




## Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

### This Week's Meeting

<b>When:</b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2008 6pm
<b>Where:</b>	Trust Stadium, Waitakere City
<b>Guests:</b>	Sue Benzie, John Carradus, Eunice Hatch, Christine Hodges, Paul Riddell, Brendan (?), Vicky Ward, Frances Wood, Someone else with Domenic, Jazz Piplovic, Richard George (GSE applicant), Tom Pearce (Life Member)
<b>Attendance:</b>	21/30 - 71%
<b>Make Ups:</b>	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Angela Brown, Jim Brown, David Butler, Rosemary Langham, Graham Nicholson, Theo Van Lier, Beatriz, Georges Giovannelli (District Governor Elect 2009-2010)
<b>Absent:</b>	Steve Lewins, John Ritchie, Tony Scott
<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	Chris Carter MP and Andrew Burt - Labour Paula Bennett MP – National David Clendon and Lindis – Greens candidate Craig McNair – NZ First – Former MP and current candidate Peter Tashkoff – Act candidate Denise Krum – United Future President

### Important Dates and Events

24 <sup>th</sup> September 2008	<b>PUB CRAWL WEST AUCKLAND...</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup> October 2008	<b>Fellowship night.</b> We're giving up and going to the movies. Want to come?	
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2009 to 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	District Conference – Whangarei	

### President's Message:

#### Newsflash!!

## THE GIGANTIC PUB CRAWL OF WEST AUCKLAND...

### And... Directors update on progress of projects

On the 24<sup>th</sup> September we have a one-night change of venue to The Hangar Bar – 104 Central Park Drive.

A private room seating 25 has been booked for our meeting and dinner. Normal start time of 5:45 and normal cost.



## Meet The Politicians:

The topic for the evening was “How should Governments encourage peoples participation in Community Affairs?”

All six speakers were allocated a few minutes to state their views then a series of questions were asked on the topics of:

- Truancy
- Gangs (One speaker suggested care on this as in less enlightened times Rotary could be classed as a gang)
- Drugs
- Crime

It was an interesting discussion with viewpoints ranging from widely apart to very similar.

Thoughts varied from increasing bureaucracy to support community involvement, to a complete “hands off” approach and leave the community to it. This last viewpoint was on the grounds that if Government is always there the community expects them to sort all problems without need of their own involvement.

Reasons for the decrease in participation included:

- The increased mobility of our population – no longer have the community spirit as we don’t stick around our neighbourhoods long enough to get involved
- An increase in the need for two-person incomes leaving less available time
- People having problems with their Work / Life balance
- And... the Resource Management Act...

One suggestion was that as parents are now working longer hours and people are living longer maybe things will shift and more retired people will be involved in community affairs (Does anyone know of a bored retiree who would like to contact John about Reading in Schools??)

## Photos from the Night:



Chris Carter – Labour  
(As if you can’t guess by the tie)



Paula Bennett – National  
(Her 7<sup>th</sup> function of the day)



David Clendon – Greens  
(And yes, it is a green shirt)



Craig McNair – NZ First



Peter Tashkoff – ACT



Denise Krum – United Future  
(Who only just made it after her car broke  
down on the motorway on the way here)



Chris Carter with John Riddell



Andrew Burt (Labour media) chatting with the  
NZ First candidate

*Footnotes:*

1. Paula Bennett was on the television “Breakfast” program the following morning. She referred to the previous day where she had attended 7 functions – “starting with a school visit and ending at a Rotary meeting”.

Our thanks go to the politicians who attended our meeting at this busy time.

2. The Progressives didn’t attend. This may be because our letter was returned to sender due to a faulty address... It came back to us on the day of the meeting.

**Raffle Winner:** Alan Pattison (last seen sobbing because, once again, there was no prize)

**Parting Word:** Peter Hatch “Its often those who have everything that are fond of telling those who have nothing, that they didn’t need it anyway.”

**Other News:**

**Youth Committee:**

*Wahine Toa Bluelight Project:*

- The Harold Robbins Rotary Trust donated \$2,500 towards this and we have also made a donation. The camp can now proceed, much to Bluelight’s delight.

