DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC SITUATION
THE NZ-SP ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION WHICH WAS TO BE
HELD IN CHRISTCHURCH FROM 28-30 AUGUST 2020
HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

As clubs have been in recess whilst NZ was in lockdown during the past three months, and continuing, not much has happened in our clubs, so this District Newsletter is focused on ASPAC IN NEPAL and great sightseeing whilst there.

There was a special evening during ASPAC where we should wear either smart attire or local traditional costume, and we decided to choose a traditional kanak costume and we asked a specialised shop to do that. As purple is our club colour, the Kiwanis Tiare Paita, we chose this colour and because we also organised a group (for a Nepal tour), some joined us from the Nouméa Kenu club, Erythrines Bourail club and Ralia Koumac club (Nepali ladies wearing saris above). It was good to remember the good times we had in Nepal.

Julien, President Tiare Paita Club
Dear Team,

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your work and dedication over the last few months by supporting your communities, members and especially your family bubbles; these have been very trying times for us all.

The year for me started with a plan, visiting clubs and events where possible in the District. Up to March things were going to plan, then Covid-19 popped up and the plan changed dramatically. This meant I could not visit Division 6 and 7; also International Convention was cancelled. My visits around New Zealand will be re looked at in the coming weeks.

To date I was able to attend Division 9 in February for their Art Deco and be involved with their project and then able to visit Division 2 for their Golf Tournament which was a great success.

ASPAC was a success even though approximately 500 plus members could not or did not attend. It was a very well run Convention and I believe a good time to learn from members from round the Asia Pacific area. It was great to see the quantity of books, pens, pencils etc. which will be distributed to the villages to the outer areas of Kathmandu.

It is with great sorrow we have to cancel NZSP 2020 Convention due to border controls and restrictions. There will be an online meeting with Trustees and Delegates at Large, information from District Secretary Graham Chick follows.

Our ASPAC travellers who were stranded in Singapore are now home - GREAT! We still have a few members held up in France and New Caledonia, who will return home soon safe.

There will be a questionnaire survey being sent soon. PLEASE respond to this.

From the world of ZOOM I hope to see you all soon. Keep up the great work and keep safe.

Yours in Kiwanis
Brian Reed
NZSP Governor
CANCELLATION OF NZSP DISTRICT CONVENTION.

On Monday 18 May 2020, at the online meeting of the NZSP District Board it was agreed that the NZSP District Convention scheduled for August 28 & 29 2020, be cancelled. This decision was made due to the international travel restrictions and border closures caused by the Covid-19 pandemic within our District.

Convention will be replaced by a meeting of all District persons having a Delegate-at-Large status. The evening of Thursday 3 September (NZ time) is currently scheduled for this meeting.

This decision was made following recommendations sent from Kiwanis International in late April and quoted the following from the Standard Form for District Bylaws:

ARTICLE VI. Conventions
Section 16. In the event the District Board shall determine by resolution that there exists a condition of emergency that compels cancellation of the annual district convention, the Board shall notify Kiwanis International and district clubs immediately and shall determine one of the following methods to transact any and all business that was to be transacted at the annual convention, as soon as practical. The preference will be to reschedule the convention, if possible, or, alternatively, to call a meeting of all persons having the status of delegates-at-large at district conventions, a quorum of which shall be a majority.

The official business conducted at district conventions are elections, bylaw amendments, and resolutions.

Delegates-at-large are those on the current Board of this District, and all Past Governors.

ANNULATION DE LA CONVENTION DU DISTRICT DE NZSP.

Le lundi 18 mai 2020, lors de la réunion en ligne du Conseil de district de la NZSP, il a été convenu que la Convention de district du NZSP prévue pour le 28 et le 29 août 2020, soit annulée. Cette décision a été prise en raison des restrictions de voyage internationales et des fermetures à la frontière causées par la pandémie de Covid-19 dans notre district.

La convention sera remplacée par une réunion de toutes les personnes du district ayant un statut de délégué général (delegates-at-large). La soirée du jeudi 3 septembre (heure néo-zélandaise) est actuellement prévue pour cette réunion.

Cette décision a été prise à la suite des recommandations envoyées par Kiwanis International à la fin d’avril et a cité le formulaire standard pour les règlements de district suivants :

ARTICLE VI. Conventions
Section 16. Dans le cas où le Conseil de district détermine par résolution qu’il existe une condition d’urgence qui oblige à l’annulation de la convention annuelle de district, le Conseil avise immédiatement Kiwanis International et les clubs de district et détermine l’une des méthodes suivantes pour transiger toutes les entreprises qui devaient être transigées lors du congrès annuel, dès que possible. La préférence sera de reporter la convention, si possible, ou, alternativement, de convoquer une réunion de toutes les personnes ayant le statut de délégués en général (Delegates-at-large) lors des conventions de district, dont un quorum sera majoritaire.

Les affaires officielles menées lors des conventions de district sont les élections, les modifications apportées aux règlements et les résolutions.

Les délégués-at-large sont ceux qui font partie de l’actuel conseil d’administration de ce district et de tous les anciens gouverneurs.

The NZ-SP District Newsletter “Kaleidoscope” will now be sent electronically by the District Secretary to each club’s Secretary. In turn, club secretaries have the responsibility to email it on to each member of their club for them to print their own copy.

As usual, it will be available on the website: Kiwanis.org.nz/newsletter, managed by David Fentress. It will also be on the website which the public has access to: www.kiwanisnzsp.org looked after by Alan Duffell.

Please send your club bulletins and any articles/photos that you would like included in future issues to: editor@kiwanis.org.nz

Many thanks, Julie Wright, Editor.
The 2020 Kiwanis International Convention is cancelled. On 23rd April the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees declared a condition of emergency exists because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The board concluded that conducting a convention for the 2019-20 administrative year would be inadvisable and impracticable because of the health threat to Kiwanis members, their families and all individuals travelling to and from the convention.

The only other interruption in annual conventions came during World War II when it was necessary to substitute a Kiwanis International council meeting for the convention. A small administrative convention was conducted in 1943 and 1944 with limited attendance. In 1945, the Kiwanis International council again conducted the necessary business, but in 1946, Kiwanis resumed its regular convention operation. Nearly 10,000 people attended that convention, breaking all convention attendance records.

The 2021 convention in Salt Lake City is scheduled for 23-26 June.

