

District Newsletter September - October 2021

District Governor Nick Wood

As I put this newsletter together, we are on day 5 of lockdown 2.0 thanks to an outbreak of the Covid-19 Delta variant, I work from home in my normal day to day job, so not much has changed for me in that sense.

Though now I have the kids home from school getting ready for online learning, at least I'm picking a few weeks until we reach level 2 again.

The biggest issue I've found is that my international customers don't understand our lockdowns as they have accepted Covid is part of their lives, however they have lost a lot more people.

We on the other hand have lived our normal lives for much of the past year, travelling freely around the country, having our social lives unimpacted and got on with it, I'm of the opinion that we need to tough this out and get back to our freedoms without Covid in our communities with a small sacrifice of a lockdown for a few weeks.

Mask it or Casket is the best slogan I've seen, and I hope all of our Rotary family can stay safe and make it through lockdown, remember to scan the tracer app when you are out, mask up and wash your hands.

Keep your other club members in mind and reach out to check in on each other.

Finally get those online meetings happening, I'll attend as many as I can, just send me the link, or if I have set it up for you, you may just get a surprise visit.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



**Stopping our movement
stops the virus.
Stay home.**

► Find out more

**Unite
against
COVID-19**

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

When we think of our basic education and literacy projects a few come to mind, books for babies, dictionaries in schools, our Rotarians that assist in schools with reading one on one with young children.

Some other projects are further afield, we have projects within our district that have an international reach. Timaru Rotary Club, sponsor teacher salaries in Nepal, enabling young people to get that start in life we so often take for granted in a developed country.

Clubs within our district have also funded lilliput libraries in the pacific and supported a book bus in the past.

Think outside the box as to how your club or a group of clubs could make an impact and serve to change lives.

Check out Rotary showcase at Rotary.org for projects you could join or add your project to seek partners.

SEPTEMBER IS

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

"To read is to empower, to empower is to write, to write is to influence, to influence is to change, to change is to live."

Jane Evershed

Rotary

TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Be a People of Action

The graphic features a woman and two children reading books together. The text is overlaid on the image, with the Rotary logo prominently displayed on the right.

October is Economic and Community Development Month

Economic and community development is a natural fit to follow on from education month, as education is the foundation to community development.

A lot of the work we do in our communities, improves, and develops our communities.

A couple of projects that come to mind.

Waimate Rotary has worked through a global grant Osiligi Training Farm, training young men in farming practices improving their future employment prospects.

Cromwell Rotary, Lot 47, a combined project between Rotary and Lions to support St John in Central Otago.
www.lot47.co.nz

Dunedin South Rotary, is leading the way on Kayima Sierra Leone health project, improving the health care facilities.

These projects all touch on this area of focus along with others.

Again, I encourage you to think outside the box as you develop ideas in life changing projects

Rotary
October is

Economic and Community Development Month

The graphic shows a person working in a field, possibly planting or tending to crops, with the Rotary logo and text overlaid.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

"If we can make a difference in the life of one person in a community, it is a small yet significant step to empowering a whole community."

Loshini Naidoo

The graphic features a woman working on a sewing machine, with the Rotary logo and text overlaid.

Important Dates for President Elects to Note

Saturday 6th November 2021

The President Elect Development Seminar (PEDS1) for all Clubs (except Temuka/Geraldine, Timaru, Timaru North, Waimate and Oamaru) in D9980 will be held on Saturday 6th November 2021. This will be a one-day event held in Milton.

Those clubs in the northern sector of D9980 will have their development day on **Saturday 30th October**, in Ashburton, along with several clubs from D9970.



Saturday 5th March – Sunday 6th March 2022

South Pacific President-Elect Development Seminar (SPPEDS2).

Please mark these events in your diary if you are a President Elect (ie you will be club President in the 2022-23 Rotary year, the first year for District 9999), and if you are an Assistant Governor.

