

### Meetings and Events Calendar

#### July: Start of New Year of Service

07 Jul	General Business Meeting at Alex Bar & Eatery @ 6.30pm
14 Jul	Join Epsom Rotary in visit to NZ School of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine @ 6.30pm @ 382C Manukau Rd - please RSVP
21 Jul	Planning Meeting at McDonalds Greenlane Community Meeting Room @ 6.30pm
28 Jul	Zoom Meeting OR NZFF Movie OR Netflix Movie (TBC)
04 Aug	TBA
10 Aug	Book Launch Save the Date: ROCK COLLEGE (An Unofficial History of Mount Eden Prison) by Mark Derby. Hosted by Epsom & Eden Historical Society @ Epsom Community Centre @ 7.30pm (Mon night)

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### Changeover Dinner and Meeting on 30 June

Many thanks to everyone who attended our Changeover Dinner and Meeting on Tuesday 30 June at Pasta & Cuore in Mt Eden. Our special thanks to District Governor Elect Craig Horrocks (who became our District Governor a few hours later), Mumtaz Dolbel (it was wonderful to meet you – thank you very much for coming along to support Charles) and Fiona Johnston (it was great to see you again). We were delighted to see Nickola Horrocks looking so well and we were also very happy to see Ursula Bach (thanks Adi for looking after Viggo). We received apologies from Greg Chaplin and Ian Denning.

It was a special night. Not only did we have Ainslie Campbell handing over the Presidency to Gerry Henderson as we saw in the new Rotary year and theme; but we also inducted Charles Dolbel as a new member of the club. Charles has been visiting the club since he attended Professor Ralph Cooney's public talk in February. We are delighted to welcome you to the club Charles – with your energy, creativity, business experience and organisational skills, you will be a great asset to the club.

Craig Horrocks also acknowledged the significant contribution made to District 9920 in its Learning Facilitation by Ursula and we were delighted to hear that Ainslie will serve as District 9920 Interact Clubs Chair.



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## Changeover Report for the 2019-2020 Year

The Rotary Club of Mt Eden is a small but active club. Our activities this year were constrained by the COVID-19 outbreak but we still managed to fulfill a number of our projects in the first half of the Rotary year.

### Projects and Fundraising

On 12 September 2019, we joined forces with Epsom Rotary to hold a DOWNTON ABBEY Movie Night Fundraiser at the Capitol Cinema to raise funds for the Hearts4Kids Starship Hospital volunteer surgical team which travels to Fiji to perform life saving and life changing heart surgery on children in Fiji. The premiere screening of the movie was essentially a sell-out and a great success and, together with the support of a \$1,500 matching grant from the Rotary Foundation, Mt Eden Rotary and Epsom Rotary were able to donate \$3,250 to the Hearts4Kids team for their surgical trip to Fiji in mid November 2019.

On 24 September 2019, we held a fundraising author talk and signing event at the Epsom Community Library for the release of the latest paranormal romance ARCHANGEL'S WAR by New York Times bestselling and multiple award-winning author Nalini Singh who has sold more than 7 million books worldwide. Around 80 fans attended the book launch and we sold 78 books which, together with some koha/donations, raised \$670 (or \$604 after GST) towards our Rotary literacy projects.

This was followed by another fundraising author talk and book signing for THE HISTORY OF MOUNT EDEN by Dr Helen Laurenson on 22 October 2019 at the Epsom Community Library. It was a good night with around 40 attendees. Book sales and donations raised an additional \$354 (or \$329 after GST) towards our Rotary literacy projects.

The funds raised from these two events will go towards buying copies of the Road Code and Maori language books for the Mt Eden Corrections Facility in 2020. We hope to receive a matching grant from the Rotary Foundation to put towards these book purchases.

On 1 November, the club participated in the Rotary All Trains Event which was a district-wide event which served as both a polio awareness builder and polio fundraiser at all of the train stations in the Auckland network. The theme was "Tag You On and Tag Polio Off". Our club participated at the Mt Eden Train Station and collected \$194 in donations for Polio.

