



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

**BULLETIN 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2011**  
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**Venue:** Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson  
**Time:** 5:45pm for 6:10pm  
[www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz](http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz)

### WED 8<sup>TH</sup> MAR

Optional meeting:  
New Lynn to hear  
Bill Boyd

### WED 9<sup>TH</sup> MAR

Chris Hotchkiss

### SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Soapbox Derby

### WED 23<sup>RD</sup> MAR

St John – accidents  
in business

### SAT 26<sup>TH</sup> MAR

Massey High Gala

### WED 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Visit to Henderson  
Film Studios

### 8<sup>TH</sup> TO 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011

District Conference –  
at The Trusts  
Stadium, Henderson

### 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

NZ SBD Finals

### 16<sup>TH</sup> TO 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2011

RYLA

### 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011

Dr Roger Grace  
QSM and Marine  
Biologist

### 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Massey Matters  
Treasure Hunt

### 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Challenge Camp  
dinner

## FEBRUARY: WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### NEXT MEETINGS:

### TUES 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – JOINT MEETING NEW LYNN

Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd is speaking to New Lynn Rotary on the subject of "Future Directions of Rotary"

Several of our Club members are going. Ring Craiger if you would like to join them

### WED 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – CHRIS HOTCHKISS

Chris sent the following email to Kent:

I look forward to meeting you and your members on the 9th.

In terms of a bio, I am UK, specifically London, born and bred. Upon leaving school at eighteen I embarked upon a sales career starting as an estate agent in central London and finishing as a Partner of a national direct marketing firm, with travels around the world also thrown in.

At 23 I decided to follow a childhood dream and joined the Army, 6 years and two tours of Afghanistan later and I am in the process of immigrating to New Zealand.

### WED 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH: OBSERVATORY



Fish and Chips... & the stars.

We met in the Stardome car park for a meal of fish and chips (a few decided to skip the fish and head out for dinner later).

The grass was a bit damp from the first rain in weeks – but it fortunately held off whilst we dined.

Then it was into the Observatory to check out the displays and watch a movie on "Stars and the Pharaohs". It is an incredible, although slightly disturbing, experience to lie back, look at the ceiling and zoom through buildings and the stars.

The Observatory has changed A LOT since my daughter's school trip 15 or more years ago!



## VANUATU – START WITH WATER



Phil McFarlane from New Lynn Rotary has written an article on the recent water tanks repair in Tongoa Island in Vanuatu and uploaded it to the Start With Water website.

Links to this and other articles about our Club are on our own website at <http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/news/articles>

## CHRISTCHURCH DISASTER

### ROSS

Last week I included the info off the Rotary NZ website. Ross immediately with replied an offer of accommodation (he also included his contact details):

Hi All

we are ok down here and have power ,water and sewer system up and running if there any rotary family or friends that need housing or tent sites please let know we will house them as long as possible ...please pass on this...also we are dog and cat friendly

Regards

Ross Ward

ROTARY WEB SITE UPDATE

### **CHRISTCHURCH'S DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE ON 22 FEBRUARY 2011**

**NEWS UPDATES** ABOUT:

1. HOW YOU CAN HELP
2. ROTARY'S RESPONSE
3. MESSAGES OF SUPPORT
4. ROTARY EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY IN NZ AND PACIFIC ISLANDS OVERVIEW

ROTARY DOWN UNDER - read RDU magazines on-line at [www.rotarydownunder.com.au](http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au)

**News updates about Rotary's involvement can be submitted** by emailing Past District Governor Beryl Robinson via [berylrobinson@rotarydownunder.co.nz](mailto:berylrobinson@rotarydownunder.co.nz)

#### **1. YOU CAN HELP BY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE:**

**Monetary donations:**

Please make donations to the **Rotary New Zealand Canterbury Earthquake Appeal** via:

- Rotary New Zealand World Community Service <http://www.rnzwcs.org> where there is a PayPal credit card facility, or
- Internet banking telegraphic transfer to Westpac Banking Corporation, Wellington, NZ account number 03 1702 0192208 02 (international donors will also require Swift Code WPACNZ2W, IBAN Code 031702) for account name RNZWCS Limited (Rotary New Zealand), and include reference Rotary New Zealand Canterbury Earthquake Appeal, or
- Cheque made payable to RNZWCS Limited posted to PO Box 20309, Christchurch 8543, New Zealand

Rotary District 9970 on behalf of **all Rotary clubs in Christchurch are combining all fundraising** through a committee set up by District Governor Margaret Reeve for the distribution of funds to various projects that will be commenced once needs can be established that are not able to be supported by Government and other agencies.