It is an important part of your learning for the President role, and even if you are a recycled President, you should come along, many things may have changed since you last held the reins!

And, of course, you will be the first President of your club in the new District 9999, an exciting time for us all!

Tania Lowery PDG

D9980 Learning & Development Chair

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Jan Boustead

District Governor Elect D9999



ShelterBox Haiti Response

On Saturday August 14th, Haiti was struck by a powerful 7.2 magnitude earthquake - damaging or destroying 137, 000 homes.

Just days later, Tropical Storm Grace made landfall over the epicentre - triggering flooding and mudslides and forcing families to make the impossible choice of whether to shelter in their damaged, dangerous homes, or sleep out in the open.

Right now, we are deploying a team to neighbouring Dominican Republic.

This is the first time a Response Team has deployed in 18 months, since coronavirus severely restricted international travel in 2020.

Over the coming days, we will work with fellow humanitarians to assess damage reports, understand from communities what they need, and work on the challenging logistics of delivering aid to areas where buildings have been reduced to rubble.

As part of this, we are also in active discussions with Rotary.

For 20 years, the unique humanitarian bond between ShelterBox and Rotary has supported families around the world with a place to call home after disaster. In the aftermath of the 2010 Haiti earthquake, the Rotary family was critical in helping us provide shelter to 28, 000 families.

We will be using everything we've learned from this response, and our close partnership with Rotary, to forge local connections and make sure the right emergency shelter reaches communities when they need it.

If you or your Club has capacity to give, any support for our emergency Haiti response is appreciated. Your generosity will go on to provide vulnerable families with emergency shelter and household items - <https://www.shelterbox.org.nz/donate/>.



SUPPORT ROTARY RELIEF EFFORTS FOR THE AUGUST 14, 2021, HAITI EARTHQUAKE [MAKE A DONATION](#)

On August 14, 2021 Haiti was rocked by a massive 7.2 Magnitude Earthquake. Over 2,000 confirmed dead, and hundreds injured or missing. The Rotary District 7020 Earthquake response committee met today and are assessing the damage done; the immediate needs; and how to help.

As we compile a list of needs and navigate the logistics to provide speedy aid, the Disaster Network of Assistance Rotary Action Group is mounting an urgent fundraising appeal with HANWASH (Haiti National Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Strategy).

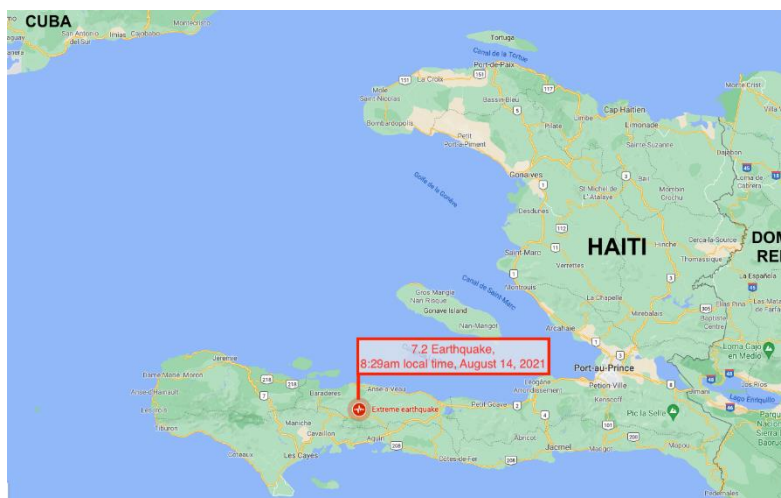
If you'd like to help now, please donate via credit card; PayPal; check, or wire transfer following the instructions here or by clicking directly on this PayPal link.

Cash is always the easiest way to get help to those who need it quickly.

Email rotary7020relief@gmail.com for more information.

Our committee is in direct contact with Rotarians and our partners on the ground including local authorities and experts which is the most effective way we can help.

