

# WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

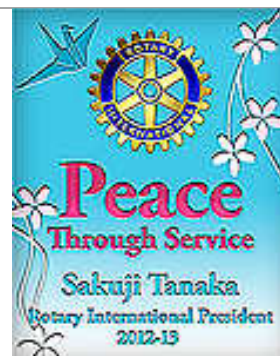
MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

**Venue:** Starling Park Sports Club  
34 Glen Road  
Ranui

**Time:** 5:45pm for 6:10pm

**Address:** PO Box 104 017, Lincoln North, Auckland, 0654

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### SEPTEMBER: NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 6pm</b>
Venue:	Starling Park
Speaker:	Rotary Projects

### THIS WEEK: ALEX HAWEA



Alex, a RYLA attendee in 2010, is actively involved in community affairs and came to give us an update.

Alex was born in an area near Gisborne where kids learnt to ride horses before they ride bikes. He was brought up by a solo mum and attended a school where 80% of the pupils were cousins – and the remaining 20% felt like cousins.

Moving to Auckland and Massey High was somewhat of a culture shock. But he survived it and went on to become Deputy Head Prefect and later attended University where he gained a degree in Youth Development.

In 2010 he was offered a place at RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). Not having too much of a clue as to what it was about he turned up to the interview straight from his job on a lawn mowing round <he apologized to John at our meeting for the attire that day of singlet and shorts>

Alex has since done a few other leadership courses – and firmly believes the RYLA one was by far the best one (where have we heard that before?)

Also in 2010 he had one of those “life defining” moments. A lump turned out to be thyroid cancer and he was fortunate that it was caught in time. The operation was a success but he reckoned the quarantine period afterwards whilst undergoing radiation therapy wasn’t actually needed. The drugs make you so bad tempered and horrible company that friends avoid you like the plague voluntarily.

However that is now thankfully in the past and Alex is passionately enjoying the work he is involved in.

## Calendar

### October – Vocational Service Month

**3/10/12**  
**Rotary Projects**

**10/10/12**  
**Vocational Visit – Davis Funeral Homes**

*Mon 15/10/12*  
*Board Meeting*

**17/10/12**  
**Massey High Trades Academy:**  
**- Principal Bruce Ritchie**  
**- Deputy Principal John Tinling**

## 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?

So what does he do?

Currently he is working for The Village Trust based at Avondale Racecourse. The Trusts goal is to re-engage kids in education via sport. And it works.

Pay is low but more than balanced by the successes in the job.

More info on the Village Trust is at: [www.villagetrust.co.nz](http://www.villagetrust.co.nz)



David giving a speech introducing the speaker



Alex and friend



Roger, back from Australia in one piece (no, he wasn't bitten by a spider or in a boxing match with a kangaroo)



Craig, Gabriel and Bob with two of our visitors – John and Neil from the Salvation Army



Kerry and Linda



Derek telling us where he got his extremely dashing sweater from during our Sergeant's Session

## NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL

Brilliant guys! When the President yells "**RABBITS**" you are all supposed to actually **MOVE**! Like to under a table or into the support of a nearby door frame.

This actually worked in Earthquake drills when I was a kid at school in Wellington. But try it on a bunch of Auckland Rotarians? They sit there like stunned rabbits in the glare of oncoming headlights.

I hate to think what would happen if we tried a fire drill (or even had a fire)... Probably not much. You would all be toast.

## WESTGATE DEVELOPMENT

I heard through my Neighbourhood Support weekly email that Council were holding a workshop at the Massey Leisure Centre asking for community input into the new Westgate Development.

The Development is HUGE and will be accomplished in stages over the next 20 years. The area currently under development is the massive and extensive mud pile opposite the Westgate shops. Later stages will include other existing farmland and areas as far as the Hobsonville airbase.

Currently they are asking questions such as:

- What do the community want in the new town centre area?
- Once the library moves what do people want to use the existing leisure centre for?

One of the things they are looking at is leisure activities - storm water retention ponds will become lakes with walking and cycling tracks.

Council have been hanging out on street corners, clip boards in hand, to ask locals what they want and they have also been holding workshops such as this one (I should have been to an earlier one but didn't catch on as to how important it was).

Amongst our workshops suggestions was a "teenage zone" – skate park, basketball court etc. A parent suggested a toddler play area with sand and water features. The swimming pool activists want a swimming pool (but this looks like a later development idea) and I, of course, was bouncing up and down going "Soapbox Derby Track, Soapbox Derby Track!"

They may also include things like a community garden and ears pricked up when I mentioned the Te Puna Quarry gardens near Tauranga. For those who have forgotten Alan and I visited this with the International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians a year ago. Several community groups, including the local Rotary Club, took responsibility for specific areas.

