



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 29 th Oct 2008 6:30pm
Where:	Westwind Theatre
Guests:	Jen McMillan, Karen Nicholson, Terri Pattison & Layne Price, Lucy Riddell, Shelley, Monique Van Lier & friend, Vicki Ward, Francis Wood
Attendance:	15 / 29 51%
Make Ups:	
Absent:	
Apologies:	Mike Angland, Derek Gee, Bob Langlois, Steve Lewins, Monique Mataga, Peter Smith, John Riddell
Guest Speaker:	None – we entertained ourselves.

Important Dates and Events

1 st November 2008	Working Bee at John's place on Riverbank Project 9am to noon followed by a BBQ Help required for spraying and supervision of fencing Community Service people will be doing the hard work Contact David Butler if you can assist with this
5 th November 2008	Guy Fawkes 5:30 pm Golf meeting (20 minutes) at Sunderland 6:30pm BBQ at Sunderland. Bring the family.
Thurs 6 th Nov 2008	Fire fighters' Casino Evening
Tues 11 th Nov 2008	NZ Sculpture Onshore Expo – Devonport <i>(See 1st Oct bulletin for details)</i>
Wed 12 th Nov 2008	Speaker – Elena Keith. Topic: cochlear implants – an innovation that transforms the lives of the deaf (Elena has one). Venue to be confirmed next week. <i>(See 15th Oct bulletin for details)</i>
26 th Nov 2008	Paul Harris Foundation Dinner
21 st & 22 nd Feb 2009	Devonport Food, Wine and Music Festival <i>(See 15th Oct bulletin for details)</i>
17 th April 2009 to 19 th April 2009	District Conference – Whangarei

Westwind Theatre

It was a great evening out with an excellent roast dinner followed by a very funny British comedy, "Run, Fat Boy, Run". There was a lot of chat and laughter during the meal, and lots of laughter (and no chat) during the movie. My daughter came, even though she'd seen the movie in the UK earlier this year, and said she really enjoyed it again second time around. An email from her this morning included the comment: [Movies was fun last night](#) 😊



Settling down to watch the movie...



...Ice creams in a cone in hand

Golf Meeting:

- 5:50pm at Sunderland next Wednesday

Guy Fawkes Night

Our meeting will be held at Sunderland School next Wednesday. Start time is 6:30pm. Bring the family.

My suggestion that we have a huge bonfire in the middle of the cricket pitch along with flaming guy was, for some reason, ignored. However we will have a small fireworks display to keep the pyromaniacs happy.

Details:

- Partners and guests welcome – cost \$30 per person
- Kids are very welcome – under 18 **FREE**
(Age limit specified here so Jack can't bring John for free)
- BYO alcohol and soft drinks

Food and fireworks provided

RSVPs and apologies to Ross by Sunday night so that meat can be ordered first thing Monday

Paul Harris Foundation Dinner

Waitakere City Rotary extend an invitation all Rotarians in Area 6

Date: Wednesday 26th November 2008

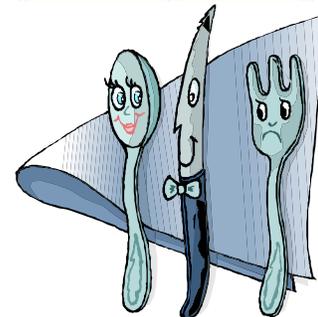
Venue: Langtons on Lincoln

Cost: \$50 per head
Cash bar

Guest Speaker: Merv Huxford – Past District Governor

Seats limited to 150
Book now to avoid disappointment!

Contact: PP Peter Smith: pws@smithpartners.co.nz



Soapbox Derby – Sunday 15th March 2009

Kerry tried dumping the job of Soapbox Derby Director onto me – an offer I quickly declined. However, I have agreed to the task of Project Manager (and no, this isn't the same thing. The decisions are still up to Kerry and John. I'm just attempting to streamline things a bit and avoid last minute panics).

The team in charge of the Soapbox Derby are:

Kerry McMillan – Derby Director
John Ritchie – Finance Director
Heather Pattison – Project Manager

Mary, who is working under John's direction, will once again be sorting out ambulances, advertising, quotes, bouncy castles, prizes, sponsors etc

Kerry's daughter is getting married the day before the event (you'd think he'd organize his family better than this!) so may require a sober driver to get him there and plenty of water, not to mention the odd aspirin, to get him through the day.

