



New Zealand -Australia Rotary Conference

Regeneration: Newsletter August - September 2019

- For last minute registrations visit the [conference website](#) or you can go directly to the registration page [here](#)
 - **\$295 per person** general attendee
 - Please note that the Thursday Night Charity Dinner has been **cancelled**.
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"Everything is Going to be Alright"

When the proposition of Conference 2019 and associated Training was initially raised by Convenor Noel Trevaskis, in posing 'is Christchurch ready', the response was **YES** we believe so,... but not without challenges.

At that time, the Christchurch Town Hall complex refurbishment and upgrade from the earthquakes was not long underway given a period of decision inertia, and given complications that do invariably arise, a definite opening date known only tentatively. Even at the end of 2018, that date was still a little uncertain, however by March this year the various spaces were completed and public use was possible, some 9 months after the initial programmed completion.

The result of the upgrade is splendid and although over budget, contributes to the pre earthquake built environment of our inner city area as it **Regenerates**, the building being an architectural icon of its period of construction, being completed and opened 30th September of 1972, 47years ago.

From Saturday morning tea time through to lunchtime a mobile library bus that Australian Districts assisted with funding, (two were funded with the assistance of a Rotary Foundation grant, in conjunction the [Cotton On Foundation](#) will be parked in the Town Hall forecourt, so it can be viewed by attendees .

These vans continue to provide valuable daily service to schools and areas of the city, demonstrating the commitment and contribution that Rotary has brought to the recovery and connection with our local community.

We are appreciative of the opportunity to 'showcase' our city and environs as we recover and re-energise from the number of significant tragic events that have occurred in our region since 2010.

Please support the inner city 'establishments' and retail outlets whilst you are here, as many have been courageous in establishing themselves, with no small amount of risk and capital outlay, to encourage the re-growth of our central city that was red zoned for so long.

Do visit the food outlets, restaurants of Little High Eatery on upper High Street, call in and have a beverage at Crash Palace on High Street and C4 on the corner of High and Tuam St, OGB Bar, Café and Restaurant behind the Cathedral in The Square and unique experiences through the developing laneways – Strangers Lane, the emerging bars and restaurants through the city centre and along the Promenade facing onto the delightful Avon River frontage.

Enjoy a tram trip circuit and commentary with Christchurch Attractions, take a punt ride on the river, walk plenty and experience the increasing vibrancy of our city. Hopefully in the next week, the Farmers Market will be open on the corner of Cashel Mall by the Bridge of Remembrance.

It is possible that elements of the Conference that will not be as 'traditionally' expected, some will be quite intentional as we dare to be different in traveling a less worn path of interest, weeding as we go.

Some things may not go as well as hoped or intended however do be positive, approach with enthusiasm and please bring to the table helpful solutions, not the problem!

All because we had the attitude and have belief, to take the opportunity and say **'Yes'** ...and as we have come to appreciate... ***'Everything is Going to be Alright'***.



Welcome to District 9970, Upper South Island

On behalf of our district, 9970, I welcome all Rotarians and partners to the international zone conference here in Christchurch.

It is appropriate that the theme is **'regeneration'**- to rise above the challenges we have all faced in our district- fires and floods in Nelson, an earthquake in Blenheim and Kaikoura, a mine disaster on the Westcoast, and of course the series of earthquakes earlier this decade that has created the theme of our conference.

The mosque shooting in March brought together three Christchurch clubs to create a Rotary Muslim Youth Fund, the aim being to connect with and support those young people affected by the loss of a father, brother or relative.

We are privileged to have Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney and his wife Gay visit the conference, to meet and promote his theme ***"Rotary Connects the World"***.

I feel proud that Rotary has risen to the challenge of these events to support our communities. ***Conferences are not just about speakers and food- "its about the people we meet, the experiences we share , and the ideas we take back to our clubs."***

Make the most of your time in the Garden City!



