

Waitakere News

July 12th 2014



Last week Ross Dallow gave us a marvellous behind the scenes tour of the Trust Stadium and a history of the stadium. Absolutely fascinating. Great asset for the community.

The sad part of the evening was that we had to farewell Vincent. President Patrick presented Vincent with a specially carved Maori stick that know doubt Vincent will find handy when he is climbing the Swiss Alps!! We are told it will help with speaking chores!



Meeting behind the toilets - opps



Vincent with his gift from our club

Date: Wednesday 16th		Mystery guest	
Meeting Manager		Derek	
Sergeant		Mike	
Speaker		Mystery guest	
Greeter - Introducer		Luke (seeing as he did not get a chance last week)	
Grace		Shelia	
Squire 1		Peter	
Squire 2		Craig	
Thanker		Sheena	
Parting Thought		Jim	

Trees for Survival – report from Graham

Our Matipo School TfS Unit held their Planting Day up at Waitoki last Thursday 3rd. 24 Children their teacher Lisa and 5 Parents braved the cold wet weather and departed for Waitoki a little after 9am. Fortunately by the time we reached Waitoki the sun was out so we started planting on a steep wet area next to last year's planting. All though it was hard going for a new young group of children they settled in and got on with the job. After a couple of hours of very productive planting we moved up to the owners shed for lunch. Thanks go to Lisa for her efforts to get the children well equipped for the task. It was noted that ALL the children had gumboots and wet weather gear. I think this is the first time I have seen everyone dressed for the task. A marvellous effort by all considering the conditions. PS. The TfS staff are having a few problems with Te Atatu planting day so I will advise as soon as possible when it is being held.

Vincent's fare well poem – by Derek

To: The Rotary Club of Fribourg, Switzerland
From: The Rotary Club of Waitakere, Auckland, New Zealand

We know a lot about the Swiss Their hero William Tell He shot an apple off his son,
And to the ground it fell We don't know why he did it, But we think it turned out well
For to celebrate it all the cows, Now wear an alpine bell.

The folks all live in chalets, Upon the sides of hills
The women all wear national dress, With lots of little frills

It's muesli for breakfast, And Swiss roll for their lunch
Then fondue for their dinner, And some toblerone to munch
The young men like to yodel, Across the valleys wide
And if a maiden yodels back, They know they've found a bride

The old men all have alpenhorns, On which they like to play
They're hoping that someone will come, And take their wives away

Young Heidi's looking for her goats, They must be fairly near
But with bells and horns and yodelling, The girl can hardly hear
She's got to have them round her For her latest photo shoot
And if she doesn't find them Then she won't get any loot

The Swiss make lots of watches, In their factories and homes
Except, of course, in Zurich, Which is full of little gnomes

The Red Cross formed in Switzerland in 1864, When men converged from around
the world To write the rules of war, They turned the Swiss flag inside out So
everyone would know, That peoples' lives were being saved
Wherever it should show

The Swiss men all have army knives, And if you care to ask
They'll tell you there's a tool in them, To handle any task They even have a
toothpick, Now there's a stroke of luck But you must look pretty silly, If you ever
get it stuck

They haven't got a coastline, But that didn't hold them up
In a boat they called Alinghi They competed for the cup
And after they had won it And sailed off into the blue
We said "they only triumphed, Cos they had a Kiwi crew"

When Vincent turned up at our Club, We all declared "Who's that?"
He hasn't got his lederhose or Tyrolean hat, He's got a dark red blazer on and
looks the same as we

Except he's got a lot more hair, That's very plain to see His English wasn't all that
bad, He had a pleasant smile And very soon we warmed to him, We really liked
his style He's been involved in everything, The Club has organized

And when he tells you what he's done, We're sure you'll be surprised
He wants to be a Diplomat, Our members all agree He's been a credit to you all,
And to his family

He met with our Prime Minister, And represented well
And when it comes to raffle tickets, He can really sell

We're really going to miss him, When he leaves our friendly shore
He's up amongst the best we've had, We cannot praise him more
VINCENT Bon voyage notre jeune ami et bonne chance pour la vie

Dates to remember

Kevin Shoebridge Of Team New Zealand

Team New Zealand from the inside out. Your personal invitation to hear it from a
man who has been there done that! NO plastic boats b.s. from Perth, NO
bowsprits from San Diego, NO secret weapons-winged keels in Auckland. Who
are you trying to FOIL in San Francisco!

KEVIN SHOEBRIDGE

Speaks from the heart On how are we going to do it and what does it take
to bring the Auld Mug home!! Kevin has been a member of Team New Zealand
for 25 years

The Rotary Club of Westhaven invites you:

WHEN: Tuesday **15th July** 2013 7am for 7.45am start, ends 8.30 am

WHERE: Richmond Yacht Club, Westhaven Marina Free parking at the door in
white marked car parks **COST:** \$20 per person includes continental breakfast,
juice & coffee

RESERVATIONS essential RSVP: cdaji@vodafone.co.nz **by 11 July**

When you RSVP indicate your style of drink: tea/coffee/juice as they are 'shipped in' so to speak

An option on the day to support: **Rotary's charity END POLIO NOW**, it works
for Bill Gates. All donations over \$5 are tax deductible. 100% of **all** Rotary
Foundation donations go straight & without deduction to the charity!

August 2014 = Wednesday 6th August Political Night

President Patrick Warmly Invites on behalf of Waitakere Rotary Club

To join with Waitakere Rotary on **Wednesday the 6th of August 2014**

To hear ACTs **David Seymour**, GREENs **Julie Genter**, NZ Firsts **Andrew Williams**, Maori **Party Te Hira Paenga**, LABOURs **David Cunliffe?**, & NATIONALS **Paula Bennett?**,

present
The Economy and Job Growth in the new Zealand

Venue: The Grandstand. Central Park Drive, Henderson.

Cost: \$40 per head

Remember to check out our web site: 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 by Monday evening please.

Members not tending their apology will be charged for a meal.