We followed this up with a TWO POPES Movie Night Fundraiser at the Capitol Cinema on 12 December as another fundraiser for Polio. We sold 39 tickets and received donations and raffle ticket sale proceeds which together raised \$824 (or \$717 after GST). These two events, together with member contributions, mean we raised more than \$1,200 after GST for Polio. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will provide a 2:1 match for these funds. The club currently plans to donate these funds to Polio Plus at the next All Trains Event which is scheduled to be held on 23 October 2020.

We also assisted at the MAPURA STUDIOS CHARITY ART AUCTION on 21 November. This was mostly organized by the Rotary Club of Epsom in conjunction with the Gow Langsford Gallery. But we played a valuable supporting role and we were delighted to help out at the fundraiser which raised over \$100,000 for art therapy for stroke victims and people with complex disabilities. Mapura Studios is a creative space offering visual arts, music, movement, cartooning and art therapy programmes for people of all ages living with disability and diversity, as well as the wider community.

The Rotary Foundation is our charity of choice – we donate to it and it, in turn, supports our charitable endeavours in six key areas of focus (soon to be seven) which are: Peace and conflict prevention, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy and Economic and community development. The seventh area of focus will be the Environment. While our main fundraiser for the Rotary Foundation was postponed (the James Bond Movie NO TIME TO DIE), club members together contributed \$1,500 towards the Rotary Foundation this year, which was a great effort.

In addition, we made a donation to the Middlemore Foundation which, after a club member top up, was \$300 (the club contributed \$150) and we made a donation to HELP (the Auckland Sexual Abuse Help Foundation) which, after club member top ups, was \$400 (the club contributed \$200).

### Speakers, Social Events and Networking Events

Until the COVID-19 outbreak occurred, we had a busy year. We kicked off the Rotary year by attending the Rotary Club of Mangere's changeover and listened to a thought-provoking talk from the Childrens Commissioner, Andrew Beecroft, particularly his comparison of NZ's performance for its seniors vs NZ's performance for its children (< 18); and the importance of being child-centred. We attended the Rotary District 9920 Changeover and, on a more social note, we watched the YESTERDAY movie at the Lido Cinema and had dinner at the Sake Nippon Bar beforehand for a relaxing and fun night.

Our speakers in the first quarter were:

- Mark Dixon, the CEO of Allergy NZ, who spoke about his late father's involvement with Rotary and the important advocacy and educational work that Allergy NZ does, with very limited resources. This is against the backdrop of an increasing prevalence of allergic diseases and asthma worldwide and rising costs – a global public health concern.
- Club member Ursula Bach gave us the Mental Health Support Workers & Suicide Prevention presentation that she made as part of the Oral Examination required for her to complete her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the University of Auckland. The presentation highlighted the experiences faced by such workers, as well as the lack of training and support and strong feelings of responsibility vs being undervalued.
- Laura Mooney who we sponsored to attend the UN Youth Conference in Melbourne (Topic – The Age of Information) followed by a cultural exchange spent in Vanuatu, including visits to NGOs and charities.
- District Governor Gary Langford. Gary reminded us that we are all members because someone asked us to join. He acknowledged the strong support of his club in his role as DG. Gary drew our attention to the wider family of Rotary, including Rotaract, Interact and The Rotary Foundation. Our district, 9920 is vast and comprises 1385 Rotarians in 53 clubs. The Rotary Foundation has been successful in reducing the incidence of polio from 300,000 in 1988 to just 57 in Pakistan and Afghanistan in 2019. Gary encouraged all members of the club to keep doing good work in the community and telling our story which will attract more interest and members to Rotary. He also asked all Rotarians to never forget the "Rotary Four Way Test", and to practice this in all we do.

We were also invited to a free screening of THE HEART OF THE MATTER at Epsom Campus and we helped host the Auckland Mayoral Candidates debate between Phil Goff and John Tamihere. The debate was fiery and well-attended.