DISTRICT OFFICERS 2019-2020
Governor: Brian Reed
District Secretary: Graham Chick
District Treasurer: Ann Raymond-van Daalen
Governor-Elect: Michelle Cordioli
Past Governor: David Gower

Lieutenant Governors:
Division 1: Neil Allan
Division 2: Diane Hodgson
Division 6: Dominique Kabar
Division 7: Gilles Gooding
Division 9: Arapera Riki
Division 11: Jill Keir

Message from the NZSP District Foundation Chair, Clinton Green

After some discussion, the District Foundation Board has agreed to extend the deadline for applications for this year 2020, until 30 May.

We appreciate the work that went into the applications so far received, but we have been asked to extend the deadline to allow those clubs and organisations that were not that far ahead with the applications when we went into lockdown, to complete and apply.

Therefore the signed applications need to be with the chair by the new closing date – 30 May 2020.

Send to: Clinton Green,
115b Chaucer Road North,
Hospital Hill,
Napier 4110.

Clinton & Robyn Green at ASPAC
FIRING UP AUSSIE RELIEF EFFORTS
By David McNabb (expat Kiwanian)

The well documented widespread wildfires that devastated large areas of Australia late last year and early 2020 have attracted global publicity, as featured in the last NZSP Kaleidoscope.

Our ever-resourceful Kiwanis organisation promptly kicked into gear and even before the killer fires had been extinguished; a coordinated relief program to raise funds was instigated in support of UNICEF Australia.

The recovery will be long and complex due to the extent of damage, but already in a physical sense, the merciful arrival of good autumn rains has seen flora begin returning, although native fauna will take a lot longer to re-emerge.

By mid-April, KADCF (District Charitable Foundation) had received donations totalling near A$43,500 – these were transferred to UNICEF Australia.

International donations through Kiwanis have been most generous including $30,376 from Japan District and Kiwanis Japan Foundation. Over $13,000 has been raised from Kiwanis sources around Australia, NZSP and USA.

The wildfires have created special needs around the nation, especially in smaller towns, some of which have been severely impacted. Just when tourism was starting to return to “pre-Fire levels” and the economic climate was beginning to recover, all those struggling regions have now been clobbered by the C19 pandemic that has knee-capped the entire planet.

We don’t need to background the causes of this current Wu Flu virus, as most people know the origins, but this is a setback that continues to stall some of the good work achieved by Kiwanis. However there is still a reserve of funding to be distributed which will hopefully help the fire damaged areas.

KIWANIS
Kiwanis Is Where A Need Is Served
“Now more than ever”
Two major elections were held.

- Wilfredo Aguilar from Philippines South defeated Tony Gunn of Australia in an election for a two-year post as K.I. International Trustee.
- Our own Michel Fongue was defeated by Japan’s Buheita Fujiwara in an election for a three-term term as Kiwanis International Trustee. (Michel’s speech was excellent and this reviewer was surprised at the result of the election).

It showed the power of voting strength from Districts with larger numbers of Delegates.

- Ken Alovera of the Philippines South was elected ASPAC Chair for 2020-21, and our own Clinton Green was elected Chair-Elect 2020-2021.

Our Kiwanis NZ-SP static display looked great with a large map showing the geographical spread of our District, many photos showing the diversity of club projects, and colourful pareos drawing the eye. This display was judged as second equal and is a reward for our District Communication’s Chair, Danielle Desarmagnac, who put the display together.

At the last night gala dinner, each District is requested to perform a “cultural” display. This can be a very colourful and noisy evening with much costuming, music, dancing, and performance. The District performance was choreographed by Governor-Elect Michelle and was a stunning affair which resulted in the NZ-SP District excitedly taking first prize.

Div 9 Lt Governor Arapera made the initial call of welcome and quietened the hall to this District’s advantage. This was followed by traditional Tahitian dance, New Caledonian fun dance, a short Maori action song and then a Tamoure in which every NZ-SP person performed with great energy.

We heard from K.I. President Daniel Vigneron, President-Elect Art Riley, K.I. COO Jeff Oatess, and KCF (Kiwanis Children’s Fund) CEO Ann Updergraaff Spleth. Art told us we “need a bigger team” in order that we can do more service in the community. Jeff talked about K.I. and how their 120 staff around the world can help us if we have an issue. He also commended ASPAC as the 2nd largest and fastest growing area in the Kiwanis world.

Ann from the Kiwanis Children’s Fund outlined the five causes they support through grants.

1. Local projects particularly improving literacy and fighting childhood hunger.
2. Service Leadership programmes (Key Club, K-Kids, Circle K Clubs, etc).
3. Disaster relief.
5. IDD - Iodine Deficiency Disorder.

MNT is down to 12 countries where mothers and babies remain at risk. Unfortunately, most of these are conflict countries. However, UNICEF requires the cash in order they can get in to vaccinate as the opportunity rises. KCF continues to address IDD and where the need is, and recently gave over US$300,000 for use in Morocco and Myanmar.

Each District Governor gave a ten-minute snapshot of their District.

- Japan has helped abused children shelters with the donation of 8 cars.
- Malaysia is building a new children’s centre to cater for children with literacy issues, and children with cerebral palsy.
- Philippines Luzon is running Key Leadership program for ASPAC this year.
- Philippines South has a nutrition program for 2-6 year-olds.
- Taiwan is promoting an international volunteer exchange program and also an anti-drugs/anti bullying campaign.
- Nepal has a bicycle project, kids Olympiad, self-defense training, girls’ menstruation project and they want to build a street-kids rehabilitation centre. India has an artificial limbs centre which provided 9000 limbs in
2019, a cerebral palsy centre, and a physiotherapy centre.

• Australia assists with Heart Kids, Children’s medical research, and a Foundation which provides for life changing surgery – in Australia – for overseas children.

• Our Governor Brian explained the geographical spread of our District, the wide diversity of club projects and the South Pacific Islands Support Project.

Following Convention most Kiwanians dispersed as smaller groups to explore the fascinating country of Nepal, and most groups met local Kiwanians and were able to contribute to their projects.

By NZSP District Secretary Graham Chick (with thanks to Sydney Kiwanis Club Secretary Steve Hughes for allowing copying of parts of his report to his Club).

Reflections on ASPAC 2020
from Immediate Past Governor David Gower

As usual, ASPAC 2020 was preceded by the 2-day Asia Pacific Education Conference for invited attendees from each District. Attendance is determined by the subject matter to be covered by the Kiwanis International (K.I.) staff who are assigned to deliver sessions on predetermined subjects or forthcoming roles or duties. I was invited to attend as incoming District Chair of Growth but at the last minute Governor-Elect Michelle Cordioli asked me (in the absence of her incoming SLP Chair), to cover and sit-in on the sessions that covered “Service Leadership Programmes (S.L.P).

