



District 9940 – New Zealand

NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 30 June 2020



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Little did we know when we set sail in July 2019 that this would prove to be one of Rotary's more unusual years. But then we could say that every Rotary year is unusual because ours is not an organisation that stands still.

A 99th year carries the sense of being "on the cusp" – of history, of legacy and of future impact. We set out with gusto for fundraising, for projects that would create an enduring difference, and for strengthening fellowship and our own capacity for mahi.

The Centenary Projects – Mana Tangata History, Give Every Child a Future programme for life-saving vaccinations, and the Million Trees Project, all reached significant and positive milestones. All this against a backdrop of continuing mahi at local level –from Polio Ride the Train, to community and social enterprise projects. Projects such as Singers to Listen For and Jumbo Tennis, were top scoring for enjoyment and fundraising. Trends were set with the Club's achievement of Carbon Zero status, and we reached out to our Pacific neighbours, providing support in various health and emergency response areas. And members enjoyed fellowship and good company, taking part in occasions such as a wine quiz evening, walks and dinners.

Meanwhile, colleagues from the MBA programme at VUW helped us explore the future of membership. Conversations on breakthrough strategy, challenged us to consider what we sustain, and refresh.

But then came the pandemic – and our determination to "stay in business" in the fullest sense of the world. I am so proud of our RCW team, members and whanau, who mobilised to zoom, livestream, phone tree, Tweet on Tuesdays, and Thirst on Thursday, all in the spirit of connection, learning and impact. For innovation on steroids – we demonstrated the Rotary essence that where there is a will there is a way. As we mobilised, we firmly established 21st Century ways of working that will underpin our mahi for years to come. Celebrate, RCW, this

most unusual year – you have all been outstanding, and it has been an honour to be your President.

Denise Church
President 2019-2020

DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee was renamed to emphasise that the purpose of bringing in new members, quite apart from their own professional skills and experience, was to develop the club.

To that end the Club collaborated with a Victoria University business school programme. Two graduate students, Tracy Curphey and Alex Walsh examined the club with a view to identifying barriers to growth and future courses of action. They presented their results to an invited group on 8 October 2019, and these were later shared with all members and many others.

One face to face meeting of the committee was held on 11 November 2019. This assessed the Curphey/Walsh report and suggested follow up courses of action relating to communication, retention strategies, and use of speakers.

11 members joined the club during 2019-2020, 2 by transfer from other Rotary clubs. 4 women and 7 men, and probably the club's first Muslim member. A number came through introduction by existing members; others through website enquiries which I as chair of this committee followed up. The enthusiasm and ability of new members is impressive. The challenge for the club is to make them welcome and engaged, without burning them out.

At 30 June 2020 club membership stood at 115.

John McKinnon
(Chair)

YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Committee this year consisted of: Karen Doucas, Jenn Rutherford, Sam Williamson, Jordan Shaw, James Ireland, and Tony Hassed (Convenor).

The Youth Committee has responsibility for, or oversight of, on behalf of the Club, the Club's participation in the following programs:

- Outward Bound
- Innovative Young Minds – IYM
- RYPEN – Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment
- RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- National Science & Technology Forum
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Peace Scholarship (not necessarily a youth program but we do seek younger people to apply)
- Rotoract.

Responsibility for each of these programs has been allocated across the membership of the Committee.

Covid-19 influenced many of the Youth programs we normally participate in. Outward Bound was cancelled so we didn't send anybody to that course. IYM reverted to an on-line program so rather than sponsor attendees we co-sponsored the program. RYLA was held in January and we sponsored Iona Sammons (then President of Rotoract) to that course and also to the South Pacific President Elect training seminar. We sponsored Rebecca and Isabella to the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum.

We see one of the principle aims of the Youth Committee as a conduit to the Club's next cohort of Rotarians. We were working on developing a Wellington Young Leaders Group consisting of leaders from Rotoract, Wellington Young Professionals, Wellington Young Lawyers and Wellington Young Accountants but unfortunately, with the arrival of Covid-19, our plans were sent awry. Club

member Jane McCann and Lee Wilkinson, wearing their Rotary Leadership Institute hats, have conducted training sessions for the Rotoract Committee.

Tony Hassed
(Convenor)

VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

The VSC supports social enterprise and the Skilled Migrants programme in Wellington.

Social Enterprise Kick Start Awards

The Rotary Club of Wellington (RCW) has a long history of supporting the establishment of social enterprises and NGOs. In keeping with this pioneering tradition, RCW over the last 5 years has been working with social enterprises in the start-up phase, through the provision of RCW Kick Start Awards.

Social enterprise is a new model for charities that moves away from the reliance on grant donations. Instead the approach involves harnessing the power of business models but applying the proceeds to social purpose. The Kick Start awards are run in conjunction with Ākina for enterprises in the lower North Island. These awards have been replicated by the Newmarket club in Auckland for new enterprises in the upper North Island.

In October 2019, the winning venture, who received a grant of \$7,000, was Koru enterprises and the runner up this year was Braverly who received a grant of \$3,000. Other finalist included The Good Registry, Good Travel and Hai Clothing.

Social Enterprise FWD Supplier Cohort Programme

In early 2020 RCW also partnered with Ākina as the cornerstone investor providing \$20,000 for the FWD Supplier Cohort Programme. This is a new programme working with around ten newly established social enterprises and assisting them with moving to the growth stage by focusing on procurement opportunities. Rotary Club of Newmarket are also contributing to this new national programme through the provision of business mentors.

The programme will involve a series of on-line workshops, supported by mentoring. Using online platforms and video calling, means the programme is national in its reach and works with suppliers across New Zealand. The 3 aspirations for the programme:

- (1) improving the procurement knowledge of participants relevant to their product or service
- (2) using procurement professionals as advisors and mentors
- (3) action based learning focused on potential deal/contract opportunities.