In the second quarter, we heard from:

- Sylvia Yandall, the Crisis Services Manager at HELP, which provides services for the survivors of sexual abuse and which we had contributed \$200 to, topped up by additional donations of \$200 from members, to help them attend a specialist hui in Wellington to talk about providing their services to a broader range of ethnic communities. Sylvia's talk gave us a good insight into the services the organisation offers (support for sexual abuse survivors) and plans, as well as some of the challenges it faces (including high staff turnover). Those of you who have been with the club for a while may recall that we assisted HELP in 2014 with funding for a Youth Garden; and a couple of our members subsequently attended the garden opening.
- Zoe Cornelius, the Librarian at the Mt Eden Corrections Facility. Based on previous fundraising efforts, specifically an OCEAN LIGHT book launch event held in the previous year with bestselling author Nalini Singh and her fans, we were able to donate 100 copies of the Usborne Illustrated English Dictionary in November 2019 to Zoe Cornelius (Librarian) and Ghissy Lee (Regional Volunteer Coordinator) to assist

their literacy programmes. This was our third donation of dictionaries to the Mt Eden Corrections Facility to assist with the library's and volunteers' efforts to improve the literacy of the remand prisoners.

We also had a social dinner to catch up with past member Sarah Kedgley who is now unable to attend our meetings (due to sight issues).

In the third quarter, we were very fortunate to have Professor Ralph Cooney speak to us. His talk: Planet Earth: Science and the Next 20 Years covered a number of timely topics and it was both informative and thought-provoking. Our President-Elect Gerry Henderson also spoke to us about the Oceania Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (held in Australia) and a team attended the Epsom Rotary Bowls Tourni just before the Lockdown (we performed creditably – we didn't come last – our erratic bowling saw us come middle of the table).

With Lockdown occurring in late March, it threw a spanner in the works and we had to postpone our free community event, the WELLBEING DAY OUT, which will now be held in May 2021. We also had to postpone our James Bond NO TIME TO DIE Movie Night Fundraiser (for the Rotary Foundation) and cancel our TOP GUN: MAVERICK Movie Night Fundraiser (for Hearts4Kids).

Club members spent the fourth quarter becoming very familiar with zoom meetings and we were delighted to have some past presidents Jan Wills and Geoff Wiklund speak to us over zoom; it was also wonderful to have Charles Dolbel speak to us about his eco balloons business and Ursula Bach provide some tips on how to cope with the stress caused by the COVID-19 outbreak and associated lockdown and uncertainty.

### [Epsom Girls Grammar School Interact Club](#)

Mt Eden Rotary (via Gerry Henderson and Frances Loo) is the Rotary liaison club for the Interact Club at EGGS which has around 100 members. During the year, Gerry went to the school assembly when the EGGS Interact executive team got their pins and Frances met with President Anushka Unnikrishnan and her executive team at the school twice. The EGGS Interact Club combined with the AGS Interact Club to hold a Trivia Night on 30 Aug with the beneficiary being Beyond Water's Girl Project (to help keep girls in school in developing countries by providing sanitary products as well as simple items such as soap, underwear, toothpaste and toothbrushes). Around 200 students attended the fundraiser which raised \$1,345.

### [Conclusion](#)

We've come through the COVID-19 outbreak in good shape and it already looks like the year ahead will be a busy one for the club. Many thanks to everyone for your contributions and hard work during the year.

### [District Newsletters, Dates and Events](#)

- District Governor newsletter (June 2020) <https://bit.ly/2NXEgnV>
- District Foundation newsletter (June 2020) <https://bit.ly/3eXJkEC>
- Rotary Down Under Newsletter (July 2020) <http://www.epubs.media/rotarydownunder/ezine/2020/629/>
- **25 July Rotary District 9920 Changeover** @ Remuera Golf Club and on zoom from 5.30-7.30pm  
<https://rotarydistrict9920.org/event/district-9920---2020-2021-changeover/>

Please check out District 9920's events at: <a href="https://rotarydistrict9920.org/events/calendar">https://rotarydistrict9920.org/events/calendar</a>
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