



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

Making A Difference In Our World

This Week's Meeting

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| When: | Wednesday 18 th November 2009 6pm |
| Where: | Civil Defence |
| 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.

For information contact: Kerry McMillan 832 3229 or Mobile 021 416 777

Important Dates and Events

NOVEMBER 2009

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| Monday 23rd Nov 2009 | Joint Meeting - West Harbour Area 6 Foundation Dinner - Partner's night Date: Monday 23rd November Time: 6:30pm for 7pm Venue: The Brigham, 164 Brigham Creek Road, Whenuapai |
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Wed 25th Nov 2009 *No meeting – due to Monday*

Sat 28th Nov 2009 **Henderson Christmas Parade – Help needed – see below**

DECEMBER 2009

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| Wed 2 nd Dec 2009 | <i>No meeting – due to Saturday</i> |
| Saturday 5 th Dec 2009 | Family Christmas Party |
| Wed 9 th Dec 2009 | AGM and RYLA |
| Wed 16 th Dec 2009 | Fellowship night at Hangar Bar |
| 2010 | 4 week break |
| 7 th to 8 th May 2010 | District 9910 Conference – Noumea |
| 20 th to 23 rd June 2010 | Montreal Conference |

This Week's Meeting:

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| Present: | Jim, Kent, Roger, Derek, Craiger, Kerry (Late), Alan, Heather, Jack, John, Peter, Ross, Domenic |
| Apologies: | Mike, Bob, David, Terry, Patrick, Steve, JR |
| Late Apologies: | |
| Missing in Action: | Monique |
| Guests: | |



This Week's Meeting – Civil Defence

Interesting Facts:

1. A tsunami is not a wave that can be body surfed out of. It is an incredibly powerful solid wall of water that will destroy everything in its path
2. The sea does not always recede before the wall of water comes. But if it does – RUN for higher ground!

Last month was Vocational Month. We didn't have a vocational visit because... um, er, well... Because! However John made up



for it by organizing one to Civil Defence this week.

The evening started with an Emergency Meal put on by the Salvation Army. Rice with sausages, carrots and buns followed by fruit salad and ice cream all chased down with glasses of water and coffee to follow. Possibly not a menu that would feature in 5 star restaurants... or at home come to that. But the kind of food that makes you really appreciate that we aren't homeless from a volcanic eruption in Auckland at the moment.

The three cooks joined us for dinner and conversation flowed in our relaxed and happy group.



The building is a purpose built building in a residential area in Kelston with minimal signs to say what it is. Surrounded by a high wall it is only the special aerials and the industrial looking deck on the roof that give it away. And, of course, its size. Headquarters during a disaster need privacy so that the planners and directors can plan and direct in peace with minimal interruptions from a panicked public, and space to accommodate the teams of workers that come and go.

It is located at a high point with views from the roof out over the harbour and in to the hills and it is in line of sight to local and regional radio repeaters. Close to the motorway and major population areas it is a good spot to direct operations from.



Upstairs there are administration offices, downstairs a small kitchen, toilets with shower and rooms. A small Board room and large Operations room are separated by a fold back wall – open unless privacy is required. At the rear is the communications room.

The operations room has 4 tables:

- Operations
- Planning and intelligence
- Logistics
- Welfare

Out the back is a double garage containing a vehicle and trailer all set up for a Rescue team.



Civil Defence is an arm of the local council. Each branch of this organization works independently but they talk to each other regularly and have structures in place ready to help each other if required.

Northern Region:

- Rodney
- North Shore
- Waitakere

Auckland Central

Southern Region:

- Manukau
- Franklin
- Papakura

If a volcano were to wipe out Auckland other regions – ARC, Waikato, Head quarters in Wellington and even Australia would swing into action to help out.

There are 5 full-time staff members to deal with the 200,000



people in our area - this works out at 40,000 each. Most of their work involves "Readiness" – Training and Public Education. And also managing Rural Fires in the Ranges.

