

On Sunday I attended a full-day Zoom - President Elect South Pacific training (SPETTS) Where we were informed of the regionalization progress, and participated in some good discussion groups with Rotarians from throughout NZ and the Pacific islands - sharing ideas is always very interesting.

I was most impressed with our inspirational speaker, Dr Claire Achmad, Chief Children's Commissioner leading Mana Mokopuna-the Children and Young People's Commission, advocating for the human rights of all children in Aotearoa.

She is also a previous Rotary Global Scholar, completing her 3.5 year post-graduate study at the University of Liden, Netherlands. She has also previously been a Trustee and "Chair" of Shelterbox. A great "alumni" ambassador for Rotary.

Have you sent your ideas to Mike Parr following our last meeting?

Have you registered for the Rotary D9999 conference in Christchurch on Saturday 20th April?

The very successful "Illuminate" light show in the Botanical Gardens is scheduled for 26-28th April, & 3-5th May this year. Our club can assist, as we did last year, so please pencil the dates in your dairy and when we have further information, we will pass it on and set up a roster for those willing to participate.

The same team are also doing a one-off "Colourfest" on April 6th, which should be fun, so like above, when further information is received, we will organize further.

A plea from Lionel - he is working on "speaker" slots for the rest of the year and would like to hear from you if you have any suggestions for speakers that he can add to the list.

Jess Hewitson & Julie Dockrill are currently in Nepal, they are keeping us updated daily on our Facebook page - they even attended a meeting at the Kathmandu Rotary Club. Our best wishes for safe travels are with them, and I appreciate them sharing their journey with us.

I am looking forward to catching up with you all again on March 12th.

Lynette