



# Waitakere News



Time to think about attending the Rotary International Convention in Sydney next May!

19<sup>th</sup> September

This week's speaker was Hayley Thomas the Vice president of Canteen. She told us about the structure of Canteen, and how the different groups work together. She then told us about her personal 'cancer journey' and the impact it had on her family and especially her siblings. She explained how lonely the journey can be, and the vital work Canteen does to support teenagers who live with cancer, and their siblings. With Canteen by their side, these young people 'are never alone' no matter what they face, and through the support and activities provided, many lifelong friendships are established. At the end of her talk we presented Hayley with a cheque for Canteen.



It was then my pleasure to induct our latest new member, Sheilagh Sutherland. Sheilagh spoke about her background, her work experience, and what she has to offer our club. She has already contributed to our club's 'service' activities, and will be a very valued member of Waitakere Rotary.

## CLUB NEWS:

We had a very strong representation at John Watkin's funeral, which was appreciated by his wife Jill and other family members. Thanks to all members who attended.

A good number of members also supported the Rotoract movie, which was a fundraiser for Casper. (Suicide Prevention Trust.) With a nice, (but tardy) meal at Tony's beforehand, this provided another opportunity for fellowship and service - thanks to all who contributed.

Heather and Alan have applied for leave until Christmas, due to their commitments out of Auckland. This leaves a vacancy for the position of 'Administration Director' - although Alan will continue to be the Treasurer. If you're able to help in this vital area, please contact Sheena asap.

A postcard was received from Cecille (our previous IYE student) who is enjoying summer on the coast in France.

The Rotary Club of Epsom is again selling their 'Cartoon Annual' this year, (through the generosity of cartoonist Malcolm Evans). Please see Sheena if you're interested in purchasing one/many. At \$20 each, they make great gifts for those 'hard to buy for' relatives!

The 50:50 raffle was again won by Bob, and for the first time in living memory, the other raffle was not won! (The 50:50 kitty now stands at \$56.00)

The latest newsletter from DG Phil Ashton is attached.

**REMINDER:** Next week we'll be having a joint club meeting with New Lynn at Ryders ,Avondale.

If you are not going to be there **PLEASE** email Domenic by midday on Monday:  
**[domenicots@hotmail.com](mailto:domenicots@hotmail.com)**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – **FELLOWSHIP NIGHT** – 'Movies at Ryders' with New Lynn Rotary

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November - **"RIDDLED WITH TRIVIA"** Quiz Night at Starling Park

**CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER: VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Projects Night

October 9<sup>th</sup> – Mike West from Worldskills (member of the 'Toolblacks' who competed in Leipzig this year)

October 16<sup>th</sup> – Presentation from Vincent on his time in NZ so far.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Gez Johns, Communications Manager for the Waterview Tunnel project

October 30<sup>th</sup> – Vocational Visit to Van Lier nurseries, Riverhead.