<https://dna-rag.com/>



I received the call for help in an email from one of our club presidents, Neil Van Dine, President of the E-club of WASH.

Neil is a local in Haiti, he let Ah Lek & me know that he is safe as are the Rotarians of Haiti.

However, the need for assistance is great.

The D9980 Board has approved a donation of \$2,500 NZD from our disaster fund.



Neil Van Dine

President – E-Club of WASH

An Update from Rotarians on the Ground at Westport

Picture this ...

Last month's disastrous floods caused 71 homes to be red stickered and 388 to be yellow stickered and while all red stickered homes are currently uninhabitable and some will need to be demolished, many will be repairable in time. Yellow stickered homes are all deemed repairable now.

At the peak of the flooding over 2,000 of our town's population of 4,500 people were evacuated from their homes as floodwater rose around them. Many have returned to their homes, but many are also still staying with friends and family or in limited local motel, backpacker, and motor camp accommodation.

With this large number of homes damaged, Buller District Council does not yet have a full or accurate picture of where to focus their help. However, Westport's Flood Relief Continues and Council has set up a task force that is currently going door-to-door to establish where help is most urgently needed. Amongst other things, this job will provide lists of people whose insurances will cover their rebuild needs, and more importantly will record those who are both un-insured or under-insured.

Add to this the general shortage of building supplies throughout New Zealand, a general lack of tradies, a lack of local alternative accommodation for both displaced persons, as well as employed tradies and tradies volunteering their help.

So, it's difficult, but ...

Rotary Clubs and Rotarians have once again put their hands up in response to District Governor Nick Courtney's request for help. Clubs in D9970 and D9980 have so far donated \$13,350 and \$6,650 respectively, while Rotarians from both Districts and private donors have contributed \$5,400 towards a total to-date of \$25,400.

In addition to this, we are aware of further pledges of around \$20,000, and DG Nick Courtney confirmed last week that D9970 will match donations from D9970 Clubs and Rotarians up to \$20,000. Westport Rotarians sincerely thank you for your support of our community in its time of need.

We are also currently working on an application to Rotary International's Disaster Relief Fund and when all of these numbers come together, we could realistically be looking at around \$100,000 that will greatly assist people in need in Westport. Further donations from Clubs and Rotarians are welcome and will be properly dispersed. Our Westpac bank account number is 03-0897-0015628-00. Please note your name and 'Flood' with your donation.

Other local and national fundraising initiatives have contributed separate donations to the Westport Mayoral Relief Fund which is actively helping affected people. We have decided, at this stage, to manage Rotary donations separately from this Fund, and so locally, our focus of help will be towards those members of our community whose homes and personal effects are un-insured or under-insured and that help will be in the form of financial, practical (as offered by many Rotarians) when we have a handle on this and with the distribution of donated household effects and clothing that has been happening since the time the Buller River receded.

President, Peter Campbell

Ross Cocker

Treasurer

ROTARY PEACE, REMEMBRANCE & FOREST PARK - District 9970

It was with a sigh of relief that the first planting day for the park finally came together on the 7th August. Working alongside the Conservation Volunteers NZ and Christchurch City Council groups for a year to make sure Rotary was visible in this process has had its challenges.

Situated in the Dallington Loop Red Zone area the CCC had to negotiate over 40 parcels of land and involve iwi and other interested parties to bring this project to life.

We were joined by Russ Ballard; Chair of the Rotary Trees Trust and he explained the history to the people who turned up on the day as follows;

“Tree planting and creating green spaces in communities has been part of the DNA of the Rotary organisation since its inception in Chicago as a community services organisation over a hundred years ago. This tradition has been particularly strong in New Zealand.