Skilled Migrants Programme

New Zealanders are familiar with highly educated immigrants driving taxis or stacking supermarket shelves. The Skilled Migrant Programme aims to arm its graduates with the necessary communication skills to break back into the kinds of occupations for which they were trained. The programme is a course offered by the School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies at the Victoria University of Wellington (VUW). It is based on a three way partnership between VUW, the Rotary Club of Wellington (RCW) and the Johnson Group (a recruitment agency).

The major components of the course are five weeks' classroom preparation and six weeks' internship with a Wellington employer followed by a final week of classroom based learning. The RWC is involved in two main ways:

1. Providing of teachers on specialist topics (such as the role of sport in NZ) and mock interviews in the classroom based learning
2. Identifying people to mentor each graduate to support them in finding work.

In addition RCW members sometimes assist with arranging internships.

2019/20 was another successful year with 2 programmes being completed. The programme relies on all the partners' contributions and the continued wide range of support from members from across the club. This assistance makes

great use of the different vocational skills in the club through a variety of different means including lecturing, coaching, mentoring and work placement.

Derek Gill
(Vocational Services)

CLUB SERVICES COMMITTEE

Club services were challenged by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic but notwithstanding the club was able to continue operating, mostly via zoom. Administrator Rebecca Maresca was the glue which held the regular meetings together, despite her serious accident in August. She regularly assigned duties at club meetings, supported by stalwarts such as John Rowe and Peter Cullen.

Patrick McArdell provided audiovisual support. John Gibbons and Joy Tracey also assisted. Lance Webster was an invaluable contact at the James Cook although our meetings there had to be suspended in April and May.

John McKinnon
(Chair)

Speakers Programme

1/07/2019	Cheryl Gwyn, Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security: <i>"The role of the Inspector General of Intelligence and Security"</i>
8/07/2019	Margaret Medlyn ONZM, Head of the Classical Voice department, New Zealand School of Music: <i>"A life on the stage - resilience & grit"</i>
15/07/2019	Peter Goodfellow, President of National Party
22/07/2019	Jo Randerson, Artistic Director, Sustainable Business Network
29/07/2019	Dr James Renwick, Head of School of Geography, Environmental and Earth Science, Victoria University of Wellington: <i>"The Science of Climate Change"</i>
5/08/2019	Jackie Lloyd, Independent Director: <i>"Governance - You're not just there to eat your lunch?"</i>
12/08/2019	Mike Egan, National President of the NZ Restaurant Association: <i>"A perspective on the Restaurant Business"</i>

19/08/2019	Scott Figenshow, Director at Community Housing Aotearoa: <i>"Community Housing and the KiwiBuy campaign"</i>
26/08/2019	Martin Matthews: "Integrity and accountability in the public and private sectors - reflections and lessons learned from being embroiled in a high-profile issue"
2/09/2019	Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban DNZM QSO: <i>"New Zealand is a Pacific Nation"</i>
9/09/2019	Karen Coutts, Te Rūnanga o Moeraki Representative on the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu: <i>"Te whanui Ngai Tahu: ko matou? Ko ata te kaupapa te takata? Who are we, Ngai Tahu? What do we do as a people?"</i>
16/09/2019	Dame Karen Sewell: <i>"Education - "Simply by sailing in a new direction You could enlarge the world..." (Allen Curnow)"</i>
30/09/2019	Grant Robertson - Minister of Finance, MP for Wellington
7/10/2019	His Excellency Mr Danai Menabodhi, Ambassador of Thailand: <i>"Relations between Thailand and New Zealand"</i>
14/10/2019	Eva Hartshorn-Sanders, winner of Rotary's Global Grant and Jonathan Cobb, Principal of Te Ara Wellington Youth Activity Centre
21/10/2019	Anne Fitzpatrick, Assistant Research Fellow, University of Otago: <i>"Polio - A Survivor's Story"</i>
4/11/2019	Souella Cumming, Governor D16 Zonta International, and Partner & Lead of IARCS and Government Services for KPMG New Zealand: "Zonta International turns 100, a global service club focused on empowering women through service and advocacy"
18/11/2019	The Hon. Justice Stephen Kos, President of the Court of Appeal: <i>"Sorrow and Laughter - Life in the Law"</i>
25/11/2019	Sir Bill English, former Prime Minister of New Zealand
2/12/2019	Governor John Mohi, with Lane Mohi and Assistant Governors for Wellington, Linda Wellington, and Helen Algar
9/12/2019	Mike Knott, retired Pastor: "Tolerance - Looking Back and Looking Forward"
27/01/20	Jonathan West - Mirrors on the Land: The State of Our Lakes
3/02/20	Grant Guildford, Vice Chancellor Victoria University
10/02/20	Councillor Tamatha Paul
17/02/20	Jock Phillips - Making History: A New Zealand Story - a memoir

24/02/20	Sam Johnson (confirmed 10/12) - Volunteering in 2020: how Rotary Clubs can partner with young volunteers
2/03/20	Andrew Coleman, Chief Executive of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga - 'the dilemma and opportunity that is heritage'
9/03/20	Nicola Ngawati Kaiwhakahaere matua (Director), Mana Wāhine, Ministry for Woman, Iwi Affiliations: Ngāpuhi me Ngāti Hine - The Crown. Maori women and the Waitangi Tribunal: What's the Mana Wahine Kaupapa Inquiry?
16/03/20	Keitha Booth, Independent Consultant advising and commenting on open government and information-related matters - Open Government Partnership - Why Public Participation Matters
23/03/20	Mayor Andy Foster (evening function) - Chris sorted
30/03/20	Jonathan Mosen, Chief Executive, Workbridge - Trends in the disability sec
6/04/20	Sarah Hogan, Health Economist NZIER - COVIUS-19
13/04/20	Sue Wells - Disaster recovery and resilience - lessons from Christchurch
20/04/20	Dr Nicky Nelson, Victoria University - Reptile Conservation, especially Tuatara
27/04/20	Dr Stephen Clark - Resilience: what can we learn from Rotary's response in the aftermath of the Depression and WW2
4/05/20	Dr Judy Lawrence, Member of the Climate Commission - Climate Change Adaptation in the era of COVID-19
11/05/20	Scott Houston, successful tech entrepreneur - "Digital humans - is artificial intelligence technology and robots taking over jobs?" jen Ritherford confirmed 30120
18/05/20	James Willcocks, Director of Predator Free Wellington
25/05/20	Lou Sanson (evening function) - confirmed 12520 John M
8/06/20	Robyn Scott, ED JR McKenzie Trust, and Sue McCabe, CE of Philanthropy NZ - Philanthropy and Covid 19 response in NZ
15/06/20	Ang Dury, Chief Executive at National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges - confirmed 12520 Lynn
22/06/20	Joshua Tabor, Chief Executive, SCOUTS New Zealand - 21st century scouting
29/06/20	Hon Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance. Wellington Central MP - Changeover

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Karen Coutts, Allan Frost, Raewyn Hailes, Christine Hurley, Jane McCann, Lynn McKenzie, Wayne Nyberg, Susan Satyanand, Joan Smith and Janice Wilson.

