




**This Week's Meeting**


<b>When:</b>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2010
<b>Where:</b>	Rex Davy Lounge, LG Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive
<b>Web site:</b>	<a href="http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz">www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz</a>
<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	Kerry on the latest Vanuatu Trip

**Visitors Welcome:** Local business people, stray Rotarians... are welcome to attend our meetings.  
 For information contact: Kerry McMillan 832 3229 or Mobile 021 416 777

**Important Dates and Events**

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 7pm	TV1 Seventh Episode of Radar's Patch Featuring... the Soapbox Derby...	
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Rotary and I – Mike and Jim.	
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Meeting cancelled due to 40 <sup>th</sup> Party	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Waitakere City Rotary 40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party	
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Trees for Survival – Matepo School. Rain date 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
20 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Montreal Conference</b>	
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Trees for Survival – Te Atatu School. Rain date 18 <sup>th</sup>	

**This Week's Meeting:**

Present:	Jim A, Phyllis A, David B, Kent F, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Terry H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Hew M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, John R, Domenic W
Apologies:	Mike A, Bob B, Jim B, Steve L, Monique M, JR, Peter S, Ross W
Late Apologies:	
Missing in Action:	
	<b>MAKEUPS!!!!</b>  John Riddell
Attendance:	18/25
Guests:	AG Toni and Don

**AG Toni Alexander**



Toni went off to the conference in Noumea last week and came home clutching a few pieces of paper.  
 First stop was our meeting to give us three of them – a certificate, a letter and a photograph of a trophy that we have been awarded.

The Silver Jubilee Trophy is an Award for the "Greatest Club Contribution to Rotary Awareness".

Being awarded this trophy is a result of a huge team effort by all our Club members – and various community members. Monique managed to get us on German TV; Patrick donated web space (and his team to design the look of the site); Kerry and all Club members have enthusiastically run with the Soapbox Derby for 7 years; and even a local school actively joined in to get the derby on TV and in the papers!

Thank you Toni for putting us forward for this award and all our Club members for helping us win it. A copy of the certificate, Toni's letter and a larger copy of the photo are at the end of this bulletin.

## VANUATU PROJECT



### The Castaways

**UPDATE** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May

The Good News is the tank on Tongoa should be filling up rapidly with water.

The Bad News is that once again the airport has closed due to torrential rain. The castaways could be back in a week... if it stops raining. Flights from Vanuatu run weekly.

Jen says she is happy to have total use of the remote for an extra week but if Kerry isn't back by the 23<sup>rd</sup> in time to go on their holiday...

**UPDATE** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May

So much for lack of faith in Kerry. The castaways arrived back Sunday afternoon courtesy of the Vanuatan Police Service. Kerry is absolutely adamant that they did not leave the island in handcuffs and that they were not deported. Instead he has come up with an improbable tale involving a police launch, a barracuda, Tuskers beer, flying foxes, white sand beaches and a herd of dugongs...

The news from the island is that:

- The Aid Station has been painted, looks pristine, they have added shelves and it is well used
- The water tank has been repaired – and immediately filled with water due to the torrential rain that closed the airport
- The hand water pump that they took across is working brilliantly – and the Hardware Store in Vanuatu are extremely interested in becoming Agents for the NZ firm who make them (The NZ Pump Company sold us one at cost and gave us a second free as Kerry offered to demonstrate it to the Store) <http://www.nzpump.com/village-pump.html>
- Phil has checked the school and reckons our assessment was correct and that it only needs some minor repairs before being re-opened – rather than demolished and rebuilt elsewhere. He will be writing a report for the Vanuatan Government
- New Lynn Rotary may take on the School Project and head over there to do it in August.



What the boys used their Air NZ excess baggage waiver for – taking a water tank liner, 2 water pumps, tools and a change of clothes on a plane.



Craiger and Phil – all set for departure with the luggage



Craiger and Phil – on arrival. Kerry obviously made them carry the bags.



The water tank final emptying prior to repairs



Craiger sanding the repairs to remove any rough edges



Installing the wire straps around the tank to prevent further movement



A trench dug down to the outlet pipe



Time to install the liner



The helpers below...



... And the ones above



Both liners – cream outer one and blue inner one installed and secured



Pole supporting insect proof roof



Installing the pump  
Note the insect proof screen over the tank



The pump extracts water from the bottom of the tank (safer for the liner than the usual method of lowering buckets attached to sharp sticks)



New shelving and cabinets in the Aid Station



The School end wall with the "problem" – the far corner is close to fill and the cracks in this give the impression that the land has slipped – and village fears are that the whole area is on fill and it could slip further taking the school with it



The floor slab rolled, cracked and lifted in places. It looks far worse than it is.



