



ROTARY D9940 CONFERENCE 17-19 MAY 2019

"LIGHT MY FIRE" (INSPIRING ROTARY CLUBS AND ROTARIANS TO ACTION)

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Conference Location: Whanganui War Memorial Centre

Friday May 17 2019

- 2.30pm - 6:00pm** Registration Desk Opens in the foyer
Activities on the Memorial Hall Forecourt
- 4.30 pm - 6:00pm** Delegates Convene, BBQ Food, cash bar available
- 6:15pm - 9:00pm** **Plenary Session 1: Welcome and Conference Opening**
Powhiri
Parade of International Flags
Welcome address from Mayor of Whanganui, Hamish McDouall,
Whanganui North President Colin Slaughter, DG's
Representative on behalf of other districts John Driscoll and DG
Marion Johnston

ENTERTAINMENT - The Pātea Maori Club

Famous in New Zealand for its hit Poi E, which held the number one spot on the NZ music charts for four weeks back in the 80's. Over the years, the Pātea Māori Club has performed for royalty and celebrities in New Zealand and abroad. In 2005 the group was selected by the New Zealand Government to perform in Seoul, South Korea, and to represent New Zealand at the World Expo in Aichi, Japan.

Nationally, the group continues to receive recognition for their contribution to New Zealand music, receiving a Music Industry Award at the 2009 New Zealand Maori Music Awards.

Saturday Morning May 18

- 6:45am - 8:00am** **BREAKFAST SESSION**
International Speaker - TBA
- 8:30am - 10:00am** **Polio - Why we must finish the Job**
Keynote Speaker - Dr Mathew Varghese – Vaccinations Work
Dr. Varghese specialises in the rehabilitative treatment of polio victims at St Stephens Hospital, in Delhi, India, which is funded by donations from the church and Rotary Clubs.
When Dr Varghese began working at St Stephens hospital in 1990 there were about 3000 new cases of polio every year. Dr

Varghese campaigned in the 1980's to have a nationwide vaccination programme introduced, a huge logistical task vaccinating every child in India under the age of 5. . Now India is polio –free. His dream came true.

Living with Polio in New Zealand.

Keynote speakers – Jeanette Aldridge, Secretary Polio NZ, and Gordon Jackman, CEO Duncan Trust

The “forgotten” disease has Kiwi survivors still feeling its effects. Although polio may be a fading memory for most people, that’s not the case for the small and ageing group of New Zealand polio survivors who are now dealing with the long-term effects of the virus. For Jeannette Aldridge, the late effects of polio first hit when she was in her thirties. She is the secretary of Polio NZ, an organisation set up 25 years ago to support polio survivors and lobby for better services for those experiencing these symptoms. She is one of New Zealand’s youngest polio survivors, having contracted the virus in 1955 when she was five months old. Both legs were paralysed for a time and, although she regained some mobility, she spent her childhood wearing callipers and walking with crutches.

At the age of 62, Gordon Jackman finally knows what it feels like to walk freely. Gordon, who was diagnosed with polio before his first birthday, has become the first New Zealander to be fitted with carbon-fibre orthotic leg braces, developed by a pioneering United States orthotic specialist.

But with no Government funding available for the expensive and life-changing technology, the Wellingtonian fears many other Kiwis might not be so lucky. "At age 62, having had polio all that time, I never imagined in my life I would feel these things and experience these things," he said. "So it's sort of like getting wings and a motor."

SILENT WINE AUCTION

10:30am - 12:00 pm What Lights Our Fire (Rotary Clubs of the Future)

Keynote Workshop facilitated by **Evan Burrell**, Rotary Club of Turramurra, New South Wales, AUSTRALIA.

As a former Rotaracter and now a young Rotarian Evan Burrell is frequently asked, “ How do we find more young members like you”. Evan says, “ It may seem that young members are as elusive to catch as Pokemon, but with the right strategy and awareness , it is not that difficult at all.”

This is just one of the topics Evan will cover in an energetic and interactive session

International Exchange Students Presentations – What Lights Their Fires

12:00pm - 1:30 pm LUNCH AT CITY RESTAURANTS

Saturday Afternoon May 18

1:30pm - 2:40pm Plenary- Getting On, Moving On (Partnerships, Relationships and Stewardships)

Keynote Speakers: Pahia Turia and Former Minister for Treaty Settlements **Chris Finlayson**

For many years ownership of the Whanganui River was under dispute. Now, it owns itself.

In what's believed to be a world's first, the Whanganui River has been granted legal personhood, with the same rights and responsibilities as you and me. But determining where a river ends and the rest of nature begins – that may be up for some debate.

Pāhia Turia is of Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa, Whanganui and Ngāti Tuwharetoa descent, and is currently the Chair of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Apa. Pahia is a successful project consultant and entrepreneur having lead projects in health, housing, youth development, education and suicide prevention alongside of his own interests in real estate.

Chris Finlayson entered parliament in 2005. After the National party victory in 2008, he was appointed Attorney-General, Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and Minister for Culture and Heritage. He retained those portfolios after the 2011 election and was also made associate Minister for Maori Development. Following the 2014 election he remained Attorney-General and Treaty Minister and was also appointed Minister in charge of the GCSB and the SIS. In December 2018, he retired from Parliament and has returned to legal practice.

NO AFTERNOON TEA – GRAB A BOTTLE OF WATER AND A MUESLI BAR.

2:40pm - 4:30pm

SITE VISITS

We visit sites of interest and Rotary projects around the city including the Matipo Gardens project.

Saturday Evening CONFERENCE DINNER

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Pre-Dinner Drinks (Own Account)

7:00pm

Buffet Dinner commences

ENTERTAINMENT – FREDDIE FLASH AND THE FIREBIRDS

Blast off with Freddie Flash and the Firebirds to the fabulous songs from the 50's and 60's eras of rock 'n roll and classic rhythm and blues, as well as popular songs by musos of the current era.

Sunday May 19

8:30am - 9:30am

Business Session

9:40am - 11:40am

Plenary Session - Is it Justice

This session may be subject to change.

Key note speaker – To Be Confirmed

Keynote Speaker – Former National MP Chester Borrows, Prison Reform

Keynote Speaker – Sarah Agnew – Rotary Peace Scholar

Former police officer and National government minister **Chester Borrows** chairs an advisory group tasked with helping reform the criminal justice system. Chester has always wanted to work in the justice sector following his retirement as Whanganui's MP in 2017.

"At the moment I really just want to focus on having a conversation with the public around this sort of stuff and to try and have a conversation with people who are connected to the justice sector."

People tended to think justice was easy, that you locked people up "give them bread and water and throw away the key", he said.

Sarah Agnew is a human rights lawyer from New Zealand. Sponsored by the Port Nicholson Rotary Club of Wellington, Sarah received the 2013-15 Rotary Peace Fellowship, attending Uppsala University, where she graduated with a Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies. For her Rotary Applied Field Experience Sarah undertook an internship at the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials in Cambodia, in the Office of the Co-Prosecutor in Phnom Penh. This was followed by a further internship at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Addis Ababa, in Ethiopia. Back in New Zealand Sarah is currently working in Wellington as **Foreign Policy Officer, Middle East & Africa Division at New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade**

11:30am

CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

Tea and Coffee provided – Lunch Own Arrangements
