

ROTARY AROTAHI



District 9980 Governor Bulletin



District Calendar

December 2020 - Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January 2021 - Vocational Service Month

29 January - 3 February 2021 - RYLA, Queenstown

5- 7 March 2021 - SPPEDS, Christchurch

19 - 21 March 2021 - District Conference, Waimate

Rotary Links

Rotary District 9980 =
www.rotarydistrict9980.org/

Facebook =
www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict9980

Shelterbox NZ =
www.shelterbox.org.nz

End Polio Now =
www.endpolio.org

District Governor Facebook =
<https://www.facebook.com/district9980governor>

Kia ora koutou,

2020, what a crazy year! Covid-19 certainly threw the proverbial spanner into our lives, but aren't we lucky to be able to look forward to spending Christmas with our loved ones wherever we like in New Zealand. The first national lockdown seems a lifetime ago, and it is easy to forget things like queuing for the supermarket or celebrating Anzac Day at the end of our driveways. If it hadn't been for the planning and hard work of our health professionals; our politicians; our essential workers; all supported by our collective national determination to rid the country of the virus and keep



it out, life could be a lot different.

Rotarians took the opportunity to connect with family, friends, and each other through means not considered necessary at the beginning of the year. The use of Zoom and other media (even working from home) has become normal and accepted.

I am very proud of how you all rallied to support each other and our communities in challenging circumstances. Unfortunately the struggle continues



The 2020 year has been one like no other. This year, highly skilled nurses are more important than ever. Despite this, to achieve universal health coverage, an additional 9 million nurses are required. Just one well-trained nurse can make a significant difference to their community. Since their beginnings in 1983, Interplast has worked alongside surgeons, anaesthetists & nurses across the Asia Pacific region. This year, like every other year, They remain committed to building the nursing workforce throughout developing communities in the Asia Pacific region. For every additional \$1,000 raised before the end of 2020, they can deliver training to a further 70 – 80 nurses through Interplast's education programs. In turn, those 70 – 80 nurses will treat thousands of patients over their career. Your act of generosity will be felt for generations to come.

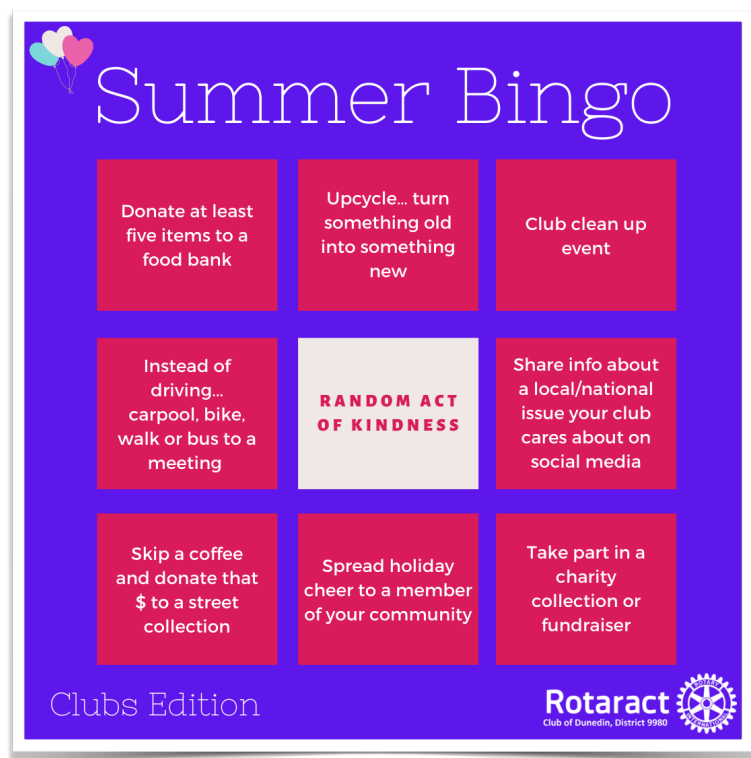
<https://www.interplastappeal.org.au>

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in certain areas of our District, and certainly around the world.

Enjoy the break over summer, stay safe and refresh as there is definitely more mahi required in 2021!

Rotaract Dunedin members aren't intending sitting on their laurels over Summer though and have issued the following challenge to every Club. I note the Dunedin Club is off to a great start collecting 1600kg of food at a local supermarket last Wednesday.



A reminder that District Conference will be held in Waimate over 19-21 March 2021. It is really important that you register early to give the organising committee confidence with their planning. The Conference website is open and loads of information including registration is available via:

<https://www.rotary9980conference.org>

The purpose of the Waimate conference is to provide

opportunities for networking, inspirational addresses, and discussions of Rotary-related matters. We certainly have some great speakers lined up. We will recognise the service programs, projects, and public relations achievements in the District. The conference will aim to give Rotarians and Clubs a vision of Rotary beyond the Club level in order to inspire Rotarians to become more involved in service and provide a memorable fellowship experience.

Register now!

By the way, the theme for the Saturday Night social event is simply “Green”. Fiordland, I already have my costume, no pressure!

On behalf of myself, Rebecca, Caitlin, Niamh and Fionn we wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - Meri Kirihemete me Te Hape Nu la.

Kia kaha,

Dylan



MERRY CHRISTMAS




Give Every Child A Future - Our Australasian Centenary Project





A Christmas E-Card That Makes A Difference

Christmas in Australia and New Zealand is coloured red and green with poinsettia, bottlebrush and pohutukawa. In the Pacific, the brilliant red flame trees mark the festive season.

As you see these bright colours and join in this time of celebration, please help Rotary Give Every Child A Future take care of children in need, not just at Christmas, but all year round.

Your Christmas gift will enable us to immunise Pacific children against life-threatening childhood diseases and protect young girls and women from cervical cancer.

Make a donation in the name of your family members or friends and send them an E-card, whether they are close to you or far away in this COVID-19 year.

[Visit our website to Buy A Christmas Card Today & Help Change A Life.](https://everychildafuture.com/xmas20n/)

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