. I can fairly safely say that Phil and I are the only two Kiwi's in New Zealand who have stopped at all 195 stations in Sydney, within a day (or 19 hours and 10 minutes to be precise). A core group of 7 Rotarians undertook this epic journey, and along the way we were joined by many Rotary clubs and Rotarians from around the Sydney districts. And we raised approximately \$150,000 for the End Polio Now campaign. Many thanks to all who contributed to this wonderful effort! More about that later in the newsletter.

As the year continues I have seen so many different clubs, and so many different ways that meetings/changeovers/celebrations/projects are run. This diverse range of clubs means that there is usually something out there to fit anyone looking to join Rotary. As a district we are keen to support clubs looking to try new things and to learn about the different options there are for creating a vibrant club experience. Make sure to contact the Membership and Club Development co-chairs Derek King and Karen Purdue if your club requires guidance. Your Assistant Governor is also a good point of contact for additional help.

See you out there!

Tania



Your Club Bulletin – Taking a Second Look

Club bulletins are a varied range of publications!

But you should always bear in mind that whatever you are publishing, it may be read by anyone, be they a Rotarian or a potential Rotarian. Content should always be appropriate, because what you publish is representing your club, the members, and ultimately, Rotary International. Can you use your bulletin as a marketing tool to advertise your club and what it does, and what Rotary represents? The next time you read your own bulletin, think, "Would I be happy/comfortable sharing this with anyone?"



Clubrunner – A Powerful Tool in the Club Toolbox



Ensuring that member details are up-to-date on Clubrunner means that you are less likely to miss out on important information sent to you by the club or the District.

Sending a mass email to members is super easy via Clubrunner, and it means you don't have to clutter up your personal email account sending Rotary communications out.

District relies on the member information in Clubrunner when sending information. Currently only 22 clubs have a secretary listed on Clubrunner, that means that there are 9 clubs whose secretary won't be getting information from the District! Is your club one of these?

Your club can also synchronise its member details on Clubrunner to Rotary International, saving time, enter the correct details once only, and then they will be available for the Rotary International data base too.

There are easy-to-follow videos on the Clubrunner site to help you learn all about it and what it can do to make your club run more efficiently when it comes to communicating with your members.

And don't forget about the app – meaning the contact details for every member of your club, and every other club in our District, is at your fingertips!

District Conference – 17th to 19th April 2020, Balclutha

Registrations are open, so get online super quick to secure your spot at what will be a hands-on experience like you have never had before at District conference! See you all there! Don't forget to bring the family!

9980conference.co.nz



Reminder about your Club Membership Dues – from the Rotary International South Pacific & Philippines Office

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Club Invoice collection period is winding down for this semester's dues. With up to 99% of the clubs in Zone 8 (Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands) and 96% of clubs in the Philippines having paid their dues, we have a fair bit of chasing up to do with 45 clubs who have not yet settled their outstanding balances. Please note that the end of the collection period was 19 November 2019. Beyond this, clubs with outstanding balances greater than USD250 will be classified as candidates for termination and will be required to pay USD30 per member as reinstatement fees along with all outstanding dues.

An Exciting Addition to the Dictionary Family!

In addition to the well-loved Illustrated English Dictionary that many clubs give to Year 4 students, we now have a super-cool Rhyming Dictionary for the younger readers.



Your club will receive a copy of this new product, along with details about why it has been introduced, pricing, ordering instructions etc, very soon.

Having this new book available will mean that club's will have the opportunity to introduce the younger readers in your communities to reading even earlier!

Both of these publications are here for Rotary clubs thanks to the generosity of the Bill & Lorna Boyd Charitable Trust

A copy of the flier is at the end of this newsletter

Rotary National Science & Technology Forum

*"The Rotary National Science & Technology Forum is designed to encourage top school performers to study and ultimately enter careers in Science & Technology. This programme, aimed at **OUTSTANDING** students from across New Zealand, focusses on **EXCELLENCE**.*

One of the underlying goals is to grow Science & Technology graduates who will facilitate New Zealand's future advances and leadership in Science & Technology. It is expected that students who attend the Forum will be among the future leaders in Science & Technology in New Zealand". (Forum website)

The Forum will held in Auckland in January 2020 and I am delighted to confirm 22 students have been successful in their applications to attend. 16 Rotary Clubs in District 9980 supported students and they include Dunedin East, Dunedin, Dunedin Central, Dunedin North, Taieri, Mosgiel, Balclutha, Queenstown, Invercargill Sunrise, Invercargill North, Invercargill East, Invercargill South, Cromwell, Winton, Timaru, and Fiordland.