Message from Noel Trevaskis

Noel is the Convenor of the New Zealand-Australia South Pacific Rotary (Zone 8) Conference

G'day,

It seems such a long time since we gathered in Hobart this time last year for the Australia New Zealand Rotary Conference. It was such a great success with Rotarians from across the South Pacific. New Zealand and Australia attending. One of the highlights for me is being able to catch up with old friends and spend time talking to them as well as meeting and making new friends. The District Governors Nominee will all be experiencing the beginning of new friendships as they begin their adventure towards becoming a District Governor. For Rotarians attending for the first time you will be able to talk and mingle with Rotary International President **Mark Maloney** and his wife **Gay** as well as our

most recent Past Rotary International President from Australia **Ian** and **Juliet Riseley**.

The opportunity to learn more about Rotary and the challenge we face as an organisation going forward. All of this will be happening in Christchurch as we gather there to celebrate Rotary and show that it is Rotary that Connects the World and makes a very real difference to people's lives.

It is also an opportunity to invite those people who are new to Rotary or are thinking of joining Rotary.

It will be great to gather together and show our support for the people of Christchurch and New Zealand.

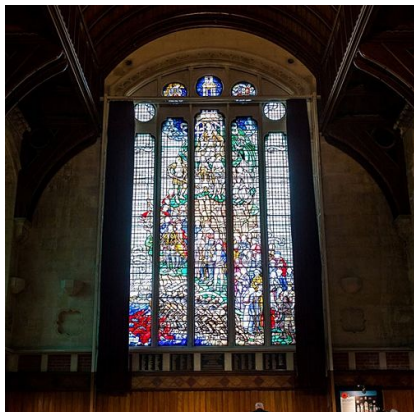
We will have over 400 people joining us in Christchurch, I look forward to welcoming you there in a few short weeks.

Regards,
Noel



September 2019 Programme

The updated conference programme is attached below.



Christchurch Walking Route

Discover... The Grand Old Arts Centre

Ask any local about the Christchurch Arts Centre and you will discover their devotion to this historic national landmark. Formally used by the city's university "Canterbury Collage" and now an independent charity belonging to the people of Canterbury; the Art Centre is a melting-pot of arts, culture, education, and local creative enterprises. The Art Centre's enduring significance is partly due to its stunning Gothic Revival architecture and to its construction during the formative decades of Christchurch city. The earliest stone masonry buildings date from 1877 and display intricate

stonework with graceful arches centred around grassed quads.

During weekend mornings and lazy afternoons, you will find the Art Centre marketplace humming with music, people browsing stalls and chatting amicably. Sightseers visit the "Rutherford Den" which refers to the lecture rooms where Nobel Prize Laureate Lord Ernest Rutherford studied, the 'father of nuclear physics'. These familiar scenes were sadly interrupted after the 2011 earthquakes which created serious structural damage to the buildings' parapets, chimneys, towers and walls. Nonetheless, the people of Christchurch never questioned that the Category 1 listed Arts Centre buildings should be fully and sympathetically restored. The immaculate and painstaking restoration of the 'Great Hall' and Clock Tower has been granted an 'Award of Merit' by the prestigious UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

Your journey along the Avon River Promenade ends here – but there is so much more to see and do. Spring is a particularly beautiful time to be in Christchurch so enjoy the daffodils and cheery blossom blooms!



Is 'RAFT'.... yet another Rotary acronym?

No..... it is the name for a grouping of ducks! Rotary like a 'raft of ducks' is sometimes challenged in encouraging all ducks to be 'forward facing and in a row', some may say..... never happens! So this is your opportunity to 'make that difference'.

Backstory: In the early 1990's when Rotary Clubs had vibrancy in Christchurch, an annual Duck Race was held to raise funds and give that club public profile, down the Avon River.

This event: commencing at **4.15pm on Thursday 19th** from the Bridge of Remembrance at the end of Cashel Mall, endeavours' to revisit that era with a 'release' of ducks from the bridge and 'recapture' at the Punt landing, just downstream of the Worcester St Bridge.

The complete 'Raft' should make its way downstream in a little over 15 minutes.

