

## D 9940 Bulletin January – February 2022



### Overview

After two years of keeping Covid out, we are now as a society rapidly learning to coexist with it. With effect this coming Saturday 5 March, New Zealanders can travel internationally and not have to self-isolate on return. By mid-year international travel will be open. Rotary will start to fully reopen.

However, for the next two or three months we remain in a Covid peak where almost everybody in our communities will get Omicron. Don't let Omicron, vaccines, masks, or mandates be divisive. Help our families, clubs or communities get through this. Don't race back to where we were as an organisation. Think differently about our role in the community, about diversity and inclusion, about real community need and how needed we are. Often if we don't help – nobody else will. Take time to think about the future of your club, area and community. At District level we have.

### Meet District Governor Jocelyn Hogg - DG 2024/25

On Tuesday 22 February the Levin Club and the District Governor Train welcomed District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) Jocelyn (and Alex) Hogg. Jocelyn will be DG in 2024/25, following on from Marilyn Stevens 2022/23 and Wayne Gordon 2023/24. Jocelyn could be the last DG subject to a national club vote later this year on regionalisation and redistricting.

### Jocelyn's Rotary Story

Early in 2015, Jocelyn was looking for something to fill a gap and to enable her to contribute to her community Levin. Jocelyn chose to visit a few local community group meetings, including a Rotary social meeting followed by a couple of further Rotary meetings. Jocelyn then decided that Rotary might be for her.



A couple of weeks after Jocelyn was inducted, a notice was shared requesting volunteers to join with Birkenhead Rotary (D9920) to help rebuild Mbossung Centre primary school on a remote island one hour's flight from the mainland of Vanuatu in the village of Ulei. The school was completely destroyed during Cyclone Pam. From October 2015, over two years, Jocelyn spent 44 days on Ambrym Island as part of various teams of eight. There were three or four teams coming and going working until the three-room classroom and office block was rebuilt.

After Jocelyn's first visit she chose to go again, and this time took her husband Alex. Jocelyn and Alex have since been back six times. Jocelyn and Alex have helped rebuild the principal's home, the library, teachers' sleeping rooms, girls' dormitory, toilets, showers, a storeroom and a guest house. They also assisted with getting water trickle fed to the village as there are no rivers on the island and no electricity.

Jocelyn is a supporter to the Waiopehu College Interact club. In 2018, Jocelyn and Alex took three Interact students over to Ambrym Island for a week during which they distributed 400 'Days for Girls'

menstruation kits to students and women in several villages close to Ulei. These washable kits make such a difference to the girls and women on the island. Due to the primitive way in which they live, the trip also had quite an impact on the Interactors.

In 2016 Jocelyn went on a Friendship exchange to India, which she describes as an amazing three weeks. This was followed by a return visit from our hosts a couple of years later.

In 2016, Jocelyn also joined the District 9940 International Services Committee and continues on the committee today. Jocelyn was on the 'Build a House committee' until its completion where \$150,000 was raised. Jocelyn helped donate \$100,000 to the Te Hinaki Education Trust for the distribution of Chrome Books for every student in the Horowhenua region of schools.

Jocelyn and Alex welcomed Florence a student from Ulei Village who had attended Mbossung Centre School, into their home in 2019. Florence attended Waiopehu College and was the first person in her family to ever have had secondary education. Florence left college at the end of 2021 and now works in NZ.

Jocelyn has been a board member for Levin Rotary since 2016, then became Levin Club president in 2019 and served for a two-year period. During this time, Levin celebrated 75 years as a club. Jocelyn remains an active volunteer for most projects and fundraisers that Levin club organises.

She was awarded a Paul Harris pin in 2019 for her work on Ambrym Island and her contributions to Levin Rotary Club. In addition, Jocelyn is also a Rotary friend and family member of the Keystone E-club based in Pennsylvania USA, was a member of the Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species (RAGES) for a few years. Jocelyn is currently a member of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) and is studying to become an ESRAG Oceania Ambassador.

Jocelyn is the current Area Governor for Kapiti/Horowhenua. Please welcome DG 2024-25 Jocelyn Hogg.

### **Rotary International Dues**

**Please ensure you pay your club dues by 25 March.**

As a reminder for all clubs, Rotary International Dues must be paid by 25 March, or sooner, as they need to be then transferred from the District account to RI by 30 March. Please pay into Bank account number 06-0773-0084904-05. Graham Evans, the District Treasurer has previously sent out guidance on this. Any questions please contact Graham at [treasurer9940@rotaryoceania.zone](mailto:treasurer9940@rotaryoceania.zone)

### **Rapidly Emerging Financial Risks to Clubs and Trusts**

***Action required of all clubs - please send a copy of Annual Accounts 2021 for your Club and all Charitable Trusts associated with your Club.***

The District Risk and Finance Committee (DFRC), is tasked with identifying risks to clubs in the District and supporting each club to operate under good governance, meet the legal requirements, and also those of Rotary International. We are also concerned with the reputation of Rotary, and part of that is ensuring that we operate within the law. Our role at District level is to offer professional support, not to interfere. If we see a problem, we will help you fix it. This is one of those situations. New club leadership teams are sometimes surprised by their responsibilities for legal and financial compliance.