Congratulations to those clubs for finding the funds, interviewing, collating information and getting the applications in on time. I believe that District 9980 was the second District in the country to have our applications to the Auckland based Director of the Forum! Well done, contributing 9980 Rotary Clubs.

Sue Mackinlay
District 9980 Co-ordinator
Science and Technology Forum 2020

Riding the Trains in Sydney for World Polio Day

As mentioned earlier, many clubs in our District took up the challenge to boost the End Polio Now campaign funds by sponsoring Tania and Phil as they rode the trains in Sydney to raise funds and awareness for the cause. District 9980 contributed around \$38,000 to the train ride promotion, that is an absolutely awesome effort!

Thank you to the following clubs (apologies if anyone is left off):

Dunedin	Taieri	Queenstown
Waimate	Dunedin North	Wanaka
Dunedin East	Queens Interact	Timaru North
Oamaru	Invercargill Sunrise	Fiordland
Cromwell	Mosgiel	Invercargill North
Balclutha	Alexandra	



That was a more than 50% uptake on the polio challenge, well done to you all!

100 Years of Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands

Here is a link to the website with a whole lot of information regarding this occasion, including the opportunity to enter a logo competition.

<https://www.rotary100downunder.com/>

Rotary New Zealand World Community Service

There are three causes that are in need of urgent help from our Rotary clubs:

- * Measles outbreak in Samoa
- * Australian bush fires
- * Emergency Response Kits (ERK's) for the Pacific Island region for the upcoming tropical cyclone season



Head online to rnzwcs.org for information on how your club can contribute to these causes.

An update on the Six Areas of Focus

The names of three of Rotary's areas of focus (marked with asterisks) have been changed to better reflect the types of projects members are carrying out. The areas of focus are now called:

- * Peacebuilding and conflict prevention*
- * Disease prevention and treatment
- * Water, sanitation, and hygiene*
- * Maternal and child health
- * Basic education and literacy
- * Community economic development*

Some of the area of focus goals have also changed. Activities that relate to the environment are included in the updated Areas of Focus Policy Statements.

The Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do

Sometimes we need a reminder that, as Rotarians, this test is our guide to our behaviour:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Proposed New South Island District

You will have received an email (so long as your details are correct in Clubrunner), outlining the proposal for creating a new South Island Rotary District. The email contained a written outline, and a link to a video, which gives you the basics of the proposal.

We hope you are aware of the updated Rotary International (RI) new vision statement and strategic priorities aimed at ensuring Rotary continues to be a vibrant effective organisation both today and in the future. The email and the attached information is the first part of the planned response by Districts 9970 and 9980 to the RI priority to 'INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT' and in particular to ensure our governance structures and processes are fit for purpose within the policies and practice of RI globally.

Rotary International's Vision Statement and Strategic Priorities & Objectives follows:

ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

As we stand on the cusp of eliminating polio, we find ourselves poised for our next challenge. The time is right to move toward realizing a new vision that brings more people together, increases our impact, and creates lasting change around the world.

To achieve the vision of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, we have set four priorities that will direct our work over the next five years.

ROTARY'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

INCREASE OUR IMPACT

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy
- Focus our programs and offerings
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact

EXPAND OUR REACH

- Grow and diversify our membership and participation
- Create new channels into Rotary
- Increase Rotary's openness and appeal
- Build awareness of our impact and brand

ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- Support clubs to better engage their members
- Develop a participant-centered approach to deliver value
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection
- Provide leadership development and skills training

INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Build a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks
- Streamline governance, structure, and processes
- Review governance to foster more diverse perspectives in decision-making

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards – 9th to 14th February 2020

Don't forget to get your nominations in for this great event, an ideal opportunity for our upcoming young leaders to mix with other outstanding young people, and to learn from other leaders.