A couple of years ago 3% of the population said they were prepared for an emergency. A recent survey said that 7% are now prepared. The survey has a 3% margin of error. 85 to 90% say they know what they should do – but haven't yet done it (And yes, the disaster buckets our kids made up when they were Guides have long since vanished).

Police, Victim Support and other groups use the building for training courses. This all helps with emergencies as key staff get to know each other in advance.

A fascinating evening with an excellent insight into our Emergency Services. The above is a very brief summary of some of the things we learnt.

A cheque for \$350 (Our full meal money for the night of \$25 per person) – was donated to the Salvation Army as a Thank You.



Santa Parades

Every year we put one or two Soapbox Derby cars into local Santa parades. Kerry provides his truck with a car on top but we need volunteers for driving this. Anyone out there, perhaps with a spare child or grandchild to sit in the car along with a supervising adult wearing a santa hat, who would like to volunteer for one or more of the parades? If so, contact John Riddell

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| Sat 28 th Nov 9am | Henderson |
| Sat 5 th Dec 9am to 3pm | Te Atatu |
| Mon 7 th Dec 6pm | West Harbour |
| Fri 11 th Dec 7pm | Kumeu |

Constable Luke is currently thinking about trying to find a police car with a towbar to tow the DARE car in the Henderson one. If he succeeds in finding one, and any of our sponsors are also interested in joining in the fun, we could have a convoy.



ALSO ON SANTA PARADES

Henderson Rotary is running their parade on 28th November 2009. Council requirements have always been for 30 helpers. This year they have come up with a last minute request for 60!

Can anyone help with this?

The request is:

Volunteers are required at the Falls Hotel car park at 9-30 for a quick briefing & are given a orange vest supplied by our club then directed to help in our crowd control duties led by our members. (An easy task.)

Parade starts at 10-30 & ends at about 11-30 followed by a BBQ at the Tui Glen for the volunteers.

Anyone who can help – please contact Craiger ASAP



Waitakere School Gala

This is on this Saturday – 21st November – and is the first one for a number of years.

We have been talking to them about having an SBD car next year and will be taking one down to the Gala, putting it on display and promoting it.

If anyone wants to join us for a bit and offer support – look for the Airfoam car.



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!**

Reminder: Ask the kids!

Full details in 11th November Bulletin



DARE

On Wednesday afternoon Kent, Bob, Patrick, Heather and Alan met with Constable Luke to talk about the DARE program in West Auckland and how Rotary can help.

The current committee currently consists of One - Luke. He is passionate about the difference this program to make to kid's lives and wants to expand it into more schools. To do this he needs help and funds.

Funds can come in the way of sponsorship or grants and needs a group of people, rather than one police officer, to raise these.

A new committee made up of members from the community will be formed in the new year. This committee needs people with a wide range of backgrounds and skills to make it work.

If you would like to be involved, or know someone who can help – contact Patrick.

Information on the program is available at:
<http://www.dare.org.nz/>

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**

Past Speakers

Email from Clare from Sound Classroom:

Hi Heather,

Thank you so much for your email, and for having us to speak. We had a wonderful time and really appreciate being invited. I'll make sure I check out the newsletter!

Kindest Regards,
Clare

Meeting Times and Contact Details

Rex Davy Lounge,
Lower Ground Floor at The Trusts Stadium,
Central Park Drive, Henderson

Board Members

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| President | (Terry) |
| Vice President / Sergeant | Derek |
| Secretary / Bulletin Editor | Heather |
| Treasurer | Alan |
| President Nominee / International Director: | Craig |
| Club Service: | Bob |
| Community Director: | Patrick |
| Vocational Director: | John |
| Youth Director | Kent |

Apologies**Apologies:****Contact:**

Heather at apology@details.co.nz
Ph 8109 589 or 0274 719 569

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 Heather know this also.

Late apologies are an appreciated courtesy

| Date | 9-Dec |
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| Event | AGM & RYLA |
| Squire | Ross W |
| Squire | Mike A |
| Greeter | Jim A |
| Grace | David B |
| Introduction | Bob B |
| Thanks | John R |
| Parting Thought | Kent F |