The 2019-20 year has been busy and our meetings are brimming with news and ideas. Members were very proud to support Karen Coutts' presentation to the club last year with a waiata.

Knowles Salmond Bequest (KSB)

- The Hiko Health and Fitness Gym manager requested and received funding for an exercycle for stroke victims. This self-help group needed support to continue exercising after they had maximised support from the DHB. The group were supported by a trained physiotherapist donating her time. It also led to a weekly social coffee together for the members.
- Pacific Island Presbyterian Church Newtown Older Persons' Exercise Group. Last payment made of 3, each of \$5 000. This group has been supported by CSC for the last 3 years. It has allowed the volunteer coordinator to build up support from other Pasifika volunteers for the group. She can now deal with simple administration as well as co-ordinating the group weekly. The weekly meetings are exercise but also nutrition focused and they provide a social gathering time for the members.
- For the Polio Symposium at Otago Medical School in Wellington, funding of \$2 500 was granted for travel and accommodation for late onset polio sufferers to attend from around NZ.

Disabilities Matters

There were many matters discussed, especially towards finding employment. We tried to support a scheme alongside Workbridge but found it hard to see how our efforts could fit into a sector that has some large players. Part of the work did mean that we encouraged having the previous Workbridge CEO to

speak to members at a lunchtime session in order to raise awareness of the issues.

As a result of the isolation because of the pandemic, we hope to devise a scheme to support the large number of people who have no access to a computer or smart phone. This seems to be a significant issue for elderly and disabled people.

Te Ara Educational Centre

Christine Hurley and Joan Smith regularly visited Te Ara and offered support. The club funded sports, art and other equipment to assist with current and expanded access to activities. We have also donated books for their library.

Supported Accommodation

Te Whare Oki Oki. We are keeping a watching brief of how well this planned housing unit provides inclusive support for a vulnerable, usually homeless, part of the local community. We are aware that some of this group may have complex needs and want to make sure we advocate for them being suitably included with support if needed. Many of the committee feel passionately that we should uplift and support the marginalised people who have no home.

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Jane McCann has successfully organised and run the phone tree which assists RCW members to manage the period of isolation better and will continue to support some of them afterwards.

The pandemic has created a window into other opportunities for the CSC. We are looking carefully at our strategic plan with this in mind.

Young Onset Dementia Aotearoa Trust (YODAT)

At our last meeting we had a presentation from the CEO and psychiatrist who started YODAT and the committee is looking into support this unique but needed service. Based in Hobson St, they provide occupational therapy and

outgoing events for younger dementia sufferers while allowing the care-givers time for themselves.

Our thanks to the Rotary Club of Wellington Board for its support this year. Our committee is open to ideas from the Board in keeping with the strategic planning we will have.

Susan Satyanand
(Chair)

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Strategic Focus

The International Committee continues to focus mainly, but not exclusively, on the Pacific, consistent with the Club's strategy.

- (a) The Committee's work for the year was bisected by COVID-19. The consequent closure of international borders halted progress on some projects and will continue to have an impact on the types of international projects the Club can support until regular international travel resumes.

Emergency Response Kits (ERKs)

Support for ERKs remains a core focus of the International Committee's strategy to support relief efforts in our priority region after natural disasters caused by tropical cyclones, tsunami, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. The kits are a Rotary product designed specifically for the Pacific in consultation with Pacific governments and MFAT. The devastating impact of natural disasters is a constant threat, especially as the number of mega-cyclones continues to increase.

This year, over 1,300 ERKs were distributed nationally to families badly affected by Cyclone Harold in Vanuatu, Fiji and Tonga by dedicated Rotarians in the three countries, the process managed by Rotary New Zealand in the form of RNZWCS Ltd in liaison with MFAT. Since 2007, well over 7,000 ERKs have been distributed following damaging cyclones and tsunamis. Each ERK costs around \$600.

The Board agreed in April to contribute \$10,000 towards replenishment of stocks of ERKs. This was in addition to the \$2,000 raised by the lunch generously hosted by Lady Susan Satyanand in June 2019. A further \$1,300 was raised among RCW members to help San Isidro School for the Deaf which was badly affected by Cyclone Harold and which the Wellington Club has previously supported.

RNZWCS Ltd organises the packing of ERKs in Auckland to a uniform standard and arranges their pre-positioning in various Pacific locations as well as in Auckland to meet immediate demands for assistance. I am the District 9940 representative on the RNZWCS Board which provides a useful link to the work of RCW – reinforced by my role as Chair of the District 9940 International Service Committee.

Disaster Aid New Zealand (DANZ)

DANZ was established during the 2016/17 year to promote "Safe water for every child" as part of Disaster Aid International (DAI), an international network initiated in Australia. The global focus of DAI is funding and installing Sky-Hydrant systems to provide clean drinking water as well as responding to natural disasters, with specific interest in addressing water needs. DANZ is focused on identifying and then supporting projects in the Pacific first and foremost. However, possible water projects in other regions, notably Asia, remain as a secondary priority.

RCW, through the International Committee, is the host club for DANZ, working in partnership with the Rotary Club of Port Nicholson which has provided invaluable strategic and operational support to the establishment of DANZ. Rotary New Zealand World Community Service (RNZWCS) provides DANZ with administrative and financial services and acts as the primary interface with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT) if needed.

