

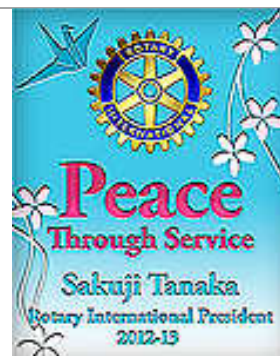
WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

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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OCTOBER: VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

NEXT MEETING:	Wed 24th October 2012 6pm
Venue:	Waitakere Primary School
Speaker:	Life Education

THIS WEEK: MASSEY HIGH TRADES ACADEMY



Principal Bruce Ritchie and Deputy Principal John Tinling

This week's speakers were John Ritchie (Principal of Massey High) and John Tinling (Deputy Principal) who came along to talk about the Trades Academy which has been operating at Massey since February 2012.

The Academy was set up in response to an OECD Report which recommended equity and quality in education – improving equity and reducing failure has been shown to equate to a 3% to 5% increase in GDP.

There have always been disengaged students in High Schools, due to the fact that Year 13 programmes lack relevance for many young people unless they are high achievers, destined for University. By designing alternative, more practical pathways for students who are not suited to a purely academic programme, schools can ensure students remain to complete their secondary education, rather than 'dropping out'. The trades Academy establishes alternate pathways to tertiary education and employment.

The West Auckland Vocational Academy is a joint initiative between Massey High, Unitec and Auckland University. At present it offers training in Carpentry, Hospitality and Electro Engineering. Various other academies will be added in future years, (five are planned for Auckland) as Massey will also work with other High schools in West Auckland to

Calendar

October – Vocational Service Month

24/10/12
Life Education Visit
Waitakere Primary School

Instead of them coming to us – we will go to them and see their program through the kids' eyes.

26th-28th IYE Marae weekend

31/10/12
<Meeting cancelled>

November – Rotary Foundation Month

Sun 4/11/12
Fellowship Event – Train Trip in the Waitakeres

7/11/12
Rotary Projects

Mon 12/11/12
Board Meeting

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?

ensure vocational training across a range of different areas is provided.

Success stories abound from this year's students who have achieved remarkable results in a short time, due to the fact that they now have contextualised, relevant programmes, which they engage in because they have confidence and ownership of their learning.

<Thanks to Sheena for the above report>

SCHOLARSHIPS

JOHN RITCHIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The end of the year is fast approaching along with school prize givings. Two years ago we instituted the JR Memorial Scholarship for Massey High and we were delighted to have Bruce along so we could present the cheque for this year.

RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP

A cheque has also been written for the annual Rutherford Scholarship

10TH ANNIVERSARY BURSARY SCHOLARSHIP

This bursary was established in 1980 when Graeme Douglas was President.

Last month we had a request for funding from Suzy van Lier.

Suzy is in her 4th and final year of a Midwifery degree at AUT and has an upcoming clinical placement worth 150 hours at a hospital of her choice.

She and another student (from Pt Chevalier) organized to do 4 weeks of volunteer work in the Maternity Ward at the Port Vila hospital. They will be putting their learning and skills into practice and also working and sharing their knowledge with Ni Vanuatu Nursing students who are very keen to learn more from the different education system.

This trip has to be completely self funded so the pair have been fundraising by selling chocolates and doing sausage sizzles. Their budget for travel, accommodation and living expenses for the month works out to be approximately \$2000 each and a month ago they were still short on their target.

We considered that Suzy is an ideal candidate for the Tertiary Bursary Award, an email has been sent and a cheque for \$500 is on her way to her.

Suzy replied tonight:

Hi Heather,

Thank you so much!! I'm extremely happy to hear that and very grateful to Rotary for the help towards my trip!

Many thanks again! The donation is going to be a huge help!

I'll be in touch upon my return in December.

Thanks for all your help!

Suzy

WEATHER BOMB WORKING BEE

JADEWYNN GARDEN

Weather bomb? What weather bomb? Auckland is on the fringes of it so we should escape. And we did... until 10.30am when the rain came down, jackets started to leak and we all ran for cover.



First task of the day – manoeuvre the new potting table down the hill to its new location.



An awful lot of grunting and groaning went on but they got it there



Kerry checking out its surface and level



Alan digging holes to level it off with Lyn watching



Work underway all around Kerry and Phyllis hold a planning meeting



Three of four locals turned up at various times to ask Matt about becoming involved.



