



New Zealand -Australia Rotary Conference

Regeneration: Newsletter June 2019

Registration is now available on the [conference website](#) or you can go directly to the registration page [here](#)



Kahikatea Common – Community Space

Join us for lunch at this Rotary and Christchurch City Council community space on Thursday 19th September. Enjoy the artwork, pizza oven, butterfly house and more.

Two Christchurch Rotary Clubs of Rotary Sunrise and Hornby Clubs, teamed up for working bees over three weekends to build Kahikatea Common some great community assets: a butterfly house and a woodfired pizza oven.

The butterfly house will support the raingardens to bring back the Monarch population and creates a tranquil space to visit and learn about this amazing pollinator. The pizza oven is great for community and social club events. Both of them are available for locals to enjoy at no cost, and they can even be relocated in the future, ensuring a long life of service.



Gala Peace Dinner - Wednesday 18th September

The Peace Dinner will be held in the Cardboard Cathedral which is the temporary home for the Anglican diocese in Christchurch.

Following the earthquakes, Shigeru Ban was invited to Christchurch by Rev. Craig Dixon, the cathedral's marketing and development manager, to discuss a temporary cathedral that could also host concerts and civic events. The architect, dubbed the “disaster architect” designed the cathedral free of charge on the basis that it be used by the community for host events as well as serve as a church.

After much deliberation and controversy, it was agreed that the building needed to be constructed with more long lasting materials therefore the cardboard was encased with a more permanent coating and protection surface.

It's A -frame in style, rising 24 metres and incorporates 86 cardboard tubes of 500 kilograms each atop 6 metres long containers. Once the decision had been made that the building would remain it was constructed as a permanent structure.

The building opened to the public on 6 August 2013. It was the first significant building opened as part of Christchurch's rebuild.

The Cardboard Cathedral is considered to be among the top 20 most important sites to visit by Trip Advisor and has a steady stream of visitors 7 days a week.

Our keynote speaker at the Peace Gala Dinner is **Dr. Roberta (Robbie) Francis**

Named after her own prosthetic leg which she calls "Lucy", Robbie Francis set up the The Lucy Foundation as a way to help improve the lives of people living with disabilities through coffee farming in Mexico. Set in Pluma Hildago a high altitude region in Oaxaca, where a rare and

threatened heirloom variety of coffee known as Pluma only grows, Robbie works with coffee farmers and their families, through an organic, sustainable and disability inclusive business model.

This is a great opportunity to make new connections with new and old friends in Rotary as well as hear from some inspirational speakers during the evening. Spaces are limited so act now. Cost is \$ 75.00 NZ per person with cash bar (menu below, as we are keeping costs down there is no dessert).

Menu

ENTREE: A grazing board consisting of salami, basil pesto, house smoked salmon, feta whip, roasted nuts, crisp bread bark, ciabatta (This caters for all dietary needs).

MAIN: This is an alternate drop of Roast Rump Canterbury Lamb with wilted greens and pea puree finished with Madeira jus (GF) and Sundried Tomato & Mozarella stuffed chicken breast served with buttered pappardelle pasta w grilled asparagus & charred red capsicum finished with a sundried tomato salsa.

Register [here](#) or go to www.rotaryoceania.zone/page/rotaryzone8conference and click on the blue "Register Here"



Matariki, Maori New Year

Matariki signals the beginning of the Māori New Year, when a cluster of nine stars called Matariki will re-appear in the dawn sky.

From early June, before sunrise, look to the north-eastern horizon. Find the constellation Taurus, or Orion's belt (sometimes called the pot). Trace a line northward from the three stars of Taurus and look for a faint sparkle of dots, about the same width as Taurus is long. This is the Matariki star cluster. Matariki can also be seen during the summer

months in this location, after sunset.

Matariki is celebrated with education, remembrance and the planting of new trees and crops signalling new beginnings.

The two meanings of **Matariki** both refer to stars: mata ariki (eyes of god) and mata riki (little eyes).

Unique to New Zealand, **Matariki** is regarded as an opportunity to come together to acknowledge who we are, to express love for these islands that we call home and foster quality relationships between each other and the natural world and is regarded as the optimum time to plant for new harvests, and offer ceremonial offerings to the land-based gods Rongo, Uenuku and Whiro, to ensure good crops for the coming year.