In early October, 2019, William Sommerville, a member of the DANZ Management Committee, made a feasibility trip to Honiara funded by RCW. He was accompanied by Prof Rhett Butler, the inventor of the SkyHydrant and a major benefactor through his company, SkyJuice. They identified four locations that could benefit from having a SkyHydrant, three of them health clinics, one

the San Isidro school for the deaf. After further investigation, two of those sites were identified as having the greatest immediate potential for SkyHydrants.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 international travel restrictions have delayed planned work at the two sites in the Solomon Islands. Once international travel is possible, SkyHydrants will be installed under the oversight of William Sommerville and Professor Rhett Butler.

Expansion of the project to other sites in the Pacific, notably Tonga and Fiji, will remain dependent on the outcome of the installation of SkyHydrants in the Solomon Islands. The Committee is confident that once its merits are demonstrated, demand for SkyHydrants will take off. At that point, we will launch the fund-raising promotional programme for use with Rotary Clubs around New Zealand.

DANZ continues to be an Associate Country Partner of Disaster Aid International but our narrower focus on SkyHydrants rather than providing disaster response teams means we have a more listening than active role in DAI. We will keep our role under review in terms of added value.

Measles Epidemic in Samoa

In response to a direct appeal for urgent help from the Rotary Club of Apia, the Board approved a grant of \$3,000 in November 2019, paid through RNZWCS Ltd, to enable the Apia Club to purchase emergency beds, food supplies and other materials for families affected by the measles epidemic. The Club has a continuing relationship with the Apia Club through Christine and Nick Hurley, reinforced by the Club's livelihood project in Savai'i in 2015 and the Centennial immunisation project – RGECAF. The prompt response of the Club was greatly appreciated by the Apia Club and also served as a catalyst for generating wider Rotary assistance to Samoa totalling over \$89,000.

Conclusion

The Committee's focus on the ERKs and Sky-Hydrant remains valid, despite the challenges of delivering on the latter in the Pacific. Both are directly relevant to the short-term and longer-term needs of our region.

Funding remains an on-going challenge to ensure our international commitment matches the profile of the Club as the oldest and largest in New Zealand and whose membership reflects the nature of the country's capital. Efforts to promote the ERKs and SkyHydrant at outside events generate good public interest but only modest funds. The Committee will continue to rely on larger fund-raising opportunities by the Club.

Nick Hurley
(Chair)

STRATGIC SOCIAL ISSUES

Climate Change Committee

Committee Members: Roger Blakeley (Chair), Denise Church, Russ Ballard, Derek Gill, Lynn McKenzie, David Johnston; and technical support team comprising Rob Davison, Joy Tracey, and Joan Smith.

Background:

In 2018 RCW considered some options as to what should be 'the next big issue' for the Club to take on, given its purpose as 'Leaders of Positive Social Change'. The Club decided to take on 'Climate Change', as perhaps the biggest issue facing the world, and New Zealand nationally, regional and locally. We formed a RCW Climate Change Committee in late 2018.

Results in 2019/20:

In November 2019, the Rotary Club of Wellington became the first Rotary Club in the world to be certified as a Carbon Zero Organisation (certified by Toitū Envirocare after an independent audit). This required us to calculate our annual Club carbon emissions, based on members voluntarily completing a questionnaire eg on members' mode of travel to and from meetings and electricity used, food and waste at meeting venues, and have that independently audited. We then developed a carbon emissions reduction plan for the Club, and purchased carbon offsets from Puhī Peaks Station on the

Kaikoura Coast (based on regenerating native forest) through voluntary donations of a few members.

The Climate Change Committee organised a programme of Environment/Climate Change-related speakers for the Club during 2019/2020 and beyond. We invited Dr Judy Lawrence, Member of the Climate Change Commission, to speak to the Club in a personal capacity on 4 May 2020 on the theme "Climate Change Adaptation in the Era of COVID-19".

There has also been an international component of the Committee's work. The Committee has had the view that while reduction of our Club's emissions is modest, our real potential as a game changer would be for RCW to challenge all 35,000 Rotary Clubs in the world to follow our lead and become Carbon Zero, and to challenge the 1.2 million Rotarians around the world to reduce their personal and household carbon emissions.

The Committee submitted a "one page" story on RCW's journey to become certified carbon zero to the following newsletters: Rotary International, Rotary Oceania, Rotary DownUnder and District 9940, and invited other Rotary Clubs to contact us if they were interested in our experience. Our Climate Change Committee technical support team wrote a case study, which could make it easy for any other club to calculate their carbon footprint.

As a result of these articles, we were contacted by Patricia Armstrong, an Australian-based Board Member of the Environmental Sustainability Action Group (ESRAG) of Rotary International. Out of that conversation came the idea of developing a web-based emissions calculator that would make it easy for any Rotary Club in the world to calculate their carbon footprint - as a first step to reducing their carbon emissions and offsetting their residual emissions.

Patricia Armstrong convened by zoom a group of international Rotarians, who are members of ESRAG and with particular interests in Climate Change: the group has members from USA, UK, Mali, Australia and NZ. As a first step, the group is planning a programme of pilots of using the Toitū Envirocare web-based based calculator for 3 Rotary Clubs in each of three cities: Wellington,

Melbourne and Norwich, UK as a first step towards building a calculator that could be used by any Rotary club in the world

Dr Roger Blakeley
(Chair)

Forums Committee

The 2019 Rotary Forum was held in the Renouf Foyer, MFC on 4 July 2019.

The Forum has been running for eight years on a range of topics. The last two years have been focused on developing a blueprint for the future of Wellington, by hosting some of New Zealand's most innovative speakers and asking them to share their 'Impossible Dreams' for Wellington city and the region.