Phil organized a test trench by the affected wall – which shows the school is built on solid ground



The kids working in the new unfinished teacher's house (40 kids means they are crammed into all rooms) whilst the issue of the school is sorted



Phil – A fully paid up member of the Waitakere Rotary/Vanuatu team... with the kids' approval

**And now for the improbable tale of their return...**

Many, many years ago an airport was built on the island of Tongoa. Unfortunately it has a tendency to flood and becomes the first airport in the island chain to be closed in adverse weather. For some unknown reason The Gods keep a watch on it – and as soon as Rotarians turn up all droughts are cancelled until they leave. Whether this is an attempt to keep us there or to punish us for invading their ocean paradise is open to debate. After our rough trip off by fishing boat last year, with only two lifejackets on board, we are beginning to suspect the latter.

This year the weather worked true to form. The boys flew in – and became stranded. Fishing boats from neighbouring Emae being in short supply due to the airport there being closed (land claim issue) it looked like they were there for the duration. Kerry is however a little more resourceful than the Gods expect and, for a sizeable donation to cover the costs of the trip, the local Police decided it would be better for the local population if they escorted him and team off the island. It helped that they had been there in full force for the opening of the Aid Station so had met Kerry (and his kava celebration) before...

The Police therefore escorted the team to a northern island – Epai – and they flew out from there.



Craiger and Phil off to sea



The boat being launched



One advantage of a Police boat is that it actually carries minor things like life jackets for all on board – and passengers wear them. Being islanders they also automatically carry fishing lines – spot the barracuda

Arrival at Epai on a white sand beach

**Kerry's Award:**

For those who are a little confused as to the significance of the wording on this:

The Port Vila Hospital was largely built by Rotary. Every building seems to sport a very large Rotary wheel over the door with the name of the Club or District that built it. Most of the Clubs were Australian ones but the teams of helpers also contained a number of New Zealanders – amongst them Craiger and Kerry who worked on the TB Wing.

At some point the old Nurses wing was replaced with a new building and the old building was retained for Rotary use. It is very basic accommodation – half the time the hot water is off so it is cold showers and there are only two or three ceiling fans left – but it is free and not far from the centre of town.

Due to its history Kerry does like to refer to it as the Nurse's Barracks and last year scored a key to the door. The day he left NZ he rang us in a panic – at 4:30am! – asking us if we had it. As this bulletin is a public document I won't repeat the answer – but we did accidentally locate the key 5 days later. Thus the framed award with a key mounted in the middle of it.

**This week's Raffles:**


Winner: Alan – A Jubilee Box of Anzac Biscuits  
(Stats T,T,T,H,H)

<b>Sergeant's Fund</b>	
Fines	\$46.20
Raffle	\$38.50

Parting Thoughts:

<b>Board Members</b>		<b>Meeting Venue and Time</b>
President	(Terry/Craiger)	Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson  Time: 6pm for 6:10pm
Vice President / Sergeant	Derek	
Secretary / Bulletin Editor	Heather	
Treasurer	Alan	
President Elect / International Director:	Craiger	
Club Service:	Bob	
Community Director:	Patrick	
Vocational Director:	John	
Youth Director	Kent	

Apologies	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Contact:</b> Heather at <a href="mailto:apology@details.co.nz">apology@details.co.nz</a> Ph 8109 589 or 0274 719 569</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No later than <b>12 noon</b> on the <b>Monday</b> prior to the meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Late Apologies and No shows will, of course, be charged for their meal as it has been booked and paid for!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AND:</b> If you are bringing guests, including family members, please let Heather know this also.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Late apologies are an appreciated courtesy</p>

Date	19-May	
Event	Davis Funeral Home	
Squire	Jack R	
Squire	John R	
Greeter	JR	
Grace	Peter S	
Introduction	Domenic W	
Thanks	Phyllis A	
Parting Thought	David B	
		<p>The usual wild guess at who may be there for duties. And as usual it will probably be wrong.</p> <p>If you can't do a duty – please arrange a swap with someone who can!</p>

Rotary	Website
<b>Waitakere City Rotary</b>	<a href="http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/">http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/</a>
Rotary NZ	<a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz">http://www.rotary.org.nz</a>
Rotary NZ Promotions and Information District Governor's newsletter Admin page and information	<a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364">www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364</a> <a href="http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10">http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10</a> <a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180">http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180</a>
Rotary Downunder Magazine	<a href="http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au">www.rotarydownunder.com.au</a>
Rotary International Future Vision	<a href="http://www.rotary.org/">http://www.rotary.org/</a> <a href="http://www.rotary.org/future_vision">www.rotary.org/future_vision</a>
Rotary E Club (for make ups)	<a href="http://www.rotaryclubone.org/">http://www.rotaryclubone.org/</a>

# Henry off to US soapbox race

By CAROLYN THOMAS

Team effort, a good cart and the right moves proved a winning formula for National Rotary Soapbox Derby champion Henry Dyer.

