

23rd October 2013

Our Speaker this week was *Gez Johns*, the Communications Manager from the Well Connected Alliance, who are constructing the 'Waterview Connection'. *Gez* explained that the Alliance is made up of seven companies who are all working together to ensure this enormous project is completed as efficiently as possible, and within the expected timeframe.

He explained the extensive earthworks that have already been completed, which will result in improved waterways, better parks and sports grounds, and landscaping with established trees for the community, by the time the project is handed over in December 2016.

The figures concerned in this project are vast, from the size of 'Alice' the huge 14.46metre diameter boring machine, to the conveyer belts built to remove the spoil, and the amount of material required to be removed. Even with the machine operating six days a week (Sunday is maintenance day) it will take a year for each of the two tunnels to be drilled, and another year for the project to be completed.

It was again pleasing to be able to welcome a number of visitors to our meeting:

Adrian, from Rotoract, *Peter*, a potential new member, and old friends *Monique* and *Theo Van Lier* and *Craig*'s family members *Joanne* and *Caitlyn*



There are a number of different events coming up in the near future:

November 2nd *Kumeu Garden Festival*, tickets \$20. (see attached flyer)

November 4-11 *Graffiti Week* - we may need manpower for this ...

November 10th *Albany Rotary's Garden Ramble*

November 16th *Our 'Riddled With Trivia' evening*. Tables of eight. \$20 a ticket (see attached flyer)

November 30th *Henderson Rotary's Santa Parade* (this year at Westgate)

December 6th *Massey Community Xmas Event* ... help required with the BBQs

REMINDER: Next week we're having a 'Vocational Visit' to Van Lier's Nursery on Riverhead Road.

We'll take advantage of their superb new kitchen and eating area to consume our delicious dinner!

❖ Our next meeting at Starling Park is November 6th.

This is a 'Projects Night ' Come along and find out what we're doing and what we're planning!

It's also the night we're accepting nominations for Club Officers for the 2013/4/ year, so have a think about who you'd like to see running your Rotary Club for the following year, and have your nominations (and seconders) ready!

Please start organising your 'table of eight' for the Trivia Night - we'll have tickets available next Wednesday evening ... and there's a prize for the 'Best Dressed Team' Come along and see if your team can beat the "Mad Hatters" !!

Have a great week

Sheena