S.L.P. Programmes

SLP programmes cover Key Clubs in high schools, K-Club in junior schools, Circle-K clubs in Universities, Aktion Clubs (for young people with Disabilities) and BUGS (Bringing Up the Grades in junior schools). I found the discussions highly enlightening and inspiring. Some of the sessions involved direct-link participation with blurry-eyed K. I. Staff co-ordinators back in Indianapolis who remained awake to bridge the time-difference between USA and Nepal. In our District of NZ-SP, we have Key Clubs, a Circle-K club at the University of New Caledonia and we also have a close association with the quite excellent StarJam Organisation in NZ but no actual Aktion Club.

The Education Conference dictated I travelled to Nepal 3 days before ASPAC began and I was one of only two Kiwis present for two days although I did travel from Singapore, with several Kiwanians from the Australian District. It was excellent to renew those friendships and to share many of the same problems that both Districts have in common. The ANZAC spirit within Kiwanis is certainly alive and well. Unfortunately, Australia’s 2020 District Convention is scheduled for the same weekend as our own Convention in Christchurch, making visiting each other’s Conventions impossible to achieve although COVIT-19 can still dramatically change everyone’s plans in 2020.

ASPAC Convention

The chosen venue (Hyatt Regency Kathmandu) was excellent in all respects. It was not far from the International Airport which was merciful as that fact cut travel time on the roads, none of which are sealed – they are made of crushed and compacted dolomite. Kathmandu has two sets of traffic lights in the entire city and I witnessed one set of lights ‘out of order’. That slight inconvenience did not deter anyone however, in a country where the only road rules appear to be to avoid at all costs, mud, pot-holes and other road users….. plus toot one’s horn as frequently as possible.

Those of us from Christchurch, (Governor Brian, District Secretary Graham plus Past Governors Chris Cole and David Gower) immediately recognised the accumulations of fine dust at the roadside as uncleared and dried earthquake produced liquefaction – still not cleared away five years after the big ‘quake’ in Kathmandu. This dust became airborne in the traffic and pervaded the air resulting in a serious air pollution problem right across the Kathmandu valley, home to well over 2 million people. (Nepal’s total Population is approx. 30 million.)

O’ea Calinaud, Past Govs Kiki Ringland & David Gower
As Kiwanis newest District, the District of Nepal hosted an excellent Conference. Well planned and organised, well catered, excellent accommodation, and excellent programme including the big twisted, metal, bamboo-reed noisy pipe-things that band members played (accompanied by other band members banging other big metal noisy things) and all dressed in Nepalese National Costume - was quite something to behold. (So were one’s eardrums if you wanted to preserve your hearing). Not to be outdone with National Costumes, our Pacific Island members (over 60 travelled to Nepal), appeared on the ‘cultural competition night’ in magnificent attire and headwear and led the rest of us (including in-coming world Presidents Art Riley (2020-21) and Peter Mancuso (2021- 22) and danced their way to the winners podium and carried off a trophy that had previously by-passed our District. Well done Michelle and ladies.

Taiwan District was notably absent at Convention and was represented by only two of their originally registered, several hundred attendees. The reason for this sudden non-attendance was the Taiwan Government invoked a mandatory lock-down period of 2 weeks for everyone entering the country, even Nationals who were returning to Taiwan. We all thought this measure was quite unnecessary and outrageous – but didn't we have something to soon learn? Well done to Taiwan, for showing the way and thank you Nepal for a very well organised and successful ASPAC.

Karanga mai ra Koutou!
Means “In this instance I call out to you all.”
To say “Karanga mai ra” three times means:
I acknowledge, I respect and esteem all of you and your ancestors, from myself on behalf of my family who are gathered here and our ancestors.
This call is not only to all of you present but to the mountains, rivers and people of this sacred land called Nepal! It was a privilege and an honour to join our NZ South Pacific family in a cultural performance at the recent ASPAC Convention 2020 in Nepal.

A formal ceremony can start with a karanga or calling and it seemed most fitting to do this at the start of our combined cultures performance. It achieved getting the attention of the audience and inspiring strength and confidence in our group performers. We performed four items of dance and song from Tahiti French Polynesia, New Caledonia and New Zealand! We were voted the best and most popular performance.

Kia ora! “Greetings of good health” is my favourite saying but whilst in Nepal I learnt another! Namaste! which literally means, “I bow to you”. The spiritual meaning of Namaste conveys that “the divine in me respectfully recognises the divine in you”. Namaste invokes the feeling of spiritual oneness of heart and mind, with the person one is greeting. During my stay in Nepal to greet, thank and farewell people with the word and sign for Namaste was so easy and natural. I used it all the time.
It was truly a life time experience to visit the country of Nepal, home of Mount Everest and the Himalayan mountains of which 15 Alps are over 8000 metres high and of course, Mt Everest is the highest at 8700 metres. In comparison, Maunga Aoraki or Mount Cook in the South Island is 2000 metres. Our famous New Zealander who climbed Mt Everest and later contributed much time and energy to this country was one of two individuals to be made a Nepalese Citizen. It makes me very proud to know that this man and New Zealand are esteemed by this country. The people, food and culture were enchanting and exotic. An experience of life and travel I will always remember.

**Nepal – our post ASPAC trip highlights**

By Clinton Green

Michelle our daughter and travel agent, who also travelled with us, spent considerable time looking at various options to ensure we saw and toured the best there was on a budget and with our time restraints. I am sure everyone agrees she did an amazing job. Firstly we wanted:

- a minimum 4 star accommodation ✓,
- we did not want to spend hours travelling in a vehicle (so we flew) ✓,
- we wanted a great experience ✓,
- a visit to a wild life park and staying near the park (Chitwan National Park) ✓,
- to meet and visit a local unspoilt village ✓,
- English speaking guides and drivers (included at every stop) ✓
- to visit areas that were not ‘tourist spots’ ✓
- to support Kiwanis owned companies (tour company and most staff were Kiwanians) ✓
- to eat locally grown food and where locals would eat. ✓

We had the opportunity to ride elephants, see wildlife up close, canoe ride, interact with locals, travel in safety in comfortable vans and most importantly have FUN. It was apparent that we had a better deal than many others and a better price.

