



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin Making A Difference In Our World

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 23 rd June 2010
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, The Trusts Stadium
Web site:	www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz
Guest Speakers:	Alex Hawea – RYLA; Ari Peach – Outward Bound

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

Sat 26 th June	Henderson Rotary 50 th Birthday Party
Wed 30th June	Changeover
Thurs 1 st July	Kumeu Rotary – John Key dinner (optional extra)
Sun 4 th July	District Changeover – Whangarei
Wed 11 th Aug	Trees for Survival – Te Atatu School. Rain date 18 th
Sat 28 th Aug	West Harbour Rotary Book Fair

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Present:	Mike A, Jim A, Phyllis A, Kent F, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Patrick H, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, John R, Ross W, Domenic W
Apologies:	Bob B, Jim B, David B, Terry H, Steve L, Monique M, Kerry M, Jack R, JR,
Late Apologies:	Peter S
Guests:	Elise Nother (RYE); Alex Hawea (RYLA); Ari Peach (Outward Bound)
Attendance:	14 / 24 58%

CHANGEOVER

Date:	Wednesday 30 th June
Time:	6pm for 6:10pm
Venue:	Rex Day Lounge, Lower Ground Floor, The Trust Stadium
Cost:	\$25 per head



Alex – RYLA

Alex was born on the East Coast and came to West Auckland in time to attend Massey High School. He went to University, has been on many courses and is currently working in the Sports field.

He heard about RYLA through the Waitakere City Council Youth Council but wasn't sure how much benefit it would be to him. He went, without too much enthusiasm – and came back thoroughly enthusiastic about it. In his words it was one of the best courses he'd ever been on with some of the best speakers!

On a side note he also said he had no idea what Rotarians did (and actually thought it was little more than a group of people meeting once a week for dinner). Having heard what Rotary is about and what we do his views have now changed.

Ari – Outward Bound

Ari lives in Titirangi, works as a paramedic for St Johns, is a member of the Piha Surf Club and applied to do the 3 week Outward Bound course a couple of months back. He went and came back with tales of the highly energetic activities that they undertook. Each day started at 6am with half an hour of aerobics and a run followed by a sea swim. All before breakfast. Every day saw different activities from tramping to high ropes to kayaking to community work of building a pathway.

Ari's two biggest challenges were the High Ropes and the Kayaks and he has come home full of enthusiasm about the course.

Two things he has learnt:

- In the bush it is your choice as to whether you are Wet, Cold and Miserable ... or just Wet and Cold.
- Any endeavour requires Head, Heart and Hands (Knowledge, Motivation and Skills)



Elise Nother – Rotary Youth Exchange Student

Elise has been accepted as an exchange student to Chile next year – and has 6 months in which to learn a little more Spanish than “gracias”.

She came to Rotary tonight not to speak but to get signatures on all the various forms



Health Watch

JR is still in North Shore hospital (visiting hours 2pm to 8pm – doors locked outside these times)

Monique is in and out of hospital and not feeling at all well on chemo

Lucy is far from well, now on morphine and Jack is spending as much time with her as possible

Trees for Survival: Graham

Planting on Wednesday 16th with Matipo School started at 0900 with 30 children 6 parents and 1 teacher leaving for Waitoki. On arrival we checked out the last three years planting, looking good, and a quick cupper.

Moving on to a new site 550 plants were planted by 1300hr. This was an exceptional effort by those present. The children's enthusiasm possibly helped by the favourable contour and damp soft ground made this some sort of record in my books. Lunch, I might add a healthy one, was enjoyed by all.

Then return to school and a great day had by all.

A little extra Trees for Survival news

The one millionth tree has been planted and has been promoted.

Item on www.tfsnz.org.nz/NewsclipNewstalkZB.mp3

[Note from the radio clip – Trees for Survival was started by Pakuranga Rotary 20 years ago.

Currently 155 schools nationwide are involved]



Soapbox Derby News:

Waitakere Primary

Maori TV have approached Waitakere Primary about doing a segment on their entry in the Soapbox Derby. More details as they come to hand...

Lopdell House:

Exhibition: 11th June to 1st August

Hi Heather

... I don't know if you venture to Titirangi, but the current photography exhibition at Lopdell gallery is fascinating.

