



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE CITY

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

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Venue: Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson
Time: 5:45pm for 6:10pm
www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz



11TH AUGUST 10

Trees for Survival

- Te Atatu School
- Rain date 18th

Community Speaker:

Di Jennings

presenting some exciting community economic development and social innovation ideas

18TH AUGUST 10

Community Mapping Workshop – all members to participate.

Facilitator: Martin Anscombe.

25TH AUGUST 10

Mid Winter Christmas Party

28TH AUGUST 10

West Harbour Book Fair

1ST SEPT 10

DG Visit

8TH SEPT 10

David Thornton – Super City and Local Boards

MONDAY

13TH SEPT 10

Joint meeting at West

FUTURE EVENTS

THIS MONTH

August is **Membership and Extension Month**.

This month is a great time to share the passion of Rotary with friends and family members.

Why Become a Rotarian?

Some of the reasons you could share with your friends who may consider becoming a Rotarian are:

- To become a better member of your community. Rotarians strive constantly to help those less fortunate in their communities
- Rotary provides for one of the most basic human needs, the need for friendship and fellowship
- Rotarians are a cross-section of every business community and every business person needs to network
- World citizenship - Rotarians are welcome at nearly 33,000 clubs worldwide
- Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Whether at meetings or joining together in projects, Rotarians enjoy what they are involved in.

More info on the Rotary NZ website: www.rotary.org.nz

NEXT WEEK – WED 11TH AUGUST 2010

Trees for Survival

Graham will be planting trees with the kids from Te Atatu School. If you would like to join him – he'd be delighted to hear from you.

The bus leaves Te Atatu school at 9am and the planting takes place in Wairere Road.

COMMUNITY SPEAKER

Di Jennings - Contractor for Community Economic Development and Project Twin Streams Future Governance

Di Jennings is a creative community organizer whose diverse career has spanned working in community development, community arts and social enterprise. Di returned from Scotland in 2009 where she spent three years working in the social enterprise sector. Di brings this background to her current work with Community Waitakere.



She co-hosted the Community Economic Development Conference held in Waitakere in February and is currently initiating a national network for CED. Di is also working for Project Twin Streams to work with the key stakeholders to develop a future community governance model that is intended to increase community ownership of this flagship project.

Harbour Rotary to hear Barry de Geust

15TH SEPT 10

NO MEETING (due to joint meeting)

22ND SEPT 10

Dick Berry – AA
Driving Defensively on Behalf of ACC

West Harbour Rotary to join us

MID WINTER CHRISTMAS

What: A Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner



Date: 25th August 2010

Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Venue: Rex Davy Lounge

Cost: \$25 per person plus gold coin donation to Santa

Menu: Ham, turkey and all the trimmings

Who: Partners, past members, future members, friends, family, other Clubs...

There are a few ideas floating around – best Christmas Hat competition is one. If you have other suggestions – see Domenic.

(Yeah, yeah, we know. August is probably more like early spring rather than mid winter – but we are running on Waitakere Time here and it should be fun.)

CURRENT EVENTS

CHARLIE INNGS



Charlie is both the Waitakere City Council strategic advisor on new ward boundaries and a Rotarian with West Harbour Rotary

Charlie is a good keen man who is into lots of different things, many involving groups of people with similar interests. These include surviving an Oxfam trail walk, speaking at Toastmasters, and being a staunch member of Rotary (West Harbour).

Charlie's work and education has seen him in places as diverse as Bristol University, CEO of [Chipinge Rural District Council](#) in Zimbabwe, to Waitakere City Council. Charlie has been in various communities and his roles at [Waitakere City Council](#), include:

Acting Senior Committee Secretary,
Democracy and Governance Manager,
Strategic Advisor – Transport,
and currently Programme Manager-PMU.

He is involved in the following projects:

PMU programming for New Lynn Urban Regeneration, NorSGA Urban Development Committee, Town Centres Sub Committee. Branch secretary SOLGM. Manager Henderson CB

One of Charlie's goals is to go back to Africa to climb Kilimanjaro before the ice melts.

Charlie's role at the Council in recent times has been as part of the team sorting out these pesky border changes that are required thanks to the new Super City.



The idea was to divide the Auckland region up into parcels – with a similar number of people in each parcel.

These parcels are officially known as “Wards” and need to take into account “Communities of Interest” – whilst still getting the numbers right.

Communities of Interest include such things as:

- Shops
- Recreational areas
- Sporting and cultural facilities
- Transport
- The history of the area
- Schools
- Libraries
- Physical and topographical features
- Communication
- Work areas
- Communications
- ...

One of the first suggested boundaries was at the Glen Eden railway station – but this failed the above tests in too many areas.

The end result for our area is a Waitakere Ward with two boards – Henderson/Massey and Waitakere Ranges.

The boundaries are now set for the next 6 years at which point they will be reviewed to see if the numbers are still working.

More info at www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

These will take place on 9th October 2010 and candidates are beginning to put their names forward for consideration. For information on the elections and the candidates to date see: www.elections2010.co.nz

ROMAC

Litiana is now in a walking cast and getting around with the help of a crutch. Craiger will be seeing her later in the week. If anyone has any ideas for day trips for her – contact Craiger.