Drury club in South Auckland had given me a quantity of hand knitted baby hats to give to families in need. I talked to Mohan (tour company owner) and it was decided that away from Kathmandu would be best as the needs were greater there. (Nepal is a poor country).

We arrived at Chitwan hospital, I talked to a hospital director and he took me to the maternity ward and with some of the family had the opportunity to give these hats away. The ladies were appreciative, and the director translated what we said. A basic but modern hospital the ladies had an older style bed but had to supply their own blanket and supplies (no draws to store anything). There was less than 1 metre between each bed and no curtains. They were well looked after and babies contented.

Drury also gave us some of their colouring books and with about 60 notebooks and packets of coloured pencils and other things which the Green family had brought with them from New Zealand.

We visited Rainbow Children’s Home (an orphanage) in Pokhara). We had the opportunity to visit with some children who were in class doing homework in preparation for exam, others doing chores and gave away the books etc. there. The children are well looked after, the staff are volunteers and they have no Government funding. A moving experience.

Arapera, our Lt Governor, and the Greens decided to sponsor a child!

Arapera and the Green clan with cultural dancers in Chitwan.
Past Govs Chris Cole, Graham Chick and Clinton Green on Mount Everest near the Base Camp – reached by helicopter!

Vol en hélicoptère au Camp Mont Everest
By Danielle Desarmagnac

Le 8 mars 2020, Clinton GREEN, Chris COLE, Graham CHICK, Bernard et Danielle DESARMAGNAC se retrouvent à 6 heures de matin au lobby de l'hôtel, où les attend Mohan LAMSAL, président du comité organisateur de la convention ASPAC à Katmandou et également le gérant de la société Heli Everest.

Direction l'aéroport de Katmandou, nous récupérons nos boarding pass et passons à la pesée des passagers et de nos effets personnels. Nous passons un contrôle et direction vers une petite échoppe pour un café ou un thé.

Nous passons le contrôle de police et l'attente commence dans la salle de départ, 6h30, 7h30, 8h30 et un mouvement de personnes nous montrons nos billets et c'est enfin le départ. Une camionnette nous emmène vers l'héliport et nous découvrons que le brouillard s'est enfin levée. Le pilote a l'autorisation de décoller, nous embarquons.

L'aéroport de Hulka stop pour le plein avant le vol en direction du Mt Everest. The Hulka airport: re full stop before before the flight to Mount Everest.

Flight to Mt Everest with a stop on a platform to drop off the second group: Chris, Graham and Danielle, the first group: Clinton and Bernard, leaves for Mt Everest, then change of group.

Puis retour à l'aéroport Lukla pour un petit déjeuner et retour à Katmandou.

Then return to LUKLA airport for breakfast and return to Kathmandu.

Past Governor Graham CHICK writes:
Heli trip to Base Camp
Five plus pilot.

From Kathmandu airport, across the Kathmandu Valley, and across many deep valleys.

Amazing views of villages undergoing development in the valleys and along ridge topsides.

Many fresh roads scarring the steep sides.

First stop at Lukla with its famous steep sloped airport runway, named after Sir Edmund Hillary. Then up higher, put down into the tundra in a valley, split into two groups for ride up to area near Base Camp, got out for photos including Everest. Breathing was a bit harder here and exertion meant disorientation for me, especially getting back into the heli. Back to Lukla for a welcome late breakfast before the ride back to Kathmandu. I can’t claim like Sir Ed did “to have knocked the bugger off!” but it is the closest I’ll ever get! A great experience.
Amazing photo record of the helicopter ride up Mt Everest.
Stationery Distribution
Governor Brian REED asked clubs that had delegates to the ASPAC Convention at Kathmandu to take school supplies. Kiwanis clubs of Christchurch and NZ, Kiwanis club Sud Ouest, Kiwanis club Aimeho Moorea, Kiwanis club Te Aho Tini O Te Tama under the banner of the governor of the district NZ-SP have given school supplies and hats to the President Kiran Parajali (with the Nepalese hat) of the KC Itahari Nepal. He sent us a nice thank-you note (see below).

**Namaste,**
Postponement of stationery distribution due to school holidays

“It is me Kiran, President of KC Itahari Nepal. We had collected packets of stationeries etc. from NZ, New Caledonia & French Polynesia Kiwanis Teams to hand to most needy children in backward communities living in plains of Nepal. We have postponed the date of the official distribution program due to school holidays. Once again Thank You so much to Kiwanis NZ South for support & love for Children around the world “

**Don de fournitures scolaires.**
Le gouverneur Brian REED avait demandé aux clubs qui avaient des délégués à la convention Aspac à Katmandou d’apporter des fournitures scolaires. Les clubs de Christchurch et de NZ, le club Kiwanis Sud Ouest, le club Kiwanis Aimeho Moorea, le club Kiwanis Te Aho Tini O Te Tama sous la bannière du gouverneur du district NZ SP ont remis des fournitures scolaires et des bonnets au Président Kiran Parajali (avec le chapeau Népalais) du KC Itahari Nepal. Il nous a envoyé un gentil message de remerciement.

**Namaste,**
Objet : Report du programme de dons des articles de papeterie en raison des vacances scolaires
C’est moi Kiran, Président du KC Itahari Népal. nous avons rassemblé des paquets de papeterie, etc.

de l’équipe Kiwanis de NZ SP, New Caledonia & French Polynesia, pour les remettre aux enfants les plus nécessiteux des communautés éloignées vivant dans les plaines du Népal.

Nous avons donc reporté la date de la remise officielle du programme de dons... Nous informerons et envierons des photos à Kiwanis NZ SP du programme de dons dès que nous organisons et qu’école ouvre...

Encore une fois merci à Kiwanis NZ South pour son soutien et son amour pour les enfants du monde entier

Meilleurs vœux et amour
Kiran, President KC Itahari Nepal
Runner up Club in ASPAC 2020 for Best Service Project

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Cyclone Harold hits Vanuatu

Following Cyclone Harold’s destructive path through central Vanuatu, this District applied for a grant from the Disaster Fund of the Kiwanis Children’s Fund.

The response from KCF was very quick; a US$5,000 grant was approved and has already been received from the District. (Comparative value is NZ$8,170.00). The Kiwanis club in Port Vila is already on the job!

AFTER LOCKDOWN NZ clubs will be collecting roofing iron and building materials to be shipped to Vanuatu. If you are currently renovating please don't throw away anything that could be useful, but contact us to see if it can be used.