2021 is the centenary of Rotary in New Zealand. As part of the centenary celebrations Rotary identified 3 major initiatives one of which ‘Trees, Trees, Trees’ aims to plant 1 million native trees over 3 years. This program builds on some notable Rotary projects including the Rotary Auckland Trees for Survival, which plants 200,000 trees a year through a schools-based program and Forests at the Heart of Wellington which has planted 100,000 trees in the city of Wellington

The Rotary Club of Wellington applied to Te Uru Rakau for funding to support the aims of the centenary project and was successful in getting funding to plant 200,000 native plants over two planting seasons. The Rotary Peace, Remembrance and Community Forest Trust was set up to administer the grant. The Trust funds up to 45% of the cost of planting projects and requires that a substantial part of the remaining costs are met by community volunteers. Conservation Volunteers NZ work with the Trust as project managers.

The Trust is currently funding 12 project sites from North Auckland to Otago involving the planting of over 220,000 plants. The Dallington landing site in the green spine is a flagship site for the Trust with its significance to the social, cultural, and ecological fabric of Christchurch. It epitomises what the Trust is about – Peace, Remembrance and Community. The Trust is supporting the planting of 42,000 stems on this site. “

On the 7th of August over 150 people turned up – Rotarians and locals where 2,500 trees were planted in 90 minutes finishing with the D9970 District Governor, Nick Courtney and Past DG Arie Geerlofs managing the BBQ and talking with the locals.

If you want to know more go to www.rotarytrees.nz for updates and news.



Cropping competition raises over \$50,000 for rescue helicopter

Luggate-Tarras farmer Hayden Dickey was the winner of the supreme award.

A new winter crop competition has raised over \$50,000 for the Otago Rescue Helicopter Trust.

The competition was organised by the Rotary Club of Wanaka and is the first such competition in the Upper Clutha area.

"We had over 60 crops to judge, which was great for our first event," organiser and former Rotary Club of Wanaka president George Scott said.

"We had about 110 farmers attend the awards night along with 30 sponsor businesses."

The competition concluded with an awards ceremony compèred by Phil Reid and held at Pembroke Pavilion in Wanaka on Friday June 11, where the winners were announced and a fundraising auction held.

"The auction has been a real success and I can't thank the businesses who supported us with prizes enough," George said. "All the funds raised will go to the benefit of the Otago Rescue Helicopter."

Otago Rescue Helicopter Trust chief pilot Graeme Gale attended the awards night and was delighted the trust was to be the recipient charity.

"We can't thank the Rotary Club of Wanaka and the farmers enough. Look at the room here tonight, the turnout and support is fantastic. It is a big deal, this is how we get the extra equipment, the medical equipment, to ensure we can give a service every time, anytime," Graeme said.

The supreme award went to Luggate-Tarras farmer Hayden Dickey. Hayden's kale crop was described as exceptional by the judges.

"It was a bit of a surprise really. We knew we had a good kale crop and I was happy for it to pull through in the end," Hayden said.

Judges said they were looking for an exceptional crop that was weed free, with healthy plants, and a great weight. "We found it on Hayden's farm," George said.

Rotary Club of Wanaka president Mike Elliot said the cropping competition will now be an annual event on the Upper Clutha calendar.

"George has done an amazing job pulling the event together and it has been embraced by the farming community. We'll be adding this to our stable of annual fundraising events," Mike said.

Mike said the Rotary Club of Wanaka chose the rescue helicopter as the recipient of funds raised as it's "close to the hearts of farmers".

"Many work in isolated areas and knowing that there will be someone there in an emergency really provides peace of mind," he said.

The Rotary Club of Wanaka is the official organiser of the Upper Clutha Cropping Competition which is supported by the Tarras School community and Tarras Young Farmers.

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Crop Winners

Kale irrigated Hayden Dickey

Kale non-irrigated Digby Cochrane

Swedes irrigated Robbie Gibson

Swedes non-irrigated James Cochrane

Fodder Beet irrigated Simon Maling

Fodder Beet non-irrigated Donald Urquhart

Rape Robbie Gibson

Turnips Matt McLaughton

Mixed Crop Hamish MacKay



PHOTOS: Rotary Club of Wanaka

For more information contact Rotary Club of Wanaka president Mike Elliot on 027 432 9243

Congratulations to the team at Wanaka Rotary.