Moving a fruit tree means a hole to fill in



Levelling the new potting table. Note the sun shade – Kerry was given two of these for the garden



A local's son and Kerry checking the level



Mulch and soil on their way to the garden



Bug bait in amongst the cabbages. The amber containers look quite cute



Kerry supervising the mulch moving



Phyllis laying old carpet for path underlay



Linda moving mulch



Matt replanting a fruit tree in a better location



Moving garden bed edging into place



Garden underway



The poster advertising the working bee



Wheelbarrows, shovels....



Large piles of soil and mulch



Matt at work



Alan at work
Caza keeping an eye on things



Matt wielding a spade



The soil being moved



And more soil



Garden edges going in



A local in the rain



The new table in place



The creative top of the new potting table



Alan with creative ideas for a sun shade



And the rain came down. Time for a drink of water under the sun shades



The "weather bomb" hitting. Fortunately the little water proof camera is... water proof.

It was at this point that we gave up and headed for home. The wind gusts hit an hour later. Note that although there is still more soil to move the mulch pile has decreased dramatically.

Matt moved the remaining soil and mulch on Sunday.

MATT'S EMAIL

Hi Phyllis

Can you pass on my sincere thanks to all that turned up on Saturday. What a horrible day for the weather, but a great day for the garden. The commitment shown by all that turned up was outstanding and you should all be commended for your work and dedication. The table was better than I ever expected it would be, it's a beautiful addition to the garden.

I managed to finish moving the earth on Sunday and it just filled the beds that were taken over by our new volunteers. In all, the garden gained 6 more volunteers on Saturday, so even before the relaunch we have been successful.

Hopefully I will be successful in my bid for more funding then I can complete replenishing the last 4 beds with soil. I have your sun hat at home, don't know if you realized you left it?

As soon as the weather brightens up next month I'm going to hold the relaunch. Once again Phyllis please pass on my thanks to all I / we really appreciate all the help, the garden is a real community garden now!

Matt

LAST WEEK'S PHOTO

Bad Kerry saying Phyllis was reading a book.

Phyllis sent an email (hey, there's ANOTHER reader of the bulletin!!)

Just read the Bulletin and noticed the caption of Kerry's photo from the digger – yeah sure I was reading a book! ☺ Actually I can show you the planning notes I was making – if you zoom in you might spot the notebook...Don't want people reading it to get the impression I wasn't doing anything useful!!

WEATHER BOMB GIRL GUIDE CAMP

It wasn't just us out and about during the storm. The Girl Guides held their District Camp for Pippins, Brownies and Guides at Moto Moana in the weekend. My daughter was there as Camp Leader and had the kids with her. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the camp - although most of the girls opted to sleep in the hall rather than the tents on Saturday night.

Soft ground, 100km/hour gusts of winds in the morning. An experience for all involved to remember

TRAIN TRIP

Terry reports that the train is now full. This will be an excellent trip.

SOAPBOX DERBY TRACK

In recent weeks I've been suggesting the idea of a permanent soapbox derby track up in Westgate and along the way I've been in contact with a few others in the "gravity games" field.

This led to emails with the new Mangere Bridge Trolley Club who will be running their first ever race for home built carts on Sunday 19th November. Their website said that this year they will be using a fairly shallow track and were planning on "push starting" the carts.

Seeing this I emailed the SBD Trust members and the result is that we have offered them the use of the Rotary starting ramps - and the offer has been gratefully received.

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NEWS

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Trolley race brings families together

By ANNA LOREN

Young people can get into trouble when they don't have positive role models, Andrew Honore reckons.

Picking up a hammer could be the answer.

Mr Honore wants families and neighbours to connect with each other through his new community event - the Mangere Bridge Trolley Derby.

It's all about encouraging kids and adults to work as a team to build a racing cart, he says.

"A lot of children can grow up without positive role models and we can see that with the huffing that's going on - the kids don't have the right sort of people to talk to about what's happening in their lives.

"This is about getting that close relationship with an adult in their life so that if they do get to a point where there's something difficult going on, they have someone there that they can talk to."

People from ages 1 to 100 are being encouraged to register for the event, which will be held on Ambury Rd on November 18.

Ambury Park staff have thrown their support behind the derby and many local groups will have stalls set up along the road.

Any funds raised above the

DERBY RULES

- Each trolley must have a minimum of three wheels
- Drivers must have forward facing vision at all times during the race
- Trolleys are required to have a steering system capable of manoeuvring at a speed
- Children must have head protection, which at a minimum must be a cycle helmet.

cost of running the event will go to benefit the Keas and the Girl Guides, Mr Honore says. "Hopefully it'll become a bit of a tradition for the local area."

There'll be races for different age categories, a show-and-shine and best race outfit awards. And imagination is encouraged.