See <http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/uploads/news-bulletins/WCRB-2011-10-05.pdf> for a few photos.

I sent out an email this morning (at Linda's suggestion) to all those on the SBD newsletter list and a few others asking for support for a permanent soapbox derby track.

Judging by the odd emails I get and the hits on our website it is not just Rotary who want one. The emails usually start with "I've been looking for ideas on derbies for our local kids/Youth Group/Scouts but just can't find much at all" I keep referring them to the Nelson Trolley site for info on how to build them but that doesn't solve the venue problem in Auckland.

There is an online feedback form for this and the deadline is 5pm this coming Monday

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/AboutCouncil/representativesbodies/LocalBoards/HendersonMasseylocalboard/Pages/haveyoursay.aspx>

If you haven't filled it in, want to support it/know of other things that you would like included - do it NOW!

#### FEEDBACK SO FAR HAS COME FROM:

A Youth Group in Mangere who contacted me a month ago about soapbox ideas:  
Awesome idea Heather I will distribute this.

Smith and Partners:

Wade passed on to me your email, and I have made a submission in support of the purpose built soapbox derby track on behalf of Smith and Partners.  
I look forward to hearing how it goes!

Regards,  
Julia

Domenic:

Hi,  
Filled the form and sent it electronically,  
Domenic

Shawn Dyer:

hi will do have photos and the dvd from usa with heaps of nz on it wil drop of at some point  
cheers shawn

NZ Race Director Terry Clarkson

A phone call to say great idea, that he has good plans for a track from Akron, and has passed my email onto his Whangaparaoa team

Henderson Rotary President Roger Laloli:

Great idea – if you don't ask you don't get !!

Have **YOU** done it yet?



And on the subject of Westgate...

Shawn from Riverhead Scouts told me last week of the new entrance to the development off State Highway 16 and how it looks like it was being built for our use.

I checked it out – and it does look rather good (except that I doubt if they would let us have exclusive use of it for a day).

It does though give an idea of the extent of the development and the contours involved. In the far distance you can just see bits of the extensive mudpile.

#### SOAPBOX DERBY

And, on the subject of the soapbox derby... the brochures for next year's derby have been printed – so put your thinking caps on for sponsors for this High Profile race!

## JADEWYNN GARDENS CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY

### Jadewynn Gardens Contribution to Community

Well, our efforts at Jadewynn Gardens have not gone unnoticed. Jenny Tanner, community broker from Auckland Council sent this to Matt and Phyllis (and covers Kerry too):

*Great work to you both. Thanks so much for your contribution to this community.*

We are starting to get momentum now that some networks and contacts have been established for the community gardens.

So, we are rolling on with the preparation for the Rotary Club working bee in October. Here's what happening over the next 2 weeks:

- getting timber for the garden beds & potting table;
- Matt has found some free poles;
- carting soil for garden beds to the site
- moving a fruit tree or 2
- getting bark for pathways



At the working bee, we aim to:

- construct the garden beds & finish off the ones Matt has started
- move the soil into the beds and help with the bark pathways
- construct the potting table (and possibly a wooden frame for the worm farm-in-a bath)

See, it's only 3 bullet points! But there will be enough things to do for everyone – even holding the measuring tape is a useful job. It would be great if we could get an enthusiastic team like the ones we have already had this year!!

Thanks, Phyllis



And the garden through the eyes of Kerry on his digger

## HENDERSON ROTARY HOSPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

An email from their President after the photo of this appeared in last week's bulletin:

Pleased someone noted the Henderson Rotary board in the Waitakere Hospital Heather I wonder if they noticed the seats and Rotary Wheel along to the left. <um, no> It is never finished as I am currently having a free standing Flag pole being priced to be positioned near this garden.

In addition to the exterior gardens our club many years ago put in the internal garden in the open Square forward of the Reception Desk

Unfortunately some Rotary projects do go a bit missed

Cheers

Roger

## WAITAKERE ROTARY AND WAITAKERE HOSPITAL

Henderson is not the only Rotary Club to have completed projects there. Amongst the projects unearthed from the Club Files for our web site history:

1983 President Warren Osborne:

The major project for the year was to build an outdoor recreation and Barbeque area at Waitakere Hospital for the use of patients and staff. This entailed digging out the area, putting in a concrete slab and brick walls and installing a 4 burner gas BBQ.

1989 President David Butler:

The 20th year was completed with many of the usual activities along with fixing exercycles for the YMCA Heart Rehabilitation Group and providing 2 double and 2 single chairs for the Waitakere Hospital Day Room.

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

This month's DG Newsletter contains not one but TWO articles about Waitakere Rotary projects!