This year we built on that success with the theme "Wellington: Creating Tomorrow", with ten inspiring speakers: Hon Grant Robertson, MP for Wellington Central; Wayne Mulligan, Chair, Port Nicholson, Block Settlement Trust; Chlöe Swarbrick, MP; Tamatha Paul, President, VUWSA; Anake Goodall, Chair Hillary Institute of International Leadership; Sophie Handford, Strike 4 Climate leader; Abbas Nazari, former refugee from Afghanistan and advocate for inclusion; Victoria Spackman, Arts and Creativity Advocate; Dr Sarb Johal, Psychologist and disaster mental health expert; Moana Mackey, Chief Adviser to Chief City Planner, WCC. The Forum also established 'communities of interest' among participants to help them engage, collaborate and co-create the Wellington of tomorrow.

There were 100 registrants at the Forum, and a total of 120 attendees including speakers and volunteer organisers. Fees were \$92 waged and \$31 unwaged.

The feedback from participants gave the Forum an overall rating of over 8/10, which was similar to the high ratings in earlier years of the Forum. Comments were that the speakers were 'outstanding', including youth and diversity, on contemporary issues.

The financial contribution of the Club to the Forum was \$6435. In that regard:

- This funding came out of reserves from previous surpluses on RCW Forums.
- The Forums support the RCW Purpose of "Leaders of Positive Social Change".
- The Forums promote the RCW "brand" as a modern, diverse, dynamic, relevant organisation - tackling today's and tomorrow's big issues for Wellington.
- The Forums help attract younger people as potential RCW members.

The RCW Forums Committee conducted a "first principles" review of the Forum on 7 August 2019. Some suggestions in that discussion were:

- Revised purpose: "Using our influence and networks to facilitate neutral apolitical discussion and actions on matters that are important to the future of Wellington".

Possible options for the future form of the 'event' considered were:

1. Enhanced status quo
2. Roundtable lunch or dinner
3. Partner with Massey, WCC, event manager
4. Electronic format or podcasts
5. Endow a trust to take it forward, like Eureka

Roger Blakeley stepped down after having chaired the Forums Committee over the last three years, and a small group of Lynda Carroll, Mark Woodard, Chris Whelan and DK (with Helen Algar and Fraser Carson 'in the loop') was formed to consider ideas and options and next steps, and report on options to the Board.

Dr Roger Blakeley
(Chair)

PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Eureka!

The 2019/20 Rotary year has been a successful but challenging one for the Rotary Club of Wellington Eureka! Trust.

Highlights

- Another very successful Sir Paul Callaghan Eureka! Young Science Leaders Forum was held at Government House under the sponsorship of the Governor-General. Following a number of keynote addresses from top researchers who set the scene, the Eureka! finalists, invited high school STEM students and sponsors addressed the topic "A question of resilience". This year the sponsors of this event, Building Better Homes, Towns and Cities Science Challenge, Massey University and EQC, played a major role in setting up and running the Forum.
- Participation levels in Eureka's main competition were sustained albeit with a significant drop-off from the record high expressions of interest. Focussing on getting initial entrants to complete their presentations will be a focus in 2020.
- The National finals were again held at Massey University. The National Judging Panel were impressed with the high calibre of the presentations across the board although a bit concerned about a tendency to shift from enthusiasm into advocacy. The winner of the Sir Paul Callaghan Premier Award in 2019 was Lila Madden from Cashmere High School addressing the topic "Revolutionary Ryegrass".
- The Eureka video awards continue to gain momentum and with support from our sponsor, Nonsuch Consulting, two awards were given in 2019. The awards were presented at a RCW lunch where members got to view the winning entries.
- In 2019 the Awards Dinner returned to Parliament and was hosted by local MP Greg O'Connor. One of our Alumni, Shalini Guleria, founder and CEO of Science Box, gave a stunning keynote address.
- Our Alumni group continues to grow as do their reputations. They now number over 130.

- The Board renewal process has continued this year with Alex Hare joining as a new Trustees replacing John Boshier. John was a founding Trustee who made a sustained contribution over his 7 years on the Board. He continues his involvement as a volunteer. Strong support, at both the governance level and for operations, continues from our other Trustees, Anthony Scott, Jennifer Rutherford, Debbie Chin, Margaret Hyland, Jennifer Palmer and Jo Haanstra.
- Joy Tracy stepped up in a major way in 2019. At the beginning of the year she replaced John Emmanuel as chair of the National Organising Committee and, with the resignation of Debbie Gee as General Manager, she stepped into this role. Following Rebecca's accident, she picked up her administrative responsibilities as well. Gray Hughson, our long serving Honorary Treasurer stood down later in the year and she picked up these responsibilities as well. THANKS JOY.
- Eureka continues to receive very good support from the club membership around the administration of our events.
- Eureka returned to profitability in in 2019, thanks to good sponsorship of the Forum, providing Eureka with a strong balance sheet of over \$100k. This will be useful as we face the impact of COVID-19 on Eureka's events and sponsorship.

Challenges

- The administration of Eureka faced substantial challenges during 2019 and into 2020. Debbie Gee resigned as General Manager in July and Rebecca has been unable to return to her support role yet following her accident. As mentioned above Joy Tracey has stepped up to fill both these roles with able help from Jack Wynne. We are grateful that Jack has joined KPMG in Wellington following completion of his PhD.
- During the year the Board made the decision to put our efforts to get Junior Eureka! operating effectively on the back burner. The Trust does not have the resources to turn it into an effective national programme.

The COVID-19 pandemic has thrown the Eureka! Trust a curve ball. The Trust Board has made the decision to continue with a finalists event 'on-line'. At the

time of writing we are unsure whether the 2020 Forum will proceed – we await a decision from Government House. With its impact on various segments of the economy we have also lost a number of our sponsors, but our strong balance sheet will allow us to get through this challenge while still retaining the credibility of the Eureka! brand.

Russ Ballard

(Chairman, Eureka! Board of Trustees)

Jumbo Tennis

The Nonsuch PPM JUMBO TENNIS JUMBO TENNIS Tournament 2020. A feature is the number of teams who keep coming back, some every year, since 2009!

We were delighted to have Nonsuch PPM as our Gold Sponsor once again.

A very impressive list of prizes for the tennis and 4 great raffle prizes. The raffle is a substantial contributor to the outcome.