A fantastic way to raise funds and awareness of Rotary in your community.

It appears the credentials of the Wanaka region for growing giant crops could be useful in the upcoming Pumpkins for Polio challenge.

Is this the challenge being issued to the other clubs within District 9980.

George Scott may be the man to beat or back or ask advice of.

Pumpkins for Polio

Please register with your assistant governor.

We are hoping that each club will have 3 keen pumpkin growers tucked away if not more...

Your grower does not have to be a Rotarian (yet) just so long as they grow the pumpkin and get it to conference in April 2022.

The current NZ record is 844.5 Kg

I hope that with enough pumpkins in the ground we might stand a chance to come close.

Tips and Tricks to growing a Giant Pumpkin

<https://giantpumpkins.co.nz/>

A poster for the 'Pumpkins for Polio' challenge. The background is a close-up of many pumpkins. The text is white and yellow. At the bottom left is a carved pumpkin with the Rotary logo and the words 'END POLIO NOW'.

Pumpkins for Polio

Grow the biggest pumpkin possible
and raise money for the global fight to eradicate Polio.

How do we raise money from growing pumpkins you ask?
Sponsorship!
Have your friends, family, workmates, employers, suppliers,
in fact anyone sponsor your pumpkin on the final weight.

From \$0.10 to \$100.00 or anywhere in between per kilogram of the
final weight - just make sure you can get a tractor or crane in to get your
prize-winning, plump pumpkin onto a trailer to bring them to Cromwell in
April 2022 for the final weigh in of our heavyweight contenders!

**There will be a special prize for the biggest pumpkin
and the biggest polio pumpkin bank balance.**

Prepare your pumpkin patch
this summer because next
summer... **IT'S ON!!!!**

Seedlings will be provided to all participants so
the 4-Way Test is adhered to from the start...

Challenge each other to grow the biggest
monster possible and have as much FUN as
possible during summer 2021-22.

This challenge was set by your 2021-22
District 9980 Governor, Nick Wood.



RYLA provides an opportunity to extend leadership skills, assist personal growth, develop new networks and make new friends

THE OBJECTIVES OF RYLA -

To provide information, instruction, real-life stories & experience on a wide range of subjects.

To appreciate and enhance our local environment.

To equip, instruct and encourage promising young people from differing cultures and backgrounds, to better serve their communities and countries.

To encourage leadership of young people, by young people.

To recognise young people who are providing service to their communities.

To provide delegates with an experience they will not forget and that will benefit them well into the future.

To provide an environment for young leaders to build relationships that develop into lifetime friendships and networks.



Lakeland Park Camp

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496 Peninsula Rd, Kelvin Heights, Queenstown

Applications & Selection

Who? People aged between 20 and 30

How do I apply? Download an application form or apply online at -

www.rotarydistrict9980.org

There is further info here to read or download.

Or you can email -

applications.d9980ryla@gmail.com for more info

or phone Lee-Ann on 021343506 for a chat.

What happens next? The Rotary Club will arrange an interview and advise applicants of the required criteria and qualities. Importantly, during the interview you must demonstrate a commitment to developing your leadership abilities.

Applicants will then be notified whether or not they have been successful or not.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT RYLA, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US

Lee-Ann Lines

Email: applications.d9980ryla@gmail.com

Phone: 021 343 506

or contact your local Rotary Club



ROTARY DISTRICT 9980 ROTARY YOUNG LEADERS AWARDS



February 6th - 11th 2022



what is RYLA?



The Rotary Young Leaders Awards (RYLA) is a leadership recognition program where local Rotary Clubs and employers select young adults who currently hold leadership positions or have the potential to lead, either within the community or at work.

