

Some notes from Awapuni Rotary Club meeting 12th October 2021:

Firstly, another big round of congratulations to Venky, who received another Paul Harris Fellow pin for his work with the Fiji clubs on books and masks. Outstanding work Venky!

Hospital ED project:

We viewed a video of the concepts presented to Mid Central ED dept, which look quite impressive. The ball is in their court now and we are waiting to hear their views and the next steps. We have some initial thoughts on funding channels for the estimated \$57,000 project.

Hoffman Kiln Project

We have remitted the promised funds to the Kiln Trust, and they will be working on a range of projects, the first being a ladder to allow safe access to the ceiling spaces.

Mask Project

Venky described the process and the goals of the Million Mask project. This will be a year-long programme, supported by all five NZ district governors. There are three options - buy for yourself/your community; buy one donate one; just donate. Likely channels are schools, churches, corporates, friends, and family. More details will follow and there will be an article in RDU. Already, around \$65,000 has been raised representing 32,500 masks. Brian has created some posters and other collateral to support the project.

Wait for the Rotary Promocode to be able to purchase at the greatly reduced cost of \$20/pack of 10 plus free shipping...which will be emailed directly to Rotary members.

<https://shop.lanaco.co.nz/collections/lanaco-face-masks/products/brezy%E2%84%A2-premium-travel-and-comunity-mask-white>

Events Update:

- Super Saturday this weekend- note from DG Mark Wheeler

“Hi to all Rotarians, The Ministry of Health COVID-19 Vaccine & Immunisation Programme have asked Rotary’s assistance with ‘Super Saturday’ the big nationwide push for vaccination next Saturday 16 October. Think of whatever we can do to get the message out and people vaccinated. Some suggestions include community events, door knocking, taking people to be vaccinating, encouraging family and friends to be vaccinated etc. Let’s do whatever we can, to help NZ get vaccinated.”

- The PN Food Drive is still on for November 28th. Further details to follow.
- World Polio Day is October 24th. There are several events linked to that:
 - Terrace End Dinner meeting Oct 20th at Whararata with a couple of great speakers. \$20 for dinner, dessert and tea and coffee.
 - Movie evening - we have preview access to "the Duke" from December 2nd. This might be a cluster project and details to follow.
 - The polio train has been deferred to February 2022 (steam locomotive repairs needed)

- Starlight packing dates still on (hoping Kathy will be back by then but we can manage)
 - Pets pack gifts, November 8th,
 - Children 14th set up, 15th pack gifts
 - Adults 21st set up, 22nd pack gifts

And from last meeting, Youth programmes to consider nominations for:

- Science & Tech Forum, Auckland January - suits high performing year 12 science/maths/tech students
- RYLA, District 9940, Wellington January 2022 - suits last year Uni/first couple in work
- RYPEN, Taranaki March 2022 - suits year 11-13 (15-17 yo)
- NZ Business Week/Brave Thinkers Program - PN 1st week April school holidays 2022 - suits year 12-13 students anywhere in NZ

Next meeting Tuesday 26th Oct, 5:30 for 6:00 at Property Brokers 240 Broadway Ave PN

Please note we will hold our AGM on Tuesday December 14th, which will be the last meeting for the year.





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