

WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

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

Time: 5:45pm for 6:10pm

Address: PO Box 104 017, Lincoln North, Auckland, 0654
www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz or www.soapboxderby.co.nz



**JULY: <NO ROTARY DESIGNATION>
NEXT WEEK:**

CLUB NIGHT

The Board have their first meeting on Monday so will no doubt update us on Plans for the Coming Year on Wednesday

THIS WEEK

CRAIGER AND KERRY ON VANUATU

Some months ago District approached our Club about undertaking a project in a high school in Orap on Malekula Island in Vanutau. Kerry and Craiger went over with a supply of materials to do some work and scope out the work required.



Malekula – the island to the left in the shape of a "sitting dog"

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CALENDAR

	11 TH JULY
	Board Meeting
13 TH JULY	
	Club Night
20 TH JULY	
	Guest Speaker
	23 RD JULY
	Akron SBD Race
27 TH JULY	
	Guest Speaker

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?

Our last project was on Tongoa Island in a fairly subsistence level village. To get to the village one used a frequently closed airport <everyone has no doubt heard of our travels by sea>, a partially useful road and a hike over the mountain to get to the village.

Malekula is completely different. The airport has a sealed surface so remains open even in torrential tropical downpours and the 30km road to the village is fully open to 4 wheel drive vehicles. No hiking over mountains required.

Rather than a largely vegetarian diet from local gardens – with the odd small pig roasted over a spit – food is bought from a shop and the butcher in town.

Power is coming to the village but in the meantime they use generators till 9pm every night – rather than on and off when they have a spare can of petrol.

In the outlying islands of Vanuatu all children go to school up to the age of 12. For many children High School requires boarding away from home and is unaffordable. The boys asked around and discovered that the average annual income for a worker is 20,000 vatu (\$NZ 6,000) – and High School fees are

also 20,000 per year (this sort of puts our school fees into perspective!)

For those who think our schools are tough: The kids wake at 5:45am, have breakfast and are in school by 7am. Classes continue till 11am when there is a break till 3pm. Classes then recommence till dinner at 6pm. After dinner homework is done till bed at 9pm when the generator turns off.

Some of the students are day students from local villages and travel up to 10km each way every day – on foot.

The school at Orap has been through ups and downs in recent years. In 2007 the role was 270 kids and by last year it dropped to 50. A new principal has been employed and the role has now risen to 90 students this year.

Some of the buildings in the school are good whilst others have suffered the ravages of time and are in need of maintenance or replacement.

The two projects we have been asked to help with are:

- Completing a new dining/recreation building
- Replacing the boys' dormitory with a new building.

The school received a grant to start the dining/recreation building and was given excellent plans to build it from. Unfortunately... the plans were in English and the locals speak French, and the money was insufficient to build it to spec so shortcuts were taken by local builders. Craiger is seeking help from Engineers to determine whether the building is safe to continue with.

(This could take time – most Engineers at the moment are flat out with Christchurch work)

The dormitory is a major project and further thought is required.



The school from the air



Kerry on arrival



Unfinished dining hall



The boys' dormitory that is in need of replacement



Dormitory interior. Teenage boys, little air movement... Great



Familiar looking school classrooms



Some of the students



Craiger unblocking blocked gutters. One water tank – and plenty of rain – supplies the school

School toilets. Squat style over a septic tank

GRANDMA'S HOUSE



Painting the house is being done in stages – one wall at a time. After Alan sanded the back wall (a major job due to it being the north wall and not painted for years) he started the painting with David's help. Matthew also gave a hand after school when possible (being winter painting stops at around 4:30pm so that the paint will dry).

Alan arrived at Grandma's house on Saturday planning on painting a couple of wooden windows whilst encouraging the boys to continue painting the weatherboards on the second side.

On arrival he was delighted to find both boys up on the carport roof, paint brushes in hand, hard at work.

Two sides of the house were nearly complete by the end of the day and the boys are gradually taking ownership of the project much to both Grandma's and Alan's delight.

Sunday Alan and Craiger worked on the deck repairs with David's help (the deck was dodgy as with rotting posts and rails). Monday and Tuesday painting continued. Wednesday it rained and our Treasurer stayed home to work on Rotary accounts...

