

WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

Venue: Starling Park Sports Club
34 Glen Road
Ranui

Time: 5:45pm for 6:10pm

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www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz or www.soapboxderby.co.nz



FEBRUARY: WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

NEXT MEETING

Date: 7th March 2012
Venue: Starling Park Sports Club
Event: Club Night

THIS WEEK: KARLI – SUMMER SCIENCE AT OTAGO



Karli Drummond, a Year 13 student from AGC Sunderland, was sponsored by our Club to attend the Otago Rotary Summer Science Forum in January.

The summer science forum is held each year for top science students, is a 5 day residential course and 150 students attend.

The great thing about the Science Forums is that it exposes year 12 students to the huge range of options in the science field a year before they need to make a decision on what to study. All the kids who are fortunate enough to be selected come back saying how great it was and how it opens their eyes to other options.

The course contains a mix of activities and includes a component of social activities (disco, trip to town) so the students get to mix and mingle.

Meeting little blue penguins, skinks and NZ native frogs, dissecting wallabies, learning a little about the geology of Christchurch and being introduced to psychology... These were only a few of the many topics they covered.

Also included was a useful session on "how to pick a degree"

With Karli's confidence as a speaker and outlook on life she will do very well in the future and we wish her well.

NOTE: Another Wairere Road Drummond child to do well. There must be something in these hills!

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CALENDAR

MARCH: LITERACY MONTH
SAT 3/3/12

Waitakere School Gala

7/3/12

Club Night

THURS 8/3/12

Kids SBD Safety Brief

MON 12/3/12

Board Meeting

14/3/12

Soapbox Derby Briefing

18/3/12

SOAPBOX DERBY!

AFTER SBD...

Is there life?

Yes, check the website.

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?

DAVE INGLIS – DISTRICT CONFERENCE ORGANIZER



Dave Inglis, organizer of the District 9910 conference, came to remind us that NOW is the time to enrol.

Date:	Friday 20 to Sunday 22 nd April
Venue:	Orewa Arts and Events Centre
Cost:	Rotarians: \$195 Partners: \$125

As usual most Rotarians are leaving it to the last minute to enrol whilst they “think about it” – and as usual the organizers are biting their nails and having kittens.

300 Rotarians are expected but so far only 40 have signed up (a perfectly normal state of affairs in our Rotary world!)

Several of our Rotarians have stated their intention to attend (including Alan and myself) but haven't



yet got a
Time to find one so we can do it.

More details:

<http://warkworth-rotary.org.nz/d9910conference>

WAITAKERE PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA: 3RD MARCH

Volunteers haven't exactly been falling over themselves to help with this but a helper is needed so Alan can go get some lunch, go to the loo...

The object of the exercise is to promote both Rotary and the SBD so a few Rotarians there would be really good.

Heather will be at South Pacific PETS that weekend so if you can help Alan, please give him a call.

The Gala starts at 11am and runs till 3pm so set up will start at 10:30am. If you can't spare the day even stopping by briefly for an hour or two during the day would be appreciated.

The address is 10 Bethells Road (at the Township end, not the beach)

NZ INTERNATIONAL SOAPBOX TRUST

If you have ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes of the Soapbox Derby... the answer is A LOT!

Every so often a group of people from the 4 race centres meet to co-ordinate plans and sort out various details like the Finals. And as next year is the 10th Anniversary of the races arriving in NZ (we joined in the 2nd year) “extras” are also planned for the Finals.

Tuesday 28th was our most recent meeting:



Murray Sampson (Whangaparaoa)
Alan Pattison (Waitakere)



Trevor Allsebrook (East Auckland),
Terry Clarkson
(NZ Race Director from Whangaparaoa)
Bill McSweeney (Northcote)



Alan, Terry and Heather arrived early to sort out sets of wheels for the top 8 drivers in the NZ Finals (there will be a wheel change at this point)

DARE MEETING

Again behind the scenes a few of us are involved with DARE.

Monday night saw a DARE meeting that Patrick and Heather attended. Plans are afoot for running the DARE program in local schools – and Constable Luke has promised to find a speed camera for use at our SBD 😊

VANUATU

Dates for the trip to work on the Dining Hall at the school are confirmed.