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Trustees meeting des 28 et 29 février en images


Trustee meeting 28 & 29 February 2020 in Christchurch

The trustees meeting was held on 28 and 29 February 2020 at the ARMADILLOS Hotel in Christchurch. Several points were discussed in a friendly atmosphere by the fire – virtual. Then we relaxed around a barbecue with very nice cooks. Thanks to Lois and Graham for this wonderful evening.

See photo montage below.
SOME PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE BOARD MEETING IN CHRISTCHURCH 28-29 FEBRUARY

Le trustees meeting s’est te-
nu les 28 & 29 février 2020 à
l’hôtel ARAMADILLOS à Christ-
church. Plusieurs points ont
été débat:us dans une am-
biance conviviale au coin du
feu -virtuel. Puis détente au-
tour d’un barbecue avec des
cuisos forts sympathiques.
Merci à Lois et Graham pour
cette merveilleuse soirée.

Année 2019-2020
Key Club Scholarship Renamed -
now the John Bell Key Club Scholarship

A letter to John Bell from District Secretary Graham Chick reads:

“Hi John

It is with much pleasure that I can tell you that at the recent District Board meeting held on April 7th it was unanimously agreed that the NZSP District Key Club Scholarship now be called:

The John Bell Key Club Scholarship

We all are delighted to be able to honour you in this way, and to acknowledge the many years of devotion you dedicated to the young people of Papatoetoe High School and the Key Club movement in general. Congratulations!

Kaleidoscope” for April 2019 page 11 reads:

A special luncheon was held on 3rd March 2019 to celebrate the outstanding service and commitment of John Bell to Kiwanis and especially his work with young people in the Papatoetoe High School Key Club and the Auckland University Kiwanis club.

District Governor David Gower presented John with a Certificate of Appreciation for the wonderful service he has given over the years.

Lee Bell received a lovely bouquet for her role in assisting John.

“But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars.”
Martin Luther King Jr

One person’s discard - somebody else’s treasure
By Past Governor Megan Allan

This is a lovely story that underlines the goodness of giving; when one person’s unwanted goods become somebody else’s treasure.

Recently in support of Past Governor Ewan Beck’s request for spectacles for Vanuatu, I put a post on the community Grapevine, to collect glasses along with bras and men’s shirts which we were to take to Vanuatu on our Threads trip in March (postponed due to Covid-19). The bras were specifically requested for Ni-Van women who are struggling with cheap Chinese garments which do not last. The men’s shirts will be used for the village women to up-cycle into clothing for their families. There is a huge need for glasses for the many islanders who have deteriorating eye sight but who cannot afford to buy glasses.

So when recent visitors from Fiji (Lasaro and Titilia) came to Clarks Beach to discuss the possibility of sending a Kiwanis container to Fiji, I showed them the goods I was taking to Vanuatu at the end of March. Initially too shy to say anything, eventually Titilia confessed that she had prayed to God that morning to provide her with reading glasses that she desperately needed. I was delighted to be able to open a box filled with glasses of every shape, size and strength, for her to choose from. Titilia not only chose glasses with graduated lenses that suited her, but she was able to find others that she could read with as well!

As we drove to meet up with her husband (who had gone to view the Kiwanis Vanuatu container storage facility), she kept looking at herself in the mirror on the back of the sunshield, admiring her new glasses. With each glance in the mirror, she giggled with excitement and kept thanking God for answering her prayers. For me it was one of those special heartfelt Kiwanis moments.

The boxes packed with donated spectacles, bras and men’s shirts are ready to go to Vanuatu when we are able to travel. Many more islanders will be granted the gift of improved eyesight due to the Kiwanis spectacle project. Thanks Ewan for taking the initiative.
Kiwanis Club of Mt Roskill

Malcolm Brown - 50 years a member
By Past Gov Bob Reay

On Tuesday 30th March 1970 what were you doing? I’m not altogether sure where I was, but Malcolm Brown was being inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Mount Roskill, probably by President Neville Harvey.

This was in the first year of our club, and Malcolm has now earned the 50 Year Legion of Honour.

He is the first in NZ-SP to achieve this in a single club. Malcolm, Kiwanis thanks you for your service.

He had two terms as President, 1977/78 and 2007/08 as well as many years on our board.

Down through the years Malcolm, like so many in the club, has been involved in projects like chickoo poo, Epilepsy Camp Kiwanis and Ronald McDonald dinners. Add to that, Speaking Contests as well as lots of club trips, both home and abroad as well as fundraising through BDA.

So, in the current situation with self-isolation we are not able to gather to congratulate our friend.

But that will not stop us doing the equivalent of clapping from our doorsteps.

I propose that at 6.00pm tonight we all raise a glass to Malcolm’s and Ngaire’s 50 years of service. I’m sure Malcolm’s will be a glass of red, but any tipple will do the trick.

Mine will probably be a G and T. “So here’s a cheer to Malcolm.” A true Kiwanian.

Kiwanis Club Of Mt. Roskill
Member’s editorial

I feel I am privileged to be the keeper of the Clubs History Book, which sits on a coffee table in the lounge.

Instead of a military based 'This Day in History', we can look back at some of Mt. Roskill’s moments in history.

In 1967 Bill Paterson, an American, visited N.Z to help get Kiwanis off the ground. The Auckland Club with John Griffen as President was the first N.Z Club.

The first meeting of our Club was held in the Flamingo Restaurant on Mt. Albert Rd. on Thursday 27 February 1969. Dinner cost $1.25/head and a total of 25 members are listed on the Permanent Organisation Roster.

A bit of a jump forward [30 years] to 1997 when, amongst other projects, we did Fun in the Park at Three Kings, plus a salt water fishing trip on Don Weddings launch. Also the Annual Taupo Expedition took place.

And to conclude this snap-shot of our history, we have photos of our 35th Anniversary held in Paul Millers barn, in June 2004.
Mt Roskill - Editorial - From a Member
By Herb Farrant

We are living and experiencing an unprecedented event, not seen before in our life time which affects us personally, as a community and as a nation, in many different ways. As a result we are personally being exhorted, by our leaders to do the right thing, for ourselves, our community and our country.

In times of a similar event, long ago our forbears simply stepped up and as required were prepared to do their duty. You did not have to be asked or requested. One hundred years ago the concept of duty was well understood in society and where ones personal integrity and reputation rested on being seen at all times to do what was considered right and proper.