All donations received by RNZWCS Limited will go into that fund. This strategy will allow Rotarians to do something significant and allow other agencies to concentrate on welfare. Your funding to support the combined clubs will be used in conjunction with the projects established by the DG's committee.

Your donations are tax deductible, and 100% of donations will go to Canterbury Earthquake recovery projects via Rotary. Thank you!

Donations contact is: RNZWCS Director Past District Governor Stuart Batty JP email [stuart.batty@rnzwcs.org](mailto:stuart.batty@rnzwcs.org)

RNZWCS Charities Commission Reg. No. CC26860

**Offers of accommodation and / or respite accommodation:**

Rotary District 9970 Governor Margaret Reeve and Past District Governor Stuart Batty will be working with other agencies in the coming days with a view to offering **short term breaks outside of**

**Christchurch** to firstly affected Rotarians and their families and then to others to assist their recovery from the trauma they are undergoing at this stressful time. Rotarian families outside Christchurch who would be willing to open up their homes [or holiday accommodation] are asked to please email [stuart.batty@rnzwcs.org](mailto:stuart.batty@rnzwcs.org) with their details to include in a database. We are not sure as to the level of need, but clearly many are going through a good deal of personal anxiety at this time.

In association with Rotary District 9980, Rotary New Zealand World Community Service are also collecting a database of **caravans that are available for loan to displaced families in Christchurch** as a result of the earthquake. Rotary Clubs in Christchurch which are aware of people who would benefit from the medium to long term use of a caravan should email [stuart.batty@rnzwcs.org](mailto:stuart.batty@rnzwcs.org) in the first instance, stipulating the number of berths in a caravan that would be required, the approximate term of use, and contact details.

Accommodation contact is: Past District Governor Stuart Batty, PO Box 20309, Christchurch 8543, New Zealand [stuart.batty@rnzwcs.org](mailto:stuart.batty@rnzwcs.org)

#### **Wanted:**

- **Warehouse space** (medium to long term) to be shared by various NGOs, including Rotary for logistics purposes in terms of storage of goods for rehabilitation resources following the earthquake. Must have some office facilities.
- **7 Bedroom or more house just outside CBD close to any of four avenues.** Fitzgerald Avenue vicinity would be ideal.
- **People with experience in caring for the disabled and/or accessible accommodation** (short to medium term) **for the disabled.**

Please contact: Past District Governor Stuart Batty via email [stuart.batty@rnzwcs.org](mailto:stuart.batty@rnzwcs.org)

#### **Donations in Kind (DIK):**

Canterbury authorities responsible for earthquake recovery have requested that donations in kind or non-cash items NOT be sent to Christchurch. The New Zealand Government, local agencies and NGOs have sufficient emergency and second phase supplies for the ongoing needs of the community that can be acquired in New Zealand. Cash donations are requested instead.

#### **All other offers of assistance:**

A separate site has been established where you can post your offers of assistance - please go to the **Nelson Rotary earthquake bulletin board** at [www.rotarynelson.co.nz](http://www.rotarynelson.co.nz)

Many people, whether Rotarians or not, are obviously very keen to assist. If you have a **profession or skill set** that is likely to be of use in your opinion, please liaise in the first instance with your professional organisation or association and follow their recommendation.

Rotary has developed an association with the **Salvation Army** so Rotarians have been working with them to assist those in need.