As in Maori methodology, Rotary at this time of the year refreshes 'internationally' and looks forward to new beginnings, growth, celebrating what has been achieved and looking forward with anticipation to what is ahead as 'Rotary **Connects** the World'

'**Regeneration Conference**' – **Christchurch, September 20-22nd** will inspire and refresh you, so come join us, by registering now at: <https://www.rotaryoceania.zone/page/rotaryzone8conference>



Christchurch Walking Route

Of Loss and Remembrance - Oī Manawa Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial Wall

Following the Avon River Promenade westward will bring you to a curved marble wall against a backdrop of young maple trees. Graceful steps lead down to the Avon River, where you may feel solemnity and peace. This is a place of national significance; the wall is inscribed with the names of our 185 people lost to the 22nd February 2011 earthquake.

This memorial is one of only two national memorials built in New Zealand to commemorate a disaster. It brings our city together in loss and remembrance for those we have lost and those who have suffered trauma.

Visitors are encouraged to touch the pounamu (greenstone) at the entrance to the memorial. This stone, gifted by local iwi, is a significant Māori tradition to connect visitors to the land and those who come before them. The name, Oī Manawa means 'tremor or quivering of the heart'.

Cross at the Montreal Street bridge to access the north bank. This is a reflective space to see the memorial set amongst the trees, grass and stone. The colourful placement of flowers placed against the grey marble is the human touch that shows our ongoing care.



Registration Draw!

Past Rotary International Director (PRID) and Conference Convenor Noel Trevaskis has personally selected these premium wines.

For organisations wanting to reserve a booth, please visit the [conference website](#), click on "**Showcase**" tab next to the **Register** tab.



Keynote Speaker - Margaret Reeve

Margaret was our district governor at the time of the Christchurch Earthquakes, Here is her profile.

Kia ora nga mihi mahana ki a koutou Heartfelt greetings to you all

As D9970 District Governor 2010 – 2011 I am honoured to welcome you to the New Zealand - Australia Rotary Conference. During the 2010 - 2011 period our District experienced a series of major earthquakes and the Pike River Mine Disaster. More significantly we experienced the very essence of Rotary International as we received the messages, tangible support and care from so many. As Chair of the Christchurch Rotary Earthquake Charitable Trust funding and gifts from Rotarians throughout the world was allocated to support communities. Rotary Foundation Grants with significant input from Australian clubs provided urgently needed facilities.

The opportunity to be involved with Rotary District 9810's Conference in Shepparton as Rotary International President Ravi's Representative provided the opportunity to share

experiences of community response to disaster in March 2016.

Recent vocational service focuses on leadership training as a member of the District Training Committee and as Co - Chair and Chair for New Zealand and the Pacific of South Pacific President Elect Training 2014 – 2018.



Keynote Speaker - Sam Lucas and the Onja Project

Madagascar not a country we hear very much about, yet for Sam Lucas the small island nation off the coast of Africa has become his life's work.

Sam is the founder of Onja, a social Enterprise that works with Madagascar's most capable youth who can't afford a complete education. They run a highly intensive, two-year English and Computer programming training program preparing students for work as software developers at their outsourcing center.

Four years ago, when Sam arrived in Madagascar, a remote village community took him in and taught him the traditional Malagasy way of life. He learned to speak fluent Malagasy and is particularly proud to have learned to farm rice by hand.

Sam received a Bachelor of Engineering with First Class Honours from the University of Auckland.

Sam will be sharing Onja's story, and telling how New Zealand's Rotary clubs and districts have played a crucial role in bringing the project to life.



Patricia Mackenzie

Patricia is an expat from the USA who works as the South Island Partnership Manager for World Vision.

She joined Rotaract in 2012 and was president of her club. She visited Haiti and volunteered in the Dominican Republic teaching English. It was at that time that she came to the realisation that all kids are the same whether they are rich or poor - they have the same dreams and aspirations and it turned her life's goals away from the fashion industry to one of service.



Eden Skipper - Mr RYLA 2018

Eden Skipper has been mentored by both the Rotary Clubs of Papanui and Riccarton, New Zealand, for the past three years.

He took part in the Rotary Club of Papanui's University of Canterbury Rotary Associates program, which signs up students to assist with Rotary community projects. This initiative was begun post-Christchurch earthquake, to tap into the Student Volunteer Army group which began to help deal with the crisis. Students are required to contribute a

certain amount of hours to Rotary projects, which translate to points towards their Community Service degree.

In 2018, Eden was sponsored to attend World Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in Washington, United States. There, Eden took part in many personal development activities, as well as showcased New Zealand to delegates from around the world.

Eden introduced many attendees to Maori culture for the first time. At international hour he performed a two minute New Zealand showcase with one of his peers, demonstrating a hongi (traditional greeting) and speaking a shortened mihi (ceremonial greeting), finishing with the Maori proverb "Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei" [Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain].

