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Ian H S Riseley (Juliet) Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia

Rotary International President 2017/18 – Rotary: Making a Difference

Ian H.S. Riseley is a chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., a firm he established in 1976. Prior to starting his own firm, he worked in the audit and management consulting divisions of large accounting firms and corporations.

RI President Riseley has been a member of the boards of both a private and a public school, a member of the Community Advisory Group for the City of Sandringham, and president of Beaumaris Sea Scouts Group. He has been president of Langi-Taan Ski Club as well as honorary auditor or adviser for a number of charitable organizations.

RI President Riseley's honors include the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in recognition of his work in East Timor, the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Australian community, and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation.

A Rotarian since 1978, RI President Riseley has served as treasurer, director, Foundation trustee, and member and chair of numerous RI and Foundation committees.

He and his wife, Juliet, a past district governor, are Major Donors and Bequest Society members of The Rotary Foundation. They live on seven hectares at Moorooduc, where they practice their personal philosophy of sustainable and organic living. They have two children and four grandchildren.



Mitchell Brown (Fiona) Rotary Club of Takaro, Palmerston North

District Governor – Rotary International District 9940

DG Mitchell Brown was born in Elsdon (near Tawa) and shifted to St Johns, Auckland in 1973. He attended Outward Bound in early 1982, before starting work as a sailmaker at Lidgard Sails in Ellerslie. Mitchell's career in the Fire Service began in early 1983, being stationed at St Heliers Fire Station. Having been promoted to Officer in 1989 he spent two years at the Auckland training centre. During this time Mitchell joined the Rotary Club of Panmure (D9920, Auckland) in March of 1991. He led the District 9920 GSE Team to Florida in 1997, and was club President in 1998-99.

Mitchell was appointed to the position of Chief Fire Officer in 1995 at 30 years of age. In 2000 he was appointed as the inaugural NZ Fire Service national recruitment manager. Then in April 2001 he was appointed Assistant Regional Commander and shifted to Palmerston North and joined the Rotary Club of Takaro. He was President of the Rotary Club of Takaro in 2003-04, Assistant Governor 2005-07 for the Palmerston North cluster; was the Rotary representative on the Manawatu Community Housing Trust; led the GSE Inwards team for the Scottish visitors in 2009-10 having been on the GSE and latterly the VTT District Committees; is a District contact for Trees for Survival Charitable Trust; and has been involved with matched twin exchange and the Rotary youth exchange programs.

Currently Mitchell's role is Area Commander, Manawatu Area, for Fire and Emergency New Zealand. Mitchell has attended the Australian Institute of Police Management (Manly, NSW) twice to complete certificate and graduate programs in organisational leadership. He was one of six national urban search and rescue managers who has led USAR deployments to major earthquake events - Gisborne in December of 2007; Canterbury in September of 2010; Christchurch in February 2011 and the international USAR deployment to Japan in March of 2011. These experiences, as well as many others in his 34 year fire service career and 26 years in Rotary in District 9920 and 9940, provides the District Governor role with a unique set of skills, personal and professional, to the task of being governor. Mitchell has two adult children – Nikki in Wellington, and Simon in Auckland. He is married to Fiona who is the Design Studio Manager at The Printery, Massey University. They live 12 km's from Palmerston North on the outskirts of Bunnythorpe on their 3 acre lifestyle block. This is also home to many animals including miniature ponies, dogs, cats, turtles, chickens, and alpacas! This keeps their lives busy and makes it a challenge to balance their work and interests which include their property and animals, photography, fishing, music and travel.