MEMBERS' NEWS

TONY SCOTT - FIREFIGHTER SKY TOWER CHALLENGE

On Friday 23rd July night the "Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge" was a

finalist in the Prime Minister's Social Hero's Award. We were finalists in two of the four categories and won the "**Collaborating in the Community Award**". The nomination was with Leukaemia and Blood Foundation & Firefighters Partnership. The awards were from the Robin Hood Foundation.

This is huge for the event, both sponsors are really pleased.

Scottie



INTERNATIONAL NEWS



The team has returned safely from America full of tales of adventure and a whole lot more knowledge about soapbox derbies international style.

In Henry's first race in the main race he was beaten in a photo finish by the girl who went on to win third place overall. That race had one of the fastest times of the day.

In the International race he won his first heat but then came second to Alaska in the final heat – again with a photo finish.

They discovered when they stripped the car to pack it up for transport home that the kingpin was bent and the theory is that this was damaged on the high seas on the way to America.

Unfortunately the car was impounded when it arrived in the States and they were not given the time to fully strip and reassemble the car prior to racing (a long story in itself) so didn't see this till the end. If the kingpin had been straight.... Who knows...

Shawn has come home with stacks of knowledge

and has promised to share this with others next year.

DISTRICT NEWS



The latest version of Rotary Downunder is now on the RDU website:

<http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/index.asp>



29 July 2010

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Dear Members

On behalf of the West Auckland Hospice I want to personally thank you for your donation that we recently received in memory of John Ritchie.

We are keeping in touch with Rachel and will advise her of your contribution. Your concern and support at this sad time will be very much appreciated.

Please be assured that your donation will be used to bring care, comfort and compassion to people with life-ending illness and their families across greater West Auckland.

I offer my sincere condolences for your recent loss and once again I thank you for your donation.

Kind regards

Margaret Hudson
Fundraising Manager

RAFFLE

Winner: Phyllis

Statistics: T, H, T

PARTING THOUGHT

Kerry: Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

ROTARY 4 WAY TEST*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?*

THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

Present:	Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, Kent F, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, Domenic W
Apologies:	Mike A, Jim B, Terry H, Steve L, Monique M, John R
Late Apologies:	David B (no boat to navigate the drive and busy fitting life jackets on the sheep in the heavy rain), Peter S
Make Ups:	Peter S (Kumeu Rotary meeting)
Guests:	Charlie Inngs, AG Pene Burrige
Attendance:	15/22 68%

SUNSHINE FUND:

Raffle:	\$32.00
Fines:	\$32.20

NEXT WEEK'S DUTIES:

Deputy Sergeant	Domenic
Squire	Jim
Squire	Jack
Greeter	Heather
Grace	Alan
Introduction	Phyllis
Thanks	Kent
Parting Thought	Bob
Dealer	Derek
Joker	Kerry
Joker	Roger

BOARD MEMBERS:

President / International	Craiger Hargesheimer
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APOLOGIES AND RSVPS TO:

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 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!

WEB SITE ADDRESSES:

Waitakere City Rotary
<http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/>
 Rotary International
<http://www.rotary.org/>
 Rotary NZ
<http://www.rotary.org.nz>

District Governor's newsletter
<http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10>

Rotary Downunder Magazine
www.rotarydownunder.com.au

Rotary NZ Promotions and Information
www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364
 Admin page and information
<http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180>

Future Vision
www.rotary.org/future_vision
 Rotary E Club (for make ups)
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

Bus owner takes final journey

OBITUARY

By LUKE PARKER

Long-time Whenuapai resident and businessman John Ritchie contributed to a piece of New Zealand's transport industry.

The 69-year-old died on July 14.

Mr Ritchie was affectionately known as JR and ran the bus company Ritchies Coachlines since 1970.

John Morris Cameron Ritchie was born in 1941 in the South Island town of Temuka, and worked as a wool classer and sales rep until he took over his father's business with brother Don at age 29.

Ritchies is now the largest bus and tourist coach fleet in New Zealand with 900 buses and 14 depots throughout the country. Mr Ritchie was a director of the company and part of the management team when he died.

Son Andrew Ritchie says his father was an amazing man.

"He was always there for you," Andrew says.

"It's a very big loss for the



Greatly missed: John Ritchie with one of the Ritchies buses.

family. I've worked with him for 20-odd years. He was my best mate.

"He was known by a lot of people within the company around New Zealand and in his community. He was a really good guy to be around. He had his idiosyncrasies. One

thing I would say is JR always did things his way. He wasn't too worried about the rule book that much."

Mr Ritchie married his wife Rachael in 1967 and had three children.

The couple lived in Taupaki for 30 years.

The grandfather-of-three spent most of his time in the company's west Auckland depot in Swanson. He suffered a massive heart attack a few days after an operation on July 2 and his condition deteriorated in the days that followed.

Mr Ritchie was on the board of the Waitakere Hospice and an active member and past-president of the Waitakere City Rotary Club.

He was awarded a Rotary Paul Harris medal for his work in the community and Waitakere.

Enterprise inducted him into the West Auckland Business Hall of Fame as a business leader in 2009. Andrew says his father always enjoyed travelling and had started to get into gardening in recent years.

"He and my mother just loved to travel," he says.