Eden also hosted a presentation 'The Treating of Waitangi and a very brief background of Māori' at the expo. This covered many facets of Ngāi Tahu as a tribe, business and charity, including educational opportunities, the Whai Rawa (savings scheme), governance and environmental management. He discussed New Zealand as a leading example of biculturalism with indigenous people, and what can be learned from current practices.

Eden was made "Mr RYLA" 2018 at the event and won the prize of being able to attend the 2019 RYLA convention in Canada.

He recently said to me that if it wasn't for Rotary he would not be studying at University, or have the confidence to travel and network or take up leadership roles. He now does this with great enthusiasm and has attended changemaker seminars and talked with many University and community groups over the last 18 months on various subjects.

We are delighted to have Eden join us as a speaker and the voice of new ways into Rotary.



Rotary Fellowship: Whiskey D.R.A.M

The traditional nature of 'fellowship' is often acknowledged in Rotary clubs and one way this is often extended more widely throughout the Rotary world, is through Rotary Fellowships.

The Whiskey D.R.A.M Fellowship is one of these, commencing in 2015 for Rotarian's with an appreciation of Whiskey (Whisky). This fellowship was officially sanctioned in August of 2016 by Rotary International, having over 350 members in 29 countries. <https://whiskeydram.org/>

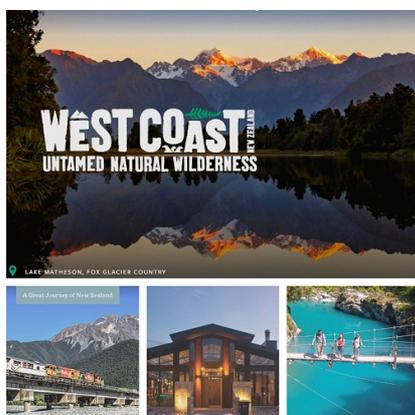
The fellowship supports the charitable arm of Rotary with monetary giving to 'clean water initiatives'.

In **Christchurch**, just up the road from the Christchurch Town Hall, at **834 Colombo Street**, we have **Whisky Galore**, New Zealand's premier supplier of Single Malt Scotch Whisky, ably run by Michael and Stella Fraser- Milne since 1993 and now with a cohort of Scots and Kiwi staff, passionate about all things...whisky!

The store has a selection of over 750 whiskies from Scotland, with an eclectic variety of gins, sipping rums, other fine spirits including bourbon and Irish, Japanese, Australian whisky's from around the world, including gift ware.

In an endeavour to establish a 'Down Under' Chapter of the Rotary Whiskey Fellowship, combined with sponsorship with the **French Bakery**, (run by a local Rotarian and one of our supporters), we have organised a on **Saturday afternoon the 21st** a 1.5hr tasting, accompanied by platter food, 'inaugural function' – special 'Breakout session' from 2pm, at Whisky Galore – 834 Colombo St. **Ceud Mile Failte!**

The "Tasting" charge is yet to be advised, however this event is limited to 70. Further information will be on the conference website. To pre-register for this event, email Gary Masters gary@swarmiq.co.nz.



Greymouth Rotary Tour Itineraries

Greymouth Rotary, home of the 2019 - 2020 Governor of District 9970, extends a warm invitation to everyone attending the New Zealand Australia Conference in Christchurch to take the Trans Alpine train and explore the West Coast.

Please note that entry fees apply on some tours. Meet and greet Greymouth Rotary at Monteiths Brewery 6pm Tuesday (Monteiths tour limited to 20 people). To register click [here](#)

Itinerary 1 (Half Day, Easy Walk)

- **Punakaiki Pancake rocks and blowholes/ Truman Track/ Poerari Track**
- Depart Monteiths 2.30pm Monday and 9am Tuesday
- Guide - Robin Ross

Itinerary 2 (Full Day, Drive)

- **Brunner mine site/ Blackball/ Pike River mine memorial/Reefton distillery/ Blacks**

Point museum

- **Monteiths Brewery for tour and tea 6pm**
- Depart Monteiths 9am Tuesday
- Guide - Selwyn Leitch

Itinerary 3a (Half Day, Easy Walk)

- **Pt Elizabeth walkway, lunch at Rapahoe hotel** (drop off and pick up, one way walk)
- Depart Monteiths 2.30pm Monday and 9am Tuesday
- Guides - Jo Hart / Christine R

Itinerary 3b (Half Day, Easy Walk)

