

## Whakatu Rotary Community Projects 2017-18



### Race Unity Day

Whakatu Rotarians helping Nelson Multicultural Council at the Nelson/Tasman Race Unity Day. A great opportunity to promote intercultural awareness with a fun filled day of entertainment and a huge variety of ethnic food from the regions more recent migrants.

We're looking forward to an ongoing relationship with the Multicultural Council and this event.



### RYDA 2018

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness sessions held each year to promote road safety for our younger drivers. Whakatu Rotarians enjoying being part of this day alongside fellow Rotarians from the Nelson District.



### Asian Food Fair

Whakatu Rotarians assisting with the setup and packdown of the Nelson / Tasman Asian Food Fair. Great to be able to help the Multicultural Council with this annual event. Held at Washbourn Gardens, Richmond it's a fun evening of a huge variety of ethnic food and entertainment.



### Rotoiti Lodge Painting

A weekend of sanding, priming and painting the windows of Rotoiti Lodge (and it has a lot of windows!)

The lodge is owned by the Rotoiti Lodge Outdoor Education Trust and provides a fantastic facility for Nelson Marlborough school groups to experience the outdoors.

A favourite project for Whakatu Rotarians who experienced the lodge as students during their school years.



### **RDA Arena Fence Painting**

More painting projects for Whakatu Rotarians.

We're pleased to be able to help Nelson Riding for Disabled with painting their arena fence. It's a big job but great to assist this organisation that offers such a wonderful service to the community.



### **Worldwide Polio Eradication**

In January 2017 3 members of Whakatu Rotary travelled to India to help with the Polio Eradication Project .

An awesome experience for these Rotarians to be involved with a worldwide project that is succeeding in eliminating this disease.



### **Fundraising Casinos**

External organisations and individuals hire Whakatu Rotary to run professional and fun casino nights. No money changes hands on the tables but those hosting the evenings can raise funds in various ways. Club members enjoy getting dressed up to act as croupiers and money raised through the casino booking helps to fund club projects.



### **Nelson Art Expo**

Whakatu Rotarians are so lucky to be involved in events that enable us to raise money so we can support individuals and community groups but that are also great fun to be involved with. The Nelson Art Expo gives us a chance to handle some of Nelson's best art works and raise money at the same time.



### **Founders Book Fair**

For several years Whakatu Rotary has been involved in helping provide assistance with the Founders Book Fair. Held annually this is a massive project for the Founders volunteers and Whakatu Rotarians are pleased they can help with one of the best book fairs in New Zealand that raises funds that for the upkeep of Nelson's Founders Heritage Park



### **Saltwater Creek Cleanup**

Every year Whakatu Rotarians pull on their gumboots and rubber gloves and venture into Saltwater Creek to collect the rubbish. We've started noticing an improvement in the health of this waterway and it's great to be making this small contribution to an important part of Nelson's environment.



### **Mamma's Laef**

Whakatu joined forces with Motueka and Nelson clubs to gain a district Rotary grant to assist Vanuatu's Mamma's Laef project. Headed by Nelson woman Belinda Roselli, Mamma's Laef employs local Vanuatu women to sew washable sanitary pad kits for distribution to school girls and female teachers. Our district grant helped provide 400 kits and reproductive health education for girls and teachers on the island of Efate.