Another great Wellington day rounded out by the magic of Jonathan Usher.

Funds raised were similar to prior years and after a payment to Wellington Tennis to support youth tennis, in exchange for use of the courts, these funds were shared between our centennial project, Rotary: Give Every Child a Future and equipment for the new Wellington Children's Hospital.

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Andrew Mahoney
 (Convenor)

WELLINGTON ROTARY CHARITABLE TRUST

Annual Report YE 30 June 2020

On behalf of the Trustees of the Rotary Club of Wellington Charitable Trust, I have great pleasure in summarising the activities of the year.

Trustees

There were no changes to Trustees this year. The current Trustees are: Andrew Austin (Chair), Rhys Barlow, Alexandra Hare, Gray Hughson, Kate Mitchell, Joan Smith and Joy Tracey. In any standard year we meet as Trustees quarterly (February, May, August and November) and communicate by email on any issues arising between meetings. The COVID-19 year saw the Trustees meeting on a more adhoc basis by video conference (ZOOM) this year.

Funds Management / Investments

Hobson Wealth have again managed our funds this year, with their representative, Curtis O'Connor, reporting once per annum to the Trustees in person. We receive quarterly valuation reports and annual performance.

In addition to the income earned from the portfolio of investments, we oversee the donations received from club members to the trust as a bare trustee. These funds can include regular weekly donations, one off lump sums, and in some cases the proceeds from fund raising events. Proceeds from fundraising and weekly donations are typically distributed within 6 to 12 months, whereas the accumulated assets of the club are by club discretion.

The portfolio totals approximately **\$1.675M** of combined funds as of June 2020, from \$1.809M in 2019 (2019 is a revised figure when referencing 2019 WRCT board report). Note: balance includes a distributions of \$96,231 made 1 July 2020, but attributable to the 2020 year.

The fall in the value of assets is attributable to the large increase in charitable distributions this year and the challenging investment markets after COVID. The increase in distributions was a pleasing result to the Trustees addressing previous years of lower distribution.

The trustees' maintained a moderately conservative portfolio, deemed appropriate to the risk profile of the Trust. The asset allocation was set at 55 income /45 Growth and throughout the year and have been ensuring the portfolio manager is maintaining to this ratio.

Although COVID led to one of the most volatile years in recent times, overall returns from the portfolio have been strong this year, as we saw markets bounce back from lows seen in Feb/March 2020. The Trustees are however conscious that the Reserve Banks measures to support NZ's economy has lowered interest rates significantly, therefore income asset returns are set to be challenging in the years to come. We face significantly reduced income as existing assets mature into a low rate environment.

At the Trustee meeting held on June 5th 2018 it was noted that the Trust has been with Hobson Wealth since June 2010. Therefore, after a period of 8 years the Trustees felt it was appropriate to review the current market to ensure the Trust is receiving the most appropriate services available.

As with the 2019 year, this review did not occur in 2020 year due to COVID and the Trustees focus being on revision of Trust practices (more below)

Trust Financial Accounts

The Trust continues to use Moore Markhams as its external accountant, ably guided by Gray Hughson. A meeting was held with Markhams and confirmed the expectation that annual fees will be reducing now that the transition is complete.

Revision of 'Best Practice' Trustee responsibilities

The Trust has now been operating for over 30 years (original trust deed was dated 1984) and during that period legal, accountancy and investment management practices have continued to develop.

During the year, Trustees spent a considerable amount of their time developing existing processes to align with associated industry best practice, as much as possible. Importantly, this included researching and documenting historical transfers to the trust where records were difficult to source. We felt this was important for future generations and are cognisant that club members require increased assurance any assets they leave to the club, and trust, are being managed prudently.

Considerable efforts were channelled into minimising the risk of a tax liability to both club and trust. Professional advice was sourced in some instances from BDO to ensure an independent review was provided, particularly around the appropriate treatment of the distributions for the Mana Tangata project. As touched on above, the Trustees also felt it prudent in 2020, leading into the centennial year, to conduct research on the history of club transfers to the Trust. As a result, the Trustees are satisfied that all funds within the Trust are only for charitable purposes and a portion is not being held for club operational activities (which would have created a liability for the club).

The treatment of "club funds" (funds raised for charitable purposes) has been updated in the 2020 financial statements, separating out the unrealised gains into a separate category. As highlighted in the table below.

The Trustees are also investigating options to simplify the relationship between Trust and Club. For example, The Trustees now view that short term fundraising proceeds (events such as Jumbo Tennis) serve no purpose being transferred to the Trust, before being distributed to the ultimate causes. These funds can be held at club, reducing workload for the Board members, Trustees, and administration officers.

Fund status

Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	2020
Salmon Knowles Bequest - Fund assistance and research to benefit the elderly	\$ 442,549
Knowles Bequest - Fund assistance to benefit the elderly	\$ 305,64
Hill Bequest - Fund programmes to support the development of youth	\$ 79,426

Centennial Fund	\$	28,413
Rangatira Shares JR Mckenzie Trust	\$	112,500
RCW Funds Raised - Fund targeted charitable causes	\$	350,956
Unrealised Portfolio Gains	\$	356,426
Totals	\$	1,675,916

We note the following key points:

- **The club has significant funds managed within the Trusts investment portfolio - approximately \$350,956.** The distribution of which can be determined by the board, equally so the board has the option to grow this capital fund.
- Unrealised gains are also significant at \$354,817, allowing significant buffer for future years of distributions.
- Centenary funds of \$28,413, can now be returned to the club for distribution in the centenary year. A small tax liability may apply.
- Rangatira shares – 10,000 shares gifted to the club by Sir Roy McKenzie. The dividends are available to be distributed. **As with 2019, there has again been no request this year for these funds – the Board may wish to consider an ongoing cause to support, currently dividends are accumulating, unspent.** *Note: the board was updated early into the new Rotary year (August 2020 board meeting) that a cause could be identified for these accumulating dividends. Music awards was mooted as a potential option.*

- The Knowles bequest has a significant accumulated balance of investment returns. **The board has excess funds available to provide grants to the elderly from this fund.**
- **Salmon Knowles** – All accumulated funds have been committed to the PHD scholarship arrangement with the Otago university.
- Huia and Eleanor Hill fund – We understand the youth commitment has ended in the 2020/2021 year. A period of no distribution would allow the capital of this fund to be restored before identifying a new sustainable charitable cause.

