



President's Post

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

What an engrossing delivery from Karen Morgan, Principal of Taita College. We found it reassuring that there was a school who had a program which involved empowering the whole family in the education of students especially those who were from a home where education had been limited for their parents. We can look forward to an elevated level of achievement for the students at Taita College thanks to a principal and staff who have a progressive vision.

This coming week will start with the Foodbank Collection on Sunday and then a visit to the Dowse Gallery on Tuesday evening. Please let Casey know by Monday how many will be attending. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Finally we all have to vote by Saturday evening and watch the result of our Government MMP possibilities for the next three years.
HAVE A GOOD WEEK!

Cheers

Peter Chaney

President

Rotary Club of Hutt River Valley

Meeting Tuesday 12th September - Karen Morgan

A fantastic address was given tonight by the Principal of Taita College, Karen Morgan who was accompanied by her husband Ashok.

Karen first gave us a little bit of her background and how this had a big part in developing her values and sense of community which she is instilling into her students.



Karen is using these values to make Taita College a place where learning is blended with a strong sense of community and an emphasis on people orientated activities. Part of the emphasis on people is involving families of students meeting with teachers and the school and this has been so successful that 76% of families have become involved.

Karen is a strong believer in partnerships and is developing these with Rotary, other community projects such as the Mainfreight Pathway project, the Gateway project and business.

A most enthralling talk as evidenced by the number of questions that followed, clearly everyone was interest.



Parting thought

"Rotary takes ordinary people and gives them extraordinary opportunities to do more with their lives than they ever dreamed possible"

-Sir Clem Renouf

Upcoming programme

September 19th – Dowse Museum

September 26th – Pita Pit night

October 3rd – Huia Poole visit

October 10th - DG Visit

October 17th – Ten Pin Bowling

October 24th – No Meeting

October 31st – Quiz night

November 7th – Hub Visit

November 14th – John Anderson

November 21st – BBQ Belmont Domain

November 28th – Christmas Parade preparation night

December 5th – Christmas Party

Duties

	19-Sep	26-Sep	3-Oct	10-Oct	17-Oct	24-Oct	31-Oct
Guest Speaker & Topic	Away visit - Dowse Museum	Pita Pit night	Hui Pool visit	DG Club visit	Ten Pin Bowling	No Meeting	Quiz Night
Host							
Set Up							
Grace							
Thanks							
Parting Thought							
Stewards & Tidy Up							

Duties for the DG's visit will be allocated after I have checked with President Peter.

DG Mitch Speaks Out



I am loving **Going WILD About Rotary** as we head into the third month of this Rotary year - with a focus on **Basic Literacy and Education**.

We have the opportunity for all Clubs in the District to support this theme through the initiative of our very own Rotary International Past President Bill and Lorna

Boyd Trust that has two books that support Basic Literacy and Education. So now is the call to arms for ordering these books for your community schools.

This last month has brought to me the wonderful highs and the sad lows of Rotary life.

The tragic loss through a motor vehicle accident of Rotary Club of Masterton South President Warren Carter brought home the fragility of life, but the strength of family and Rotary in our lives. Warren's Rotary Club of some 27 years, showed

immense dignity and respect at the first meeting after their Club President's passing by honouring him with a special club night to reflect on their Rotary memories of Warren's commitment and dedication to his Club and community. I attended Warren's funeral service with his wife Joan, his family and friends and a huge gathering of Rotarians to acknowledge to all the significant contribution from Warren to Rotary and his passion to achieve Service Above Self and to Do Good in the Community.

I was also saddened at the passing of Past District Governor Ross George's wife and staunch Rotary and Inner Wheel supporter Jean George. I was humbled by the Rotary support expressed to Ross and his family at the funeral service and celebration of Jean's life with many Past District Governors and Rotarians from all over the Wellington Region and our Rotary District in attendance to pay their respects.



Sadly I must also acknowledge the passing of New Plymouth West Rotarian Alistair McIlroy. My condolences to Alistair's family and friends, President Vicki Ingles and the members of his club. The service for Alistair was held in New Plymouth on Friday the 1st September.

I have had the privilege of representing our organisation at some amazing Rotary events this last month. After much work lead by Rotary Club of Plimmerton Rotarian, PDG Graeme Blick and with the support of five Rotary Clubs a \$22,000 cheque was handed to Dr Swee Tan of the Gillies McIndoe Foundation for continuing their work particularly in the area of stem cell research. A fantastic night with a further donation of funds to the Commodore of the Mana Cruising Club to provide an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator for the locals and community of boaties and marina users.

My thanks to Rotary Club of Paraparaumu President John Kennedy for the invitation to Fiona and I to be part of the Club meeting where Rotarian David Barber was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow. David has and continues to be a stalwart of the club with his drive and passion for providing his talents and energies to the Club and his community to Make a Difference.

Another real high was to see the first presentation by the Rotary Club of Feilding hosted Rotary International Youth Exchange student Linnea Levin-Jensen from Denmark. Linnea lives in an eco-village with her parents who are both engineers and her brother who is a student. There are four Rotary Clubs in her home town of Roskilde. Linnea's interests are horses, books and architecture. She is a competitive horse rider. She is interested in building design and intends pursuing study in engineering/architecture.