Local Rotarians are being ask as they are able, to please visit various **welfare centres** to help where they can.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

DUE TO EXTREME DIFFICULTIES BEING EXPERIENCED WITH ALL FORMS OF COMMUNICATION TO AND FROM CHRISTCHURCH (PHONE AND EMAIL), ROTARY DISTRICT 9970 (AT THE TOP OF THE SOUTH ISLAND, FROM JUST SOUTH OF CHRISTCHURCH AND NORTH) HAVE REQUESTED THAT ALL ROTARIANS AND CLUBS **use [www.rotarysouthpacific.org](http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org) as the FIRST source of information about the Rotary response to the Canterbury Earthquake.**

THE NEW ZEALAND AND PACIFIC ISLANDS WEBSITE [WWW.ROTARYSOUTHPACIFIC.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARYSOUTHPACIFIC.ORG) CONTAINS CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS OF ALL TYPES AND WILL BE CONTINUALLY UPDATED WITH NEW INFORMATION AS THIS BECOMES AVAILABLE. THE ROTARY RESPONSE FROM NEW ZEALAND AND AROUND THE WORLD HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT, AND AS INFORMATION IS COLLATED, IT WILL BE POSTED ON THIS WEBSITE.

## **2. ROTARY RESPONSE UPDATES** (with the most recent at the top below):

**Rotary New Zealand Press Release** CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE ROTARY VOLUNTEER JUST WANTS TO DELIVER DIGNITY

[1 March 2011 on day 8 after the earthquake with aftershocks still continuing] [Click here](#)

**Rotary Down Under Press Release** [28 February] [Click here](#)

**EXAMPLES OF HOW OTHER ROTARY DISTRICTS AND CLUBS ARE HELPING CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE FAMILIES AND FUNDRAISING FOR THE ROTARY NZ CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL plus POSITIVE FEEDBACK ABOUT ROTARY VOLUNTEERS** [by 28 February on day 7 after the earthquake] [Click here](#)

**CHRISTCHURCH UPDATE** [27 February on day 6 after the earthquake] from **PDG Stuart Batty**:

1. Rotarians are already assisting with practical things:

- In association with Salvation Army delivering food to residents who have no power, water or sanitation.
- Linking families with families in other parts of New Zealand to enable them to spend some time away from the aftershocks.
- Rotarians from other parts of New Zealand sharing their caravans and mobile homes with people who have had their homes written off. This is a neighbouring Rotary District 9980 initiative.
- Working with missing persons to locate two Israeli tourists (family of a Israeli Rotarian) who have not been heard of since 30 minutes before the quake struck.
- Through NDRF (NGO Disaster Relief Forum) of which Rotary New Zealand World Community Service is a member, meeting regularly with forum members to plan strategy and cooperation.

2. Things you should also know:

- Some Rotarians and family members were injured in the quake. No known Family of Rotary fatalities at this stage.
- Many Rotarians have lost homes, contents, vehicles and businesses.
- Many Rotarians whose homes are repairable, currently do not have power, water or sanitation. Some have moved in with relatives or friends temporarily.
- Some Rotarians' businesses will be unable to recover plant, stock and data from their premises or will be prevented from access due to damage to other premises in the vicinity.
- The authorities responsible for the Earthquake recovery have requested that donations in kind or non cash items NOT be sent to Christchurch.
- The New Zealand Government, local agencies and NGOs have sufficient emergency and second phase supplies for the ongoing needs of the community that can be acquired in New Zealand.

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WEEKLY UPDATE included news about NZ ROTARIANS RESPONDING TO THE CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE:**

[http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/110225\\_news\\_earthquakenz.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/110225_news_earthquakenz.aspx)  
[25 February]

Rotary Club of **Melrose, Scotland** held a pre-planned collection at this weekend's Rugby match with Bristol. The club has decided that the monies collected will be sent directly to Rotary New Zealand [25 February]

Offer of DIK assistance received from Rotary Club of Diablo View in **Walnut Creek, California, USA** who

have for years made such donations to post-disaster communities in need - Replied that Canterbury authorities have stated non-cash donations not be sent, and cash donations are requested instead. [25 February]

**CHRISTCHURCH UPDATE [25 February on day 4 after the earthquake] from Assistant Rotary Coordinator PDG Ross Skinner:**

**Rotary in Christchurch** is very active assisting in their community as they are able. In accordance with the request from Mayor of Christchurch Bob Parker, Rotary clubs are working in their immediate communities at this stage. An example is the Rotary Club of Christchurch Sunrise which on Saturday 26 February had a project clearing liquification (muddy sand) from the property of one of their members who is in Timaru Hospital with a broken leg from the earthquake. The club has also instigated a telephone tree amongst its members. Most Rotarians are active doing things, and news of these activities may take time to filter through as most are "just doing it" and are without email etc anyway!

