

## Quota International of Papakura

March, April, May 2020 Newsletter

### A message from the club president

Greetings Quota Friends,

As we move thru our levels it is great to see people beginning to be out and about a bit more. Our Quota world has faced some real changes this year and with COVID-19 having taken hold of the rest of the world we are moving into a whole new way of being. Even our language has changed, who ever thought we would Zoom each other, and even Zoom parties!

I am mindful that for some of you, this will impact more than others. This is a time to connect, and whether that be by Facebook, Messenger, Phone or Zoom it is great to touch base. The things that make us laugh and connect are so important for our own and others wellbeing.

The future of Quota is something we are all mindful of. It is also an opportunity to remember the reasons we joined. I would urge you to reflect on what your reasons were - was it to support Quota's causes, the activities, the friendships, or to contribute to charity? I suspect that it is a combination of all of these things and possibly others. Yesterday a member dropped off some items for the charity we are currently supporting, and said how good it was to be able to think of others at this time.

As we go forward as a club we are looking at how we work, what are the things that will make us thrive and how can we be current in a changed world? Our strength has always been our people and that will no doubt be the drive for us to continue to do the work we do.

There will be lots of opportunities for us to focus our Quota work - one major event being the move of the Antique Fair to later in the year, this will be a great time to shine once again as a club.

Of course the first coffee morning that we can have will be fabulous, so keep an eye out for details.

Please share your thoughts hopes and dreams for the club, to help us remain strong in our mahi.

Keep safe Quota Friends and see you in a different level!

Best wishes Denise

### Audiology Scholarship

As a club we are proud to continue to support the audiology scholarship. Thank you to the scholarship selection committee who due to the Covid19 lockdown have quickly adapted to working differently – Glenys Best and Pam Ross were joined by Peter Stubbing (Audiologist).

This year \$3000 was approved for scholarships and grants and the awards have recently been advised to the following successful applicants.

**Scholarship winner:** \$1000 to Marky Bhattachya

**Study grants:** of \$500 each to Helen Boosley, Mattie Suwanitika, Pebble Varela and Christy Wai Nam Leung

A message from Audrey D'Souza from the University of Auckland – *"We would like to take this opportunity to thank Quota for their wonderful contribution to the Audiology students. We greatly appreciate their support over the years to our Audiology programme. "*

### A special note of thanks

Deidre Carswell thank you for your time, skills and talents, in seamlessly producing our Quota Papakura International newsletters month after month for the past couple of years.

We also congratulate your recent new status - "retired" (yeah right!)



## From our facebook page



**Quota International of Papakura, Inc**

April 29 at 9:00 AM · 🌐

Quota members in Papakura are continuing to support those in need in our community. A small organisation "United We Stand" supports the homeless in Manurewa, those most vulnerable This is an organization we have previously supported with funds from our annual Antique Fair and are delighted we can continue our connection with them. They were thrilled with the donations that will be distributed to those in need.



## Club activity - learning to zoom!

Congratulations Quota Papakura friends - due to the Covid 19 national Lock down over the past 5 weeks some of us have been learning a new skill - the power of zoom. In days of old zooming was something you would be doing flying down a motorway....not now!

Thank you to those who have patiently assisted others in learning to download the app onto either your phones, tablets, laptops or desktops and then 'having a go'.



No - it is not the Mad Hatter's tea party – it's a Monday night zoom meetings!