To do ones duty was therefore an expected “right of passage”, especially for males in society, prior to and during WWI.

Based on the growth and expansion of the British Empire of the late Victorian era, its economic impact on society living standards and education, acceptable within prevailing Christian values and ethics, was to foster a set of patriotic ideals, that one had a personal duty and obligation to serve ones country. A theme personified and encouraged in the public schools of England and firmly embedded into society by such poems as Sir Henry Newbolt’s “Vitai Lampada”.

Its effect on our British based society and personal behavior and attitude from that time was immense as it came to mean that one must, with stoicism and immoveable courage, face impossible odds and despite any pending calamity, remain unruffled by doing the right thing (your duty) whatever the personal cost. Its personal effects on leadership and character carried the British Empire of which we were loyal adherents into WWI and came to be taken as the British mien of always displaying the “stiff upper lip”.

The legacy of that term “to do ones duty”, well known to our parents generation, has lingered on into ours, but now is almost absent from the behavior and attitudes of modern generations. By being bought up in a material society, where “I am alright Jack” and “Me To” attitudes prevail has down graded ownership of being actually personally responsible for ones actions and consequences. Hence the regular observation we often make when our leaders in the public and private sector will often, whilst abdicating their responsibilities and ignoring matters of principle are content to merely “duck” for cover. Note: the last politician, I can recall who resigned on a matter of principle, was National’s Derek Quigley in 1974.

So in our lifetime we have seen a transition from any liability as to personal responsibility decline from that of personal selflessness to varying degrees of selfishness. In that respect as a pending calamity and deadly external force, Covid-19 has thrust personal responsibility firmly back onto individuals and so we now have little choice to be seen, once more to do our “duty”. This of course leads us back once more as to the need to be aware of the lessons of history.

Takapuna’s Easter Gift Project
By Patsy Hill

Preparations for our Easter gift packages had been progressing well and, when it was felt that they should be completed earlier than usual to make sure they were delivered to recipient agencies early because of the imminent threat of Lockdown due to Covid-19, things soon fell neatly into place. The last items were completed and delivered straight to Barnardos and De Paul House who were VERY happy with this arrangement – especially Barnardos as two days after the delivery was made, they were closing their North Shore Office permanently and moving to their Onehunga premises. Phew that was lucky for us!

The gift packages for Women’s Refuge were also completed but were not collected before Easter because of the immense increase in workload that the Refuge/Shine staff were experiencing due to Covid-19.

The gifts have now been collected and will appeal whatever the date and put some extra smiles on the children’s faces. The two refuges on the Shore were full to capacity, and more families were being housed in hotels in Auckland City centre.
**Division 2 News**

**Kiwanis Charity Golf Tournament**

**20 March 2020**

*By Yvonne Joynes*

Well, it was touch and go on this one, do we hold it, do we cancel it. After many, many emails and phone calls it was decided to go ahead with it. This year we only had 12 teams, but it was still a successful tournament, with everyone enjoying themselves and almost all staying until the end of the prize giving. There were many comments about what a great day it was and one team of first timers have said they will be back again.

It was great to have our District Governor Brian and Carolyn in attendance. Unfortunately the Divisional Conference they had also come for had to be cancelled because of Covid-19. They did manage to get back to Christchurch on Tuesday though—as planned.

Once again the prize table was great thanks to everyone who donated and those who Kiwanians who collected and donated the prizes.

As expected the takings were down a little this year but we will still be able to donate $11,000 to the nominated charities.

Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors, those who donated prizes and the members who helped out with this—another great Division 2 effort.

**Australian Bushfire Disaster Relief**

At Westside’s meeting on 4 February it was agreed to donate $1500 to the Bushfire Disaster Relief through the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation.

They will be distributing the funds to do 3 things:

1. Provide initial urgent support to affected children and families.
2. Provide additional support short term to assist children to return to school and receive psychological support where required (The Australian school year for children commences on the 28th of January).
3. Provide some longer term support during the recovery/ rehabilitation phase and that children’s needs are heard and addressed.

To our Australian colleagues: Stay safe. Our thoughts are with you all.

**Life in a bubble—from my bubble to yours….**

*By Yvonne Joynes*

Who would have ever thought that in 2020 we would all be asked to live in a bubble—can you imagine the stories that will be told about it in say 50 years?

I do hope you are surviving well in your little bubble and that cabin fever hasn’t hit home.

We are very fortunate to be a little bubble within a larger bubble (the village) and so we do have quite a bit of social interaction with people from a 2 metre distance of course.

During the 4 weeks of lockdown, I have been outside once in the car and once for a walk—most of our walks are round and round the village—it does get a bit boring, but there is always a conversation to be had … not much gossip though because no-one has been anywhere.

The Sunset Bar on a Friday afternoon—or should it be called the Last of the Summer Wine? (Lots of people will have been doing this in their “bubbles”? Ed.)
Books for Vanuatu
Another pile of beautiful children’s picture books are ready for Vanuatu. These came from a kindergarten in Hamilton.
When I asked why they were getting rid of such beautiful books I was told they are going digital!…. Oh what a different world it is becoming.
Can you imagine, when those children’s children are at Kindergarten, they probably will say ‘a book—what’s that’?

Weetbix Tryathlon
It was an early start on Sunday 16 February for the Children’s Weetbix Tryathlon. We arrived at Waikato University at 7:30am and after getting our shirts, etc and a briefing, it was off to our cycle marshalling spot.

This year over 2,300 children participated. There were children of all sizes and shapes, some came on large bikes and some on very tiny bikes, but the main thing is they all had fun and it is always great to see children outside getting exercise. We had a few falls on the hill we were marshalling at and a few tears, but once they were calmed and given a little encouragement they were back on their bikes to continue.

Kindling Chop – Morrinsville
By Judy Walworth

The year started with a kindling chop in January. A job well done—and plenty more kindling chopped to go in boxes. All fingers were present and accounted for after this working bee which saw 49 boxes of kindling made up ready to sell @ $6 a box. This will be sold at the A&P Show, at the April Market Day, at Walworth’s business, at the May garage sale and anywhere else possible. It was a good day!
Then we all enjoyed a shared cold meat and salad dinner.

Morrinsville A&P Show
Saturday 7th March

Once again the train was in attendance with two towing vehicles and the train in two sections. This helps to manoeuver around the displays. A handful of members manned the tent.

