

President's message

As we look forward to the reopening of our borders after 4 months of restrictions, we as a Quota club continue to contribute to local community projects in ways that we can. Supporting local groups/ organisations that make a significant difference for families /whanau and children continues to be a key focus looking forward.

We have continued to support, Debbie Munroe with her "Waka of caring" initiative in Manurewa East. The need for such support has never been greater. We all admire Debbie for her commitment to her community, who does this all with no funding streams. There is a continued need of canned food and kitchen items.

Grand parents raising grandchildren (Papakura group), supported and inspired by Shirley Afoa. We again feel that we want to support her quest to make xmas special for these families. Our club has contributed to Christmas food hammers, including some home made jam from "Jam maker extraordinaire" ...Pam Ross.

Our care packs are quietly being produced and ready to meet the continued need of the counselling services guiding and supporting vulnerable woman, through difficult times. These are prepared with love and care from our members. Thank you to club members for your contributions.

A highlight for me was attending our 46th Papakura Quota Charter anniversary. This included a coffee, walk and a laugh at the Botanical gardens. A long wait, almost normality, and a taste of what our future may hold. Lyn McKenzie one of our original charter members also joined us, for a coffee. It was lovely to see and reconnect with members face to face, including Margaret and Jenny who we hadn't seen on zoom recently. This was an opportunity to share some laughs and smell the roses as we had a guided walk and commentary on eel and duck habitat from our resident botanist/ aquaculturist "Marleen". I also picked up a few gardening tips. We plan on making this a regular event, so we can remain connected over the coming months with the opportunity of socialising while socially distancing. Some of us did look a bit different. New hair styles and natural colour tones, surely makes us more diverse and interesting.....as we wait for hairdressers to open.....our pamper time is coming soon, with these hair appointments a top priority!

A Zoom meeting with 4 of 5, Audiology recipients in 2021. This gave us an insight to the challenges they had faced throughout covid times. Our support of Masters students has now reached 100,000k over the past 28 years. Such an amazing commitment, investing in the careers of those who make such a valuable contribution to the hearing community in NZ. All four today told us they have future careers in Community Audiology clinics across Auckland.

With cancelling the NZ Quota national meeting in Cambridge, this month, we look forward to reconnecting with our fellow clubs in 2022. We plan to look into hosting another event next year.

The flower for me this month is dahlias. I am sure all Aucklanders have had a feeling of being a dormant tuber, however we will soon burst into flower bringing joy and happiness to our Quota friends as families and communities reconnect.

Excited that 15th December is just around the corner, and hairdressers will open this week. Plenty to get excited about and look forward to.

Warm wishes to you all.

Friendship in Quota

Glenys Best

President



Happy 46th Birthday Quota Papakura....a garden ramble & a cuppa catch up



Club 'project' working groups —name the event & the committee.



Counselling Services Care Pack - thanks to the contributors and to the wee busy worker bees who made these beautiful care packages ❤️ You ladies are ★



Other connecting moments



Hmmm this looked familiar to something we used to watch on the telly a wee while ago now.... UC



Club meetings "house keeping" date, guest speaker, quote of the day, grace

Next mini zoom -meeting Mon 29th November for co-ordinating Christmas cheer packs for Papakura aged care Council Housing residents. Mtg ID 738 635 1085 Passcode T0a7L5

Keep safe and enjoy your salon appointments!

Happy Birthday To our Quota Friend born in November Theo Surynt

