



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

Making A Difference In Our World

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 11 th November 2009 6pm
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, The Trusts Stadium
Web site:	www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz
Guest Speaker:	Committee Reports, Kerry on the Christmas Party and HEB, Ross on Samoa

Visitors Welcome: Local business people, stray Rotarians... are welcome to attend our meetings.

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Important Dates and Events

NOVEMBER 2009

Wed 18th Nov 2009 **Emergency meal at Civil Defence**



Monday 23rd Nov 2009 Joint Meeting - West Harbour
Area 6 Foundation Dinner
- Partner's night

Wed 25th Nov 2009 *No meeting – due to Monday*

DECEMBER 2009

Wed 2nd Dec 2009 *No meeting – due to Saturday*

Saturday 5th Dec 2009 Family Christmas Party

Wed 9th Dec 2009 AGM and RYLA

Wed 16th Dec 2009 Fellowship night at Hangar Bar

2010 4 week break

7th to 8th May 2010 District 9910 Conference – Noumea

20th to 23rd June 2010 Montreal Conference

This Week's Meeting:

Present:	Bob B, David B, Kent F, Roger F, Craiger H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Alan P, Heather P, John R, Ross W
Apologies:	Mike A, Jim A, Derek G, Terry H, Steve L, Monique M, JR, Peter S, Domenic W
Late Apologies:	
Missing in Action:	Jack R
Guests:	Martin A



Civil Defence Dinner

A reminder that this replaces our normal meeting next week.

Date: Wednesday 18th November
Time: 6pm
Place: Elcoat Place, Glendene
 (Off Te Atatu Road)

This week's meeting

It was a very relaxed enjoyable meeting with updates on all sorts of things.

Bob stood in as acting President, Craiger acted as Sergent, Kerry updated us on the Christmas Party and Ross reported back on his trip to Samoa.

Due to a slight shortage of committee members, instead of committee meetings all directors gave a report on what their committees were up to.

Community: Patrick

- Two scholarships of \$1,000 each were given to two students at the Rutherford College prize giving last week.
- Patrick is working on getting a trailer for a raffle. He should hear in the next 7 to 10 days as to whether this is successful. If he is, donations will be wanted to fill it (Bob said he could come up with a very battered, slightly rusty air conditioning unit... Thanks Bob!)

Youth: Kent

- They have a very promising, hardworking student from Liston College who wishes to go to Outward Bound. This student has already received some Rotary funding from another Club but is \$1,000 short. Craiger has offered him some labouring work at \$15/hour to a maximum of \$600. If anyone else has some jobs that need doing – contact Kent

Vocational: John R

- We have one candidate for RYLA, with a sponsor, so far
- Still in need of another 9 students and sponsors
- John is arranging a presentation evening at the Council on November 26th between 6pm and 7pm to promote this
- Students need to be between 18 and 24 years old
- The camp is for 7 days in March at the Whenuapai Airbase. The Air force are sending some students and both catering and hosting the course.
- If you don't have a suitable candidate – do your friends or neighbours know of someone?
- If you run a business – is there a neighbouring business with a suitable candidate?

International: Craiger

- Tongoa is still in need of additional water tanks and composting toilets. Craiger has been sending DVDs and letters to other Clubs asking for help with funding this
- The District Website projects area has been updated with details
- An Australian Club is working on sending a plastic tank to the school
- Craiger and Kerry are talking to Ross as to what they can do to help with Samoa

HEB Walk: Kerry

- This is planned for Sunday 21st February 2010
- The road will be open between 10am and 3pm for walkers, runners and cyclists
- The start is at the Hobsonville end by the new yellow pedestrian bridge and the walk takes around 2 hours at a fast pace. Buses will be on hand to bring walkers back to their cars
- 80 Rotarians from the three Clubs involved are needed to man this
- A web page with details will be set up shortly
- Details will go in the Bulletin, and on the web site, as they come to hand

Christmas Party: Kerry

This has been designed to be a fun, low cost event for Rotarians and their families. Please bring the kids – children, grandchildren... other ones that you would like to borrow for the day (otherwise WE will be the ones doing an egg and spoon race!)

Details below.

Ross on Samoa



Ross flew to Samoa last Wednesday to check out the damage in Lalomanu Village. This village is a 3-hour drive from both the airport and the hospital. As stated in last week's bulletin this village wore the worst of the damage from the Tsunami and people Ross works with were affected.

Ross returned this week with 500 odd photos and stories to tell. Rotary sent over 220 Shelter Boxes and a large number of Aqua Boxes. Many of these are in use in the village and are greatly appreciated.

A number of builders and labourers are devoting their time to help build 500 houses to a standard plan from Habitat for Humanity for the villagers. These houses, due to the hot climate, are built like shelters with a concrete slab floor, timber posts and a roof and are designed to remain standing during hurricanes. At the back is a basic enclosed bathroom containing a toilet, shower and wash hand basin. The residents sleep on mats on the floor in the shelter area. Mats are rolled up during the day to allow the area to be used for other purposes.