We seem to have the Admin stuff under control. Draft plans have been drawn up and the team have checked and edited them.

Jim has contacted all the schools from last year and the next steps will proceed shortly.

If anyone knows of potential hot leads for Sponsors – please pass them to either John or myself for follow up. We are very aware that the economy is in free fall at the moment so hot leads are needed. This task could be very time consuming in today's climate.

One thing I have done, at Craiger's suggestion, is divide the event up into several areas:

- Cars
- Top of Track
- Track
- Bottom of Track
- Car Return
- Registration
- Rotary Hospitality & Prizes
- School Sites & Food
- Entertainment
- Rides
- Parking

I've then gone through these areas and listed all the tasks and requirements that I can think of then passed them to the boys for their input.

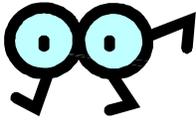
Kerry and I have gone through the list and nominated an organizer to each of these areas (some of the organizers have more than one area) and a tentative list of helpers. The organizers will get their lists shortly and are actively encouraged to edit and improve them and come up with additional ideas – and work out which of their team they in turn will delegate jobs to.

A team approach to this is great. Everyone has a comprehensive knowledge of the area they worked in and what should be improved. Now, rather than at the last minute, is an excellent time to see that the changes are made.

Expect to hear more from me on this subject in the next few weeks as this is the time to plan what is required, work out improvements, book things, find sponsors and start work with the schools.

A few intense weeks work ahead of us on this then we can all go back to sleep till closer to the time.

**Old Spectacles
Wanted**



When we went to Vanuatu Alan & I took a full range of reading glasses from the \$3 shop. Monique held an embroidery class and found that many of the women couldn't see what they were doing so she grabbed them for the session. After the session we gave them to the Aid Station committee so they could do eye checks, issue them properly and record what is needed.

Chief Abet saw them and commented on "the pockets" they came in (the \$3 shop sell them in tubular cases)

We've just had an email from Amanda, copy below with photos, saying that they have now had a more formal eye check for the two villages and asking if we can send more.

Their current outstanding needs are for +1, +2.5, +3 and +4 but all strengths will be used. There are, after all, 2,000 people on the Island.

If anyone has any stray glasses floating around (I know I have a few due to my long sightedness getting worse), with or without "pockets", then please contact Craiger. Old glasses cases would also be appreciated.

He will collect them and post them off.

Bulletin Correction:

Our president seems to be unable to tell one Riddell from another. Last week's visitor was John's son Paul, not John Junior.

Youth News:

RYLA

Kent gave me the application booklets. Anyone know of a potential leader, aged between 18 and 24, who would like to go? Dates are 8th March to 14th March 2009. For details contact Heather.

Karate:

We received the following email from Toni James, our Soapbox Derby kid who is off to Australia for the Australasian Karate Championships. (For those who have forgotten, we gave her \$200 to help with her costs of this):

Hi there just a quick update, on Saturday we had our NZ Nationals, I finished 4th in both individual Kata and Kumite and 1st in team Kata. This was the largest NZ tournament that we have had and the competition was huge.

On Thursday I attended my grading for Black Belt and after 3 1/2 hours was awarded my Black Belt, only three of us were successful, and I am really stoked to be heading to Australia with my new grade.

We leave for Australia on Friday the 7th and I will keep you informed as to how things go over there.

Many thanks for your support
Toni James

Bluelight News

I went to the DARE/Bluelight Police meeting on Tuesday night. One of the topics that came up at some length was the Wahine Toa program. Most of the Officers there had been to it and all were totally positive about it. All of them said it was really worthwhile and the difference in the kids was amazing.

Some of the kids have made firm friendships amongst the others and are seeing each other in weekends. Bluelight are having a follow up day in December where they will be having a day's activities and checking on how the group are doing.

They all think there is a major need for programs of this type but can only see themselves doing it once a year due to the massive amount of work and police time involved. In April they are doing one for boys who have been abused. Their current thoughts are a girls' camp and a boys' camp in alternate years. They have learnt lessons from the last camp and have started seeking funding for the boy's camp now.

The other thing they commented on was the age band they took. The kids were aged between 11 and 16. All benefited but they found the younger ones tired easily and the 16 year olds a bit street-wise. Future thoughts are for 13 to 15 year olds as they are the ones who probably benefited the most. (As an ex-Guide Leader who went to the Napier Jamboree in 1994 I totally get this point!)