We have six exchange students in our District this Rotary year and having seen the impact that having an exchange student makes to your club with huge energy and interest in our world through the sharing of culture and life experiences, I think every Club should seek to nominate an exchange student outbound and definitely host an inbound student. My best wishes for a fabulous

year to our very special exchange students Linnea from Denmark (Feilding), Amandine from France (Plimmerton), Sonje from Germany (Marton), Ludivine from Switzerland (Whanganui Daybreak), Emilie from Austria (Kapiti) and Tilde from Sweden (Ngamotu). These students bring an outstanding opportunity to your Club as speakers that will enthral and energise your Rotarian's with their zest for life. As the spread of our host Clubs is right across the geographic spread of our District, I commend to you the opportunity to host them at a Club night. Please get in contact with their host Club President to invite them to your Club to share fun and fellowship and have them show you how they are Going WILD About Rotary this year !!



Club Development and Membership a key theme for this year. In line with this we have programmed workshops for our District. A chilly morning greeted the attendees to the Marton Fire Station for the Tony Heyward and PDG Deb Gimblett lead Rotary Club Development and Membership Workshop. A great morning of information sharing and the opportunity to share ideas to better build the future strength of Rotary in our Clubs and District. A second session in Tawa was really positive with Assistant Governor Leole Malama-

Prasad bringing her Rotary knowledge and energy to the fore with Tony and the gathered Rotarian's from across the Wellington cluster clubs. I would encourage your club to contact Tony Heyward to seek opportunities to attend workshops and gain club development and membership strategies to build your club for now and the future.

The finest example of this is the establishment of the Rotary Club of Stratford's Satellite Club this month. I look forward to celebrating this on the 21st of September with President Barrie Smith and Assistant Governor Mel Cook who have done great work to energise a new generation of Rotarian's.

Interact is exploding into high schools across our Rotary District. We currently have 6 Interact clubs and the charter of the Waiopahu College Interact Club in Levin adds to these clubs and the strength of Rotary support to these high schools and their communities. We have interest that I am sure will see Interact Clubs commence in

New Plymouth Ohakune, Taihape and on the Kapiti Coast. Rotary Club of Taihape President Michael Andrews is developing a program that will offer Interact Club representatives the chance to sharpen their leadership skills and meet with other Interact Clubs from across our Rotary District 9940. This is programmed to assist the Clubs build their knowledge and practice for the schooling year with Year 12 and 13 students attending a weekend symposium in the school holidays between the 1st and 2nd term in 2018. More to come on this, but in the meantime if you need support on developing an Interact Club flick an email to our District Interact Coordinator Marilyn Stevens.

Our investment in Rotary members is rolling across our Rotary District through the delivery of our Rotary Leadership Institute sessions championed by Lee Wilkinson and Gillian Jones. I attended a session in Stratford and the attending Rotarian's and new satellite club members experienced the knowledge and information of Rotary from District Training and Development Chair PDG Rodney Wong, District Governor Elect Marion Johnston with RLI Chair Lee Wilkinson.

[Rotary International President Ian Riseley planting a tree at My Suva Park on his first trip to Fiji in early August by Rotary District 9970](#)

RI President Ian Riseley's challenge to us all to plant a tree for every Rotarian in the world by World Earth Day on the 22nd of April 2018, is well underway. Many clubs have engaged in tree planting programs and this will see our District goal well exceeded.

Please keep your Assistant Governor informed of tree planting projects and the results we are achieving. I am looking forward to attending the Rotary Club of New Plymouth North's tree planting in the majestic Pukekura Park later this month.



I have attended my first District Governor Visit - at the Rotary Club of Petone!! Thank you to President Michael Bolton for his and his Club leadership teams warm welcome and opportunity to discuss the Rotary year in Petone. My special thanks to Assistant Governor Stephen Fitzjohn and local Assistant Governor Leole Malama-Prasad for their support at this first DG Visit!! The Club meeting was a great opportunity for me to address the club members and guests on the goals for the year from a District perspective, but more importantly to ensure President Michael shared the Club program and support for its community with its members, their partners and community guests. It was great to welcome two new members to the Rotary Club of Petone. The challenge has been laid down for all of my District Governor visits to see two new members welcomed in to the Club as part of the DG Visit and Club meeting!!



Lastly for this District Bulletin is my attendance as well as a number of Rotarian's from our District at this years Rotary Zone 7B Governor Elects Training, Rotary Institute and

Symposium at Waipuna Hotel in Auckland. A great weekend of training and presentation of world class Rotary speakers from across the world including Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko. I look forward to representing and leading our District representatives at Institute and sharing ideas and vision from our District to our neighbours from the other Rotary Districts covering New Zealand and Pacific Islands.

Keep Going WILD About Rotary !!

Education and Literacy

Did you know that more than 775 million people over age 15 can't read? That's 17 percent of the world's adult population. And that figure will grow when the 122 million children who also cannot yet read become adults.

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