Plumbing World and the Auckland Master Plumbers association are in the process of shipping several shipping containers of plumbing materials to Samoa to fit out the bathrooms and other plumbing works and are asking for Plumbers to donate a week of their time to help out with plumbing restoration. So far 51 plumbers have volunteered a week each.

Ross is asking for any builders, labourers and home handymen to also volunteer a week of their time for the building works. The buildings are pre-cut in NZ, shipped over in containers and assembled on new concrete slabs. So there is work here for concrete layers and people skilled with a hammer.

The village contains a new community hall that was three quarters finished prior to the tsunami. This missed damage from the waves due to it being on higher ground and was in use as an emergency shelter in the aftermath of the disaster.

The villagers were contributing money towards the building but this has now stopped. Many people kept their money in their houses rather than banks – and it vanished into the sea leaving them destitute.

Work that still needs to be completed includes:

- Tiling
- Plumbing
- Electricity and
- A back up generator

Samoa is also in need of either a second hand water tanker or milk tanker as there is no way of transporting water. One was sent over from New Zealand but accidentally got unloaded at Tonga. If anyone has a spare one lying around...



Swanson School



Swanson School's SBD car

A few years ago Swanson school built a new administration wing. It leaks. At the end of term the admin block will be emptied into a spare classroom so that major building work can be done to fix it.

This spare classroom has been used for storage and was jam-packed with, amongst other things, a whole pile of largely new-entrance sized stackable chairs and some spare low tables.

The decision was made to dispose of these to make room and they contacted Craiger to see if we could find a use for them.

Alan went down, checked them out, and got busy with a spot of help from Kerry, his storeroom and truck.

- 35 chairs have gone to Waitakere Primary for their new classroom that will be completed shortly (good timing, their new chair budget can be used on other resources)
- 55 chairs have gone to Winky to take to Ruatoria
- 20 of the bigger ones have come to us for our use (expect to see them at events such as the Soapbox Derby and Christmas party. If other Clubs need them for an event contact us)
- The remainder, 70 odd chairs plus the tables, are sitting in Kerry's storeroom waiting for a suitable container to take them to Samoa. Ross will see if they can go in the Plumber's container in a couple of weeks.



Paul Harris Foundation Dinner

This year we are joining West Harbour for this dinner.

Date:	Monday 23rd November
Time:	6:30pm for 7pm
Venue:	The Brigham, 164 Brigham Creek Road, Whenuapai
Cost:	\$25 per head Cash bar available
Apologies and RSVPs:	To Heather by Thursday 19th November 9:30am

The guest speaker will be Stuart Heal, incoming Rotary International Director 2010/2012 from the Rotary Club of Cromwell.

Stuart came into Rotary as a past Group Study Exchange member and has served Rotary as a Governor 1999/2000 and an International Training leader.

He also served on the Salt Lake City Convention Organising Committee, the Rotary Down Under Board and Promotions Committee, Chairman of Otago Cricket from 2002/2007 and a Board Member of New Zealand Cricket.

Stuart is also assisting the Rugby World Cup 2011 organising committee. Stuart is Chairman of Rural Otago Primary Health Organisation.

We will give West Harbour one Club cheque to cover the cost of the meal. Those of you who aren't on direct debit – please pay Alan as usual.



Christmas Party

When: Saturday 5th Dec
Where: David B's House, Boord Cres, Kumeu

Time: Start 2:30, dinner at 5:30
What: Family **dinner**
Bring: Family, children, grandchildren, \$5 present per person

Cost: \$30 per member.
Family members and friends **FREE!**

Changes: There have been a couple of changes. Same place, different time and with a slight increase in cost due to menu changes and more detailed planning.

The Plan:

David and Barbara Butler have kindly offered us the use of their lifestyle block. They have Sheep and Border Collies and lots of room

This will be an Old school Rotary Xmas starting at 2.30 – 3.00pm with drinks, nibbles and games. Santa will come at 5pm with Dinner at 5.30pm. The day will finish around 8:00pm.

Rotary will provide the basics

- Lamb on spit
- A Ham
- Sausages
- And any other meat we can lay our hands on

- Bread
- Roast potatoes
- Salads

- Fruit juice, lemonade, coke

- Ice cream on stick, ice blocks, sweets for kids

- Paper plates, plastic knives and forks, glasses, beer mugs, tables and chairs.

- Coffee, tea

Games and prizes – Craiger is organising some pretty interesting stuff

For those on direct debit the \$30 will be charged to your meal account. All others to pay in your normal peculiar ways.

