

## Browns Bay

We were delighted to meet Lynda Clarke, Principal of May Rd School in Mt Roskill, to our meeting on Feb 20. Lynda told of the journey the school is on as it awaits the completion of a huge new classroom block. 200 new students are expected at the school this year, and Shirley is busy ensuring their backpack needs will be met.

Lynda is thrilled with the support she is receiving from Shirley and her team of sewers, and talked about the huge impact the promise of a backpack has on the reading programme at her low-decile school.

Following the story in February's 'Focus' magazine, Shirley has had three new women from Torbay join her sewing group, including a 94-year old who can't come to Shirley's house, but is busy sewing backpacks at home.

Children who have already received backpacks now will receive a bag of art supplies as a reward for completing their reading programme.



### MEETING 5 MARCH

Our speaker was Kay Martin from Craigs Investment Partners with lots of facts & figures & graphs for those of us with surplus money looking for a good home.

### NEXT MEETING 19 MARCH

Our Summer Science School students will be telling us all about it.



Supersewers Carol Duske & Shirley Smith with Lynda Clarke

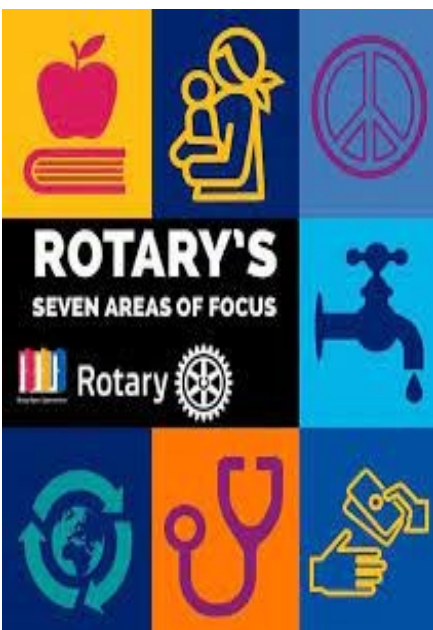
The RBB Board has agreed to reimburse Shirley for some of her costs, but if individual members would like to contribute, Shirley welcomes donations of felt tips, pencils, erasers, paints & paintbrushes. Bring them along to our next meeting.

### AED UPDATE

Ian has finally received permission to instal the AED on the Stoned Cow building in the Phoenix Plaza.

It will cost \$3840 and will be in place in May. We need to design an ad to be attached to the wall with our signage; this will be an extra cost. We'll organise a community event to celebrate the unveiling and perhaps a community AED-use training session.

St John's are happy to assist.



**Devonport Rotary**  
invites you to join us  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
R.S.A. Club Rooms 61 Victoria Rd, Devonport.  
6 pm drinks 6.30 dinner




**Hear what a NZ led team is achieving in the Ukraine**

In June 2022, our guest speaker, Tenby Powell, formed Kiwi K.A.R.E (Kiwi Aid & Refugee Evacuation), a registered New Zealand Charitable Organisation which has been operating in Ukraine for over 20 months, delivering hundreds of tonnes of humanitarian and medical aid to Red Zone hospitals and front-line medical units, and conducting evacuations of civilians.

Meal cost is \$27 per person and clubs will be invoiced directly. Clubs must coordinate attendance numbers and names and RSVP [bill.mackay@mesl.co.nz](mailto:bill.mackay@mesl.co.nz) by 5 pm on 15 March.

Cash Bar available  
Parking in Victoria Rd and New World Carpark off Fleet St



**Let Ian know if you'd like to attend & he will organise payment**

**OF ALL THE THINGS WE SAY AND DO**

*Is it the truth/Is it fair to all concerned/Will it build goodwill & better friendships/Will it be beneficial to all concerned*

**DIARY DATES**

- Fri 8 Mar 10am Coffee at the Cow
- Sat 9 Mar 8.30am Women’s Day breakfast
- Thu 14 Mar 10-Pin & dinner TBC
- Fri 15 Mar 10am Coffee at the Cow
- Mon 18 Mar 6pm Tenby Powell talks about Ukraine at Pupuke Golf Club; a combined North Shore event
- Tue 19 Mar 7am Breakfast meeting; meet our Summer Science Forum students
- Fri 22 Mar 10am Coffee at the Cow
- Thu 28 Mar 9am RBB Board meeting @ the library
- Thu 25 Apr ANZAC Day; 9am at the Cenotaph



**ANZAC DAY**  
RBB will be present at the Citizens’ service in Browns Bay at 9am on April 25; details to follow.

**Rotary**

Rotary’s Vision Statement

**TOGETHER**  
we see a world where  
**PEOPLE** unite  
and take action  
to **CREATE**  
lasting **CHANGE**  
across the **GLOBE**  
in our **COMMUNITIES**  
and in **OURSELVES**

Thanks to Josie for organising a wonderful day out to Man O’ War Vineyard at Waiheke



**SUMMER SPECTACULAR IN BROWNS BAY**



What a great turn out; thanks to those of you who participated and helped us raise \$1349.  
Lovely to see our prospective new member John at work on the grill!  
A huge thanks to the wonderful Gary Christini from New World who so generously donated the sausages.  
The kids loved the games too!



**SOME WORDS OF WISDOM FROM RODNEY**

‘If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a room with a mosquito’ (Dalai Llama)  
‘I generally avoid temptation, unless I can’t resist it’ (Mae West)

**REGIONALISATION**  
This is going ahead from 1 July; there will be significant changes to how our district operates.  
Australia, NZ & the Pacific will be one zone & districts will no longer exist.  
We will be in the ‘North Shore’ community group of 14 clubs with a Community Leader & there will be no more Assistant Governors.  
Much work & many meetings still to be done; Sally will keep you posted



**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME FOR 2024/2025**

Incoming World President Stephanie Urchick (USA) has announced her theme for the new Rotary year: **The Magic of Rotary**

