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District Conference 2023
28-30th April 2023
Alexandra Park, Auckland

WELCOME



Warm greetings to all the attendees of this year's Rotary District 9910 Conference.

Myself and the conference organising committee are very pleased you've been able to join us at this year's conference here at Alexandra Park in Auckland.

I have been very proud to lead the District this year as your Governor. Although the Rotary year is not quite over, the District Conference is the culmination of a year of great activity throughout the District.

I really enjoy attending our District Conference as I find that it is great way for members from all across our District to gather together, network and socialise and to celebrate the successes that our collective clubs have had throughout the year. It is also an important opportunity to discuss the challenges that we all face, share ideas and come up with solutions that we can take back to our clubs.

The theme for this year's conference is Imagine - Inspire - Innovate.

Our goal with this theme is to link in with the Rotary International theme of world President Jennifer Jones (Imagine) and to encourage clubs to think about how they should be evolving to meet the needs of their members in the future. We also are aiming to inspire you with stories of both Rotarians and non Rotarians who are achieving amazing things, and to highlight some innovative ideas that are out there that we need to be trying in order to grow our organisation.

Our District is somewhat unique internationally with Rotary, in that we cover half of Auckland, all of Northland in New Zealand as well as three overseas territories - New Caledonia, Norfolk Island and Vanuatu. I am pleased to see a number of attendees with us this weekend from those overseas locations. I would encourage you all to chat to our Island members and learn more about how they do Rotary.

We are also lucky to have even more internationality at this event with groups of visiting Rotarians from both Bangladesh and Taiwan.

I look forward to talking to you this weekend and hope you enjoy what we have in store for you.

Thank you for the work you all do in your clubs and in your communities. It is appreciated and you are making a difference!

Keep up the good work.

Matt McLeod
District Governor
Rotary International District 9910 (2022-23).



Jennifer Jones
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28th April 2023

Dear fellow Rotary leaders:

I am so pleased that you are attending your Rotary District Conference. As you meet in the days ahead, you will have the opportunity to celebrate your successes, expand your network across borders and cultures, and share your ideas for the years ahead.

As Rotarians, our commitment to service is what drives us, and we want to be a part of something larger than ourselves. This special event is where we take our passion for community service to the next level, finding inspiration in each other's accomplishments to bring our service to even greater heights.

We all feel the impact that Rotary service and Rotary values have on us ... now it's our opportunity to share that feeling with others. This is a year to Imagine Rotary by envisioning a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing we can make a difference. We don't imagine yesterday, we imagine tomorrow.

We imagine a world without polio, with clean water for everyone. We imagine a world free of disease and where every child learns to read. We imagine kindness, hope, love, and peace.

If we serve our members, we serve our communities. And if we provide comfort and care for our members, they will truly come to understand the power of Rotary.

I hope you take the knowledge gained at this District Conference back to your clubs to help them succeed throughout the coming year. Together, we will achieve great things as we *Imagine Rotary*.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Jones".

Jennifer Jones
President, Rotary International 2022-23

PROGRAMME - FRIDAY

Friday

Time *Agenda*

4pm Registration desk opens

5pm **Welcome starts**

After completion of the welcome we have drinks and canapés for you.

Race 1 starts at 6.06pm. Enjoy an evening of racing and dining either onsite at Alexandra Park or at local eateries at your own discretion. Come back to the Tasman Room once finished.

Race 1 6:06pm	ROTARY INTL DISTRICT 9910 CONFERENCE HANDICAP TROT \$18,000, 3YO & OLDER R42 TO R51 DISCRETIONARY, 2700m
Race 2 6:36pm	WELCOME ROTARY TAIPEI PACIFIC MEMBERS MOBILE PACE \$18,000, 3YO & OLDER R35 TO R53, 2200m
Race 3 7:10pm	PORTAGE CARS DRIVING SUPPORT FOR ROTARY HANDICAP TROT \$18,000, R54 TO R69 DISCRETIONARY, 2200m
Race 4 7:37pm	DAWSON HARFORD LTD 2023 NZ MESSENGER FFA MOBILE PACE (Gr1) \$90,000, FFA, 2700m Race History
Race 5 8:10pm	PETER BRECKON MEMORIAL 2023 NATIONAL TROT FFA MOB TROT (Gr1) \$90,000, FFA MOBILE, 2700m Race History
Race 6 8:35pm	NZB STANDARDBRED HARNESS MILLION 3YO TROTTERS FINAL MOB TROT (Listed) \$75,000, 3YO MOBILE, 2200m Race History
Race 7 9:00pm	OBEX MEDICAL - LEADING THE FIELD MOBILE PACE \$18,000, R61 TO R69, 2200m
Race 8 9:25pm	VIVID COMPUTERS SUPPORTS ROTARY HANDICAP TROT \$18,000, 3YO+, NON-WINNERS & UP TO R40 WITH COND. SPECHCP, 2200m
Race 9 9:50pm	VOLUNTEER WITH ROTARY - FUN & REWARDING MOBILE PACE \$12,000, NON-WINNERS 2YO & OLDER, 2200m