*Youth Funding:*

- Every year we get a few requests for funding from kids who are about to do something special and need some funding support.
- Toni James from Rutherford High, who came second in the Soapbox Derby finals, is to represent NZ in the Australasian Karate Champs in November. This is being held in Brisbane.
- Kerry asked us to look at supporting her
- We have contributed \$200 towards the cost of her trip

*Summer Science Project:*

- Every year we support one or more students attend this. It is a Rotary program held in the summer holidays and lasts a week. The program consists of a residential camp at Auckland University where outstanding Year 12 students who have excelled at science can get a taste of university.
- We received a late request from our District Administrator (applications closed on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept) to support Jane Kasmara from Massey High.
- After interviewing Jane we agreed that she is indeed outstanding and we will support her – if we can get her accepted as a late applicant.

**Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the...**



It is that time of year again and the time to think of presents for those “hard to please friends and relatives”. Rotary Christmas puddings will be available shortly. Peter Smith will be co-ordinating this.

A cylindrical tin of Rotary's 1kg Christmas Plum Pudding. The tin is gold and green with a central image of a plum pudding. Text on the tin includes "SHARE THE SPIRIT OF GIVING", "TRADITIONAL Plum Pudding", and "1kg NET".	<p><i>Rotary's 1kg Christmas Plum Puddings are made with only the best fruit, spices and wholesome ingredients to a time-proven recipe that everyone loves year after year.</i></p>
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**Our Very Own Page 4 Boy:**  
(A half-page article in the Nor-West News)



**Planting process:** David Butler is ready to plant these new trees on the riparian bank of Kumeu River in Taupaki.

## River project 'is transforming area'

By Rani Timoti

A fresher, cleaner Kumeu River is like a light at the end of the tunnel for David Butler.

The Waitakere City Botany Club community director says it's been a long battle but volunteers have begun the long-term project to help the river get back to pristine condition.

Despite months of rain

volunteers and community service workers have been clearing weeds and trees, making mulch and planting new trees at a Taupaki farm.

"It's transforming the area already," says Mr Butler.

Past problems for the Kumeu River include flooding in the township, dying fish and erosion.

Mr Butler says restoring the river to its original state

is an ongoing commitment but the return of fish, birds and other native creatures is worth the effort.

Like Waitakere city's popular stream restoration projects, Mr Butler hopes residents, businesses and community groups will plant their own piece of the river.

The waterway with its tributaries winds 80km from Waitakere to the Kaipara Harbour.



**Working hard:** Community service workers will know their environmental efforts won't be in vain.

## Meeting Times and Contact Details

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### Duty Roster and Calendar:

Date	24 Sept	01 Oct	08 Oct	15 Oct
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Committee Meetings			Rotary Board Meeting ~ Rotary Education
<b>Grace</b>	Mike	Derek	Steve	John Riddell
<b>Introduction</b>	Angela	Craig	Kerry	John Ritchie
<b>Thanks</b>	Jim B	Peter H	Graham	Peter S
<b>Squire</b>	David	Rosemary	Alan	Theo
<b>Squire</b>	Kent	Bob L	Heather	Ross
<b>Parting thought</b>	Roger	Jill	Jack	Domenic

Date	22 Oct	29 Oct	05 Nov	12 Nov
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Committee Meetings	Fellowship Night		
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## **IMPORTANT MEETING REQUIREMENTS**

### **Apologies**

Please note that all apologies are to be received by:

- Ross Ward at [baywest.plumbing@xtra.co.nz](mailto:baywest.plumbing@xtra.co.nz) or 837 0133
- No later than **12 noon** on the **Monday** prior to the meeting

**AND:** If you are bringing guests, including family members, please let Ross know this also.

This is actually quite important – it ensures there are enough chairs and food on busy nights and that **you** don't pay for uneaten meals on quieter ones!

Please note that if you are rostered to perform a duty and you are unable to do so, it is your responsibility to arrange a replacement.

### **Late Apologies**

Even the best plans go astray occasionally. Late apologies don't solve the catering question but are, never the less, greatly appreciated.

### **Squires**

Please note that Squires are responsible for setting up our room with the appropriate Rotary regalia, and for putting the regalia away!!