The boxes of kindling were for sale and one did get sold—hopefully we will do better at the BBQ on Market Day 4th April. Club members also manned the gates, selling entrance tickets.

Kiwanis Summer Reading Programme

The prize giving and entertainment at the Kiwanis Summer Reading programmer went well. Well done to all the participants and librarians who made it happen.
Sally was the only Kiwanian from Matamata Kiwanis along with three from Morrinsville Kiwanis.
Only four children from Matamata attended.
Sally feels that the Summer Reading format needs updating and changes need to be made and has suggested a meeting with Matamata Piako Librarians to put forward Kiwanis ideas.

The principal idea is to make the reading program a winter one. The Christmas holidays are not really suitable as families are often away on holiday and parents not available to transport the children. Kiwanis suggest that the entertainer be dropped and the three libraries run their own programmes including the prize giving. This would remove the need for parents to transport the children to a single venue. It is also felt that there needs to be more promotion in the libraries with posters and literature.

The Finale party was held at the Event Centre, Morrinsville, in January. Each child received a participating certificate and was able to choose a book. Prizes were also given to those who completed set tasks. Some have read up to 7 books during the holidays.

Kids participating came from Morrinsville, Te Aroha and Matamata.

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**A WAY TO REMEMBER**

A moment paused
A moment spent
In silent recognition.
The bagpipes played
The drums obeyed
In military precision.

The people stood
Along the street
And listened with respect.
An Anzac Day was honoured
Unlike any other
With considerable effect.

The “last post” played
The anthem sung
We finished with applause.
The Covid virus was the reason
The street became the stage
And the fallen were our cause.

*By Graham Freear, Christchurch*

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We will not go back to normal. Normal never was. Our pre-corona existence was not normal other than we normalised greed, inequity, exhaustion, depletion, extraction, disconnection, confusion, rage, hoarding, hate and lack.

We should not long to return, my friends.
We are being given the opportunity to stitch a new garment. One that fits all of humanity and nature.
Kiwanis Tiare Paita President writes:

The Kiwanians from New-Caledonia who were stuck in Singapore or Sydney for 21 days on their way back from ASPAC in Kathmandu wish to express their warm thanks to all Kiwanians all over the district who helped us and who supported us with nice messages. We are now at home, safe and secure.

ASPAC in Nepal has been a marvellous convention; we will remember it for a long time. This adventure on return was so difficult but also humanly terrific with this world pandemic, and we also will remember that for long time.

Thanks kiwanis family ♥ Julien

Many families find that volunteering together provides an extra-special bond

From Kiwanis Magazine

“I have been in Kiwanis since 2015. In 2019, I decided to create a new club: Kiwanis Tiaré Paita. I asked my mother, Elaine, if she wanted to embark on this new adventure with me. She agreed immediately. The first year I was president, I proposed the “Blankets of the Heart” project. My mother quickly got a group of grannies together to knit blankets for children in New Caledonia.

I am very proud of my mother, and her being in Kiwanis makes sense because she always wants to help her neighbour and she adores children. We often chat about Kiwanis outside of our meetings and projects. She does her best to come to all of our events.

We are very close, since we are together in the same club and working for the same cause. This has brought us even closer.”

Daniel Hinschberger
Kiwanis Club Tiaré Paita, New Caledonia

*Daniel’s mom, Eliane Pomrenka, says, “I am proud of my son Daniel for everything he does with all our members, helping all these children around the world. He gives 100% and keeps smiling and is always ready to work on new projects. He is my pride.”

ASPAC TEAM LEADERS
NAPIER

The Ahuriri hub, coordinated by two Kiwanis members George & JoAnne Reti of the Napier branch, have managed to help over 1500 Napier families in the past 3 weeks during the Covid 19 Alert level 4.

On top of that over 500 children of Napier were delivered Easter eggs and Hot cross buns to enjoy over the Easter weekend.

Roto Whenua Club Building

The District Membership Club Building Team visited Rotorua from 11-13 February and after assembling at Capers for coffee and a briefing, went off with maps, pens and paper to get around as many places in town as they could.

It was reported that many people had heard of the Teddy Bears Picnic but had not associated the Kiwanis name with this event.

The team returned with a list of 20 prospects who were invited to attend a wine and cheese evening at our regular meeting venue. Clinton Green’s daughter, Michelle, was the only one to attend.

A subsequent invitation to attend the regular dinner meeting resulted in a complete failure to attract prospects.

This was a very disappointing result from so much effort.

25 Year Legion of Honour Certificate

Congratulations to Ainslie Brown (Roto Whenua club) who received her 25 year Legion of Honour certificate and pin from Past District Governor Pierre Macabies.

Roto Whenua President Grant Gibson writes:

NZ in Lockdown - My thoughts in no particular order:

Pay rises plus extra heating for us oldies.
Lots of walks around the neighbourhood and you notice how rough the footpaths are.
Meeting friends out walking and waving to strangers.
Daughter and Granddaughter doing our shopping.
Had to cancel our family holiday so missed out on all the grandchildren being together.
A couple of trips out to chemist and bloods, strange no cars.
Phoning friends in N.Z. and overseas and sharing their stories.
The bathroom scales are lying 😊
Cleaning out the garage and workbench, still not finished but you can’t rush these things.
Nice home baked bread yum.
Stupid car needs a service it keeps beeping at me.
Just about finished reading all the books I have.
Repaired our letterbox, then two of the neighbours so we all have the same colour now.
Kris typing dad's book with me, which has a lot of small writing in his diaries and double up notes which is taking a bit of sorting out.
Painting Kris's dad's old wooden chair a bright pink.
Most nights a shot of bleach (a la Mr Trump which comes in a whisky bottle).
Feeling lucky that we live in N.Z. Rotorua where we have green places to walk around i.e. the golf course, tree trust, etc and so lucky with the fine weather.

Our Sky TV box broke in the first week of lockdown so no recording programmes but could still get TV. Our neighbours’ went the following week but it only took 4-5 days for one to be sent out to them. We had to wait until the first week on alert 3.

Kris had withdrawal symptoms (no grocery shopping or golf). Otherwise all good.

(This report reflected many others written up in club bulletins. Ed.)

Waitangi Day we had the Kiwanis Lake Rotoma Swim.

Thanks to all those Whakatane and Roto Whenua members who helped on the day. Oceanside members ran the BBQ and Marsh/Teshas Coffee provided the coffee and ice cream.