The outcome is to: By Rotarians sponsoring a 'raft' of three ducks for \$50 or singularly \$20, funds will be raised for a charitable purpose.

This 'purpose' will be decided by the '**Connecting with Community – Emerging Leaders Symposium**' group meeting at the Salvation Army premises on the Saturday afternoon of conference.

We encourage you to participate by supporting and sponsoring 'the race' by entering the website link and registering your intent. Sponsorship money will be collected from you in cash, at Conference Registration Desks.

- Prizes will be awarded for 1-3 and last.
- The prizes from OEM Wholesale Radio and Rydges are acknowledged and also the support of ANZ Bank is appreciated, in the 'loan' of the ducks and in 'duck trials'.

Come along if you are in town, enjoy the wander along the Avon, you may even get a **surprize**... and continue on through Victoria Square to visit the Town Hall foyer and complete Registration at the booth in the foyer, becoming orientated for Friday's 12.50 for 1pm commencement of **'Regeneration' Conference 2019**.



Master of Ceremonies Howard Tong

Howard joined Rotary in 1989 as a Charter member of a new breakfast Club in Wellington. Having developed a successful career in teaching, he moved into the technology industry, and it was at that point he was invited to join Rotary. The Rotary Club of Port Nicholson has provided Howard with significant opportunities to serve others and also to contribute to various Rotary programmes.

Howard was Club President in 2007 and served as District 9940 Governor in 2010/11 under PRIP Ray Klingensmith's leadership. Subsequently he has served as Public Image Coordinator for Zone 7b, and chaired the national Public Image multidistrict group (ROZCOM). In this role he led 3 national public image campaigns involving television, radio, social media, roadside billboards and printed media.

In recent times Howard has facilitated training of Rotary Coordinators in Evanston, Chicago, and is currently D9940 Director on the Board of ROZOPS (the governing body coordinating Public Image, technology and membership initiatives from Rotary in Oceania). He currently serves as a District 9940 Advisor and is a Trustee for 'Rotary Clubs of Greater Wellington Free Ambulance Charitable Trust'. He is Chair for the District 9940 Conference to be held in Lower Hutt, Wellington in May 2020.

Howard is supported by Jenny and, having both recently moved into retirement, they now have more time to enjoy their family and 5 grandsons and has more time to devote to Rotary projects!



Introducing Patricia Mackenzie

Patricia will be our MC for Saturday the 21st of September.

Patricia is an expat from the USA who works as the South Island Partnership Manager for World Vision.

She joined Rotaract in 2012 and was president of her club. She visited Haiti and volunteered in the Dominican Republic teaching English. It was at that time that she came to the realisation that all kids are the same whether they are rich or poor - they have the same dreams and aspirations and it turned her life's goals away from the fashion industry to one of service.



Introducing Joey Chamberlain

Not only has Joey been part of the conference video he will also be our MC on Sunday, the 22nd of September. His profile follows.

I have been involved with Rotary since attending RYLA 2011, and I am also a member of the Rotary Club of Christchurch South.

During my time in Rotary I have been to Samoa twice assisting with an international aid project, visiting the government funded schools delivering \$60,000 worth of early reading books.

My highlight within Rotary has been playing Santa Claus over the last two years as the Rotary Club of Christchurch South has hosted a Christmas party at a low decile local school, providing an opportunity for children to get a gift for all their hard work during the year.

Originally from Christchurch I was raised in Aranui, a suburb in eastern Christchurch, located near New Brighton Beach. I

was the first member of my family to attend university and completed my tertiary education in 2015 at the University of Canterbury (majoring in Media and Communication and Political Science with a postgraduate diploma in Journalism).

During the 2010 youth parliament I represented Christchurch East and now Mayor of Christchurch and keynote speaker, Lianne Dalziel.

I will be club president at Christchurch South Rotary next year (2020 - 2021).