The Riverhead School 12-year-old is off to Akron, Ohio, for the world finals of the All American Soapbox Derby in July.

Henry's dad and team manager Shawn Dyer says the hard work of his four drivers and four pit-crew paid off.

"Everyone was fantastic on the day," Shawn says.

Team-mate John Tulich, 10, took second place at the April event. All of the 19 drivers competing raced on the track twice before elimination rounds started.



**The winning team:** From front left: National soapbox derby winner Henry Dyer, 12, with runner-up John Tulich, 10. From back left: Sponsor Chrissi Harkess from Metro Roofing alongside Riverhead School pupils Michael Louden, 10, Cole Huggins, 11, Logan Dunn, 12, James Dentice, 11, Liam Casey, 11, Reece Cook, 11, and and team manager Shawn Dyer.

Photo: CAROLYN THOMAS

Each unpowered cart was made from the same basic imported kit-set with Metro Roofing

join Henry on the trip.

Both are big motor-sport fans and Shawn has managed the team since Rotary started the competition seven years ago. Henry has taken part in the last three races.

"He used to hit me up," Shawn says. "Henry couldn't wait until he was 10 to get to race."

School principal Kris Hughes is proud of the team and says it was great to return from maternity leave to news of the win.

She admires Shawn's commitment to the event and says the school's involvement wouldn't be possible without him.

"It's because these are rural kids too," she says.

"They have a little more of that attitude of give it a go."

## The Silver Jubilee Trophy







**Rotary International District 9910**

**SILVER JUBILEE TROPHY**

Greatest Contribution towards Rotary Awareness

2009-2010

AWARDED TO

**Waitakere City Rotary Club**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "G. Giovannelli".

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Georges Giovannelli, District Governor 2009-10

### ROTARY PROFILE AWARD - THE ROGER MANUEL TROPHY:

Presented by PDG Roger and Bea Manuel to the Club for initiating a programme most likely to enhance the image of Rotary International during the Rotary year.

The Soap Box Derby run by Waitakere City. They really know how to run an event, they kept the whole thing in this public eye through the whole process, they liaised through the other clubs in their area, offering to share the project and the rewards, they supported the clubs in other areas and district. The write ups they got had to be seen to be believed. Heather Pattison is the star behind the publicity. She is amazing, never missed an opportunity and the day was so well organised it took away the breath of other Rotarians attending. Every club member involved played a crucial role. Already Waitakere City are into the next year thinking how they can improve. Situated at the bottom of the track there were people there who did not have children involved just stayed to watch a really well run event, a couple of people asked for information so they could make contact later to talk about Rotary. Waitakere City looked after everyone - they actually had a guy with a trolley go around the helpers with tea and coffee and snacks, then they had a lunch tent and fed all the helpers. The kids were so well briefed and prepared, the races all ran very quickly one after the other, the thought that had gone into it - every detail, this was just so amazing. Even more than that they had a German film crew there making a documentary so not just national news in NZ this will be shown on German TV - advertising what Rotary in NZ does. There is a follow up newsletter and the next week they have a thank you evening for sponsors and helpers so next year they will still have those people on board ready to go. On top of this their website has to be seen to be believed.

### **Future Cuisine**

As many of you would remember Future Cuisine not only sponsored a Soapbox Derby car but also provided some tasty fishy things for the Thank You night.

They gave us a price list as follows and their address is 628 Swanson Road.

# **WHOLESALE PRICE LIST**

<b>Live Mussels per kilo</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<b>Live Mussels 25kg Sack</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>500g Salads</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>500g Smoked Roe</b>	<b>\$7.50</b>
<b>Smoked Mussels 500g</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Smoked Mussels 180g</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Salmon Dip</b>	<b>\$8.50</b>
<b>1kg Surimi</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>500g Mussel Meat</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>500g Crumbed Squid Rings</b>	<b>\$7.50</b>
<b>Prawn Kebabs</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Prawn Meat 800g</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>1kg Large Prawns 16/20</b>	<b>\$28.00</b>
<b>375g Marinated Mussels</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>
<b>2ltr - Marinated Mussels</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>