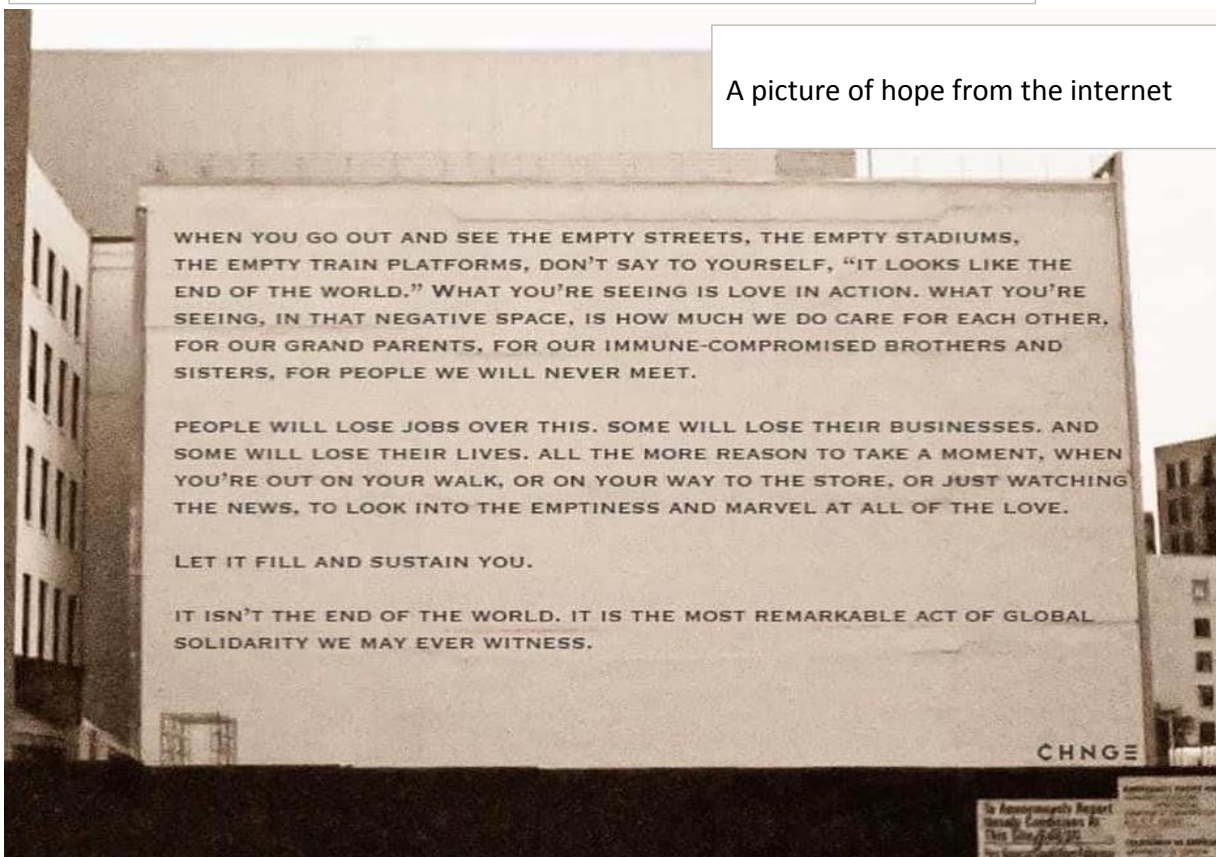
## Quota Antiques Fair 2020

Due to the unexpected nature of what has been happening during the Covid 19 Pandemic and our Country's National management plan - we must continue to follow the clear instructions that are part of the ongoing response.

None of us could have foreseen when we were celebrating our 30th Quota Antique Fair that circumstances would be as they currently are. We know as a club the Antique Fair is our best fundraising event and a lot of fun and camaraderie adds to the benefits of this annual event on our club calendar.

As we are not yet "in the clear" pandemic wise - our current plans are for rescheduling the event to October. We can continue to make plans and remain flexible as we continue to "watch the curve" and continue to hope for the best as a country, as a world, as a civilisation..

A picture of hope from the internet



## ANZAC Day



ANZAC day provided another national situation of doing things differently and many of us took the opportunity to stand at Dawn listening to the Dawn Service and remembering the sacrifices of our forebearers. Lest we forget and remembered with honour.

We too will gather again as a club - when it is safe to do so, until then let us keep in touch in old and new ways.

## Birthday Belles - belated, timely and to come...



**March**  
14th Kath Drummond

**April**  
21st Carol Shearer

**May**  
8th Karin Kerr  
23rd Deidre Morgan