"If you can build it, you can race it."

The trolley derby organisers are holding build clinics every Saturday until the event to help families get started on their own racing carts.

They're held every Saturday from 10am to noon at the Mangere Bridge Scout Den on Taylor Rd, behind the bowling club. It costs \$20 to register a trolley and registrations are now open at mbtrolleyderby.co.nz.



Trolley time: Andrew Honore and his sons Alex, 4, and Jasper, 2, are getting ready to race.

Photo: ANNA LOREN

AUT Manukau Campus News

There's some interesting gravity ideas out there and as I come across them links are being added to our SBD Links page <http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/our-fundraisers/soap-box-derby/sbd-links>

PURPOSE BUILT TRACK

Following on from our Council submissions I had an email from a Sport and Recreation Advisor from the Council asking for more details. Linda and I met with Gabrielle and Paul to promote the idea. There is a long way to go on this but we're working on it.

The ultimate would be a multi-use track for all sorts of gravity type events – not just ours. If anyone knows of other user groups – skateboarders, long boarders, bike riders... get them to contact me.

SUNSHINE FUND

A week ago I was contacted by the Auckland District Health Board asking if we could fund an exercycle for a Massey girl with very major health issues – chronic juvenile idiopathic arthritis and a learning disability amongst other things. Emma is in the fulltime care of her 24 year old sister and her husband and naturally money is tight.

Having spoken to her sister – who works part time as a trained Social Worker – and heard the challenges they face (6 week stay in Starship – did you know that children under 13 must be accompanied at all times by a caregiver whilst they are there? The parking bill alone came to \$600) a donation of an exercycle seemed like an extremely good idea.

After a couple of hours checking Trade Me (and watching an auction auto-extend and skyrocket in price) and researching bikes on the Internet I ended up buying one on special from an Auckland based on-line firm. The bike has 127 extremely positive customer reviews
<http://www.no1fitness.co.nz/bikes/exercise-bikes/lifegear-revolution-bike.html>

Her sister is absolutely thrilled and looking forward to receiving it in the next few days. A lot of thanks to Rotary for making this happen.

And our contact at Auckland District Health Board has said:

That is fantastic news Heather, thank you so much for all of your help. I am sure this will help Emma - and Janine, and I'll be seeing them next week so will be able to develop a program for her. Thanks again for all your help and your members of course as well.

Kind regards, Julie Cullen

SUNSHINE SESSION

Traditionally Rotary Clubs end their meetings with a "Fines" session to bring in money for the Sunshine Fund. This is really so last century it is not funny.

A small group of us – PP Derek, PP Craiger and PE Patrick and I have put our heads together to create something new and different with a new name – "The Sunshine Session". The objective is an entertaining session whilst still raising funds for the Sunshine Fund.

We are looking at different people to run this on different weeks so it is constantly new and fresh. The boys will share this between them till Christmas to get it established and Derek kicked it off this week. If you think of a great idea that could be used let the boys know.

We are keeping the raffle, Happys and Sads and the parting thought – the bits in between will change.

In the new year they will be calling on other members to run a few of the sessions – either individually or as a team effort. Variety is after all the spice of life. Watch this space.

RAP HOUSE DONATION

The renovations at the RAP (Ranui Action Project) House started with us clearing the jungle so the painters could paint the exterior walls. A few of our members then painted the interior walls prior to the new carpet going in. They also tidied up the bathroom and kitchen and the RAP House committee then installed a new 2nd toilet.

Tonight we gave Linda a cheque from the Community Budget towards the new toilet installation.

STARLING PARK STREET AND CAR PARK LIGHTING

As we have all noticed this past winter the street lighting round the Starling Park entrance is semi rural and the driveway is hard to spot. This makes finding the drive "interesting" for both us and all the many other users of the Starling Park Club rooms and sports fields. Bob has been in contact with the Parks Department about it with the following result:

Hi Bob,

Further to our phone conversation last week, I just wanted to let you know that I visited the site yesterday and got a handle on the lighting situation on site.

I will include the site in this year's programme for scoping car park lighting work. The physical works wouldn't happen until the new 13/14 financial year, I'm afraid.

Am I correct in thinking that the other existing lights within the car park are working OK? It may be that the investigation determines that the existing lights could be upgraded to something more appropriate as well. I will make sure that at the time of investigation, our consultant and I keep in touch with all stakeholders that use the site, including yourself.

Kind regards,

Mauri ora,

Mark Miller | Parks Advisor- Whau

GABRIEL



Gabriel on a recent outing with the Benzie's being introduced to the NZ dish of Fish 'n Chips

CARLS JNR

Carls Jnr, a hamburger chain, is opening a new store on Lincoln Road on the weekend of 3rd and 4th November.

