

## Notes from Awapuni Rotary Club meeting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021

1. Plan for the year: 'big ticket' items are Hoffman Kiln, PN Hospital ED playroom and family room. Plenty of 'business as usual' - Starlight, Plate to Plate, Food Drive, Daffodil Day, Awesome Awapuni etc. We will build a stronger relationship with Awapuni School and have asked the principal & DP to present to the club soon.
2. Wellington Hospital Trust: nearly at the \$400,000 target. District will be going back to the clubs which are yet to contribute and those who might have been light. We've certainly done our bit.
3. PN Hospital update - Met at ED last week. Hospital management are working on a unifying theme for murals/colours that can then be reflected in the rooms we are working on. They have seen interactive designs for equipment and will advise once decisions are made.
4. Hoffman Kiln update: The Kiln Trust has identified 2 main projects to use funds from Rotary. Based on the over-riding goal of encouraging greater access for public. The first is to create a new entrance to the Kiln from the street, and coupled with this, is access to the upper floor. This was where the action existed when the Kiln was operational, and at present is inaccessible.

The second project is the development of the display space in what is now called the Jim Lundy Building. Staff from Te Manama have been consulted and display options are being worked through at present. There is a significant number of artefacts, brick samples and manufacturing objects that cannot at present be displayed. Much of the work includes upgrading the building exterior to provide a suitable environment for the displays.

The \$50,000 contribution from our Charitable Trust will enable these projects to proceed while the Kiln Trust also develops the plans for the earthquake strengthening of the Office building to create a small meeting and display space of a different nature.

5. Club dues. These have been set at \$260 for the year and invoices will be coming out soon. Payment options are available! Either in one hit or monthly as you prefer. A simple solution for the latter is \$40 to start and \$20 per month.
6. Other projects & Business:
  - a. The first 52,000 masks have been distributed in Fiji. The next 62,000 are being diverted to India (government issues) to Fiji. Districts 9940 and 9910 are working on the freight cost.
  - b. Fiji is in serious crisis with Covid and there is a clear and present need for more masks, PPE, wipes and hygiene products. It is likely that District 9940 will develop this as a major project. We need to think about how we can engage schools and corporates.
  - c. Still some Rotary centenary books available - stock with Fraser.