**CHRISTCHURCH UPDATE [24 February on day 3 after the earthquake] from Rotary District 9970 Governor Margaret and Brian Reeve:**

So much help and care is being provided as we all work together to assist our neighbours and friends. Help is also being offered from within New Zealand and Australia and from many countries overseas. This will give us the strength that we will all need in the weeks ahead.

Ideas for assistance that others have shared:

- Check on status of own club members and allocate actions within the club in the first instance
- Volunteer to Red Cross or the local welfare centre
- Nominate a member of the Club to check the local welfare centre regularly for any supplies that club members could provide. Please ask that club person to make contact through the District Administrator Ken if the request is for a significant amount that needs a wider response.
- Check regularly with aged, people who are ill, families with children to provide reassurance and where necessary other assistance.
- Help people to get safe drinking water, access to water for basic health needs, cell phones and laptops recharged
- Offer space for freezer goods where no power is available
- Share health tips from Radio Live
- Keep in touch with [www.rotarysouthpacific.org](http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org) where summaries of actions will be continually updated including messages from key Rotary International leaders on [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)
- Refer to the database of accommodation that is being offered outside Christchurch which is being continuously updated by PDG Stuart Batty.
- Donations to RNZCWS website [www.rnzcws.org](http://www.rnzcws.org)

Our thoughts and prayers remain with you all.

**Rotary District 9940 Governor Howard Tong** blogged Canterbury Earthquake press releases and photos at <http://howard-actionscount.blogspot.com> on 23 February. His district are setting up a ShelterBox in the Wellington CBD for public support, and they have an Emergency Response Kits (ERKs) Appeal running at Wellington Railway Station on Friday 25 February morning as part of their District Project Day on Saturday 26 February across that district. 9940 is also holding a collection at the Wellington Railway Station and Midland Park for the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal - DG Howard Tong 23 and 24 February

**Rotary New Zealand Press Release ROTARIANS SEND MONEY AND OFFER HOMES TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS** [on 23 February on day 2 after the earthquake and **Rotary's 106th anniversary**] [click here to read](#)

**ShelterBox team aids New Zealand earthquake victims** - From <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-12540612> [on 23 February]: The New Zealand ShelterBox team of Walter Kley, Arnold Kelly and Lyndon Tamblyn are working with the authorities in Christchurch to assess and prioritise the immediate need. Some emergency shelters have already been erected, but more will be needed. "It's being called the darkest day in our history. We're in shock - it's something you don't expect to see in your own country" Mr Hamblyn said. ShelterBox was founded in 2000 by Rotarian Tom Henderson and adopted by the Helston-Lizard Rotary Club [and is supported by many other Rotary clubs around the world including New Zealand] . ShelterBox sends boxes of aid to people made homeless by natural or man-made disasters across the world. Boxes are tailored for each disaster but typically contain a 10-person tent,

sleeping bags, water purification, cooking utensils, a stove and a basic tool kit.