Bring your own

- Wine, Beer etc

Partners and children no charge

If you bring lots of children, guests etc absolutely no problem

	<p>but please bring a few extra sausages / meat, bottle of juice, small plate to save us running out</p> <p>Any vegetarians please bring own stuff to cook</p> <p>Everyone to bring a small present costing a maximum of \$5. (Women a woman's one, men a man's one and children a child's one... labelled with suitable age range and sex) Start keeping an eye out for something suitable now – and let your imagination run wild. Santa is expected</p> <p>We would appreciate contributions to the table if you can (but no pressure if you can't. There should be plenty) – nibbles, Christmas pies, special salads, dips, crackers, deserts etc</p> <p>And a hand at the end to clean up.</p> <p>As I said an old school Rotary Xmas do Hope you and your families will all come</p> <p>Kerry</p> <p>RSVP to Heather with numbers so we aren't forced into an orgy of overeating!</p>
	<p>Dragon's Den</p> <p>A bank cheque arrived this week in an envelope addressed to the Dragon's Den.</p> <p>From this we can only assume that UVTees succeeded in their business.</p>



A Hint Of Speed

A few weeks ago The Web Company ran a competition to promote the re-branding of their website. As mentioned previously I was fortunate to win a "V8 Hotlaps" with Andrew Anderson in the ITM West City Holden Car.

A few Hotlaps go on sale each year but the majority of them are given to sponsors to do what they want with them. Sukesh from The Web Company won one at a West City Holden event and in turn donated it as a prize in The Web Company's competition.

Saturday 7th November was the day to head to the Pukekohe Raceway to test the fear factor.

The first question to Andrew was, " Do you go as fast as normal with passengers in the car?"

The answer was that they go fast but are encouraged to show "respect to their sponsors". Roughly translated this indicates that killing the sponsors isn't too good for business so they slow down a bit. The drivers are also so finely tuned to the feel of the car that the weight of passengers makes a difference. If that was slow then races must be interesting!

At the start the focus is on the officials with their flags and the track. Zero to fast in the blink of an eye leaves you pressed firmly in your seat. Just as the brain is noting how well padded the seat is you're into the hairpin, wondering why you are on the grass instead of the nice firm seal and heading straight towards that large concrete block on the corner. Round this, somehow, it is onto the straight. Vision doesn't blur so much as become slightly jerky on this fast stretch of the track.

There is a car in front braking for the corner. At the last second brakes go on and it is round the bend at four times the speed of what could be considered "safe" and you wonder what happened to the 2 second rule. Straightening up round the bend took some effort. The safety harness shows it is not just an optional extra but designed to keep passengers out of the driver's lap. Was that steak and onion sandwich causing havoc with the car weights? Is that why we felt the ripple bumps... on both sides of the track? Back safely in the middle of the track it is down past the grandstands to do it again... and again.

A fantastic experience not to be missed. A Big Thank You to Patrick, Sukesh, The Web Company and our own sponsor in our soapbox derby – West City Holden.

West Harbour Invitation:
(Spotted in their bulletin)

INVITATION TO ALL CLUBS TO JOIN US SAILING ON THE AUCKLAND HARBOUR
SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE—Sunday 17 January 1.00pm. \$55 per head. Please get tickets from Rob ASAP. PH 412-5488

RYLA

We still have need of suitable students and sponsors for this. If you know of someone suitable, or a business who would like to sponsor a student, please contact Bob or John R URGENTLY

Parting Thought: Heather: Every survival kit should include a sense of humour.

Raffle Winner:

Craiger thought up a new game. We all produced a note out of our wallets and played poker with the serial number. Kent won resoundingly with 4 nines and 3 Aces (And no Kent. This is not a Flush but a rather impressive Full House)

Sunshine Fund:	
• This week's Raffles:	\$27 (Hmm, 12 x \$2 = ?)
• This week's Sergeant's Fines:	\$17.80 PLUS 60c in Singapore coins. Thanks Ross ... Not!

Meeting Times and Contact Details	
Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor at The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson	
Board Members	
President	(Terry)
Vice President / Sergeant	Derek
Secretary / Bulletin Editor	Heather
Treasurer	Alan
President Nominee / International Director:	Craiger
Club Service:	Bob
Community Director:	Patrick
Vocational Director:	John
Youth Director	Kent
Apologies	
<p style="text-align: center;">Apologies:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: Heather at apology@details.co.nz Ph 8109 589 or 0274 719 569</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No later than 12 noon on the Monday prior to the meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Late Apologies and No shows will, of course, be charged for their meal as it has been booked and paid for!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND: If you are bringing guests, including family members, please let Heather know this also.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Late apologies are an appreciated courtesy</p>

Date	18-Nov	9-Dec
Event	Civil Defence	AGM & RYLA
Squire	n/a	Ross W
Squire	n/a	Mike A
Greeter	n/a	Jim A
Grace	Domenic W	David B
Introduction	n/a	Bob B
Thanks	John R	John R
Parting Thought	n/a	Kent F