Graham as District Treasurer and member of the DFRC has become aware in recent weeks that a number of clubs and trusts are not complying with the terms of their registration and responsibilities under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 (about to be replaced), the Trusts Act 2019, and the Income Tax Act 2007. The non-compliance he has come across recently could potentially result in deregistration and/or fines that have the potential to bankrupt some clubs or trusts.

Graham has been working with these clubs to implement fixes to the problems he has found. However, it's pretty obvious to him that there are potentially other clubs that have similar problems.

To be able to best help clubs find and fix any potential problems, Graham would appreciate being sent a copy of the Annual Accounts FYE June 2021 for each Club and all Charitable Trusts associated with clubs in the District. He doesn't have time to search for these across the public Registers, especially as he knows that some of the reports are not there. Clubs are asked to please set up a system so that this happens every year.

Attention given to fixing any emerging problems now, with support from Graham and other specialists we can call on, may reduce a much heavier workload later. District have run courses on financial and governance best practice and intend to do so again after Easter.

Any questions please contact - Graham Evans, Treasurer, District 9940 - 021 577 476  
[treasurer9940@rotaryoceania.zone](mailto:treasurer9940@rotaryoceania.zone)

### Insurances

Clubs and Trusts are now covered for all liability, except youth, with small events covered without question and large events to be confirmed with Graham Evans, the District Insurance Liaison Officer and District Treasurer. We will have a much more detailed summary in the next few weeks.

### D9940 Conference, 8-9 April, Shaping Our Future, Together - Update

- **Conference Registrations are open.** Registrations for our conference have been emailed to members at the end of February. The programme is looking great with breakout activities and a fun Friday night panel. Registration will cover the technology support for the event.
- **Governor Mark needs your support to encourage members to come to conference.** Please encourage members to register. Please email [D9940conference@gmail.com](mailto:D9940conference@gmail.com) if you have any questions. The conference team of Derek, Em, Julie, Karen, Lynn and Mark promise an action packed 5.5 hours!
- **We need a photo of a recent club activity for the Conference Photo Montage**

Please send a high-resolution photo of a club activity within the last year that you are proud of. Send it to the conference email below – along with details of your club and 1-2 sentences about the activity. We intend to show this on Friday night and throughout Saturday morning.

Please send the photo to [D9940conference@gmail.com](mailto:D9940conference@gmail.com) by **Sunday 3 April 2022**.

### Ethify – an enduring social enterprise revenue stream for Rotary

I am excited to introduce you to 'Ethify'. Todd Digital, which is part of the Todd Corporation, has started 'Ethify' a socially-minded internet service provider. 'Ethify' believes in connection for good, and in connecting people to charitable organisations who champion the causes close to our heart.

Rotary is one of the organisations Todd have chosen to work with. Every month, on behalf of their customers, Todd Digital will contribute a significant portion of its profits to their partner organisations and their associated charities. This is a huge opportunity for Rotary. The model is that Todd Digital provides wholesale internet/digital services to 'Ethify' at a margin. Rotary reaches out to our supporters and introduces them to the 'Ethify' offering. Members switch their internet connection, growing Ethify's customer base. Ethify profits get passed on to Rotary, giving us a new ongoing funding stream for social enterprise.

Todd Digital is looking for Rotarians to help trial Ethify before the July launch. Ethify offers two fibre internet plans and to thank Rotarians for participating in the trial and giving us feedback, there's a special price for the duration of the trial. Rotary will get the \$7 or \$10 / customer per month, depending on the plan.

	<b>Secure Standard Fibre</b> <small>Includes 2 Mesh WiFi Routers</small>	<b>\$89</b> per month <small>\$7 per month (Trial price)</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 300 mbps Download Speed</li> <li>• 100 mbps Upload Speed</li> </ul>
	<b>Secure Plus Ultra-Fast Fibre</b> <small>Includes 2 Mesh WiFi Routers</small>	<b>\$109</b> per month <small>\$10 per month (Trial price)</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 807 mbps Download Speed</li> <li>• 507 mbps Upload Speed</li> </ul>

If anyone wants to participate in the trial, they can email Phillip Reidy of the Plimmerton Club at [phillip-reidy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:phillip-reidy@xtra.co.nz) and he will get you on board.

### Regionalisation / Redistricting

There will be a Zone 8 club vote in August or September on the future of Rotary in New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific. Mark as District Governor is talking about this at each of his club visits. This is a great opportunity for Clubs to get the Rotary organisation we need in New Zealand. Start talking about Regionalisation, Redistricting, Multi-District Organisations and a NZ national Rotary model, potentially utilising Rotary Oceania Zone Operations. If you don't know what any of these mean – look out for future information as it is disseminated over the next few months, including in future Bulletins.

### District Public Image and District Bulletin

Thank you for those individuals who have volunteered to be part of the new Public Image and Bulletin Team. Mark, Adrian and Graham have written this Bulletin until we finalise the new team. Thanks again to Andrew for the work he did. Thanks for your patience as we refresh these critical roles, and we will be in touch with the 'volunteers' in the near future.

### Conclusion

Rotary is a great organisation. It is the people in it and what we do for our communities by putting 'service before self' that makes us great. I am proud of what you are all continue to do through Covid to help our communities. Don't let Covid be divisive. Start planning for the recovery of our communities as we pull through this peak and put Omicron into the rear vision mirror.

Yours in service  
Mark