



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

Making A Difference In Our World

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 4 th November 2009 6pm
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, The Trusts Stadium
Web site:	www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz
Guest Speaker:	Chris Whittington

Visitors Welcome: Local business people, stray Rotarians... are welcome to attend our meetings.

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Important Dates and Events

NOVEMBER 2009	
Sat 7 th and Sun 8 th Nov	Kumeu Rotary Arts and Garden Fundraiser
Wed 11 th Nov 2009	Committee meetings
Wed 18 th Nov 2009	Emergency meal at Civil Defence
Monday 23 rd Nov 2009	Joint Meeting - West Harbour Area 6 Foundation Dinner - Partner's night
Wed 25 th Nov 2009	<i>No meeting – due to Monday</i>
DECEMBER 2009	
Wed 2 nd Dec 2009	<i>No meeting – due to Saturday</i>
Saturday 5 th Dec 2009	Family Christmas Party
Wed 9 th Dec 2009	AGM and RYLA
Wed 16 th Dec 2009	Fellowship night at Hangar Bar
2010	
7 th to 8 th May 2010	District 9910 Conference – Noumea
20 th to 23 rd June 2010	Montreal Conference

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Present:	Mike A, Jim A, Bob B, David B, Roger F, Craiger H, Terry H, Patrick H, Monique M, Kerry M, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, Peter S
Apologies:	Kent F, Derek G, Steve L, John R, JR, Ross W, Domenic W
Late Apologies:	
Missing in Action:	
Guests:	Chris and Clare, DG Toni Alexander, Ian Carpenter, Edwin Munroe, Sukesh, Graham F, Martin A and 16 members from New Lynn

Speaker:

Chris Whittington and Clare



Chris and Claire are two science graduates with a passion for science – and helping other students develop this passion.

Chris is a Westie who wanted to do medicine. He did the preliminary bio med papers at uni and changed course by completing a degree in Biomedical Science. He met Claire, who is from the North Shore, at uni and



both of them are currently continuing with post-graduate studies in this field.

Chris and Claire have both helped pay their way through Uni by tutoring other students and like to teach the way they prefer to be taught. This led to the creation of their website

www.soundclassroom.com

Thousands of hours have gone into creating this resource for students and it currently covers all topics to do with NZCEA Level 1 Science. Over time they intend for it to cover all the NZCEA

levels.

The site has been operational for 2 months and the resources on the site – e-books, sound files for download to I-pods and computers - are for **Free** use by students and teachers.

For those who are aiming for Excellence passes they also have an exam revision package "The Level 1 Science Box" available for sale. (Devoting ones life to a project may be fun – but one still has to earn money to eat).

For all those with an interest in science, a wish to be interested in science or with kids studying science check this site out!

The future of New Zealand science may well be taking a giant step forward thanks to these two passionate and enthusiastic people.

New Lynn Rotary

We welcomed New Lynn Rotary to our meeting tonight. With our sergeant on holiday for a few weeks in Australia New Lynn were asked if they would like to fill this role. Our stand-in sergeants have been doing an excellent job but, for a change, the thoughts were to share the roles around. New Lynn stepped up with not one, but two sergeants and... wait for it.... An Electronic Coin Tosser (also known on the Web as a Decision Maker).

New Lynn also gave us a run down on some of their current projects:

- Fruitvale School Vegetable Garden
This Saturday they are building a vegetable garden at Fruitvale School. Work starts at 8:30am and helpers bearing spades and wheelbarrows are welcome. The project involves donated materials, worm farms, compost bins, raised gardens, walkways...
They built a very impressive one at New Lynn Primary last year. For a video on it go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKlIBp36gHU>
- Pathways to the Future Trust
Awards are being held on Thursday 12th Nov at the Titirangi Golf Club
- Swaziland
\$200,000 have been invested by a number of groups, including their Club, into starting businesses – vegetables and honey farms to date – to help feed orphans and street kids

Soapbox Derby



Kerry gave a brief introduction to the Soapbox Derby with a reminder that next year's event will be held on Sunday 21st March 2010.

The Henderson Santa Parade is coming up on Saturday 28th November. If you would like to drive a small truck holding a SBD car (and possibly a small grandchild in it) then Kerry would be delighted to hear from you.

