



**Rotary International District 9910 Incorporated
Annual General Meeting**

**Takapuna Fire Station, Wairau Road, Takapuna
Saturday 23 May 2026 at 11.30 am**

MINUTES

Welcome

DGE Mitchell opened the meeting at 11.30am and welcomed everyone

1. Apologies

Danny Phillips, Eileen Parsons, Georges Giovannelli, Ian Kiernan, David Oliphant, Beryl Robinson

Present:

DGE Mitchell Brown, IPDG/DG Jenn Wong, PDG Elaine Mead, PDG Bruce Rasmussen, PDG Neil Murray, PDG Peter Garnett, Nadia Lehmann, PDG Jerry Norman, Gavin Busch, Geoff Pownall, Min Roche, S. Lovison, Tony Rayner, Ian Hacking, Dawn Laurenson, Sue Pearson, Sean Harris, Rose Foulger, Kathy Sun, Calum de Jong, Ali Chamberlain, Geoff Chamberlain, Fiona Whyte, Patrick Deane, Jessie Scot, Fay Norman, Vicky Gledhill-Harris, Kerry Anne Seaton, PDG Matthew McLeod, Elaha Yousufi, Frank Jackson, Sue Hill, Vince Cocurullo, Colin Patterson, Hilary Hemmins, Stephen Hunt, Kingsley Seal, Liz Henley, Ngaire Powdrill,

Zoom:

Donald Rushworth, Cristina Minoza, Nick Pacey, Anil Krishnan, Sindhya Kirpalani, Margaret Cebalo

Registered Voters:

Nadia Lehmann	Bay of Islands
Gavin Busch	Devonport
Maxine Cooper	Henderson
Matthew McLeod	Henderson
Charisse Bituin	Hillsborough Lynfield Mt Roskill
Ngaire Powdrill	Kaikohe
Dawn Laurenson	Kerikeri
Tony Rayner	Maungakiekie
Jerry Norman	North Harbour
Sean Harris	North Shore
Peter Garnett	North Shore
Stephen Hunt	Waipapa
Min Roche	Waitakere
Charlie Inggs	Westhaven
Frank Jackson	Whangarei

Vince Cocurullo

Whangarei South

2. Minutes of AGM held 10 May 2025 were confirmed

The minutes of the meeting held 10 May 2025 having been circulated, DGE Mitchell put the motion to accept the 2025 AGM Minutes. All in favour.

Moved: DGE Mitchell Brown

Seconded: Nadia Lehmann

3. Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising

4. Consideration of District 9910 Governor's Reviewed Financial Statements – 2024-2025

5. Consideration of District 9910 Reserve Fund Reviewed Financial Statements 2024-2025

6. Consideration of the District 9910 Conference 2025 Financial Report

IPDG/DG Jenn put the motion to accept the

- District 9910 Governor's Reviewed Financial Statements 2024-2025
- District 9910 Reserve Fund Reviewed Financial Statements 2024-2025
- District 9910 Conference 2025 Financial Report

All in favour.

Moved: IPDG/DG Jenn Wong

Seconded: Min Roche

7. Consider the proposed amendment submitted by Whangarei South Rotary Club to adopt a fairer system of calculating District Dues by aligning District 9910s calculation and invoicing of District Dues with Rotary Internationals timing and method of calculating Rotary International Dues

Discussion

DGE Mitchell presented a remit proposed by the Rotary Club of Whangarei South to align District 9910s calculation and invoicing of district dues with Rotary Internationals method invoicing clubs twice yearly based on membership numbers as of 1 July and 1 January rather than the current annual system.

Vince explained that the proposal aims to create a fairer and more transparent system, particularly for smaller clubs experiencing declining membership.

Gavin, as finance chair, expressed concerns about the remit's practical implementation, including cash flow management, volunteer workload, and the impact on district reserves, suggesting it might be more appropriate to address the issue with the combined district in the future.