FRIDAY NIGHT DINING OPTIONS

A few local places for you to dine at tonight. Please make your own reservations. Please come back into the Tasman Room after dinner - this will be our base for the evening. If you order food from The Lyell Creek Lounge you can bring your meal through to the Tasman Room.

A) The Alex Bar and Eatery

Located on the ground floor, provides you with trackside dining with our À la carte menu as well as TAB facilities and gaming room.

Ground floor, main stand, Alexandra Park
<https://www.alexandrapark.co.nz/the-alex/>

B) Lyell Creek Lounge

The Lyell Creek Lounge on level one is the ideal location if you are looking to be close to the action while enjoying a fantastic meal, with prime seats overlooking the track and a covered viewing stand right outside the door.

First floor, main stand, Alexandra Park

C) Grand Park Chinese Seafood Restaurant

Ground floor, main stand, Alexandra Park
www.grandparkrestaurant.co.nz

D) Joe's Garage - Alexandra Park

www.joes.co.nz

223 Green Lane West, Epsom, Auckland
(approx 250-300 metres walk from main stand along Green Lane West)

E) Lone Star Cafe and Bar

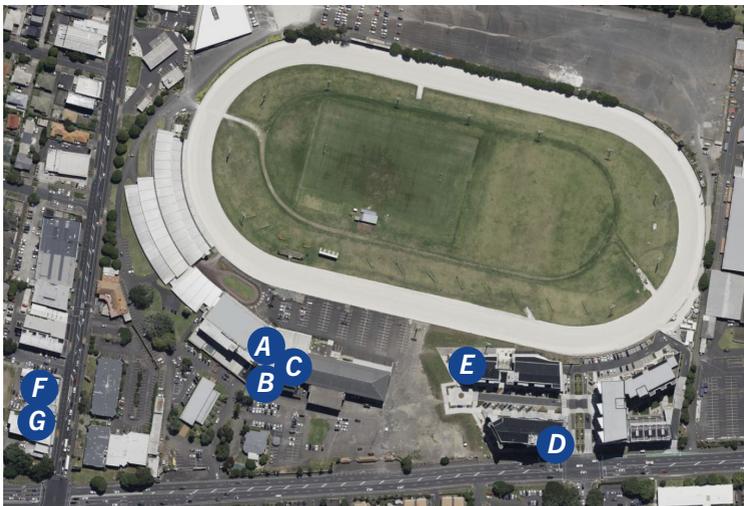
223D Green Lane West, Epsom
(approx 150 metres walk from main stand, looks out over the racetrack)
www.lonestar.co.nz

F) Sakebar Nippon - Japanese Izakaya Restaurant

www.sakebar.co.nz
415 Manukau Road, Epsom
(across Manukau Road from Alexandra Park)
(approx 350-400 metres walk)

G) Golden Jade Chinese Restaurant

www.goldenjaderestaurant.co.nz
417 Manukau Road, Epsom
(across Manukau Road from Alexandra Park)
(approx 350-400 metres walk)



PROGRAMME - SATURDAY

Saturday

Time Agenda

9.00am - 10.25 am

Welcome by DG Matt McLeod

David Downs - Innovation, disruption and you.
A personal story.

