

ROTARY AROTAHI

District 9980 Governor Bulletin

Calendar

31 July 2020 - District Grant Applications due.

August 2020 - Membership & New Club Development Month

9 August 2020 - District Board Meeting, Waimate

September 2020 - Basic Education & Literacy Month

10-11 October 2020 - RLI Training, Queenstown

November 2020 - PETS1 (TBA)

January 2021 - RYLA, Queenstown

January 2021 - SPETS, Auckland

19 - 21 March 2021 - District Conference, Waimate

Rotary Links

Rotary District 9980

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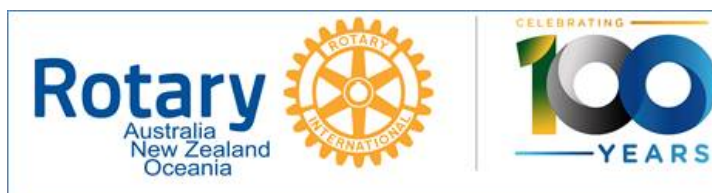


Kia ora koutou,

It certainly is an honour and privilege to be your District Governor this year.

Since 23 June I have had the pleasure of being part of 6 Presidential Changeovers and 7 official Club Visits. I've been very well looked after (southern hospitality is certainly alive and well) and have enjoyed meeting up with some Rotarians for the first time, and catching up with old friends in their own patch. One of the best things about Rotary is definitely the ability to network with kindred spirits.

Still a few more clubs to get around though, with the next road trip starting in Mosgiel on 3 August 2020. I find as I drive around Otago and Southland in the Rotary Beetle, a certain advertising catchphrase repeatedly plays in my head: "Don't leave town until you've seen the country".





District Shelterbox Challenge

20 years of Shelterbox!

This Rotary year, we have an opportunity to take action. Right now, around 88 million people around the world have been made homeless by natural disaster and conflict and this provides perfect conditions for Covid-19 (amongst other disease) to spread rapidly.

I have accepted the Shelterbox District Challenge for 2020-21.

Taking on the Challenge

The challenge is simple, encourage every club in our District to support ShelterBox. No matter how large or small, every donation makes a difference in providing shelter to families worldwide.

Why they need your support

Shelter is more than just a roof – it's a home. It's the foundation for life, for families, for communities, for peace. ShelterBox responds 365 days a year. Rotary Clubs around D9980 can help make it possible for Shelterbox to ensure that no family is left without shelter.

<https://www.shelterbox.org.nz>

With Covid-19 at the border, now is definitely the time to rediscover what we have locally, that's for sure.

The Covid -19 crisis reinforces that Rotary is needed more than ever. Keep on dreaming, planning and collaborating on all kinds of Projects locally and globally. As a reminder District Grant applications are due with Foundation Chair Andrew Hamilton and District Grant Administrator Joan Kiernan by 31 July 2020.

It is also a great time to plan a weekend away in beautiful Waimate over 19-21 March 2021. District Conference - "The Conference of Awesome" will be a great excuse to celebrate all things Rotary whilst experiencing some rural hospitality. More information will be released soon, but I am very excited by our line-up of speakers and the activities planned. More information (including registrations) will open soon. Questions about accommodation can be directed to Russell Wallace - russ.wallace1@gmail.com



On behalf of District, I'd like to thank the following Rotarians who have recently concluded their District roles: Tania Lowery (District Governor 2019-20), Ah-Lek Tay (Public Image), Karen Purdue (Membership), Bruce Cowan (Training), Gary Williams (RYE), Trish Boyle (Foundation), Sue MacKinlay (National Science Forum), Lea Johnson & Derek King (Assistant Governors). The extra number of hours they all devoted to Rotary over the last few years is

extraordinary and very much appreciated.

This bulletin will continue to be short and simple. Rotary information is readily available in so many different formats these days, I don't intend clogging it up with much more and prefer using social media in any respect! To that end my Facebook page is:

[facebook.com/district9980governor](https://www.facebook.com/district9980governor)

Please continue to collect great Rotary stories about your work and any upcoming projects and share them in your bulletins, social media pages/events and with our Public Image Chair Sharon Hamilton. We will be updating the District website with more timely stories very soon.

Ma whero, ma pango ka oti ai te mahi - with red and black the work will be complete. This whakatauki acknowledges the need for Rotarians at every level (individual, Club, & District) to collaborate in order to reach goals and complete the work. My part is to ensure District provides the support you all need to succeed. I pledge to do my best.

Rotary Opens Opportunities...lets prove it!

Ka kite ano,

Dylan



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