The weather cooperated on the day, starting out with a calm and flat lake and a pleasant breeze as the morning went on. No medals for the swimmers this year, but every competitor received a certificate and a pen with a soft texting end on it.

There were 104 entries this year, compared with 95 for last year. All ages may enter.

This year we abandoned the timing tags as the cost would have been too high. Instead we used an online ticketing system – TryBooking which worked well. They charged 35c a ticket plus 3% of the fee. If you host a free event, there is no charge. The advantage for us was collecting all the email addresses so we can email the competitors about next year’s event. The information collected can be exported as a csv file which can be put into an Excel or database file.

Art Deco Weekend 2020

By Robyn Green

The day was overcast with an odd shower just to keep us alert as our members and helpers prepared for the Vintage Car Parade. It was better than being too hot though.

A big thank you to all helpers for the marshalling of the Vintage cars. A record number of 302 cars filed past and as always finding parks for everyone was the challenge.

Saturday night Greens met up with Governor Brian Reed and Carolyn, District Secretary Graham Chick and Lois plus those staying with the Greens.

Sunday VIP Art Deco Lunch. Relaxing day after Saturday and enjoying company of Kiwanis members from Taupo, Auckland, Mt Maunganui and Morrisville Kiwanis.
Christchurch Meeting 19th March
Speaker Martin Hadlee, The Eden Project

Martin Hadlee from the proposed Eden Project spoke about the proposed concept itself to be based in the Red Zone between the existing Avonside High School and Gayhurst road.
He said the project will, when built, be a world class ecotourism and social enterprise venture. It would focus on our relationship with water and nature while showcasing New Zealand’s environments and biodiversity. The cost is estimated at one hundred million dollars and would be open all the year round.

Full details and illustrations are on the website www.edenprojectchristchurch. It’s worth a look.

Note from Editor Julie:
When we visited the UK in 2018, we went on tour with our son and one of the places we visited was the amazing Eden Garden Project in Cornwall. We spent most of a day there, viewing the tropical and temperate domes, and the surrounding gardens, café, and even the zip line. It was a great day in the sunshine, beautiful unusual plants inside and outside, lots to see. The place was crowded with families, young and old people. I think this would be a huge asset to Christchurch.

Education Spot - Think-tank Musings.
By Past Governor David Gower

I recently returned from the 2020 ASPAC Convention and 2002 Education Conference where I was privileged to be part of a working group that considered ways to bring greater interaction between our adult clubs around the world and members of our youth Service Leadership programmes (SLPs) such as Key Clubs and Circle K clubs etc. Additional thoughts and ideas of readers of the following will be greatly received and explored further.

Using Greta Thunberg and the way she challenged world-leaders to desist from potentially ruining the world that her generation will inherit we noted how she grabbed the attention of media and global leaders. They took note of what youth was pleading for, so, in other words; youth had succeeded in getting adults to react merely by pitching current practices and methods against a heightened awareness of individual conscience and overall global responsibility. Youth has shown themselves therefore to be the instigators without having to be the actual ‘doers’ and starting with this, we investigated ways that could empower youth to become the ‘doers’ who would in turn motivate adults in the community (i.e. Kiwanians), to realise what they envisaged.

One of the topics of greatest global concern is the proliferation of plastics and the subsequent pollution from plastic waste. The subject of ECOBRICKS (www.ecobricks.org) was therefore explored. EcoBricks are simply plastic bottles rammed full of non-biodegradable plastic waste that literally then becomes a brick-shaped, substitute ‘building block’. Provided the bottles are of uniform shape and size, it is possible to stack EcoBricks so as to construct such play-things as a fun-maze, a fence, a garden seat, or the now very trendy - raised garden beds. The children of today are highly aware of the sins of plastics in the ocean, on the beaches, lining river-banks, and fowling bare land. Adult Kiwanis could therefore supervise school children in beach-cleaning drives for example, and in the subsequent filling and compacting of EcoBricks - and then supervise or attend to the building of a safe structure that children could use. A maze or raised garden plots are good examples. Adult supervision will add safety; and this is why adult
supervision will be highly necessary. Even-so, if we construct say a fun-maze as a Kiwanis or named project, we MUST ensure that strict safety measures and standards are met. For example, no roofed or containment structure, or one that exceeds a prescribed height should be built for risk of collapse causing death or injury.

We believe that if projects using EcoBricks go ahead, a set of Kiwanis (using professional advisors e.g. engineers,) building guidelines should be produced and distributed worldwide.

The workgroup commended the above to K.I. to be developed into a programme that was children-led, holds huge community advantages, is eco-friendly, is riddled with worldwide publicity and P.R. opportunities, puts children in a prime-mover position and “at the top”; will greatly enthuse and excite young minds; help the environment, and act as a membership magnet. Furthermore, in our own NZ-South Pacific District we have a member who is a world-leading oceanographic scientist conducting research into currents and ocean-pollution, and who would be keen to see some educational ‘workshop’ materials for schools - written perhaps under the name of Kiwanis, that will give scholastic follow-up to the awareness that a well-focused Kiwanis programme can create. With it, Kiwanis could ‘grab-the-ball’ for publicity initiatives around the world simply by doing what Kiwanis stands for and what we do.

This also lends itself well to the establishment of Community Clubs in local areas. Similarly, it is transferable into other Service Organisations and Volunteer Groups. It also provides an excellent platform to use when trying to influence a school administration in opening a SLP (mainly Key Clubs) in a school or other similar institution or academy.

Let’s start a worldwide revolution and global-movement under the name of Kiwanis. We will all win.

Roger Owers receiving his Legion of Honour for 25 years of service and help on many projects. Left Lt Gov Jill Keir, Roger Owers & Garth Moore

2020 Childrens Day – 1st March

This is an annual event held in the Red Zone - and it was a warm sunny day.

Members from both Christchurch clubs cooked 5000 sausages on some large barbecues, then they were put onto bread and served to the hungry public.

Many thanks to all who helped on the day, and especially to those who towed trailers to the park, collected the bread, sausages etc and to the organisers for once again doing a magnificent job.

“Stand” Handrails
By Kevin Coutts

The hand rail project at “Stand” has been completed.

Six members worked on the site over 2 days in February putting in a total of 39 hours. The first day, six members dug 12 post holes, set 12 posts in concrete and bolted them to the steps.

On the 2nd day four members cut the top and mid rails to length, rounded the edges and nailed them to the posts.

Top photo Gov Brian on his knees with Bill Anderson and below, completed job.