



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 19 th July 2009 6:00pm
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, The Trust Stadium
Guests:	Ken Ring, Sheila, Jim Hanie (Auckland Downtown Rotary member and a friend of Ken's)
Attendance:	10/25
Make Ups:	You are, of course, dreaming.
Apologies:	Mike Angland, Jim Annison, Jim Brown, David Butler, Kent Favel, Kerry McMillan, John Ritchie, Peter Smith, Ross Ward, Dominic Wood
Late Apologies:	Monique Mataga (who turned up briefly to say she had been a grandmother for all of two hours, was too excited to stay and was off to the hospital to meet her new grandchild)
Guest Speaker:	Ken Ring – Author of Predicting Weather By The Moon

Important Dates and Events

Wed 26 th August	Committee Meetings
Sunday 30 th August	Administration Training
Monday 31 st August	Joint meeting – West Harbour. Speaker Judge Blackie
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	Meeting CANCELLED
Saturday 5 th Sept	Ross Ward – Party - RSVP to Ross (Invite in 5 th August Bulletin)



Ken Ring:



We can all breath a sigh of relief. The expert has spoken and confirmed the weather for our Soapbox Derby events next year.

Sunday 21st March 2010 – Local race:
Mostly cloudy, occasional threat of rain,
mainly fine

Sunday 28th March 2010 - Finals:
Partly cloudy, occasional threat of rain, windy

We would, of course, prefer full sunshine without a cloud in sight – and no wind - but so long as the rain only threatens, the day will be successful.

Ken Ring gave a very entertaining and informative talk about the weather, climate change and the demise of the Dinosaurs... or was that Moas? Or both?



Derek guessing the length of a horse in diagonal handkerchiefs

Ken reckons that he has a 90% success rate with his forecasts – all of which are written at least two years prior to the date. When asked what happened to the other 10% he said that although the sun and moon have a major influence on our weather there are other forces at work in the universe that can cause subtle changes.

His basic premise is that the sun has a 36-year cycle, the moon also has a cycle – and our weather repeats every 18-20 and 36-38 years.

NIWA, volcanoes, Lord Rama's Bridge, magic... all had a part to play in his speech.

There were so many facts and figures quoted that I gave up trying to write them down and just sat back to enjoy it. If anyone ever gets the chance to hear Ken speak – then grab the opportunity with both hands and go hear him! You won't regret it. And for those who were elsewhere, it was your loss - you missed an amazing treat.

For more information:
<https://www.predictweather.co.nz>

The Website:

For those who haven't seen it lately – like in the last 24 hours – check it out. Patrick's little team of industrious elves have done an amazing Flash video on the home page.
<http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/>



Patrick – Forgetting he is at a Rotary meeting rather than in the office.

Jack Riddell

Jack was missing at the meeting but it appears he has an excuse. He may have been sleeping off his 89th Birthday celebrations. Belated Happy Birthday wishes Jack for the 18th August.

Rotary Four Way Test

Once again our Sergeant extracted a few hard earned dollars out of us all for failing to remember the third line of the 4-way test. It will definitely pay to remember it!

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Next Week's Meeting:

Our Board Meeting was held on Monday 17th August. Terry will fill people in the details of this next week at the committee meetings. A few significant things were proposed so be at the meeting if you want input into the final decisions.

Waitakere City Rotary Charitable Trust:

I have been reading the Trust deeds for a spot of light entertainment (as one does). In the 18-page document I found the following slightly interesting clause:

Clause 39: Without in any way limiting or restricting to the foregoing general power, the trustees may:

(i) Sell and purchase sheep, cattle, pigs, deer, horses, goats, chickens and other livestock...

What WERE Peter Smith, Jack Riddell and James Wakeling planning when they drew this up back in 1995???

The bit that I was actually looking for was:

Clause 7: The three trustees should be President, Secretary and Treasurer

Raffle Winner: John Riddell

Parting Thought: Craiger

"Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without"

Rotaract

The new Rotaract Group for 18 to 30 year olds have an event planned. If you know of anyone who would be interested – pass this on.

For further details contact Logan on 021 1168 377 or by email logan@ilisten.co.nz

What: **A "get to know you better" BBQ**

Where: Massey & Birdwood Settlers Association Inc Hall
Corner of Don Buck Road and Red Hills Road

When: Saturday 12 September 2009

Time: Midday - Early Evening

Who: Future Rotaract West members and Existing Rotary / Rotaract Memebers

Info: Bring a Plate (Nibbles) or Tray (Meat), BYO (Drink). Lets sit down and get to know each other better. We will be talking about the future of Rotaract West and what we might aim to achieve during our time with Rotaract.

West Harbour Rotary Book Fair

For all you keen readers:

When: Saturday 22nd August 2009

Time: 8:00am

Where: Greenhithe Hall

They will also have Devonshire Teas and Sausage sizzle.

The fire brigades will be doing some displays as well during the day. The proceeds of this fair are going to be purchasing much needed equipment for the Volunteer Brigades.

Meals:

A reminder to all members that Wednesday night meals are ordered on Monday afternoons. If you haven't apologized **to Ross** by 12-noon on Mondays – then your meal will be **booked** for you, the food will be **bought** for you - and you will be **charged** for it.

Whilst Late Apologies are an appreciated courtesy they do not change the fact that the food has been ordered, we will be billed for it and you need to pay for it.

Also, please pass apologies to Ross directly. Whilst I appear to be on the computer 24 x 7 this isn't always the case. If I am out on a Monday morning then the message may not go through to Ross on time and your meal will be ordered. This also applies to other trusted messengers – any one of us could have given up lurking behind our computer for the day and gone fishing. And you end up paying an uneaten meal.

Letting Ross know in writing also solves the odd dispute. If you aren't near a computer why not use your mobile to text an apology to his email address? Electronically timed apologies stop arguments. Load it into your phone now for later use:

Baywest.plumbing@xtra.co.nz

Meeting Times and Contact Details		
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor at The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson	
Sergeant	Derek Gee	412 7904 (home); 0274 120381
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President	Terry Hodges	0274 312 374 (mob) terryh@unitedtravel.co.nz
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Community Director:	Steve Lewins	833 4168 (home); 021 795661 (mob) steve@lewinselectrical.co.nz
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Apologies	
Apologies: Contact: Ross Ward at baywest.plumbing@xtra.co.nz or 837 0133 No later than 12 noon on the Monday prior to the meeting	Late Apologies and No shows will, of course, be charged for their meal as it has been booked and paid for! AND: If you are bringing guests, including family members, please let Ross know this also. Late apologies are an appreciated courtesy

Duty Roster

Date	26-Aug
Event	Committee Meetings
Squire	Kerry
Squire	Patrick
Greeter	n/a
Grace	Steve
Introduction	n/a
Thanks	n/a
Parting Thought	Graham

Rotary	Website
Waitakere City Rotary	http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/
Rotary NZ	http://www.rotary.org.nz
Rotary NZ Promotions and Information	www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364
District Governor's newsletter	http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10
Admin page and information	http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180
Rotary International	http://www.rotary.org/
Future Vision	www.rotary.org/future_vision
Rotary E Club (for make ups)	http://www.rotaryclubone.org/