Rebecca Fry

Founder Rotary Social Impact Network | Co-Founder RYLA Australia Alumni Association | Rotary eClub of Silicon Valley | Past President Sydney City Rotaract

Rebecca's involvement in Rotary began in 2005 when she decided to apply for the Rotary-sponsored National Youth Science Forum. Over the last 13 years, she has had significant involvement in the Rotary Youth Leadership

Awards and Rotaract at a club, district and national level, culminating in her role as Chair of Rotaract Australia. Rebecca recently founded the National RYLA Forum for RYLA Leaders in Australia and New Zealand and is working on initiatives to further engage RYLA Alumni across the region. Rebecca spent 18 months to decide which Rotary Club to join and has been a member of the Rotary eClub of Silicon Valley since March 2018. She enjoys the flexibility provided by an eClub and the initiatives provided by the club to foster connections remotely. .

Rebecca attended International RYLA in Sydney (2014) and the Young Leaders Summit in South Korea (2016). In 2017, Rebecca was recognised as one of Rotary's 'Youth All-Stars' and has worked on various initiatives to promote and foster collaboration and ultimately help to bridge the gap between Rotaract and Rotary.

Professionally, Rebecca works in Corporate Social Responsibility for Johnson & Johnson. She is particularly passionate about intergenerational collaboration and leveraging strategic partnerships for greater social impact. Rebecca's mission is to inspire and empower more people to take action, using Rotary as a vehicle to create positive change.



Breakfast Meeting Invitation

Christchurch Sunrise Rotary extends an invitation to visiting Rotarians to their breakfast meeting on Friday 20th September 2019 starting at 7am.

The meetings are held at the Salvation Army Premises, cnr of Colombo and Salisbury Streets, just 5 - 7 minutes walk north from Victoria Square. Cost is NZ\$20 for a cooked breakfast. Cash only please.

If you are intending on attending please rsvp by Wednesday 18th September 2019. To register click [here](#)



The South Pacific and Philippines Office (RISPPPO) Support Team

The hardworking support team at the Parramatta office will be at the conference. Watch out for them!

Grace Ramirez has worked for Rotary International's Regional office in Parramatta since September 2010 as Supervisor, Financial Services. While she maintains this position, she has also assumed the International Office Manager role in May 2019.

Grace has taken her Master of Business Administration in the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA majoring in Finance. She generally comes from a for-profit background and has found this commercial experience helpful in achieving efficiencies in the office's financial processes.

Assigned to be the RI Staff team lead for the Christchurch GETS/Institute, Grace will be providing information on how the Regional Office can support and assist Rotary Senior leaders in achieving their goals. She feels privileged to be working with staff and volunteers who are passionate about making a difference and doing good in the world.

David leads a team of communications professionals who support Rotary clubs' efforts to tell Rotary's story. He directs Rotary's global communications efforts in 10 languages. These efforts include developing public relations campaigns and overseeing Rotary's website, The Rotarian magazine, and 30+ regional magazines. Rotary's End Polio Now campaign has earned a number of awards, including PR News' Platinum PR Award for Best Global PR effort.

David has 20 years of communications experience. Before coming to Rotary, he directed media efforts at the National Safety Council, the leading safety advocacy organization in the U.S., and worked in public relations for Apple Inc.

Barbara Mifsud has held the position of Rotary International's Regional Membership Officer for Zone 8 for almost a year. Located in the South Pacific and Philippines Office in Parramatta, Australia, Barbara supports zone, district and club leaders throughout Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island nations and their membership initiatives by promoting membership resources and tools, club flexibility and meaningful club experiences.

Barbara joined Rotary International in 2011 as Coordinator - Club and District Support for Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands and Philippines. In this role she trained and supported club and district leaders using Rotary online resources, was subject matter expert on RI Board policy and RI constitutional documents, and worked on administrative procedures such as chartering new clubs, club merges and processing district governor expenses.

Barbara has more than 15 years' experience working in various not for profit organizations including a leading Australian blindness agency and refugee resettlement program. She has post graduate qualifications in international studies. She has volunteered for a number of community projects including literacy, architectural and Latin American film projects. Barbara is happy to be a part of Rotary International and is constantly impressed by the way Rotarians donate their time and energy to life changing social causes.