- 1st trip: Sunday 5th May to Saturday 12th May
- 2nd trip: Saturday 12th May to Sunday 20th May

The teams of 6 people will meet and cross over in Santos.

If you have skills to offer and are interested in going contact Kerry now.

Note: whilst skills with a hammer are useful so are other skills – like having a photographer to record the work and to tidy up after the boys...

IYE SOUTH ISLAND TRIP

Cecile sent me the link to the slideshow of photos for the South Island trip:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/106905261583317328479/SouthIslandTrip?feat=flashalbum#5689947562166118194>

BIRDWATCHERS WANTED

Domenic passed on the following for those who are interested:



Birdwatchers - Special Event
March 11 9am - 1.00 pm

Hosted by Sandspit SOS Inc. our local environmental group.

The number of shorebirds, readily viewable, peaks every year at Sandspit in Autumn. We have 22 species of waders and shorebirds in the Matakana Estuary

The flocks of waders increase as they feed up on the rich cockle and worm beds of the Matakana Estuary in preparation for their long flights to their breeding grounds, Godwits to Alaska, Pied Oystercatchers to the South Island.



Sandspit is the easiest place in the Auckland region to get close to flocks of Pied Stilts, Oystercatchers, Godwits and Caspian Terns. If you are careful and quiet you can get up as close as 30-50 metres and take photos you will be proud to show off.

Photo Godwits & Pied Stilts (Frances Hall)

From 9 am we will see waders feeding along the tideline on both sides of the spit, and flying to the roosting banks as the 3.5 m tide rises. The flocks will build up in the salt marsh lagoons and are approachable if you move slowly and quietly.

Photo: Pied Stilts, Oystercatchers, Caspian Terns(Frances Hall)



At noon we will move out on to the shellfish beds for a cockle counting demonstration. You can view and comment on our plans to restore the salt marsh. We plan to construct timber walkways and hides on the reserve to improve the viewing opportunity. Check out Frances' photo collection.

If we are fortunate we may see one of the shy Banded Rails feeding in the lagoon as the water recedes. We have a population of about 12 birds, as a result, we believe, of the community predator control programme.

Photo: Frances Hall




Join us at Sandspit, bring the children for a great opportunity to learn about the Matakana estuary environment. Walk the tracks through the cliff and bush reserves, check out Brick Bay Beach, to see why we work to protect our environment and make visitors welcome.

Make a day of it with a trip to Kawau on the ferry, or lunch at the Sandspit Café. Check out the Matakana scene before or after your visit.

March 11 9am-1pm

Bring your cameras and binoculars. We know you will be surprised by the rich birdlife that shares our Sandspit environment.

PARTING THOUGHT	Bob: "Good Night!"		
RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE	FINES
Heather	H, T, H, T	\$25.70	\$62.20
APOLOGIES:			
apology@details.co.nz or ph 8109 589 no later than 5pm 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!			
BOARD MEMBERS		ATTENDANCE	
President	Craiger Hargesheimer	Present:	Mike A, Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Terry H, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Sheena S, Jack R, John R, Peter S,
President Elect	Heather Pattison	Apologies:	Linda C,
Vice President	Derek Gee	Missing in Action:	
Secretary	Bob Benzie	Guests:	Cecile, David Inglis, Karli Drummond
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Leave:	Patrick H, Monique M, Domenic W
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Attendance:	17/21 81%
International Director	Kerry McMillan		
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Sheena Spittles		
Sergeant	John Riddell		
NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES		WEBSITE ADDRESSES	
Squire		Waitakere Rotary http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/	
Squire		Rotary International http://www.rotary.org/	
Greeter		Rotary NZ http://www.rotary.org.nz	
Grace		District Governor's newsletter http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10	
Introduction		Rotary Downunder Magazine www.rotarydownunder.com.au	
Thanks		Rotary NZ Promotions and Information www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364	
Parting Thought		Admin page and information http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180	
Dealer		Future Vision www.rotary.org/future_vision	
Joker		Rotary E Club (for make ups) http://www.rotaryclubone.org/	
Joker		Dare West http://darewest.org.nz/	
			
COUSIN GEORGE:			
"OLD" is always Fifteen years Older than I am.			
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