Tim Edmonds - The WELL Foundation

Cat Levine - Te Tai Tokerau Tamariki Mental Health
and Wellbeing

Meghan Kenney, National Director of Miss NZ and
owner of Miss Auckland

10.25am - 10.45am

Morning Tea

10.45am - 12.25pm

Elaha Yousufi - Journey from Afghanistan to
New Zealand

Gabby Wright, Jaden Movold, Lisa Adams - speaking
on Imagine, Inspire and Innovate

Phil Aish - Hawkes Bay Cyclone response

12.25pm - 1.00pm

Lunch

1.00pm - 3.15 pm

Special Activity

3.15pm - 3.45pm

Afternoon Tea

3.45pm - 5.00pm

Special Activity

5.00pm

Close - DG Matt McLeod




ALEXANDRA
— PARK —

Saturday Evening

Saturday Night Dinner at The Top of The Park restaurant – Alexandra Park

Join us for a sumptuous dinner with live music and our amazing MC Pio Terei MNZM. 6pm for 6.45pm start. Dinner, drinks, entertainment, live music and dancing.

Theme: 1980's Fashion in the Fields – Race Day Attire



MC Pio Terei MNZM

Pio's numerous appearances as an actor, comedian, musician and radio and television host over the last few decades have established him as one of New Zealand's most popular and personable entertainers and MCs.

His starring roles in locally produced shows such as Off the Grid, It's in the Bag, Tangaroa, Are We There Yet?, My Kind of Kai, Intrepid Journeys, How's Life, Spin Doctors & Matuku have made him a familiar face with an appeal that spans generations, this further cemented by his titular role as the host of successful talk show Terei Tonight, deservedly Maori TV's highest rating show of late. He has twice won Best Comedy Performer at the NZ Film and TV Awards, and was befittingly nominated for TV Personality of the Year at those same awards.



Piano Man Show

Entertainment comes to you by "Play it Again, Sam!" is a Piano Man Show, starring Sam Hyde on piano and vocals. His solo act is a fresh and exciting blend of crowd favourites – including recent classics by the likes of Ed Sheeran, Harry Styles and The Weeknd, as well as honouring all-time greats such as Sir Elton John, Elvis Presley and The Beatles. Play it Again, Sam will takes our event from canapes to party seamlessly, and is a festival and event favourite throughout New Zealand.

PROGRAMME - SUNDAY

Sunday

Time Agenda

8.00am - 9.00am	Annual General Meeting
9.00am - 10.15am	Welcome back - Conference Day 2 Rotary Insights from Bangladesh Teacher in a Box Rotary in the Pacific Panel Discussion
10.15am - 10.25am	Morning Tea
10.25am - 1.00pm	Rotary Response to Floods and Cyclones Insights from the Mangawhai Club ROMAC - the Kevin Tavir story Award presentations Preview of Conference 2024
1.00pm	Close - DG Matt McLeod



Mission Statement

ROMAC provides surgical treatment for children in Australia and New Zealand from developing countries from our Pacific Region in the form of Life Giving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

With ROMAC
100¢ in every \$1
goes directly to giving life to a child

ROMAC is totally voluntary

There are no paid staff and the small administration expenses incurred are paid from another income stream.

Teacher in a Box



What Is Teacher In A Box

Provides people with offline access to an extensive range of FREE educational and training materials via any wi-fi enabled device.

No Internet Required

Supporting self-paced learning as well as classroom teaching, Teacher in a Box servers have a huge positive impact in places where there are limited teaching resources or teachers with limited training or education.

Why is it needed

In many rural villages in developing countries there is no internet, and even in places where there is internet it may be unreliable, or the cost limits people's use. Teacher in a Box has a huge positive impact where there are limited teaching resources or teachers with limited training or education themselves. Our Teacher in a Box servers support self-paced learning as well as classroom teaching.

<https://www.teacherinabox.org.au/>

Try it out now.....

We have a Teacher In A Box unit onsite at the conference this weekend and would encourage you to try it out for yourself. You can use any wifi enabled device - smartphone, tablet or laptop.

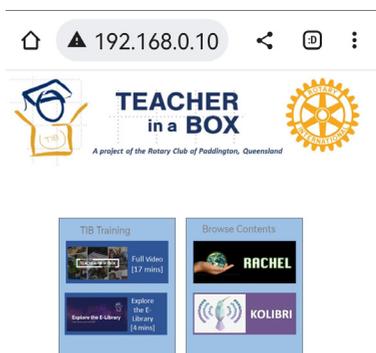
Connect to the wifi network called K4L

The password is: 12345678

Your device will say there is no internet connection - that's fine as we are just using the wifi to connect to the Teacher In A Box device.