Here is the link for all the information you need:

<https://rotarydistrict9980.org/page/rotary-youth-leadership-awards>

From the Rotary Leader newsletter November 2019:

DIVERSITY AND YOU: HOW TO CREATE AN INCLUSIVE CLUB EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE

Growing and diversifying our membership is a top priority for Rotary to ensure that we more fully reflect the communities we serve.

We're creating an organization that is more open and inclusive, fair to all, builds goodwill, and benefits our communities.

To help achieve that goal and share it with members, the RI Board of Directors approved a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) statement. As a club or district leader, you play an important role in promoting our effort and making it a priority.

Review and share the statement, below:

As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Rotary will cultivate a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture in which people from underrepresented groups have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders.

Diversity: Rotary welcomes people of all backgrounds, cultures, experiences, and identities.

Equity: Rotary strives for the fair treatment, opportunity, and advancement of all Rotary participants.

Inclusion: Rotary is working to create experiences where all people feel welcomed, respected, and valued.

"In the context of Rotary membership, it is not enough to invite people from diverse backgrounds to our meetings and events. We need to include them in club planning and decision making, and value their contributions." — Katey Halliday, the Rotaract Club of Adelaide City and the Rotary Club of Adelaide Light, South Australia, Australia

➡ Read more about the importance of diversity in posts by Halliday and others on [Rotary Voices](#).

MORE STEPS YOUR CLUB CAN TAKE:

- Create a member diversity and inclusion action plan using the **Diversifying Your Club** assessment.
- Invite local diversity, equity, and inclusion experts and professionals to speak at your club's next gathering.
- Connect with organizations that are supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and work with them on local projects or events.
- Encourage and support people from underrepresented groups to take leadership positions in your club and district. When they do, the pool of candidates to become Rotary senior leaders increases.
- Encourage your club members to take the **Building a Diverse Club** course in the Learning Center to identify ways to be more diverse and inclusive.
- Create an advisory board made up of diverse community members to learn about key issues and find ways to work together to take action. Invite the board members to your club to experience Rotary.

Learn more about Rotary's efforts to diversify its membership and leadership.

Have a happy and safe holiday season, spend it with friends and family, sharing fine times with all!

And return to Rotary in the new year refreshed and ready to go, with new ideas, new service projects, new club activities for your fellow Rotarians to enjoy!

Auction for ROMAC



'Green on Green' 30.5cm x 30.5cm
Acrylic on stretched canvas

"Rae's generous fundraising initiative to promote ROMAC is to be applauded. Her lively, colourful and original artworks are much sought after and I appeal to Rotarians to support Rae's enterprise". Adrienne Pavelka, patron Watercolour New Zealand. www.adrienne-pavelka.com

What this is all about:

I am an artist and I am going to donate paintings to raise funds for ROMAC.

After attending the ROMAC breakfast presentation at the Rotary Australia New Zealand Zone Conference (and you know what a great cause this is) I decided to support the programme. It took me a few days to come up with a plan which I thought might work.

How is this going to work:

- silent auctions within the Rotary membership
- each month you'll be emailed an original painting to bid on
- email the bid to me at eder52@me.com The starting bid is \$150
- include in the email your name and club
- all proceeds to ROMAC

Weekly updates will be emailed to bidders. After three weeks the highest bid wins and arrangements will be made to complete the sale with the new owner of the work. All the participants in the auction will be informed of the winner.

A little about ROMAC:

ROMAC is the acronym for "Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children", a combined Australia and New Zealand Multi District Rotary initiative.

In 1998 a Rotarian and a group of Australian surgeons visited Fiji. Since then ROMAC has been providing surgical treatment in hospitals in Australia and New Zealand, for children from developing countries of the Southwest Pacific.

Mission Statement - To provide specialist treatment for children from developing countries, in the form of life saving and dignity restoring surgery, not accessible to them in their home country.

See more at www.romac.org.au

Examples of my work can be viewed at 'Rae Eder Art' on Facebook .

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