

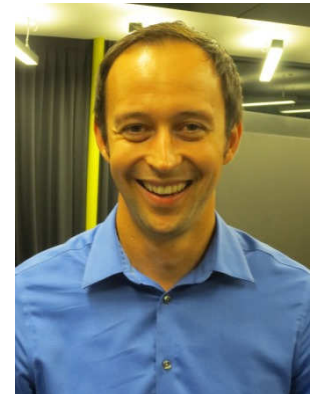
## Waitakere News

April 16<sup>th</sup>

Our speaker this week was Oli Vovchenco, who we sponsored to RYLA and Outward Bound way back in 2005. Oly was part of the RYLA group that went on to form the Pupuke Rotaract Club, and has kept in touch with our club since then.

This week Oly spoke to us about the 'Coast To Coast' race he competed in earlier this year. "245 kms of hell" as he called it – running, kayaking and cycling from Kumara on the West Coast, to Sumner Beach on the East. It is the longest, most famous multisport event and attracts a surprising number of competitors!

Oly did the race to raise funds for the 'Ukraine Charity' which supports orphans and under privileged children just outside of Kiev. As Oli came to NZ from Ukraine when he was 14, it's a charity dear to his heart. The photos of the difference his money made to the children's lives there were inspirational.



**REMINDER:** Monique is holding a '**Pink Ribbon Luncheon**' AT Van Lier Nurseries to raise funds for Breast Cancer research on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am. Please contact Monique if you'd like to attend.

**RAFFLE:** The 50:50 Raffle was finally won – by a delighted David! It went 'down to the wire' with only two balls left in the bag, so the 'kitty' was just over \$175 ... well worth winning, and a few more dollars to Polio Plus – thanks to all those who participated so readily over the past three months!



Remember to check out our web site: [www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz](http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz) for up to date news and upcoming events (just click on the 'Calendar' ...)

Please advise Alan if you will **not** be attending on Wednesday (or if you're bringing a guest) [apology@details.co.nz](mailto:apology@details.co.nz)

Date: <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Fiona McCallum (Keep Waitakere Beautiful)</b>
Meeting Manager	Derek	
Sergeant	Mike	
Speaker	<b>Fiona McCallum</b>	
Greeter – Introducer	John	
Grace	Domenic	
Squire 1	Luke	
Squire 2	Gus	

Thanker	Sheilagh
Parting Thought	Bob

**Dates to remember**

April 25<sup>th</sup> – Anzac Day

April 26<sup>th</sup> – District 9910 Conference at Waitangi

May 10<sup>th</sup> – District Fellowship Quiz at Matakana (Can we field a Waitakere Team??)

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Pick Ribbon Breakfast – Van Lier Nurseries

June 1-4 - Rotary World Convention Sydney