

**Rotary Club of  
Auckland East Inc.**

**District 9920**



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**Rotary International Theme: THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS**

**September Theme: NEW GENERATION**

#### **Attendance**

Members	48
Apologies	20
Silent	3
Leave of Absence	6

#### **Birthdays**

Brendon Pritchard  
Alister Lawrence  
Jenny Thomsen  
Aline Reilly

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Paul & Susie La Franchie  
(12 years)

#### **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

President Colin welcomed members and guests to another interesting evening in the familiar seaward lounge of Romfords. Guests were the speaker, Nicole Bassett, from the Auckland Medical Research Foundation, and Peter Crook.

Peter was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship at our Club Changeover, and we are pleased to see him in attendance.

We also experienced and enjoyed an innovation with a difference: the captivating music of Yulia played in the background during dinner.

President Colin's quote of the week:

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work" – Thomas Edison.

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## **PASSIONATE, AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Nicole Bassett is the recently appointed Development Manager for the Auckland Medical Research Foundation, and is a passionate advocate of the need to underpin medical advances of all types with thorough research.

She reminded us that in the room some people would have benefited from hip replacement, cataract and open heart surgery, none of which would have been possible without the efforts and collaboration of medical researchers around the world.

Nicole has a PhD in Paediatrics and a Masters degree in Business Communications, and aims to raise the profile of the AMRF with the specific intention of attracting more financial support so that it can in turn distribute additional funding to worthy medical research projects particularly in the Auckland region.

The AMRF was established in 1965 under Sir Douglas Robb at a time when 95% of medical research funding was directed to the Otago University Medical School (and 5% to the Pacific Islands). The Auckland Foundation has since raised and distributed some \$ 40 million. It is independent of Auckland University and of the government and has considerable business support in the Auckland area. A key feature is its ability to fund administration costs independently, from specific bequests from the Goodfellow family.

The Foundation ensures that projects are sustainable as a result of its funding – seed funding is not its intention. Current projects include work on identifying brain injury in at risk babies, meningitis vaccine programmes, and diabetes treatments.

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### **TALENT QUEST**

President Colin reminded committees of the proposed entertainment items expected to be performed at the Club meeting on 2 November. Not long to go !!

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### **CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS**

Yes that time again. John Campbell is enthusiastically promoting sales, so be in quick with your order, either by email to John or by entry on the list being circulated (again) at next week's meeting. Excellent value at \$ 17 a pop.

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### **LIDE EDUCATION TRUST RACE DAY**

Kevin Shuker reported on another successful event last Saturday, with a good attendance of Club members for a very enjoyable day. In particular they were able to view the Auckland East Rotary Stakes, sponsored by the Club. (No news though of anyone making a killing!)

The Trust also greatly appreciates the Auckland East sponsorship of the children's playground installed for the its Big Day Out.

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### **STELLAR TRUST**

Alister Lawrence reported that a letter had been received from the Prime Minister giving support to the Trust's efforts in fighting drug dependence, and enclosing a donation of several hundred dollars.

He also reported that Alistair Burry was currently in Wellington attending a meeting convened to contribute to new policy formulation about drug addiction. The meeting had proved extremely valuable.

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### **INTERPLAST**

The next project team to the islands leaves on 24 October, and Cheryl Willetts advised of successful preliminary fundraising for it, to the tune of \$ 40,000, to which Auckland East contributed.

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### **CONFERENCE 2010**

Hosts Rotary Club of Manukau City Sunrise are well advanced with planning for the District 9920 Conference in Napier on April 16-18 next year, and are calling for registrations. Please give your attention to the attachment – all the information is there.

Cheryl Willetts recommended that all Auckland East participants should book into the same accommodation.

Take particular note that Auckland East Rotary Club will be responsible for leading the Friday night Stellar Trust entertainment!!

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## CHALLENGE CAMP 2010

This camp for disabled students and Rotary exchange students is planned for Willow Park, May 17-21 and is an important part of the Rotary year. More information to come, but please read the attached briefing.

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DATE	5 October	12 October	19 October	26 October
VENUE	Romfords 5.30 for 6.00pm	Romfords 5.30 for 6.00pm	Romfords 5.30 for 6.00pm	NO MEETING
SPEAKER/ SUBJECT	<i>Phil Sheat - House sale presentation</i>	<i>Mike Green - New book</i>	<i>Mike Sheffield - Project Hobson</i>	
SPEAKER HOST	Martin Reilly	Kevin Shuker	Eric Woodhead	
THANKS	Don Robertson	Ian Thomsen	Peter Allen	
DOOR CHARGE	Don Ruxton	Grant Wallace	Alistair Burry	
DOOR-VISITOR	Paul Sargison	Cheryl Willetts	Rae Ah Chee	
GRACE	Val Savidan	Ian Willetts	Trevor Allsebrook	
FELLOWSHIP ☺	Murray Willis	Owen Williams	Jack Archibald	
STAND IN	Phil Sheat	Norm Williamson	Michael Berry	
SET-UP	Keith Whyte	Keith Whyte	Keith Whyte	

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**DUTIES ROSTER** If your name appears on the duties list for the meeting, please report to the Sergeant when you arrive.

**UNABLE TO PERFORM YOUR ROSTERED DUTY?** Please arrange for your replacement and advise the Sergeant David Carden ([davidcarden@clear.net.nz](mailto:davidcarden@clear.net.nz), or tel 521 9182) by Sunday evening with stand-in's details.

**APOLOGIES OR GUESTS?** Please contact John Campbell ([jacandjmcampbell@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jacandjmcampbell@yahoo.co.nz)) or tel 528 9664 by 11am on Monday.

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## **CHALLENGE CAMP**

OUR 9910+ 9920 Rotary Challenge Camp is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> till 21<sup>st</sup> of May at Willow Park in Eastern Beach, and we again need your club's help in making this another great success

This fantastic youth growth activity brings/ melts together all of our current years (9910 and 9920) international exchange students with a like number of physically and otherwise disabled students of a like age, in a week of personal growth away from their normal environment cell phones and iPods etc.

There is a great program of activities and inspirational speakers being planned for this week which will ensure growth for all of our exchange students and the campers (disadvantaged students) alike.

As in the past, each exchange student will be buddied up with one specific camper (disadvantaged student) for these 5 days and they together and in teams will achieve challenges together, personal understanding and growth that they would never have anticipated before arriving.

I ask you all to strongly support/ take advantage of this wonderful youth growth opportunity by providing and sponsoring a disadvantaged/ disabled candidates and contributing your district cost allocation to fund this program.

This year The Rotary Club Of Pakuranga is organising the camp; with Peter Roylance being the key contact person (see his details below).

Peter will be sending out application forms invoices and data in the next few weeks and is available to answer your questions and or come and talk to you about this year's program.