After extensive discussion about implementation challenges and concerns about timing, the group agreed to amend the remit to start on 1 July, 2026, rather than immediately. The amendment passed with a majority vote.

Amendment to the remit commencement date

DGE Mitchell put the motion to change the date of remit commencement to 1 July 2026.

Moved: DGE Mitchell Brown

Seconded: Min Roche

Carried

Motion

DGE Mitchell put the motion that the Rotary Club of Whangarei South proposes that District 9910 adopts the Rotary International method of calculating dues, that is, that district dues levied on clubs be calculated on the number of members at the beginning of the new Rotary year and midway through the year and invoices clubs twice yearly, as does RI, levied on the number of members in each club as at 1 July and 1 January, to come into effect as at 1 July 2026

Moved: Vince Cocurullo

Seconded: DGE Mitchell Brown

Carried

Next Action: Bylaw 7.7 amendment

Bylaw 7.7 (page 8) will need to be amended at a Special General Meeting in the new Rotary year

8. General Business

8.1 D9910 Reserve Fund

DGE Mitchell noted for the District Management Team and Board that consideration and support from clubs to start thinking about how the Reserve Fund can be operated over the next two years

In two years time the District won't have a Reserve Fund because it will be part of a new District

The Management Team and Board will put out some suggestions to clubs as to what opportunities can be considered

Meeting closed at 12.26pm

Remit to the Annual General Meeting of Rotary District 9910 23 May 2026.

The following remit and the wording of this document was agreed at the meeting of the Whangarei South Rotary Club on 19 February 2026 and the remit has the support of the Whangarei and Whangarei Sunrise Rotary Clubs .

Objective:

To adopt a fairer system of calculating District Dues by aligning District 9910's calculation and invoicing of District Dues with Rotary International's timing and method of calculating Rotary International Dues.

In July each year, at the beginning of the new Rotary Year, Clubs are invoiced for District 9910 District Dues for the new Rotary year.

District 9910 Levies for 2025/26 were calculated on Club Membership as at 6 April 2025, and approved at the 9910 AGM in May 2025, not on the number of Members in the Club in the 2025/26 Rotary Year, for which the dues are invoiced.

Rotary International calculates and invoices twice each year, calculating its Dues based on the number of Members on 1 July and 1 January.

The Rotary Club of Whangarei South proposes that District 9910:

- 1. Adopts the Rotary International method of calculating Dues, that is, that District dues levied on Clubs be calculated on the number of Members at the beginning of the new Rotary Year and midway through the year; and*
- 2. Invoices Clubs twice-yearly, as does RI, levied on the number of members in each Club as at 1 July and 1 January.*

Background

While District 9910's method of calculating dues may have been considered fair while Club memberships were static or rising, it is decidedly unfair with membership numbers falling. In the case of Whangarei South, which had several long-serving Members (at Club, District and International level) retire at the end of both the 2023/24 and 2024/25 Rotary Years, it has been invoiced for far more Members than it has. In July 2025, the Club was invoiced for 25 when it only had 13 Members. Because the previous Executive had only paid for Members actually in the Club in the 2024/25 Year, the incoming team was also invoiced for the unpaid dues for 2024/25. The Club of 12 Members paid for more than twice its number of Members.

We understand District 9910 adopts its budget for the coming Rotary Year in April-May each year and apportions the Dues owing by each Club based on the number of Members at the

time of its AGM. To not be counted as Members, for the coming Rotary Year, Members, who have paid their membership fees for the 1 July to 30 June Financial Year, would have to resign and their names removed from the Club's list before the AGM, despite having paid a year's subscription.

We consider this system has failed the 4-Way Test.

Levying Dues owed by each Club and invoicing on the numbers they have on 1 January and on 1 July would be consistent with Rotary International and would be a much fairer system. While we would accept being invoiced once each year, based on the actual number of Members as at 1 July, we do not believe invoicing twice yearly, as does RI, would involve significantly more administration costs.

Bob Cathcart
President
Whangarei South Rotary Club