Grant Applications

An update was provided to the Board including an increased level of information funds available for distribution. Our aim is to empower the board further increase grant distribution and ultimately improve transparency to the club overall and raise the profile of the Trust.

The Trust will continue to provide the following information:

- Funds availability for each managed bequest, a table of accumulated reserves available for each bequest, above the capital protected balance for all Trust funds.
- RCW club funds – full balance of funds available.
- Realised returns from the previous year on Trust funds and club funds.

Promotion of the Trust and growing the Capital Fund

The Trust reports back to the Club from time to time with a presentation at a lunchtime meeting, both to demonstrate what has been achieved through grants made, and to encourage club members to consider supporting the Trust through either regularly pledged weekly donations at meetings, a lifetime gift, a bequest in their will, or a combination of these.

The Trustees continue to discuss initiatives to best promote the Trusts capability and are aiming to make this a priority as we move into the club's centennial year. With the significant work understanding the historical position of Trust transfers now completed, the Trustees are confident Trust governance has improved significantly. We hope this will bring assurance to club members.

Our sincere thanks

The continuing link between the Rotary Club of Wellington and the Wellington Rotary Charitable Trust is very important to the club and its members. We, as Trustees, value the continuing ability to assist worthy groups and organisations because of the very good work by the Committee Chairs and the great work of their committees in finding worthy recipients and because of the generosity and foresight of earlier members and the ongoing generosity of existing members who donate funds to the trust.

I personally thank the Trustees for their commitment during this a particularly challenging year, not only due to COVID but also due to the extensive work required to enhance best practice in Trust governance.

We would also like to acknowledge Rebecca Maresca's services over the years. Her attention to detail and willingness to assist will be sorely missed.

Andrew Austin
(Chair)

J R MCKENZIE YOUTH EDUCATION FUND

There have been a number of changes and developments in the Rotary Club of Wellington's management of the J. R. McKenzie Youth Education Fund this year:

1. Fund Chair, Grant Uridge, has resigned from the Rotary Club of Wellington and his position as Chair of the Fund has been taken up by Donna Dentice, a long-standing Trustee.
2. Denise Church, Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Wellington remains a Trustee

3. Jordan Shaw, a newer member of the Rotary Club of Wellington, has accepted a position as the third member of the team. He has a background in project management and accounting.
4. The Trustees have developed an information sheet for third parties supporting individual applicants, in an effort to manage both the robustness of the application process and the third party's expectations of success. This information sheet is attached.
5. The Fund has continued to support the Decile 1-3 schools in its stable. All schools are now well versed in the annual reporting requirements, and are able to show the benefits of the funding to their needy students.
6. In June 2020, the Fund made an additional offer of a one-off grant to each school based on 25% of their base funding. This was in acknowledgement that the pandemic has put extra pressure on families at the lower end of the socio-economic scale, and that this is likely to negatively impact the school students in the household too.
7. This year we received 111 individual applications, 76 of which were approved, with a total grant value of \$13,420.70; and fifteen bulk grant payments were made to schools totalling \$39,000. This does not include the one off top up payments which totalled \$9,750.

The Wellington Rotary Club Trustees of the J. R. McKenzie Youth Education Fund are satisfied that the funding is going to the right students and is making a difference to individual lives by enabling them to attend school more regularly and therefore gain better qualifications.

Donna Dentice
(Chair)

JOHN ILOTT CHARITABLE TRUST

Background

John (Bert) Illot was a charter member of our club and subsequent president, and a District Governor when NZ was one District, going on to become Vice President of Rotary International. Bert hosted Paul Harris on his visit to

Wellington in 1933. Bert's son Jack joined RCW in 1963 and was President in 1978. In 1992 the family handed control of the Trust to RCW. In addition to the Trustees, and recognising the limitations provided by an ever-changing Trust board, the provision of an advisory board of not less than 2 and not more than 5 was established to maintain continuity.

There are three key elements to the successful running of the John Ilott Trust – good governance, management of the investments, and distribution of the income as provided for in the guidelines from the Ilott family.

Governance

The Trustees are the President of the Rotary Club of Wellington, the Immediate Past President and the President-Elect, so, at the start of the year, John McKinnon joined Marion Cowden and me as the Trustees for the year.

We were supported at our meetings by George Fairbairn, the Chair of the John Ilott Advisory Committee, Denis Kirkcaldie, the Treasurer of the Trust and Rebecca Maresca, secretary. Denis handed over his responsibilities to Seby Reeves at the May 2020 meeting of the Trustees (which was held by zoom). Rebecca's serious accident (en route to the August 2019 meeting of the Trustees) meant she was unable to attend the December meeting in person. Previous chair Marion Cowden kindly undertook her duties. Club member Chris Whelan joined the board as an observer at the May meeting. In addition, the Trustees have the benefit of a comprehensive governance manual that distils many years of accumulated wisdom and advice on operating the Trust.

Distribution

The John Ilott Advisory Committee under the able leadership of George Fairbairn undertakes a significant workload in the distribution process.

Members as well as George Fairbairn were Bice Awan, Gray Hughson, Peter Halsted and Lynn McKenzie.

Applications for grants are received once a year, whereupon the advisory committee members individually review each application to assess it against

the grant criteria. The committee then meets as a group to go through the applications and make a decision on whether or not to recommend each one for a grant.

The list of recommendations is then referred to the Trustees for approval of the grants at their December meeting. Club member Alison Hawkins kindly undertook the administrative work for the Advisory Committee that Rebecca Maresca would have discharged prior to her accident.

This year 137 applications were received, 84 were approved and \$156,788 was distributed.