Barbara can be reached at Barbara.Mifsud@rotary.org, +61 2 8894 9850, www.facebook.com/barbara.mifsud.1 or by Zoom, Goto Meetings or Skype.

Rob is responsible for Annual Giving Programs, such as Paul Harris Society and EREY in the region, as well as programs such as corporate engagement and special events.

Rob has many years' experience in technology businesses, mainly as the CEO of the Australian subsidiaries of US computer companies but also as a business builder in the areas of business consulting and online sales.

Rob has been a Rotarian since 2003 and is currently President of his club. He has held district roles as Assistant Governor and Polio Chair. One of his fundraisers for EndPolioNow was to ride his bicycle from Cairns to Melbourne, which involved extensive TV, radio and other media coverage. He is a recipient of the Foundation's "Regional Service Awards for a Polio-free World".

Rob can be reached at Robert.Byrne@rotary.org or +61 2 8894 9843.

Andrew has spent the last ten years working in the not-for-profit sector, with most of his time running various sites of the highly successful Police & Citizens Youth Clubs NSW (PCYC). It was here, Andrew was exposed to various communities and each time identified their needs and expectations, working on solutions to provide low cost, volunteer-run, social and recreational youth activities. This gave him the opportunity to share his passion for community engagement with youth and volunteer programs.

Since 2016, Andrew has worked at Rotary International as the Supervisor of the Club & District Support team. This role requires direct support to Rotarians, Clubs, Districts, District and Regional Leaders on all things Rotary; including RI policy, governance, training, disputes, MyRotary and branding.

It is here his engagement with volunteers, who believe in a cause greater than their own, provides Andrew with the enjoyment and satisfaction of supporting the community sector in Making a Difference, locally, regionally and globally.

Andrew is a Group Study Exchange alumni and current member of the RC of Turramurra in D9685.

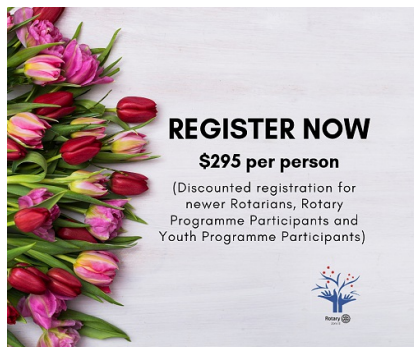
Following a 30-year career in financial services, **Trudy** joined the Rotary International Club & District Support team at Parramatta in October 2018.

Trudy is the first point of contact for Rotarians in Australia, PNG and Timor-Leste for all matters regarding Club & District Administration and use of Rotary's online tools.

Born in New Zealand and educated in Australia, Trudy holds an EMBA from Melbourne Business School. A keen international traveller, Trudy has previously worked as an Australian Youth Volunteer in the Philippines for six months, and is a Rotary Group Study Exchange Alumni.

Trudy is an active member of the Rotary Club of Carlingford in District 9685.

Trudy can be reached at Trudy.Grice@rotary.org or +61 2 8894 9821.



Conference Registration

It's still not too late to register for the New Zealand-Australia Rotary Conference.

Please click [here](#) to register or visit the conference

website <https://rotaryoceania.zone/page/rotaryzone8conference> and click on either the blue "Register Here" or the red "REGISTER" on the header.

Some key points to remember:

1. Registration is individual. You will need to register your spouse/partner if they are joining you.
2. Registration fee is **\$295 per person**. Discounted registrations for newer Rotarians **\$150** (anyone joining after 1 September 2014), Rotary Programme Participants **\$100** and Youth Programme Participants **\$0**.
3. All prices shown are GST inclusive. GST receipts will be issued.
4. The Clubrunner login option is only for New Zealand Rotarians.
5. The conference is part of a larger Rotary programme of activity which also includes training for all the District Governor trains of both countries. The post conference West Coast Tour is also included in the registration. If you are intending on taking part in this, please do register for this.