"We are ok but very stirred and shaken ... many others are far worse off. **It was frightening ... and still is! Aftershocks are still continuing.** Yes it has been and still is horrendous and tragic. How we recover from this I know not. We have power and water (it seems) but no waste water or flushing of toilets. We may lose power again when the bell tower to the church just across the road from where we live collapses as it 'should' any time soon! We live about 15 minutes walk from the City centre so not far away ... What isn't yet being revealed is what has occurred in the suburbs, particularly our hill suburbs and eastern area." - Assistant Rotary Coordinator PDG Ross Skinner from Christchurch 23 February

"I have been in Christchurch today. I had never experienced an earthquake, so **today was very scary!** I was just about to jump out of my rental car for a meeting, when it felt like the car was moving. I thought it had somehow jumped out of park, so immediately put my foot on the brake. When the car & myself continued to move, it was only then that I realized that this wasn't normal. It lasted for what felt eternity, & when it finally subsided, all of the building had evacuated. The worst was seeing the faces of so many South Island staff who were so concerned for their families, as this was big, many already saying much worse than the earthquake last September. Many were crying, some in shock. I just can't imagine how Christchurch will recover this time & **hope that everyone we know is safe.**" - Past District Governor Leanne Jaggs (who lives in Auckland) 22 February

**Rotary Club of Christchurch** were at their lunchtime meeting when the Christchurch Earthquake disaster struck on Tuesday 22 February at 12.51pm. They said "it was a meeting they won't forget!"

**Rotary Down Under March 2011** page 9 includes the ***Utter devastation after another earthquake in NZ*** cover story about the fatal 6.3 magnitude Canterbury Earthquake on 22 February 2011 by Rotary International Public Image Resource Group Zone 7B Regional Coordinator Felicity Anderson, plus ... **THE AFTERMATH OF SEPTEMBER'S DISASTER** thank you letter from District 9970 Governor Margaret Reeve after the previous 7.1 magnitude Canterbury Earthquake on 4 September 2010.

**RDU MARCH** IS ALSO available on-line at [www.rotarydownunder.com.au](http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au)

### **3. MESSAGES OF SUPPORT** (with the most recent at the top below):

"Our sincere best wishes to those in Christchurch (where we were for the combined Rotary Zones 7B & 8 Institute in November 2008). We need the world to look after them. Rotarians contribute to The Rotary Foundation [which is our charity of choice] because you never know when you may need help. The gift we give today could be returned tomorrow. **No one is exempt from disaster.** We are all citizens of the world, so there needs to be no barriers to love & caring between nations." - Rotary Leadership Institute International Regional Vice-Chair for ANZO & District 9780 Chair of The Rotary Foundation PDG **Cathy Roth** from Geelong, Victoria, Australia on 26 February

"**What can be organised quickly to assist our friends across the ditch?**" was the over-riding desire expressed when the major topic of Christchurch's Earthquake was discussed at the Rotary event in Perth for Rotary's 106th anniversary on 23 February - Rotary Down Under Managing Editor PDG **Bob Aitken** from Parramatta, NSW, Australia on 24 February

"**Our hearts go out to our many friends in New Zealand** with news of the recent catastrophic earthquake. We were stunned by viewing the television news reports of the damage throughout your beautiful country and in awe of the brave men and women stepping forward to risk their own lives to protect and aid their friends, neighbors and communities, often putting aside their personal needs and losses. Please know that Vicki and I are thinking of you and praying for your family, friends and fellow New Zealanders! We send our very best to you." - Past RI Director **Ron and Vicki Beaubien** from Coronado Island in San Diego, USA on 2

**RAFFLE  
PARTING THOUGHT**

Winner:

Statistics:

**ROTARY 4 WAY TEST**

*Of the things we think, say or do:*

1. *Is it the **TRUTH**?*
2. *Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?*
4. *Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?*

**THIS WEEK'S MEETING:**

Present:	<i>Fish and Stars:</i> Bob B, David B, Derek G, Craiger H, Terry H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, John R, Sheena S, <i>Stars and later dinner:</i> Mike A, Jim A, Roger F, Jack R, Domenic W
Apologies:	Phyllis A, Kent F, Roger F, Monique M,
Missing in Action:	Peter S,
Guests:	
Attendance:	17/21 81%

**SUNSHINE FUND:**

Raffle:	\$
Fines:	\$

**Final Word:**

**NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES:**

Squire	
Squire	
Greeter	
Grace	
Introduction	
Thanks	
Parting Thought	
Dealer	
Joker	
Joker	

**APOLOGIES AND RSVPS TO:**

[apology@details.co.nz](mailto:apology@details.co.nz) or ph 8109 589  
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!

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