

# ROTARY AROTAHI

## District 9980 Governor Bulletin

### District Calendar

7 August 2021 - D9980  
Board Meeting, Cromwell

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Kia ora koutou katoa,

Well, this is it, the last DG Bulletin for 2020-21. Last night the DG chains were hung around the neck and shoulders of Nick Wood who is about to become the youngest District Governor in the world for the Rotary year 2020-21. Rebecca and I wish Nick and Beth all the best in their leadership of Rotary District 9980 in it's last year.

Last night at District Changeover, I awarded the last of the District Awards (a full list is below) and gave a brief summary of my year.

There have been many highlights for me this year:

- Africa being declared Polio-free. What an astounding accomplishment.
- RYLA in Queenstown. Simply brilliant. I struggle to remember experiencing a more inspiring course. And we got to share a chalet with Black Cap Shayne O'Connor....for a cricket tragic like myself...that was awesome!



- The Rotary Beetle! Thanks to Craig McMurtrie of the Fiordland Club for the sign-writing it. Using it as a support vehicle in the Southland Hospice Te Anau to Invercargill Cycle ride, Timaru's Hadlow 2 Harbour, and promoting Rotary in 2 Xmas parades and around District was just so cool. It has been an excellent Public Image tool for Rotary and Shelterbox shared around the world.
- Julie Dockrill (Timaru Rotary) who was recognised as one of 6 Global Champions of Health. A great accolade for the entire Mongolian Project team.
- Jennifer Jones, the first woman to become Rotary International President Nominee.
- Holding a District Conference in Waimate for the first time. Some truly fantastic moments: inspiring speakers, the promotion of diversity and inclusiveness (thanks Monica), amazing MCs, humbling community support and incredible fundraising that weekend. Moments I shall never forget.



- The District Shelterbox Challenge. The Shelterbox District Challenge was simple, to encourage every Club in my District to contribute something to Shelterbox. Anything from \$15, the equivalent of a set of woollen blankets to \$1500 the value of a Shelterbox.

We have met the Challenge. Every Club in District has contributed to a total in excess of \$50000, well over half of the entire New Zealand collection. A significant gesture in their 20th year of operation and I am incredibly grateful for the support from you all.

- I am also grateful that I was able to formally visit all 31 Clubs this year and thank you all for your hospitality and reception. Some of these Clubs also hosted my children, and the extra effort was truly appreciated. I loved every opportunity.

- I am particularly thankful to Neroli McRae....., Kevin & Sue MacKenzie.....Stephen & Bronwyn Woodhead.....Craig & Sue McMurtrie.....Ron Taylor....Lee-Ann Lines and Hamish Murray...Neville & Julie Hall... Trevor & Virginia Cochran for home-hosting either my self or my whole tribe during my Club visits. I'm also particularly partial to the home baking of Pariya Williams!

There is one last group of Rotarians to thank. The group that go well above the normal commitment of time and energy to their Clubs. The group that remain very focussed on supporting Clubs to achieve great things. The group that delivers what is asked of them by Rotary International.

In the current Rotary organisational structure, they are absolutely essential to the continuing success of this District and the transition to District 9-triple 9.

I'm talking about the District 9980 Board:

Tania Lowery – Immediate Past District Governor  
Nick Wood – Governor Elect  
Jan Boustead – Governor Nominee  
Paul Checketts - Treasurer  
Jean Morgan - Secretary  
Derek King – Membership  
Andrew Hamilton – Foundation  
Sharon Hamilton – Public Image  
Lionel and Lynette Wilson – Youth Exchange  
Russell Wallace – Projects & Community  
Gilly Oppenheim – Alumni

Assistant Governors:

Wayne Hunt  
Richard Wallace  
Raewyn Francis  
Ah Lek Tay  
Diane MacDonald  
Peter Williams

Having been fully immersed in the Rotary District 9980 Board, I can affirm that they are an incredibly hard working, resilient and professional group of people, and I have leaned on them heavily throughout the year.

I am excited about having spare time back, supporting the kids with their sport, working in my neglected garden, perfecting my beer brewing, improving my hunting and fishing success rate, going bike packing and perhaps even managing a round or two of golf.

All things going well, I will marry the love of my life Rebecca Aitchison in November.

After the last 3 years of supporting me through this roller coaster Rotary journey I can confirm she is most definitely a keeper!

When I look back on this journey, although not perfect, I feel I have given it my best shot. It has been good for me and I already recognise some positive lasting change in myself because of the experience.

Thank you all for the service you provide via Rotary. The world needs us more than ever, so keep adapting and working together to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. I cannot reframe it any better than Rotary's vision statement.

Kia Kaha,

Dylan.

*Introducing RI President Holger Knaack at the District 9930 Conference, Hastings.*



*Paul Harris Fellow Recognition - Dr Ashley Bloomfield. D9980 represented by Irene Mosely of Mosgiel.*

## **DISTRICT AWARDS 2020-21**

### **WEBSITE AWARD**

eClub of WASH

### **ROTARY CLUB OF BALCLUTHA MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TROPHY**

Queenstown Rotary

### **CHARLES TAYLOR CLUB BULLETIN AWARD**

Queenstown Rotary

### **LIONEL & LYNETTE WILSON ROTARY CLUB COLLABORATIVE AWARD**

Balclutha and Milton Rotary

### **FRED HALL-JONES CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE TROPHY**

Dunedin Central Rotary

### **CONFERENCE BEST DRESSED CLUB AWARD**

Invercargill South Rotary

### **HALLAM L SMITH MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD**

Murray Kennedy

### **CLIFF BROAD TROPHY - DISTRICT GOVERNOR CUP** (for funding to The Rotary

Foundation and End Polio)

Waimate Rotary