SURVIVOR: SOAPBOX DERBY



After the crash last weekend during soapbox derby practice (as seen in the Changeover video) Heather went with the team on Sunday to look for a new road with a better road surface to continue their practice.

The concrete driveway (photo on left) looked good so off the boys went to check it out. They returned laughing to say "Excellent track. For a Survivor series!"

Reality TV not being quite what we were looking for we found a small private road with a reasonable slope close by and spent a couple of hours sending Aaron down and timing him with different weight setups.



Times were between 10 and 12 seconds (unlike the races at around 30 seconds) but Aaron had full control (of both the car and his sister!)

Next weekend the plan is to return to a steeper slope to check all is well before they take off to the States on the 14th.

NOTE: John, Aaron's Dad, has seen our Changeover video and is most impressed at how much our Club does. Barry, the team's Technical Manager, said he'd like to join Rotary – if only he had time.



PARKING FINE UPDATE

The organization concerned paid the fine last Friday when they got an emailed copy of the ticket.

BEANIE

Bob paid up for his recent auction winnings – with interest added for the delay. The funds are now richer by \$45.

STRANGE STUFF

PENGUINS

Spotted in the paper this week:

Due to a lone penguin being washed ashore on the Peka Peka beach a "Penguin Advisory Committee" has been formed.

Penguin Advisory Committee?? What are their plans? Give Happy Feet a guided introduction to NZ life? ... Budget and Financial Advice? ... Counseling? ...
The mind boggles.

DEADLINES

A snippet of information from past Secretary Heather to new Secretary Bob.
Bob, you may find this useful!

ORIGIN OF THE WORD **DEADLINE**

Origin: 1864

It began as a real line, drawn in the dirt or marked by a fence or rail, restricting prisoners in Civil War camps. The line was about 20 feet inside the stockade. Prisoners were warned, "If you cross this line, you're dead." To make dead sure this important boundary was not overlooked, guards and prisoners soon were calling it by its own bluntly descriptive name, the dead line.

CHANGEOVER FEEDBACK

Hi Heather, Craiger and everyone,

Thanks for inviting me to the changeover, it was a really fun evening and good to see you all.

Great idea putting a copy of the slide show on Utube- it is good that everyone can now see it, really worthwhile and entertaining. :)

Bye for now,

David Whitley

Rotary Club of New Lynn
President 2011-12.

<The video is the feature one at <http://www.youtube.com/user/Cazatina> Other videos from past Rotary activities are also on this page>

ROTARY DOWNUNDER

For those of you who don't get the magazine delivered to your letterbox the July issue is now on line at: <http://flipflashpages.uniflip.com/2/26587/49598/pub/>

OUR INCOMING IYE STUDENT

Linda has sent the following information about our IYE (International Youth Exchange) student.

Cecile is 17 years old from Claremont in Belgium. French Speaker. Eldest in family with one sister called Sarah (same as my youngest). Dad an engineer, Mum at home looking after the family. Arriving on 27th July.

I have copied an email from Cecile below. It will give you the sense of excitement she has about the trip to NZ.

Hey everybody !

It's so great to hear news about you !!

I think you already know how my family is composed.

When Sean Harris gave me your address, I showed on Google Maps, where your house was located. It seems so great ! And it's next to the beach !!! So cool ! What's also nice, it's the harbour ! It's really nice ! And I'm so excited to come living by you. I'm looking forward !

I also saw Massey High School and the 6 tennis courts ! It's really impressive !! We don't have these things in my school. So if I can, you would like to play tennis at school. But I think I've to choose my options at school when I arrive there. So i'll see what I can choose.

I played the guitar but I stopped. The courses I had were without music theory. So I couldn't play very well, but it made me fun. I stopped the courses because I wanted to take more math.

Actually our school system doesn't work like yours. I mean we begin school at 8.30 am and finish at 4.25 pm. And then we haven't any activities at school more. We return home and learn for tests, for example. We have 8 periods a day.

So if I wanted to take more math courses, I had to do it on Saturday's morning. And that's why I stopped learning the guitar.

