

Hi All, some notes from this week's Rotary meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Big news is that Venky has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by The Rotary Club of Suva East for his outstanding work with book shipments and the supply of much needed Lanaco masks.

1. **Fiji:** The books programme continues with Venky and are being very well received. Masks have very quickly got into the hands of the people that need them, including outer islands and are making a real difference. A more comprehensive programme will be announced soon.
2. **Speechie:** We will have a discussion with Speechie (after the recent presentation) to see what our involvement with the project might look like. On the surface it seems rather too big for the club on its own.
3. **Tonga:** Some may remember Kasanita 'Ofa, a Rotaract member. She is now a member of the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa and has reached out to see whether we can establish a relationship, initially via a Zoom meeting. We will work to set something up.
4. **Projects:** The PN Hospital ED playground is progressing slowly. The hospital team are working with the designers to finalise their concept.

**5. Events:**

- a. As you will be aware, Daffodil Day was cancelled but the link for donations is still up.  
"You can still help. What we ask from you is to [donate just \\$24 to our urgent Daffodil Day appeal](#) - \$24 that will get someone with cancer to their treatment. Cancer doesn't stop, and with your help, neither will we".
- b. Polio Train - this is still scheduled for November 14th. More details to come in due course. The plan to hold a supporting event for the cluster at the Esplanade the week prior has been cancelled. The Esplanade Railway cannot operate at level 2 and we cannot predict when they may return to normal, which makes planning and coordination difficult.
- c. The invitation to attend a meeting at Dannevirke at the end of August was another victim of lockdown. Hopefully this will be rescheduled.
- d. The Food Drive is still scheduled for November 27th. We will advise when we have more details/confirmation.
- e. Starlight Gift Packing dates for the Christmas gifts will be:

**Children gifts** - St Matthew's Church hall, 109 College St, Awapuni, PN  
Set up Sunday **November 14th 1pm**  
Pack Monday 15th 9am till we finish (usually around 2pm)

**Adult gifts** - St Mary Magdalene Church hall, 67 Cambridge Ave, Ashhurst.  
Set up Sunday **November 21st 1.30pm**  
Pack Monday 22nd 9am - approximately 2pm

**Pet gifts**- St Matthew's Church hall, 109 College St, Awapuni, PN  
Yet to be confirmed - Likely set up Sunday **November 8th 1pm**  
Pack Monday 9th 9am- until we finish

Many hands make light work so please diarise....

The next meeting is **Tuesday September 28th at Property Brokers, 240 Broadway.**

5:30 for 6:00 pm...speaker will be Hila on being locked down in Finland during her Rotary Youth Exchange year!