Rafael (Raffy) Garcia III
Rotary International Director Zone 7A 2018-2020

On behalf of Rotary International President Ian Riseley we are honoured to have the attendance of Rotary International Director Elect Rafael (Raffy) Garcia III as our RotaFEST '18 RI Presidents Representative. Raffy is a member of the Rotary Club of Pasig, Rizal in District 3800 in the Philippines. Raffy is married to Minda and we look forward to hosting them at RotaFEST '18. Raffy and Minda will be hosted by PDG Rodney and Ange Wong as District Aides to the RI Presidents Representative. Raffy has made a significant contribution through his membership of Rotary that started in 1971. He is our RI Director Elect 2018-2020, Chairman, The One Philippines, RY 2017-2020, Member, BEL-MGI RY 2017-2018, Technical Coordinator, Cadre of Technical Advisers RY 2016-2018, Country Coordinator, Rotary Global Rewards Program RY 2015-2019, Chairman, Philippine Rotary Magazine Foundation RY 2016-2017, Chairman, Philippine College of Rotary Governors, RY 2015-2016, Endowment & Major Gifts Adviser, Zone 7a RY 2013-2017, General Program Trainer, 2014 Kota Kinabalu Institute, Vice-Chair, 2013 Taipei Institute, Training Leader, 2014 International Assembly, Photography Co-Chair, 2014 International Assembly, Arch C. Klumph Society Trustee's Circle 2012, Chair's Circle 2013, Governor, D3800 RY2011-2012, Club President, RC Pasig, RY2006-2007



WildBase Recovery

Go Wild About the Central Energy Trust WildBase Recovery Centre with a special guest and Ambassador for the special Rotary supported project that is Wild Base Recovery. The story starts with an idea from Rotary Club of Milson Rotarian Scott Bruce. The \$6 million project has required key support from the Central Energy Trust as well as the Palmerston North City Council and Massey

University. The Wild Base Recovery complex will be fully functioning with staff and wild bird's recovery from injury and illness that will be returned to the wild once rehabilitated after their initial visit to the Wild Base Hospital at Massey University Veterinary Science School. RotaFEST attendees will have the opportunity to tour the Wild Base Recovery complex at 3pm on Friday 11 May, 2018.



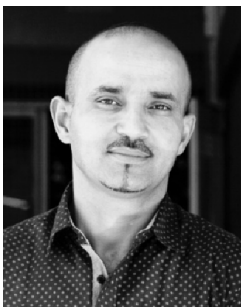
Tonga Karena

Tonga, hails from Parihaka, Taranaki. He is a Phd student studying Peace at Otago University. The Rotary Club of Ngamotu sponsored Tonga to attend Rotary International President Ian Riseley's - Peace Building Conference, Sydney Australia. This presentation on peace will be historic in its recognition of the contribution to the world that the story of Parihaka will make.



Janet Hunt

Janet Hunt is an acclaimed writer, academic and graphic designer. In 2004, her study of New Zealand wildlife won Best in Non-Fiction and Book of the Year at the New Zealand Post Book Awards for Children and Young Adults, as well as the Elsie Locke Award at the LIANZA Children's Book Awards. In 2008, her *Wetlands of New Zealand: A Bitter-Sweet Story* won the Environment Award and the Montana Medal for Non-Fiction at the Montana New Zealand Book Awards. Janet has a special connection to Massey University Wild Base Hospital and Wild Base Recovery.



Karim Rostami

As an 18-year-old Karim Rostami fled from Afghanistan and the Taliban and sought asylum in New Zealand. He had no English, no friends, no money and also had to deal with polio which he had been inflicted with since infancy and had to learn to walk. He overcame those disadvantages and made a life for himself in Auckland. Karim swam the 2.9 kilometre Harbour Crossing State Ocean Swim series in Auckland without

using his legs, which he ties together for the swim, and is planning other ocean swims. He is the General Manager of Delicious Holdings Ltd, with a café and catering business success story too!

Rocket Lab – Into the Great Blue Yonder!

Rocket Lab is a U.S. aerospace manufacturer with a wholly owned New Zealand subsidiary. The company aims to develop lightweight, cost-effective commercial rocket launch services. The Electron Program was founded on the premise that small payloads such as CubeSats require dedicated small launch vehicles and flexibility not currently offered by traditional rocket systems. Electron, Rocket Lab's lightweight launch vehicle, is designed to service the small-satellite market with dedicated, high-frequency launch opportunities. Electron is designed to deliver payloads of 150 kg to a 500 km Sun-synchronous orbit.

Kiwi Chief Executive of Rocket Lab Peter Beck made worldwide headlines with the release of the orbiting Humanity Star. An increasing number of Electron Rockets will launch from Mahia Peninsula and the amazing sight of space payload deploying rockets launching from New Zealand will increase over the coming years.

This is a not to be missed presentation that will truly highlight that RotaFEST '18 being out of this world!

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