In your web browser type in: 192.168.0.10 into the address line

You should see a page that looks like this which means you've connected to the device and can now browse through the content by clicking on the buttons on the homepage.



Once finished, don't forget to disconnect from the K4L wifi network.

David Downs, CMIInstD***Genetically Modified Optimist***

David is CEO of The New Zealand Story and a director on several boards, including as Chair of The Icehouse. David is an ex-comedian, TV and radio actor, semi-finalist for New Zealander of the Year, cancer survivor and a published author of books No.8 Rewired, No.8 Recharged, A Mild Touch of the Cancer, and Silver Linings.

Cat Levine - Te Tai Tokerau Tamariki Mental Health and Wellbeing Think & be me!

In more recent years, Cat has devoted her most of her time to helping as many children as she can understand and improve their mental health and wellbeing. She communicates complex concepts through engaging storytelling and visuals, with memorable messages and practical strategies.

Elaha Yosufi - Afghanistan

Elaha Yousufi is a young Afghan woman who had to leave Afghanistan after the Taliban took over her country in 2021. She was a businesswoman and social activist for more than five years. She had to leave everything behind because of the government restrictions and violence against women and come to New Zealand in February 2022 to start a new life. She now is now living and working and is continuing study towards her MBA online. She will talk about her journey from Afghanistan to New Zealand and how she made the most of life's opportunities.

Gabby Wright, Jaden Movold, Lisa Adams

Gabby was just 12 years old when she contracted a cold that would completely change her life. When her immune system overreacted, it caused an inflammation of her spinal cord leading to a disorder called Transverse Myelitis (TM). The condition led to her being paralysed from the waist down.

Prior to her illness, Gabby had been an avid netball player and was devastated when she realised that she would never play again. She did not let this stop her from continuing to be involved with the game and instead she trained to become an umpire.

Getting back into sport was extremely important for her after ending up in a wheelchair. She tried various wheelchair sports before finding her passion for Wheelchair racing in 2019. She is now an aspiring Paralympian and hopes to represent New Zealand on the world stage.

Jaden is an 18-year-old T54 Internationally Classified Wheelchair Racer from Auckland. He was born with a rare form of Spina Bifida and has faced many physical challenges, including spending a lot of time in hospital and having 31 major surgeries. Despite this,

he has never given up his pursuit of being an athlete. Starting from a young age, he tried nearly every sport, and eventually became a competitive swimmer, wheelchair basketballer, and triathlete. In 2019, he discovered his passion for wheelchair racing, his now main sport, where he competes in all track events from 100m-5000m and 10km road events. He currently holds numerous Auckland and NZ age-group records and holds several national championships titles. Aside from being a competitive athlete, Jaden is also heavily involved in his community, serving on several national committees and advisory groups. He is also a disability advocate, a public speaker, an ambassador, and is frequently asked to contribute his expertise and experience within projects focused around disability and young people. He is also pursuing psychology degree at AUT university.

Lisa Adams is a women's para shot put athlete (F37 category) who has experienced a rapid rise to the track and field stage.

Diagnosed early in life with left hemiplegia, a form of cerebral palsy, she won a national title in 2018 at her first major competition and has broken the F37 para shot put world record several times since she started competing. Lisa won her first world title with a world record throw of 14.80m at the World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai in 2019 and broke this again throwing 15.28m at the 2020 New Zealand Track and Field Championships.

Lisa competed at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (postponed to 2021) and won a gold medal in Women's shot put F37, setting 4 Paralympics records in the process.

She splits her time between being a mum at home in Rotorua and training commitments in Auckland and is coached by her older sister Dame Valerie Adams.

Kevin Tavir and Wayne Brewer

Kevin was a normal healthy active child growing up in a rural area in the New Britain Province on the island of Rabaul, Papua New Guinea. Life was simple until he was diagnosed with a juvenile angiofibroma a relatively rare condition which only occurs in teenage boys, a growth develops between the eyes and spreads within the skull. After a traumatic experience trying to get doctors in Papua New Guinea to diagnose Kevin's condition he was able to travel to New Zealand with the aid of ROMAC – Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children for life saving surgery. Kevin's guardian in New Zealand is Wayne Brewer, a member of the Rotary Club of Remuera in District 9920. Kevin and Wayne will present to our Conference together about Kevin's journey and life since the surgery in 2018

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