



Rotary Club of Hastings

Notable Events in Club History

- 7th April 1924 First meeting of the Rotary Club of Hastings at the Hastings Chamber of Commerce rooms. Officers and board appointed.
- 13th June 1924 Rotary Club of Hastings Chartered – Club No. 1796 and the ninth club in New Zealand
- 3rd February 1931 Club member Tom Gill was killed in the earthquake whilst attempting to rescue his staff. Most other members affected in some way, especially with damaged business premises. However the club was able to offer considerable assistance to the district.
- 1934 Following an address to the club on the subject “Forests and Birds” a public meeting was arranged by the club and attended by 300 people. As a result The Forest and Bird Society was formed with chairman Dr Bathgate, a club member.
- 1934 Establishment by the club of the Hawke’s Bay Crippled Children’s Society.
- 1935 Guest speaker Jean Batten addresses the club following her record- breaking flight from England to Australia.
- 1949 Establishment of the YMCA in Hastings.

- 1949 Silver Anniversary celebrated .
- 1953 Hastings Rotary Ballet Company formed. Men in tutus.
- 1958 Rotary Emblems erected at the northern and southern approaches to Hastings
- 1961 Meals on Wheels established in Hastings
- 1963 The Wishing Well was completed at Civic Square and presented to the City.
- 1963 Rotary Club of Havelock North chartered, having been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hastings.
- 1966 Rotary Club of Stortford Lodge chartered, having been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hastings
- 1970 A purpose-built trailer was presented to the Waimarama Surf Life-saving Club.
- 1974 Trees planted at The Redwoods on Te Mata Peak.
- 1974 Golden Anniversary celebrated
- 1974 Hastings Rotary Jubilee Trust (now the Hastings Rotary Charitable Trust) set up to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the club. Original funding from building a house and using the proceeds from the sale.
- 1977 Past- president George Pacey the first Rotarian in the Hastings District to be awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship

- 1979 Camper trailer purchased for Hastings Intermediate school.
- 1983 Sundeck built for Cranford Hospice.
- 1983 Maze built at Fantasyland
- 1984 Gala at Fantasyland raised \$8000 for a paddlesteamer.
- 1984 New railway station built at Fantasyland.
- 1995 Van purchased for the police to use in their “ Dare “ education programmes.
- 2000-2008 A series of International dinners held to raise funds for various projects, especially the Rotary Pathways
- 2011 Fund raising dinner held, with guest speaker Olympic Gold medalist Rob Waddell, to provide 8 bench seats for the Rotary Pathway.