Sarah, you have to learn me the piano ! It's such a beautiful instrument. And I hope to be in the same class as Simone !

13-15 degrees ? For me it's nothing ! This winter, we had -10, -15 degrees !

Do the degrees in Celsius or in Fahrenheit ?

It'll be very strange to celebrate Christmas during the summer !

I also wanted to know when school starts and when I can come, so that I could reserve my flight. So if you have a special date, say it to me please.

I'll send you some pictures later, after the exams. Because I've to find good pictures.

See you later,

Cécile

Bob forwarded the following email:



This is a men's event not to be missed – dads will leave feeling invigorated and energised in the role they play as a father and their family will thank them for it! Men today want more from life than just a career – they also want to be outstanding fathers. The importance of dads spending quality time with their kids has been realised!

- Date:** Wednesday 17 August 2011
- Time:** 7.10am to 8.30am sharp
- Venue:** SKYCITY Convention Centre, 88 Federal St, Auckland CBD
- Cost:** \$59.00 per person incl. GST - Table of 10 \$590.00 incl. GST
Includes cooked breakfast

Opening address by Mayor of Auckland Len Brown



Host Pio Terei
Entertainer & Presenter



Rob Fyfe
CEO of Air New Zealand



Ian Grant
QSO
Founder & Director of Parents Inc.



Michael Jones
Rugby World Cup 2011 Ambassador and
Former All-Black



Bruce Pilbrow
CEO & Director of Parents Inc.



Nathan King
Singer/Songwriter

More info, and ticket purchase, at:

http://www.theparentingplace.com/index.php?option=com_jcalpro&Itemid=46&extmode=view&extid=6078

CHALLENGE CAMP FEEDBACK

Mr. Alan Pattison

Treasurer

Waitakere City Rotary Club

Dear Mr. Pattison

Thank you very much for sponsoring me to go to Marine Education Recreation Centre in May 16-20.

I enjoyed staying at Vaughn Park. When I was at MERC I did abseiling, rafting, archery, sling shot, kayaking, rock climbing and ten pin bowling. At rafting I fell off and got wet but it was funny and everybody laughed.

On Tuesday evening the deaf man Daniel spoke in sign language to our group. I thought it was interesting so I decided to learn some sign language by myself.

I was very happy to make some new friends at the Marine Education Recreation Centre.

Thank you I enjoyed going to Long Bay.

Sincerely, 

Alexander Goldsack

PARTING THOUGHT

Patrick: Difference between Complete and finish

People say there is no difference between COMPLETE & FINISHED....
But there is. When you marry the right one, you are COMPLETE....
And when you marry the wrong one, you are FINISHED.....
And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you
are...COMPLETELY FINISHED

RAFFLE WINNER

Linda

STATISTICS

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RAFFLE TOTAL

\$28.00

FINES TOTAL

\$14.20

APOLOGIES:

apology@details.co.nz or ph 8109 589 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!

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Craig Hargesheimer
President Elect / Sergeant	Patrick Howard
Vice President	Derek Gee
Secretary	Bob Benzie
Treasurer	Alan Pattison
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe
International Director	Kerry McMillan
Vocational Director	John Riddell
Youth Director	Sheena Spittles

ATTENDANCE

Present:	Phyllis A, David B, Bob B, Linda C, Roger F, Derek G, Craig H, Terry H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Alan P, Heather P, Domenic W
Apologies:	Mike A, Jim A, Kent F, Monique M, Cedric M, Jennice M, Graham N, Sheena S
Guests:	
Make Ups:	
Late Apology:	John R, Jack R, Peter S,
Missing in Action:	
Attendance:	13 /24 54%

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES

Squire	Roger
Squire	Heather
Greeter	Domenic
Grace	Alan
Introduction	Derek
Thanks	Terry
Parting Thought	David
Dealer	Linda
Joker	Phyllis
Joker	

**WEBSITE ADDRESSES**

Waitakere 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/>

Dare West
<http://darewest.org.nz/>

COUSIN GEORGE:

I think there is INSANITY in my family. They keep asking ME for MONEY.

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