We look forward to welcoming you to Christchurch, Canterbury.



Greymouth Rotary Tour Itineraries

Greymouth Rotary, home of the 2019 - 2020 Governor of District 9970, extends a warm invitation to everyone attending the New Zealand Australia Conference in Christchurch to take the Trans Alpine train and explore the West Coast.

Please note that entry fees apply on some tours. Meet and greet Greymouth Rotary at Monteiths Brewery 6pm Tuesday (Monteiths tour limited to 20 people). To register click [here](#)

Itinerary 1 (Half Day, Easy Walk)

- **Punakaiki Pancake rocks and blowholes/ Truman Track/ Poerari Track**
- Depart Monteiths 2.30pm Monday and 9am Tuesday
- Guide - Robin Ross

Itinerary 2 (Full Day, Drive)

- **Brunner mine site/ Blackball/ Pike River mine memorial/Reefton distillery/ Blacks Point museum**
- **Monteiths Brewery for tour and tea 6pm**
- Depart Monteiths 9am Tuesday

- Guide - Selwyn Leitch

Itinerary 3a (Half Day, Easy Walk)

- **Pt Elizabeth walkway, lunch at Rapahoe hotel** (drop off and pick up, one way walk)
- Depart Monteiths 2.30pm Monday and 9am Tuesday
- Guides - Jo Hart / Christine R

Itinerary 3b (Half Day, Easy Walk)

- **Coal Creek Falls, lunch at Rapahoe Hotel**
- Depart Monteiths 2.30pm Monday and 9am Tuesday
- Guides - Jo Hart / Christine R

Itinerary 4 (Full Day)

- **Mahanipua Waterways / Treetop Walkway / Hokitika Gorge / Lake Kaniere drive / Hokitika Town walk**
- **Monteiths Brewery for tour and tea 6pm**
- Entry fees apply
- Depart Monteiths 9am Tuesday
- Guide - Allan Wilson

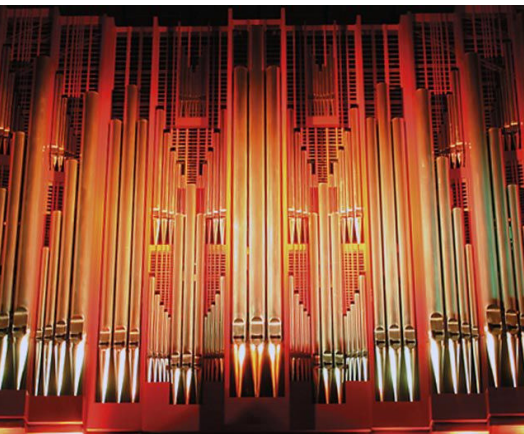
Itinerary 5 (Own)

- **Wilderness Cycleway option**
- **Departure from Greymouth and Hokitika bike rental stations**
- Bike hire costs apply

Itinerary 6 (Half Day)

- **Shantytown Historical Park/**
- **steam train ride/ gold panning/ theatre**
- Entry fee applies
- Depart Monteiths 2.30pm Monday or 9am Tuesday and Wednesday
- Guide - Dave McMillan

Contact DG Gary Hopkinson hopkinsonrotary@gmail.com



REGENERATION

New Zealand - Australia
Rotary (Zone 8) Conference

20 - 22 September 2019
Christchurch, New Zealand

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2019

06.45 AM - 08.15 AM	ROMAC Breakfast - DGNs and Partners (By Invitation)
08.00 AM - 09.30 AM	Rotary Australia World Community Service Board Meeting (Private)
08.00 AM - 05.00 PM	Conference Registration Open Christchurch Town Hall Foyer (north of Victoria Square)
08.00 AM - 11.30 AM	Annual General Meetings (Victoria Room, Christchurch Town Hall
08.00 AM - 08.45 AM Australian Rotary Health (ARH)	
08.55 AM - 09.40 AM Rotary Down Under (RDU)	
09.50 AM - 10.35 AM Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)	
10.45 AM - 11.30 AM Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)	
11.35 AM - 12 NOON	Council on Legislation Report (PDG Dennis Shore) Victoria Room, Christchurch Town Hall
11.00 AM	SHOWCASE OPENS CHRISTCHURCH TOWN HALL FOYER
LUNCH	OWN ARRANGEMENTS (Food trucks in Cathedral Square)