- **Coal Creek Falls, lunch at Rapahoe Hotel**
- Depart Monteiths 2.30pm Monday and 9am Tuesday
- Guides - Jo Hart / Christine R

Itinerary 4 (Full Day)

- **Mahanipua Waterways / Treetop Walkway / Hokitika Gorge / Lake Kaniere drive / Hokitika Town walk**
- **Monteiths Brewery for tour and tea 6pm**
- Entry fees apply
- Depart Monteiths 9am Tuesday
- Guide - Allan Wilson

Itinerary 5 (Own)

- **Wilderness Cycleway option**
- **Departure from Greymouth and Hokitika bike rental stations**
- Bike hire costs apply

Itinerary 6 (Half Day)

- **Shantytown Historical Park/**
- **steam train ride/ gold panning/ theatre**
- Entry fee applies
- Depart Monteiths 2.30pm Monday or 9am Tuesday and Wednesday
- Guide - Dave McMillan

Contact DG Gary Hopkinson hopkinsonrotary@gmail.com



Pre-Conference Tours of New Zealand

The Pakuranga Rotary Club (Inc), invites you to join one of 2 Pre-Conference Tours of New Zealand or a Post Conference Tour of the South Island, as detailed below

Pakuranga Rotary runs similar tours annually for 'off-shore' Rotarians and their partners. The Tour Key-points and Highlights are:

- The Tour size is limited in number to ensure all participants get personal attention and to minimise the amount of waiting in queues and to facilitate the opportunity to mix and mingle throughout. (Even on the coach.)
- Accommodation will be 4 to 5 star and includes all breakfasts.
- A professional 'Top Tour Guide' will travel with you throughout the Tour.

Tour #1 is a **2 week Pre-Tour (15 day -14 night)** which includes both the North and South Islands. (Starting in Auckland Thurs 5th Sep and finishing in Christchurch Wed 18th Sep at your selected Conference hotel.

This 15 day Tour Price is: **NZ\$6,790 pp twin share. NZ\$7,990 pp single.**

Tour #2 is a **1 week Pre-Tour (8 day-7 night)** is South Island only. (Starting from Christchurch on Wed 11th Sep and finishing in Christchurch Wed 18th Sep at your selected hotel.

This 8 day Tour Price is: **NZ\$3,345 pp twin share. NZ\$4,145 pp single.**

Tour #3 is a **1 week Post-Tour (7 day-6 night)** is South Island only. (Starting from Christchurch on Mon 23rd Sep and finishing in Christchurch on Sunday 29th Sep at the airport or your selected hotel.)

This 7 day Tour Price is: **NZ\$3,195 pp twin share. NZ\$3,895 pp single.**

Please click on the attachment below for the detailed itinerary. Any inquiries, contact Peter Hawkins +64 21 758 478 or peter.hawkins@xtra.co.nz



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[Christchurch Attractions:](#)

Christchurch Attractions has all the best activities to offer you. Enjoy tranquil gardens and breath-taking vistas or tour our re-building city. Pop into 109 Worcester Street (Shop 13), Cathedral Junction Christchurch to talk with us.

[OGB \(Old Government Building\):](#)

A speakeasy style bar housed in a beautiful heritage building overlooking Cathedral Square with a charming outdoor courtyard. Come on in for ol' fashioned service, live music and carefully crafted food and drinks. Open every day, 7.30am - 1am.

[Spectrum Print:](#)

Spectrum Print is an award winning Commercial Printers in Christchurch providing Offset, Wide Format and Digital Printing services to customers throughout Canterbury and the South Island.

[French Bakery:](#)

Opened in 1978 in central Christchurch as La Boulangerie Francaise, the [French Bakery](#) now operates from a purpose-built factory and outlet store, not far from the well-known Christchurch attraction the Tannery, or stop off on your way to or from the Gondola. Enjoy their products at the outdoor area adjacent to the shop, or at most eateries and bars across Christchurch.

[Whisky Galore](#)

New Zealand's premier supplier of Single Malt Scotch Whisky. Selection includes over 750 whiskies from Scotland, with an eclectic variety of gins, sipping rums, other fine spirits including bourbon and Irish, Japanese, Australian whisky's from around the world and giftware.

Whisky Galore is the venue of the inaugural meeting of the 'Down Under' Chapter of the Rotary Whiskey Fellowship on **Saturday afternoon the 21st** from 2pm, 834 Colombo Street, just a few minutes walk up from the Christchurch Town Hall. Further details in the article "Whiskey DRAM Fellowship".