If that date is unsuitable then there are 2 other parades coming up as well where drivers are needed.

Vanuatu Video on You Tube:

We have a few videos of our endeavours on You Tube. The following email arrived about one of them:

"[vanuatu15](#) has made a comment on [Waitakere Rotary 2nd Vanuatu Trip](#):

this is my village thx for shareing it"

Ian Carpenter



Ian stated that he is the world's Number One Fisherman – even if he nearly dropped the boat a month ago due to faulty bearings on the trailer.

Currently his role within Rotary is:

- Aqua Boxes and
- Fellowship

AQUA BOXES:

- Over 400 aqua boxes... and 40 Shelter boxes went to Samoa
- 300 aqua boxes also went to Fiji earlier in the year

Stocks are low and need to be rebuilt for the next emergency

FELLOWSHIP:

Ian gave a number of ideas for fellowship nights with a difference. Amongst them were:

- Reverse meal (start with dessert and end up with the starters)
- Tripe night
- Black tie and silver service breakfast – on a traffic island
- Curry Cook Off
- Pub Crawl – BEFORE the pubs open
- Scatters week. Pick 5 other Clubs with a meal on the same night and scatter your members between them
- Mystery evening – go somewhere strange for the night

CONFERENCE:

- Ian has come up with a cheaper accommodation offer for the Conference. If you want to know more email him at dougalthecat@vodafone.co.nz

DG Toni Alexander

Toni reminded us about the forthcoming conference in New Caledonia. She also briefly mentioned RYLA (remember – nominations for kids and sponsors to Bob ASAP please!) and the Challenge Camp.



Although we are not hosting a Youth International Exchange Student this year we are encouraged to send a disabled student to this.

For those not in the know about this:

Every year there is a Rotary "Challenge Camp" at Willowpark in East Auckland. Our exchange student is buddied up with a disabled student for the week and they get to do all sorts of exciting teenage type camp events – many of which are normally out of reach for disabled students.

Toni told us of an American student who spent her year staying below the radar watching American soaps and not getting much out of her exchange year. Then she went to camp. That one life changing experience changed the course of her life and led to her course selection at Uni in America.

Dragon's Den



As you may remember our friendly dragons loaned venture capital to two groups of students for the Young Enterprise Scheme.

A cheque returning this money, plus interest, arrived this week from one of the groups - DIYTie

Ross and Samoa

The observant will have noticed that Ross is an apology this week. The reason for this is a short trip to Samoa. He and Vickie have sent the following email:



Photo from the Rotary NZ site

Dear Waitakere City Rotary Club, Auckland Master Plumbers and Friends

Some of you may already know that the recent devastating tsunami which struck the south coast of Samoa had shattering impacts for a few of Plumbing Worlds staff who have links with that area. The village of Lalomanu which was worst hit by the tsunami is the home village of the family of our colleague, CDF Warehouse Manager Robert Lefale, whose family and community have been shattered. They lost 33 people from the village and 800 hundred people lost their homes.

We at Bay West Plumbing, Plumbing World, Auckland Master Plumbers, and Waitakere City Rotary Club are going to do our best to rebuild this village for its people and surrounding villages.

I am going to Samoa Wednesday morning and meeting government ministers and the villages to put a plan in place and to do a full survey of devastated area to come back and put a plan in action. In the last ten days we have had plumbing materials, building materials and other trades and builder and plumbers have put their time forward for the rebuild.

I will contact you all next week with the out come if any body can donate time materials or money which we are setting up building fund for this project please email at Ross@baywestplumbing.co.nz



Christmas Party

When: Saturday 5th Dec
Where: David B's House
What: Family lunch
Bring: Family, children, grandchildren,
\$5 present per person

Cost: \$25 per member.
Family members **FREE!**

Goals:

To have a fun low cost family day amongst friends. David is sorting out some games – so bring the kids!

This would be a great opportunity for our families to mix and mingle. I'm sure even teenagers would find things in common.

