

Announcing the 2015-16 District Grants

DG Mike Smith and TRF Chair Raewyn Kirkman are pleased to advise that NZ\$40,500 has been distributed to clubs as district grants for 2015-16 and it is great to see a wide range of projects been undertaken both locally and in the neighbouring Pacific Islands. These grants were possible as a result of the contributions from clubs and individual Rotarians to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund in 2013-14 of US\$108,000. As with the first two years of district grants, this year once again grants applied for exceeded the amount available for distribution and it was not possible to give clubs the full amount they hoped for. If we are to meet club's expectations for grants in future years, our giving to the Annual Fund will need to increase.

Club	Type of activity	Project description	Location	Grant
Fairfield	Community development	Work with local Fijians to build and install pre-school playground and equipment	Fiji	\$2,000
Greenmeadows	Community development	Provide books for schools and communities in Papua New Guinea	Papua New Guinea	\$2,000
Matamata	Community development	Support the community work of Starfish Social Services Trust who work with underprivileged youth with the purchase of a second hand van	New Zealand	\$4,500
Otumoetai and Kihikihi	Education	Working Remuera RC to build a replacement school toilet/ablution facility in a school in Fiji	Fiji	\$4,200
Papamoa and Maketu	Community development	Development and installation of cycle way rest areas on the new Tauranga Eastern Link highway, encouraging fitness and keeping cyclists safe	New Zealand	\$5,000
Putaruru	Health	Provision of air seat cushions for rest home	New Zealand	\$680
Rotorua Sunrise	Education	Implementation of an oral language and literacy programme in a low decile school that involves Rotarians in the classroom	New Zealand	\$2,550
Taradale	Education	Provide books for schools and communities in the Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands	\$1,000
Tauranga	Education	Development of a literacy and development resource library for a low decile school	New Zealand	\$3,000
Tauranga Sunrise	Community development	Installation of a gravity fed water system for a village in Vanuatu	Vanuatu	\$1,700
Tauranga-Te Papa	Education	Provision of a mobile education caravan/trailer to share resources across a number of low decile schools who otherwise wouldn't have the resources	New Zealand	\$3,300
Te Rapa	Education	Provision of tablets to a low decile school	New Zealand	\$1,370
Waikato Sunrise	Water	Installation of water tanks and water reticulation on an island of 300 inhabitants without a reliable water supply	Fiji	\$3,500
Wairoa	Health	Development of a healthy lifestyle programme to support obese and unwell community members to improve their health	New Zealand	\$3,500
Whakatane West	Health	Implement a men's health day to encourage men to better look after their health and get regular health check-ups	New Zealand	\$2,200