They were very appreciative of our financial help, as without it would not they would not have been able to proceed.

Also, what our Police are REALLY up to (when they aren't writing me speeding tickets that is).

An email, and photos, from the Bluelight team:

Good afternoon,

Please find attached photos of last week's Waitakere Police BlueLight/DARE lunchtime BBQ at Kelston Girls High School, an initiative to promote BlueLight and DARE and build positive relationships between Police and local youth. It also provides an opportunity to 'plant the seed' for future recruiting.

300 sausages and bread, kindly supplied by the Mad Butcher, and cooked by our very capable team of officers, were snapped up by students within 30 minutes! (much faster than the Kelston Boys time of 50 minutes earlier in the year).

All proceeds generated (approx. \$150) go back to the school to spend in a way that directly benefits students.

Many thanks goes Henderson section staff, Youth Aid, the Youth Development team, Massey and New Lynn staff and the Police Youth Education Officers for their assistance.

Plans are underway to hold another lunchtime BBQ in local high school soon. All welcome again to come and help.





International News

Vanuatu

We received the following email from Amanda, the Peace Corp worker at Bonga Bonga Village:

Hello Craiger & Friends,

I am heading back to the island on Monday (weather-permitting) and wanted to follow up with some stuff from the April trip...

GLASSES - Heather

Well, it took three months for our Aid Post Worker to remember to bring home the eye chart from the Health Centre, but we got it eventually and held an eye check-up day! We gave out all the glasses you left us with, the outstanding needs were sort of across the board, so if you do decide to send some more our way, I would suggest just sending a random variety...we will be able to distribute as many as you can send...

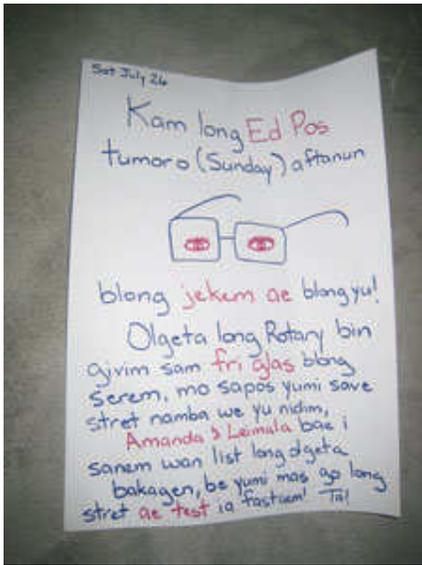
EQUIPMENT - Kerry

You asked for a list of what would be useful for the Aid Post, the attached list is from last year's inventory, it is a list of what we still need as compared to provincial guidelines...Word on the coconut is that Save the Children Australia has been sending packages out to the Aid Posts with these kind of materials but as far as I know we haven't received ours yet. Anything else not on the list (you mentioned an eye chart, height chart etc) would be greatly appreciated.

UPDATE (OR LACK THEREOF) – Craiger

No updates on the NZHC application yet. I will keep you posted! I told them to fill out everything except for the materials list as you have drafted one...just a reminder that the .gif file you sent me last time wouldn't open - so I do NOT have a copy of your materials list.

Thanks!
Amanda



Translate this if you can!



Amanda, the Peace Corp worker, keeping track of requirements

How a reading chart helps those who are long-sighted confuses me – but this shows their basic level of eye care. Maybe taking a nurse on the next trip would be a good idea?

Community News

David Butler has been busy battling the opossums that were eating the new plants on John's riverbank. Now it is the weeds' turn. Last week's spraying expedition was postponed due to the weather. Thursday 30th, being a nice calm day, Alan was summoned to help with the spray.



The bank that has been planted with small trees hiding in the long grass



One of the recently planted trees

Meeting Times and Contact Details			
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Duty Roster and Calendar:

Date	05 Nov	12 Nov	Apologies: You all know the drill: Contact: Ross Ward at baywest.plumbing@xtra.co.nz or 837 0133 No later than 12 noon on the Monday prior to the meeting AND: If you are bringing guests, including family members, please let Ross know this also.
Guest Speaker			
Grace	Jack	Domenic	
Introduction	Heather	Ross	
Thanks	Alan	Theo	
Squire	Graham	Peter S	
Squire	Kerry	John Ritchie	
Parting thought	Steve	John Riddell	