It's NZ Champions and includes a fabulous photo of a guy in his workshop who makes trolleys - like your ones, but not to such a 'prescribed design'...

Judy Lawler

Raffle: Winner: Roger - biscuits

Statistics: H,H,H

Sergeant's Fund	
Raffle	\$28.00
Fines	\$37.20

Parting Thought: Mike

"To make money we lose our health,
And then to restore health we lose our money...
We live as if we are never going to die,
And we die as if we never lived..."

Board Members		Meeting Venue and Time
President	(Terry/Craiger)	Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson Time: 6pm for 6:10pm
Vice President / Sergeant	Derek	
Secretary / Bulletin Editor	Heather	
Treasurer	Alan	
President Elect / International Director:	Craiger	
Club Service:	Bob	
Community Director:	Patrick	
Vocational Director:	John	
Youth Director	Kent	

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	30-June
Event	Changeover
Dealer	Phyllis
Deputy Sergeant	Heather
Squire	Kent
Squire	Patrick
Greeter	Domenic
Grace	Jim
Introduction	Mike
Thanks	Alan
Parting Thought	Domenic
Joker	Roger
Joker	Derek

Duties:

If you are unable to complete your duty next week – please contact the Joker and ask him/her to fill in for you.



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

OBSERVER

New Zealand Rotary Revisits Tongoa with Amazing Results

Over the last 3 years a small group of Kiwi Rotarians have been visiting the villages of Bongabonga and Meru on Tongoa Island one of the Shepherds Group.

Their primary aim, following a request from a Peace Corps worker on the island and the Port Vila Rotary Club, was to help the community to complete a much needed First Aid Post at Bongabonga. This was achieved in June of last year which coincidentally was just after a large earthquake struck.

The team noticed that there was considerable damage done to many of the concrete water reservoirs and on hearing this immediately arranged for 2 polytanks to be shipped in and installed while they were there.

Although the Vanuatu Disaster relief agencies have supplied several polytanks to affected areas on the island Bongabonga Village had lost the use of a huge 84000 litre concrete tank which served over 100 people. The village was keen to see the tank repaired but despite all efforts to patch the cracks caused by the earthquake, the tank just wouldn't hold water. This was conveyed to the Rotary group in New Zealand who devised a scheme to permanently reinstate the tank.

The villagers immediately cleaned out 15 years of debris, smoothed any rough edges of concrete, installed the strapping around the tank using specially designed tension clamps and then fitted the liner – all in the first 4 hours of arrival.

The system worked brilliantly and overnight rain immediately began filling the tank.

The Rotary team had always been concerned about keeping insects, especially mosquitoes, out of these water tanks and a simple horticultural shade cloth cover was provided as a cover rather than the usual sheets of corrugated iron. The villagers have been urged to construct a simple thatched cover over this to provide shade and protect the fabric from sunlight.

Also, as a trial, a new type of plastic hand pump was provided to avoid the regular opening and closing of the cover and damage to the liner by buckets and lifting sticks.

This also was a success and the pump was quite capable of lifting water even up to 10 metres in depth. The refurbished tank is equivalent to 10 polytanks!



Funds in this instance were provided by Rotary and other charitable groups in New Zealand and amounted to little more than the cost of one polytank.

It is hoped that in the future this method of repair could be used as a model for reinstating the dozens of similarly damaged and unusable tanks throughout Vanuatu.

With the tank nearing attention was drawn to the state of disrepair of the school building which had also sustained damage during the same earthquake and had been abandoned. At present up to 50 school children are temporarily housed in a small uncompleted and sub standard building near the abandoned school.

One of the Rotary team was a Structural Civil Engineer and he investigated the possibility of reinstating the school building.

The building had originally been extremely well constructed and whilst some cracks were evident, these were considered to be repairable using modern epoxy fillers and adhesives in conjunction with specially designed reinforcing plates.

The foundations were exposed and checked and an Engineers report is being prepared to present to the Vanuatu Education Board. It is hoped that the agencies responsible for the provision of school buildings will assist with the cost of repairs. Rotary groups are keen to provide the expertise and assist where they can.