

# ROTARY AROTAHI

## District 9980 Governor Bulletin

### District Calendar

6 - 7 March 2021 - Virtual  
SPPEDS, Christchurch

7 March 2021 - Heritage  
Homes, Taieri

9 March 2021 - Dunedin  
Area Speech Final

D9980 District Advisory  
Meeting - Waimate

19 - 21 March 2021 - District  
Conference, Waimate

21 March 2021 - D9980  
AGM, Waimate

10 April 2021 - RFE Visit from  
Hamilton

### Rotary Links

**Rotary District 9980 =**  
[www.rotarydistrict9980.org/](http://www.rotarydistrict9980.org/)

**Facebook =**  
[www.facebook.com/  
RotaryDistrict9980](http://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict9980)

**Shelterbox NZ =**  
[www.shelterbox.org.nz](http://www.shelterbox.org.nz)

**End Polio Now =**  
[www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org)

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[https://www.facebook.com/  
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Kia ora koutou,

After the obligatory summer break, Rebecca, the children and I roared back into Rotary duty by attending RYLA in Queenstown. By now, some of the sponsoring clubs will have had their RYLA students report back, and I am sure the feedback has been spectacular. They weren't the only ones who learnt a lot at RYLA! A heartfelt thank you to President Lee-Ann Lines and the Queenstown Club for running the event. I was truly blown away by the speakers, presenters, caterers, and the community service completed. You will hear and see more about RYLA at Conference. RYLA 2022 will roll around soon enough so start thinking about who from your area may benefit.



I was then inspired by a group of Rotarians (led by Ron Taylor) whom fundraised and biked from Te Anau to Invercargill in a single day. The support crew were magnificent and ensured everyone made it the finish line safely. By all accounts Hospice Southland benefitted by around \$20000 due to efforts of all involved. I was so glad I accepted the invitation to help out. And the timing was perfect as we slipped

into Level 2 the following weekend that put paid to a number of Rotary events including the Waimate Big Easy Run, Walk, Bike event. Hopefully that will be rescheduled.



Rotarians, only **2 WEEKS** until the District 9980 Conference in Waimate. The second last District 9980 Conference ever. We are back in Level 1 so make the most of NZ's continued ability to meet in person and Register Now.

[www.rotary9980conference.org/pre-register-now](http://www.rotary9980conference.org/pre-register-now)

The Conference Committee have been working extraordinarily hard to open this opportunity for you and to ensure the experience is fulfilling.

Time to sign off. Hadlow 2 Harbour Fun run with the Rotary Club of Timaru North tomorrow.

See you in 2 weeks in Waimate!

Kia Kaha,

Dylan.



## World Rotaract Week 8 - 14 March 2021

Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.

In Dunedin, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service.

Dunedin members decide how to organise and run their clubs, manage their own funds, and plan and carry out activities and service projects. Rotary club sponsors offer guidance and support and work with their club as partners in service.

Rotaract's elevated status within the organisation was approved by Rotary's Council on Legislation in 2019 as part of an ongoing effort to make Rotary more appealing and welcoming to young professionals.

On the advice of the task force, the RI Board of Directors in October approved several changes to Rotaract — the most notable being **the removal of Rotaract's upper age limit**. As of 1 July, members of Rotaract will no longer be required to leave their club when they turn 31. Clubs will still be able to set their own age limit, if they wish.

Other changes: **New Rotaract clubs won't have to rely on a Rotary club to sponsor them**; they can now sponsor themselves or choose another Rotaract club as their sponsor. And **Rotaractors are now eligible — and encouraged — to serve alongside Rotarians on district and RI committees**.

**In 2022, annual dues of \$5 per person for university-based Rotaract clubs and \$8 for community-based clubs will be introduced** to cover the cost of additional support for Rotaract clubs. RI will work to develop and promote alternative funding sources to help Rotaractors pay dues, including fundraising opportunities.

*There used to be many Rotaract Clubs in towns and cities in this District. In my travels, I have confirmed it by seeing some old Rotaract signs at town entrances. Perhaps it is time to resurrect Rotaract in your Area? - DG*



*I had to share this...District Governor David Clark from D9685 in Australia attempting to one-up the D9980 Rotary Beetle. It certainly is impressive!*

*The Charles H Taylor (Past RI Director) Shield for Best Club Bulletin. Last awarded to the Rotary Club of Cromwell in 2019-20.*