It provides an opportunity to participate in a challenging week-long residential conference where young people:

- **Discover** ways to become a better role model and more adequately face decisions on important personal, work and social situations
- **Exchange** ideas, opinions and plans with talented, energetic, like-minded people, in a supportive atmosphere free from pressure and distractions.
- **Develop** a close rapport with your local Rotary Club, acquainting you with a leading service organisation and decision makers within your community.

"RYLA was all about looking inside ourselves to find what is really important to us"

indoor & outdoor activities & a community project

There are many outdoor activities to motivate and help develop effective team work and interpersonal skills.

A Community Project is an important part of the programme which involves developing a business case model, project management and team work to see the project to completion..

professional, leading presenters and speakers

Professional trainers and leading presenters offer a broad range of subjects crucial to your future leadership success

Some sessions may include:

- Living your Best Image
- Emotional Intelligence
- Health & Wellbeing
- Career Planning & Goal Setting
- Effective Communication & Public Speaking



industry & corporate sponsorship

Are you an employer and interested to invest in your rising stars? This just might be the best thing you can do for your business. Similar programs can cost thousands of dollars and your employee may still walk away with nothing tangible or new. You are **guaranteed** to see a positive change in the person you choose to send on RYLA.

Are you a student and looking for inspiration or direction?.....

Are you already in the work force and looking for inspiration or direction?.....

Perhaps you are living your best life right now, and nailed your dream job, but perhaps chasing something more, and want to develop an edge over the others around you?.....

Maybe you know you have "it" in you, but lack confidence in yourself to take it to the next level..... Maybe, you just don't know yet.....

**Whatever you align with,
RYLA IS FOR ALL OF YOU!**

Many RYLA graduates refer to RYLA as "The week that changed my life".

RYLA 2022

Before we know RYLA will be happening.

While our work commutes are shorter, use this time to think of potential RYLA-rians and get them registered for this amazing life changing opportunity in February.

Applications need to be in by the 17th of December 2021.

If you would like to know more.

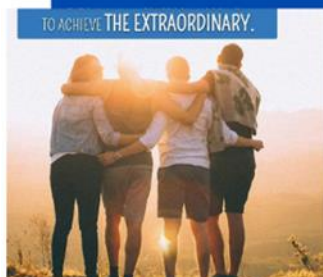
Get in touch with Lee Ann Lines from Queenstown Rotary.

Or any of those past RYLA Alumni you've sponsored in the past...



D9980 Rotary Young Leaders Awards

SUNDAY 6th - FRIDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2022



LAKELAND PARK CAMP QUEENSTOWN

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY -
ONLINE APPLICATIONS OPEN

1st AUGUST 2021

HEAD TO - rotarydistrict9980.org
or speak to your local Rotary Club

E: applications.d9980ryla@gmail.com

W: rotarydistrict9980.org

P: 021 343 506

DEVELOPING TOMORROWS LEADERS



SEPTEMBER 11TH and 12TH
11:30 - 1:30 PM (AEST)



Learning, Leading, Action - Showcasing the Wonderful Impact of Rotary

Enjoy the online Zone Conference from anywhere you choose.

Learning, Leading, Action is this year's Zone 8 conference theme, putting a spotlight on the essence of Rotarians and the way we get things done.

The theme also gives a clue to the conference content. Hear from speakers who are leading our organisation and our impact, learn from thought leaders and be impressed by a host of Rotarians taking action to change lives in our communities.

Be inspired to Lead Learn Act in new ways that deepen our engagement and increase Rotary's impact.

REGISTRATION: \$25 <https://rotaryzone8.org/>

Well its now day 11 of Lockdown 2.0.

Putting this together has kept me sane.

Keep safe, be kind and feel for anyone that has multiple teenagers in their shared lockdown space.

If you want to get a story into the district newsletter next time round, let your AG know and send it in.

Don't forget to sign up for the Zone 8 Virtual conference.

<https://rotaryzone8.org/sitepage/2021-zone-8-national-conference/welcome>