Bob has been in negotiations with them to make a Rotary donation from various items sold over the weekend. It will be a wonderful event to promote both Rotary and Rotoract – whilst earning some cash for both our groups AND The Rotary Foundation.

Bob will be calling for volunteers for the Saturday to promote us.

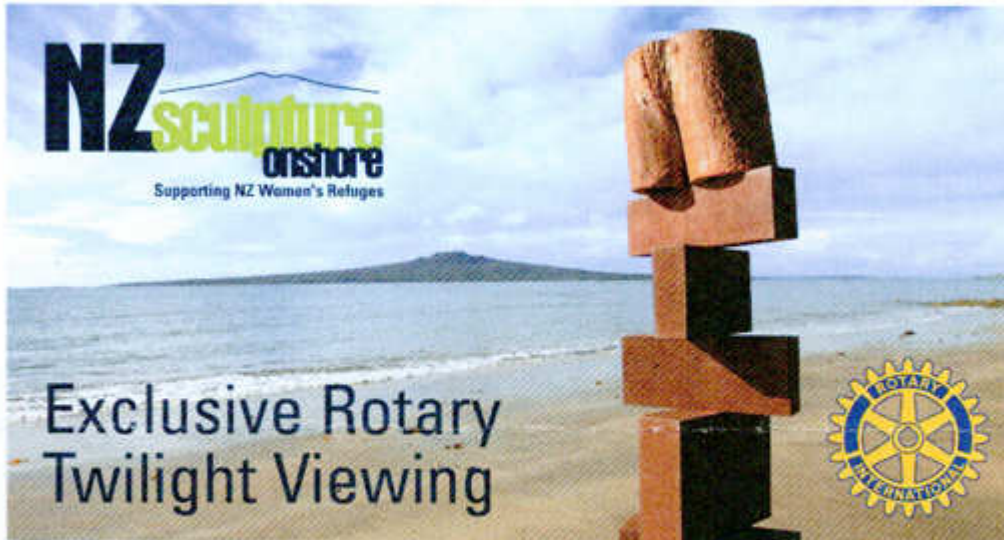
BOARD NOMINATIONS

Patrick, our President Elect, may not be in the position to take on the role of President in the 2013-14 year. Our AGM is on Dec 12th but PETS (President Elect Training) is on Dec 8th. We are therefore looking to hold elections early in one month's time. The goal will be to send both our President Elect AND President Nominee to PETS. If YOU would like to stand for one of these positions – contact Bob now.

NZ SCULPTOR ON SHORE EXHIBITION

Devonport Rotary is one of the major supporters behind the NZ Sculptor On Shore Exhibition – an event that is raising funds for Women’s Refuge.

Dates are 8th to 18th November



President Roy Dykes and Devonport Rotary invite all Rotarians and partners

You're invited to an exclusive twilight viewing of NZ Sculpture OnShore, Monday 12 November from 6.00pm. A wonderful opportunity to bring partners, friends and family along for a sunset viewing of the exhibition, enjoy a picnic and glass of wine at this beautiful clifftop location at Fort Takapuna above Narrowneck Beach – 170 Vauxhall Road, Devonport.

Monday 12 November 2012

For more information email: info@devonportrotary.co.nz

Tickets \$30 Includes: entry, picnic box, onsite parking & exhibition map

Ticket purchases: via your Rotary Club secretary

Wine, beer, coffee, desserts on sale from onsite café

www.nzsculptureonshore.co.nz

All proceeds to NZ Women's Refuges




About the exhibition: NZ Sculpture OnShore's biennial sculpture exhibition has become recognised as one of New Zealand's leading exhibitions. Our connection with the spectacular cliff-top Fort Takapuna site overlooking the Hauraki Gulf, the breadth and diversity of our exhibition which allows us to take some artistic risks whilst still undertaking that there is "something for everybody" and particularly our support of New Zealand Women's Refuges, set us apart from other exhibitions and are points of differentiation we proudly promote. The works of over 120 New Zealand artists are on public view and for sale during the 10 day exhibition at Fort Takapuna Historic Reserve. The gallery showcasing and selling smaller pieces of indoor and outdoor sculpture will be open during the twilight evening.

PARTING THOUGHT	Terry: The best things in life are not things
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RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE	DONATIONS
Kerry	H, T, H	\$33.50	\$31.70

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!

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★ **Misers aren't much fun to live with, but they make great Ancestors....**

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