Everyone to bring a small present costing a maximum of \$5
(Women a woman's one, men a man's one and children a child's

	one... labelled with suitable age range). Start keeping an eye out for something suitable now – and let your imagination run wild.
Parting Thought: Alan “If at first you don’t succeed – then skydiving is not for you”	
Raffle Winner: Bob (And the statistics? H, T, H, H NOTE: The “coin” used for the toss was electronic so may bear no resemblance to our normal double tailed coin!)	
Sunshine Fund:	
• This week’s Raffles:	72.80
• This week’s Sergeant’s Fines:	85.10

Meeting Times and Contact Details	
Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor at The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson	
Board Members	
President	(Terry)
Vice President / Sergeant	Derek
Secretary / Bulletin Editor	Heather
Treasurer	Alan
President Nominee / International Director:	Craig
Club Service:	Bob
Community Director:	Patrick
Vocational Director:	John
Youth Director	Kent
Apologies	
Apologies: Contact: Heather at apology@details.co.nz Ph 8109 589 or 0274 719 569 No later than 12 noon on the Monday prior to the meeting	Late Apologies and No shows will, of course, be charged for their meal as it has been booked and paid for! AND: If you are bringing guests, including family members, please let Heather know this also. Late apologies are an appreciated courtesy

Date	11-Nov	18-Nov	9-Dec
Event	Committee Meetings	Civil Defence	AGM & RYLA
Squire	Heather P	n/a	Ross W
Squire	John R	n/a	Mike A
Greeter	n/a	n/a	Jim A
Grace	Jack R	Domenic W	David B
Introduction	n/a	n/a	Bob B
Thanks	n/a	John R	John R
Parting Thought	Peter S	n/a	Kent F



October 2009

Greetings,

**Children's Christmas Gift Making Day – Saturday December 5th, 9am – 3pm
West Wave Recreation Centre, Alderman Drive, Henderson, Waitakere City.**

I am the Community Arts Coordinator and I am currently organizing this year's Children's Christmas Gift making event.

Christmas is a wonderful sharing time for most families. However, with the current financial situation many families will be finding it tough this year. Christmas presents need not come out of a store. The best gifts are often those that have been created with love. This is an event that helps families by providing an opportunity for children from the ages of 5 -16 years old to make gifts for their families. Christmas Gift Making targets children from the lower decile schools and provides a chance for them to take part in the Christmas spirit. It is also an opportunity for community groups and individuals to come together and share a little of their time, energy and resources with the children. Around 800 children will come through in the morning or afternoon and over 20 gifts are being planned and resources are being sought.

I am writing to ask whether you and your company/group would be keen to take part in this year's "**Children's Christmas Gift Making Day**". We are seeking up to 200 volunteers to assist on the day helping children to make gifts. Volunteers can opt for a morning or afternoon session (9am – 11.30pm or 12.30pm – 3pm) or stay the full day. (Pack up assistance after 3pm is also appreciated). All volunteers would be provided with morning/afternoon tea and lunch.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you are willing to help and if you can collect together a group of helpers. We are also seeking resources suitable for gifts and would welcome donations of materials. A resource request list is enclosed. This is such a special day for the children and the many volunteers and sponsors that make it possible. I hope you are able to support this event too.

For any further information or to offer volunteers or resources please contact me.
If you wish to register children for this event please contact 839 0400.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Nash,
Community Arts Coordinator,
Waitakere City Council.
Phone (09) 836 8000 extn 8934.
Email: Julie.Nash@waitakere.govt.nz



Children's Christmas 2009 Gift making donation request list.

Deliver to:
Attention Julie Nash,
Loading Dock, Waitakere City Council
6 Henderson Valley Road
Henderson.
Telephone (09) 839 0400
Facsimile (09) 836 8001
Direct dial Julie Nash: phone 836 8000 extn 8934
Email Julie.Nash@waitakere.govt.nz

Broken crockery and plates suitable for mosaics
ceramic tiles
sellophane gift wrap
plastic flowers, flower lei's
collage items, small shells, paua pieces
stickers
beads, buttons and broken jewellery
Frame matt board
Fabric suitable for cushions
soap
Packaged food suitable for feeding volunteers
Any items suitable for making small gifts (please ask)

Small items can be brought on the day or otherwise
please deliver to the address above before 2 December.

Thankyou!