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2019

08.00 AM

Registration opens

Christchurch Town Hall Foyer

12:50 PM -
05.30PM

PLEASE BE SEATED BY 1PM

- **Call to Order** by Master of Ceremonies PDG Howard Tong
- **New Zealand National Anthem**
- **Maori Waiata** (Tuahiwi Marae)
- **Opening and Keynote Address** by Rotarian and Christchurch City **Mayor Lianne Dalziel**
- **Christchurch earthquake response** – PDG Margaret Reeve ONZM
- Performance by Tourette Musical Group **'The Lunatics'**
- **'You're never alone'** - a student's take on wellbeing / effects of Canterbury earthquake on families by William Carrodus
- Panel discussion on **"Mind Health - Wellbeing and Developing Resilience"** (Facilitated by John Selwood)
- **2020 Conference** "Springs" promotion
- Introduction of Rotary International President **Mark Daniel Maloney** and presentation (Convenor Noel Trevaskis)
- Afternoon Tea (35mins)
- **Keynote speaker: Graham Dockrill "If Rotary was a Technology Start up – Staying Current in a Changing World"**
- The Rotary Foundation with Trustee **Per Høyen**
- Presentation of Australia and New Zealand Cups
- **"So, what about ENGAGEMENT – Initiatives and Diversity?"** PDG Jessie Harman
- Presentation of the **Zone 8 Humanitarian of the Year Award** (Dr Ray Hodgson)
- Recognition of first-time Zone Conference attendees

7.00 PM

Past Officers Dinners / G-Train Dinners / Rotarians Dinners

PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2019

- 08.00 AM** **Registration opens**
Christchurch Town Hall Foyer
- 8.30AM - 12.25PM**
- **Call to Order** by MC Patricia Mackenzie
 - **Keynote speaker: Chris Edwards "Is there a Four Letter Word for Leadership?"**
 - United Nations - Rotary People of Action: Young Innovator & Rotaractor **Ludovic Grosjean**
 - **"My Rotary Journey"** Simone McKenzie
 - **Hawaii 2020 RI Convention** – PDG Karen Purdue
 - Rotary International Financial Report – PRID Noel Trevaskis
 - **Morning Tea** (35 mins)
 - "Supporting a **ROMAC** Patient" PDG Peter Garnett
 - **Q&A with Cricketer Shane Bond and others "Ego, Ethics and Professionalism"** (Facilitated by Matt Richens)
 - **Keynote Address** by RIP Mark Daniel Maloney
 - Promotion for **"Engaging with Community - Emerging Leaders Symposium"**
 - **Starship(s) and Tea Towels** - "My Journey" Ruby Seeto
 - **End Polio NOW** - PDG Bob Aitken
 - **"Brain Neuroplasticity and other things"** Tim Webster
- 12.15PM - 1.10PM** **Boxed Lunch**
- 1.15 PM - 4.15 PM** **"Engaging with Community - Emerging leaders Symposium"** (Salvation Army premises)
- 1.15 PM - 4.05PM** **Breakout / Workshops 1, 2, 3, 4 (details TBC)**
Christchurch Town Hall
- 1.15 PM - 4.05PM** **Pilot Regional Structure Update - Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific** PDG Ingrid Waugh (D9920) and PDG Peter Freuh (D9800)
- 4.30PM - 5.15PM** **Business Session / Resolutions** (James Hay Theatre)
- 5.45PM - 6.45PM** **The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Pre-Dinner Reception (by Formal Invitation Only)**
- 7.00 PM** **District Dinners or Christchurch Symphony Orchestra** "The Planets" (Book direct www.eventfinder.co.nz)



PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2019

08:00 AM

Registration and Showcase Open

Town Hall Foyer

09:00 AM -
1.00 PM

- **Call to Order** by MC Joey Chamberlain
- In Memoriam
- **Rotary response to Mosque attacks** Shane Murdoch
- **Diversity, Culture and Inclusion** Imam Gamal Fouda (Al Noor Mosque)
- **Key outcomes** of Saturday's Symposium and Workshop Breakout Sessions
- 2021 - **Centenary of Rotary Celebration Update** Hugh Bucknell
- Presentation of "**Making a Difference Award**" to Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand (received on her behalf by Hon Duncan Webb MP)
- **Morning Tea** (40 mins)
- **Are Millennials all about kumbaya and kombucha? Attracting Rotarians of the Future:** A Rotaract / RYLarian & Millennial's perspective
- **Keynote speaker: Sam Lucas "A Journey to Madagascar"**
- **Transformational Change** - PDG John Prendergast / PDG Tim Moore
- **Keynote speaker: Cam Calkoen "Developing an Awesome Winning Attitude"**
- **Closing remarks and acknowledgements** - PRID Noel Trevaskis
- **Australian National Anthem**

01:00 PM

END OF CONFERENCE

Lunch today is by your own arrangements

02.30pm for
02:45 pm

POST CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES:

Visit the world Peace Bell Pavilion at the Botanical Gardens or enjoy Afternoon tea on the Port Hills Gondola

The 1.5km walk (~20mins) commences from Turanga Public Library, Cathedral Square via the Arts Centre to the World Peace Bell.

Enjoy a 20% discount from christchurchattractions.nz using promo code ROTARY20 when you book the afternoon tea on the Port Hills Gondola option (for 11 - 29th September inclusive)

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

Many of you are asking questions about the September Conference so here are some answers!

What is a Zone Conference?

Rotary has always held an Institute for Past District Governors (PDG's) to attend each year and has been a way for PDG's to reconnect, be updated and be informed about the direction of Rotary and to bring those updates back to their clubs and Districts. That vision hasn't really changed but the way we need to go about it has. Our zone changed on the 1st July 2019 to Zone 8 and includes New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific Islands. We no longer share our zone with the Philippines.

Why has the Institute changed to a Zone Conference?

Over the years the levels of attendance at Institutes in both New Zealand and Australia has been dropping. We have had to question the relevance of attending such Institutes solely for Past District Governors, when we are trying to attract a new generation of Rotarians and consider new ways of connecting. It had become too inward looking rather than growing a forward looking view of our world. We need to constantly change, adapt and be flexible to meet the needs of the future of our organisation.

Why are we holding a Zone Conference?

Last year after Governor Training in Hobart, the first joint Zone Conference was held and instead of expecting about 350 to attend 600 registered. From the feedback it showed us that a larger group gave us better networking opportunities, we can experience a vibrant Rotary event, learn more about our organisation due to more people attending and attract higher profile speakers. It also provided a wider platform to attract significant Rotary International support because of the larger event eg RI President attendance.

Who can attend this Conference?

Any Rotarian from within our zone, Rotaractors and alumni eg. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Exchange, University of Canterbury Emerging Leaders group, University of Canterbury Student Army and interested community groups who have a connection with Rotary. We are holding a special breakout session on Saturday, led by Professor Billy O'Steen, from the University of Canterbury Emerging Leaders and Development Programme. This group will explore the question of Community Engagement and Volunteering and will report back to the wider conference attendees on Sunday to let us know how we can successfully connect with them and what they need from us as Rotarians. This is a new concept and we are very excited to be involved with the University on this part of the Conference programme.

What's in it for you?

If you are serious about Rotary and want our organisation to continue to grow in our part of the world then join us at this event so you can be part of regenerating Rotary. It is a great way to network, meet our RI leaders, learn about other projects, share your ideas about Rotary and have some fun too !

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