

## A Western Leader advertising feature



# 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee 1970~1995

# — Waitakere Rotary Club

## Trees For Survival Coming To Waitakere

Matipo Primary School in Te Atatu Peninsula is the first school in west Auckland to benefit from the Rotary Trees for Survival scheme.

Waitakere City Rotary has organised the scheme which is in place in many other schools throughout New Zealand.

A special ceremony will be held at the school on Wednesday, March 8, to launch the programme to be officially opened by the Governor General Dame Catherine Tizard.

Trees for Survival aims to save and restore eroded areas of New Zealand and to involve school pupils and the community in revegetation programmes.

It is a community based, non-profit making activity.

Rotary clubs buy, with the help of sponsorship, a Plant Growing Unit or PGU. It incorporates root trainers, baskets, potting mix and a first lot of 1500 seedling plants.

The unit for Matipo Primary has been sponsored by Carter Hold Harvey Tissues (formerly Caxton).

School pupils prick the small

seedling trees into the root trainers filled with potting mix and are then involved in regular watering and weeding

## Serious Fundraising For A Serious Worthy Cause

The Waitakere City Rotary Club is planning to raise \$10,000 towards a children's visitation scheme in this its 25th anniversary year.

The small club is organising a ball to be held on the Quick Cat on March 4 and later in the year, probably May, it will hold a special dinner with a guest speaker and an auction.

"We wanted to do something special this year," says president Rod Stevens.

"And this programme, run by the Salvation Army, is a very worthy cause. We like to help if we can."

The non-custodial visitation programme is designed to provide a safe place for the children of separated parents to meet with the party who does not have custody.

and occasional fertilising.

The cycle is repeated each year so each school in the programme produces more

than 1000 trees a year.

Waitakere City Rotary has chosen the project as part of its 25th jubilee celebrations.

A discreetly supervised one-hour visit is held once a week.

"At best a permanent break down - divorce or separation - between parents is unpleasant," says Henderson Salvation Army lieutenant director John Wordsworth.

"Often in these situations there is hostility and violence. Research shows children suffer most when their parents separate."

Until more suitable long term premises are found the programme will operate from the army's centre in Ratanui St, Henderson.

It's expected to cost around \$40,000 which includes a salary for a co-ordinator/supervisor and a security person.

Volunteers will also work on

the programme.

Parents will be interviewed before the first visit so appropriate arrangements can be made and requirements outlined.

The length of involvement with a family will depend on a variety of factors and each family situation will be reviewed three monthly.



# Helping Hand

Waitakere City Rotary was set up in April 1970 and officially chartered in June of that year.

Originally, with 24 members, the club was called Te Atatu Rotary but changed its name to Waitakere in 1991.

Six of the original founder members are still part of the now 25 strong group.

One of them is Warren Mee of Te Atatu who currently holds the title director of vocational.

Rotary is split into four sections - vocational, community, international and fellowship.

Mr Mee, over the 25 years, has held every office in the group. He was president in 1977 and 1978.

In this, the club's 25th jubilee year, Mr Mee remembers some of the projects undertaken and successfully completed in the past.

- \* Supplied a rescue boat for the Taikata Sailing Club
- \* A mini van for West



**FLASHBACK:** Members of the original club set up in 1970

## Auckland IHC

- \* Renovated the Girl Guides den in Te Atatu
- \* Built a staircase for the Massey Scouts den
- \* Hosted students from overseas
- \* Ran a student exchange programme
- \* Helped to establish the Child Health Research foundation

- \* Supplied a wheel chair to the Te Atatu Stroke Club
- \* Set up a tertiary bursary to help university students
- \* Set up a Rutherford High School bursary for deserving students.
- \* Built a barbecue paved area at Waitakere Hospital
- \* Contributed to Polio Plus to eliminate polio worldwide by the year 2005

- \* Helped investigate the elimination of malaria worldwide.
  - \* Annual street collections for the blind, Red Cross and Crippled Children
- "I've only been able to remember a few of the things we've done," says Mr Mee.
- "There have been hundreds of projects over the years."

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