Investment Management

The Trust funds are invested under a balanced investment profile provided to the third-party managers by the Trustees. Regular dialogue takes place between the managers and the Treasurer, and the Board is involved in reviewing the investment position of the portfolio at each Board meeting to ensure the portfolio is in line with agreed protocols. The management of the funds is currently provided from Craigs Investment

Partners ably led by David Cheape. David stepped down in the course of the year. His successor, approved by the Board, was Tyler Cory.

Value of Portfolio

The portfolio had a value of \$3,844,084 at 31 March 2020 (the Trust's year-end), slightly down from the opening value of \$3,858,076.

Investments performed satisfactorily over the year with a return of 5.10% (before tax and fees). Current ultra-low interest rates may make it more challenging to maintain a similar level of granting in future years as this will rely on a combination capital and income growth from the portfolio.

Denise Church
(Chair)

J R MCKENZIE TRUST REPORT

JR McKenzie Trust Board

At the December 2019 AGM of the Trust, Manaia King, was re-elected Chair of the Trust while Rotary Club of Wellington trustee, Joan Smith, was re-elected Deputy Chair. Louise Edwards, former CEO of the Rata Foundation, joined the Trust after the resignation of Rotary Club of Christchurch member, Jane Montgomery. Joan chaired the Audit and Risk Committee and the Responsive Grants Committees and continued as a member of the Peter McKenzie Project.

Te Anga Rautaki – New Trust Strategy for 2021-2030

The ten-year review of the Trust's vision and strategy that begun last year was completed in 2020. The new strategy, Te Anga Rautaki, will be implemented in 2021 and has a singular priority: *working and investing in ways that advance equality through transformational change and system-focused solutions*. Te Anga Rautaki is the latest expression of the giving philosophy developed over the last 80 years by the McKenzie family, in particular, by former club members, Sir John McKenzie and his son Sir Roy McKenzie.

Advancing equity means addressing the underlying causes of inequity and exclusion. The Trust will focus on enabling and partnering with those experiencing the greatest inequality, exclusion and disadvantage in four pou/communities of interest:

- Children, young people and whanau
- Maori
- Pacific Peoples
- Communities that experience exclusion

The trust wants to see the following impact from its grants and proactive work:

- More connected communities
- More inclusive decision-making
- Equitable access to resources
- Increased capacity for transformational change
- Equitable public policies

Peter McKenzie Project

The long-term Peter McKenzie project, which has a vision of “an Aotearoa New Zealand where all our children, young people and mokopuna flourish”, made multi-year grants to four new initiatives. aimed at reducing poverty. These are:

- Community Housing Aotearoa working with the Human Rights Commission to develop “Guidelines on the right to a decent home”.
- Muapoko Tribal Authority and FinCap. An iwi-led collective approach to poverty reduction in Levin/Taitoko with a national organisation taking local voices & issues to central government.
- ActionStation working with The Workshop, Tokona Te Raki and Whakaaro Factory to build the Campaign of Hope.
- Uptempo, a project of the Southern Initiative in Auckland, taking an innovative approach to enabling Aiga-Pacific families-to direct and determine their own economic future.

An additional three-year grant was given to Taranaki based WhyOra to continue their health workforce work and to extend this to the education sector to enable more Maori into jobs with good incomes and prospects for progression.

Responsive Grants

During the year to 30 June 2020 the Trust allocated over \$3.3 million to responsive grants across Aotearoa. The grants were for projects addressing issues that affect disadvantaged children and their families; Maori Development; and issues of social justice and inclusion.

Organisations currently receiving multi-year responsive grants in Rotary District 9940 are:

- **ActionStation Aotearoa** – For campaigns and training of non-Maori volunteers to help create social and political conditions to enhance tino rangatiratanga and ensure Maori flourish.

- **Amnesty International New Zealand** – Research to advocate for change for the rights of detainees in New Zealand. Some work in collaboration with JustSpeak.
- **Billy Graham Youth Trust, Lower Hutt** – supporting their work in youth development and rangatahi-led social change at a local community level. The grant will provide tools, training and resources to successfully establish new youth boxing academies in other cities/towns in New Zealand.
- **Blueprint Community Trust – The Free Store, Wellington** – Capacity growth of The Free Store for developing community leadership, stakeholder relationships, and a self-sustaining charity model.
- **The Common Unity Project Aotearoa, Eponi, Lower Hutt** – To enable the Eponi community to feed, connect, regenerate and nourish itself and thereby empowering them to thrive in a disadvantaged community.
- **The Community Law Wellington & Hutt Valley** – To expand a pilot project to run a prison advocacy and education service for Maori prisoners in Rimutaka prison.
- **Living Wage Movement Aotearoa NZ** – To build the capacity and capability of communities to grow their voice and organise together for the living wage for the well-being of workers and their families.
- **JustSpeak** – To support and develop the next generation of leaders in the transformation of our criminal justice system to be compassionate, effective, and just.
- **Maoriland Charitable Trust** – Growth of rangatahi storytelling through film, growing rangatahi leadership, organising the Rangatahi Film Challenge and Maoriland Rangatahi Film Festival.
- **Te Tihi o Ruahine Whanau Ora Alliance, Palmerston North** – To develop a digital platform for rangatahi and their whanau to achieve their aspirations and engage in meaningful relationships.
- **Te Whare Tane Charitable Trust, Lower Hutt** – Supporting men who want to stop the violence they have been perpetrating against their families. This grant is to enable the newly formed trust to establish temporary accommodation and counselling services for these men.

Wellington Regional Panel

A big thank you to members of the Wellington Regional Panel who assist the Panel Chair and JR Mc Kenzie Trust staff in visiting shortlisted responsive grant organisations and assessing their grant applications. Panel members are Sir Roy McKenzie's grand-daughter, Sarah McLennan; Rotary Club of Wellington members, Karen Coutts, Christine Hurley and Joy Tracey; Rotary Club of Johnsonville member Mark Pickering; Rotary Club of Kapiti member Liz Koh; Trevor Mc Glinchey, Christian Council of Social Services; and Peter Mc Neur, Wairarapa.

Joan Smith

Chair, Wellington Regional Panel
& Deputy Chair, JR McKenzie Trust

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