

# District 9930



**CREATE  
LASTING  
IMPACT**

*Be Bold  
Be Visible  
Be Connected*



## Service ~ Connection ~ Community

Welcome to the first edition of the 2026 Newsletter where the aim is to share some stories, highlight opportunities to get involved, and keep our clubs connected with what is happening across the district.

To the many clubs I have visited over the past month, thank you for your hospitality. Without exception I have come away feeling inspired by the work you do in your communities.

Across District 9930, Rotarians are making a difference every day — supporting communities, developing young leaders, and building connections that create lasting change.

This year I have challenged all clubs to **Be BOLD**, **Be CONNECTED** and **Be VISIBLE**.

**Be BOLD** - Growth comes from trying something different. This year challenge your club to do one thing you haven't done before. One new idea, one new approach one new way of engaging

**Be CONNECTED** - Work with others in your community. Let's move from what can we do to what can we do together. Because the greatest impact often comes from collaboration..

**Be VISIBLE** - If your community doesn't know you exist, your impact is limited. Visibility isn't about self promotion, it's about connection. It's about making it easy for people to find you, understand you and join you.

*"Change is only the beginning. Impact is what endures. We must think of long-term impact of every project"* Olayinka Babalola



*Janine Branson*

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Rotary International President  
2026-2027  
Yinka Babalola

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# Good News Stories from across the District



## Welcome New Members

- Suzanne Lander
- Johannes Grimbergen
- Kay Montgomery
- Harley Barnett
- Raymond Milner
- Huia Utatao

## Happy Charter Anniversary

### Cambridge Rotary

80 years of service on 1 July 2026

### Wairoa Rotary

83 years of service on 20 July 2026



## “Fiji Container”

Rotorua Passport Rotary Club is filling another container to be sent to Fiji.

The focus this container is on Education Resources - primarily hard (physical) assets such as desks, chairs, white boards, etc

If you know someone who is associated with a school please ask if they have any surplus equipment they could donate.

Email for more info: [Lynne Joseph](mailto:Lynne.Joseph@rotary.org)

## Congratulations

David Smith's 50th club anniversary

## High Tea & Charity Auction

### Saturday 11 July

Raising \$9,000 this fundraising event really has made a real difference in their community. Every ticket purchased and every bid placed went to supporting both – the Open Home Foundation's Oasis House and [Days for Girls](#).

Congratulations Tauranga Te Papa on a fantastic event.



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# Spotlight on....



## Enhancing Participant Engagement (DEI)

At Rotary, we believe everyone should feel welcome, respected, and connected. We're building a culture where people from all backgrounds can grow, lead, and thrive—together.

This is a new role for our Rotary District, and one that I feel very strongly about. I look forward to working alongside clubs to explore new ways to make Rotary more attractive and welcoming to prospective members.

Every Rotary club has its own unique culture, and that is something to be celebrated. At the same time, it is important that our clubs evolve to meet the needs of their members, rather than expecting members to fit the club.

We often talk about diversity, but I believe our focus should be on inclusion. That means creating an environment where people from different cultures and ethnic backgrounds, women, younger members, people with disabilities, and members of the LGBTQ+ community all feel genuinely welcomed, valued and able to contribute.

Inclusion is about more than extending an invitation—it is about creating a culture where everyone feels they belong and where they choose to stay.

### Learning opportunities

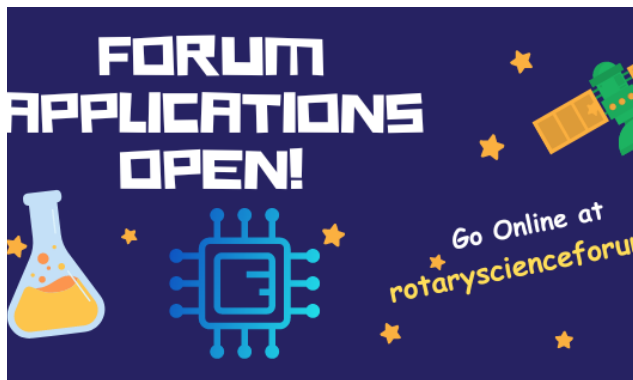
Explore a series of [free online courses](#) designed to help members build respectful relationships and contribute to a welcoming and inclusive Rotary environment.



Past District Governor  
Grant Spackman  
Rotary Havelock North  
[Email Grant](#)

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## Whats coming up.....



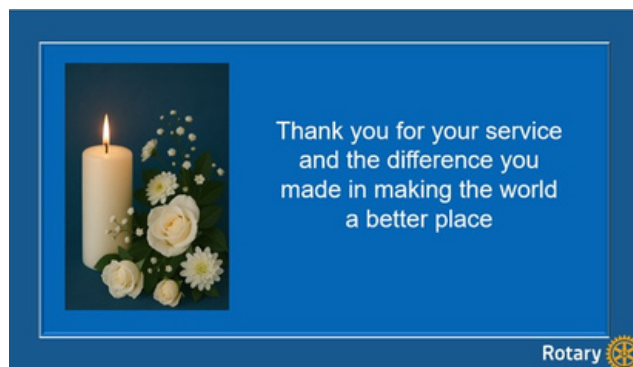
### “Science and Technology Forum”

Applications are **Open**

More information can be found on the website.

## Condolences

John Cotterell - Ahuriri Napier  
Bill Butzbach Snr - Kawerau  
Wally Drayton - Greenmeadows



## Whats happening outside our backdoor.....

### Cans For A Cause

At this stage there is a total of 3524 collected from District 9930. If you participated by didnt register or lodge your number of cans collected please let me (Janine) know.



**The preliminary total for the National Campaign is 39,254.**

### International Convention

Barcelona  
June 2-30 2027

Registration will open in September 2026.

Roger Miller is the International Convention Coordinator for our District and will keep us up to date with what we need to know.



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### Dates for your Diary

National Science & Technology Forum  
9-23 January 2027

### Useful Links

[Rotary South Pacific/Regionalisation](#)

[Monthly Theme and Zoom backgrounds to download](#)

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