

ROTARY NEW ZEALAND WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE



NEWS in BRIEF

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DONATIONS IN KIND (D.I.K.)

New Zealanders have adapted well to change brought about by the Covid Pandemic. This is also true of Rotary. RNZWCS is coordinating requests for the immediate needs of people particularly in the Pacific through the network of clubs and other agencies as well as Governments. During this period of limited project grants, Donations in Kind have been in the headlines. Zoom meetings with like minded organisations have resulted in offers of support of personal protective equipment (PPE's). At no costs, tens of thousands of Masks have been donated. St Johns Ambulance are responding to the call for much needed vehicles and equipment. One ambulance has been gifted and other is on offer. The vehicles will be checked and sign written before shipment. Clubs across all districts are contributing in cash and in kind



As we go to print a 20-foot Container is at sea en route to Tonga. Included in the consignment is a Dental Chair for the Vaiola Hospital in Nuku'alofa. Rotarian Amanaki Fakakovikaetau is Head of the Dental Department of the Ministry of Health and Past President of Nuku'alofa Rotary 4 times over. In addition, Amanaki was Chef de Mission for the Tongan Olympic Team to Japan. The team spent 8 weeks in Christchurch unable to return to Tonga due to Covid restrictions. The team members were on hand to pack the container.



In September, Rotorua Passport Club packed and sent a Container to Koroipita Town in Fiji. They are currently accessing requested goods for a further shipment to Tonga. Combined Christchurch Clubs are engaged similarly with a Container planned for Samoa in February. Corporate, public, private and Rotary Club donations of both cash and kind make this activity possible.

SUPPORT IS NEEDED.

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Join or cluster with other Rotary clubs, Rotarians the public and private sectors to make a difference in Pacific countries and elsewhere doing good in the world for the most vulnerable.

IT'S NOT ABOUT US, ITS ABOUT THEM

EMERGENCY RESPONSE KITS (ERKs)

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Southwest Pacific Tropical Cyclone Outlook

The NIWA and MetService assessment of named tropical cyclone (TC) activity indicates 9 to 12 named TCs could occur in the Southwest Pacific basin between November 2021 and April 2022. The seasonal outlook is for normal to slightly above normal activity in terms of overall named TCs in the region.

During the off season a large team of Rotary Volunteers packed 600 Kits which along with other prepositioned stock across the Pacific have been sent to Fiji (Suva) and Vanuatu (Santo).



The following brochure provides information for sending donations with additional information available on www.rnzwcs.org Ref. 308

Covid 19 response from New Zealand has gone to the far reaches of the world. Here is just one example



TONGAN ROTARIAN PROMOTES EMERGENCY RESPONSE KITS

As mentioned, Past President Amanaki Fakakovikaetau recently spent eight weeks in Christchurch and took the opportunity to visit 7 clubs in Christchurch where he thanked Rotarians for supporting Tonga and other Pacific Countries with all manner of activities, but gave a special mention to ERKs. He said the blue box is gratefully received by families who find themselves with no possessions following their homes and communities being devastated by cyclones. He added that every item in the Kit was appreciated and in immediate use most often being the first tangible assistance received. He urged clubs to contribute each year as cyclones continue to strike multiple countries during the cyclone season.

Amanaki also arranged meetings with Tonga's Former Prime Minister Feleti Sevele and New Zealand's Deputy High Commissioner Peter Lund (both also held up in Christchurch awaiting return a flight to Tonga) Opportunities were explored of future possible collaboration and cooperation with Rotary.



Amanaki Fakakovikaetau, Feleti Sevele and Stuart Batty



EMERGENCY RESPONSE KIT

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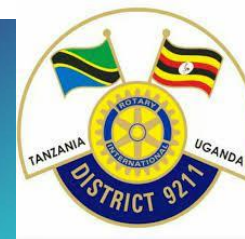
District 9214 CONNECTION

Rotary Clubs in New Zealand have formed many partnerships independently with Tanzania and Uganda over the years. Among other sectors, Rotarians and the public generously donate to schools and have contact with them either directly or by partnering with a club. The Rotary funded Faye Cran Chem Chem Primary School has completed its first year of operation. Faye recently wrote "I am happy to tell you that I have just heard that every child at Faye Cran passed the National Examinations and that the school was placed number 16 out of 318. The teachers and kids from very poor families, who were unable to pay school fees, have done us proud! Best wishes and thanks for giving the children a chance in life, which they would not have had without you. Faye"

In 2013, District's 9930 and 9970 hosted Dr Sadikiel and Young Kimaro at their Annual Conferences. During their visit they thanked Rotarians across New Zealand for their longstanding financial support of numerous activities including the Kondiki Dairy in joint partnership with the New Zealand Govt. Young Kimaro is the current Governor for District 9214 which embraces the whole of Tanzania and Uganda and has 98 clubs. Young (pictured below) as is tradition will travel thousands of kilometres and visit every club in the district.



Young Kimaro



Food for Thought - In Uganda, at the bidding of the Speaker of its Parliament who is a Rotarian, every parliamentarian (529) contributes UGS 1 million about TZS 660,000/= or NZ\$ 400) yearly to Rotary.



The Need

For over 35 years Rotary New Zealand's **Emergency Response Kit** has been providing immediate relief to our Pacific Island neighbours in times of cyclone, devastating flood, tsunami, or earthquake, through the efforts of Rotary volunteers and supporters.



Photo credit: Department of Civil Defence and Emergency Management

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Emergency Response Kit Rotary New Zealand

The value of each Emergency Response Kit is approximately \$600. All donations, what ever the amount, will be used for the Rotary New Zealand Emergency Response Kit programme.

Please post this form to the address below so that a donation receipt can be sent

I/We wish to make a donation towards the Emergency Response Kit programme of:

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