Check it (and the new nifty District website layout) at:

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

## ROTARY DOWN UNDER

The October issue is now out at <http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/>

Headline topics are:

- Hat Day: Reducing the stigma of Mental Health
- No small feat: Fitting out a PNG school
- Jimboomba: The best little club in the world!
- 2013 Lisbon Convention: 12-page feature
- Preview: Australian Rotaract Conference in Canberra

## MEMBERS NEWS

PETER SMITH

Peter, our Past President in 1995, hasn't been spotted at too many Rotary meetings lately. I rang him

for a catch up and heard that it isn't because he doesn't love us anymore, but has a major problem with a work/life/service commitment balance.

Peter is actively involved with several major service commitments elsewhere and quite simply has too many demands on his time. The things he is involved in are fascinating and we will have to ask him to come as a speaker one night to tell us about them.

Rather than continue to ask for apologies he is now officially on Leave and will continue to join us when he can.

## MILTON ROTARY CLUB: KEEN TRAMPERS

The Milton Rotary Club has a long history of organizing tramping trips and forwarded the following to Bob

<My email back to Bob saying "Will put it in the bulletin. Do you want me to add extra impact to it by saying you plan to lead a group and who wants to join you?" brought the response of "TUI AD COME IN MIND – Yeah right">

### **Hello all Rotary Clubs in District 9910.**

We are sending you an update of places still available on our many tramps & trips in 2013, as a follow up of the original info we sent to every Club in NZ in May.

Rather than asking you to read many lines of information, please click on the link below, where you will find a colourful PDF page, which contains all the info in a "nutshell", and lists the contact information.

Please, Club Secretary, print this page out and circulate to your members at your next meeting.

[http://otagorotarytrusttramps.org.nz/PDF\\_Updatefor\\_2013\\_Trips.pdf](http://otagorotarytrusttramps.org.nz/PDF_Updatefor_2013_Trips.pdf)

Regards

Peter Vollweiler (Convenor)

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Web Site : [www.otagorotarytrusttramps.org.nz](http://www.otagorotarytrusttramps.org.nz)

## ELEPHANTS

**A Hunter walking through the jungle found a huge dead elephant with a pigmy standing beside it.**

**Amazed, he asked: "Did you kill that?"**

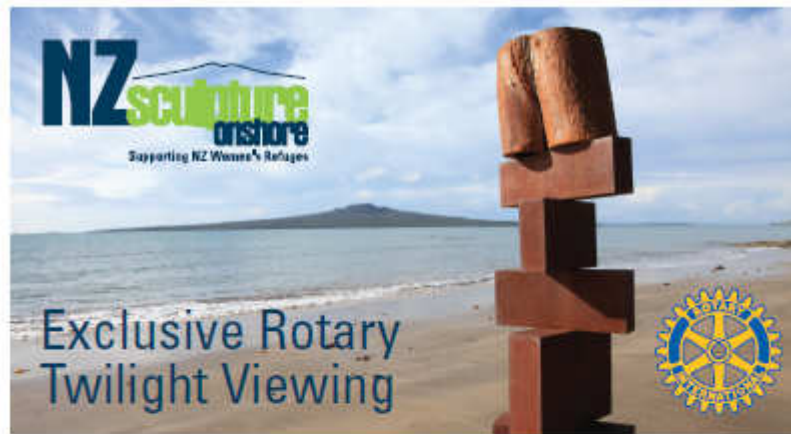
**The pigmy said, "Yes."**

**The hunter asked, "How could a little bloke like you kill a huge beast like that?"**

**"I killed it with my club."**

**The astonished hunter asked, "How big is your club?"**

**The pigmy replied, "There are about 20 of us."**



## President Roy Dykes and Devonport Rotary invite all Rotarians and partners

You're invited to an exclusive twilight viewing of NZ Sculpture OnShore, Monday 12 November from 6.00pm. A wonderful opportunity to bring partners, friends and family along for a sunset viewing of the exhibition, enjoy a picnic and glass of wine at this beautiful clifftop location at Fort Takapuna above Narrowneck Beach – 170 Vauxhall Road, Devonport.

### Monday 12 November 2012

For more information email: [info@devonportrotary.co.nz](mailto:info@devonportrotary.co.nz)

**Tickets \$30** Includes: entry, picnic box, onsite parking & exhibition map

Ticket purchases: via your Rotary Club secretary

Wine, beer, coffee, desserts on sale from onsite café

[www.nzsculptureonshore.co.nz](http://www.nzsculptureonshore.co.nz)

All proceeds to NZ Women's Refuges



**About the exhibition:** NZ Sculpture OnShore's biennial sculpture exhibition has become recognised as one of New Zealand's leading exhibitions. Our connection with the spectacular cliff-top Fort Takapuna site overlooking the Hauraki Gulf, the breadth and diversity of our exhibition which allows us to take some artistic risks whilst still undertaking that there is "something for everybody" and particularly our support of New Zealand Women's Refuges, set us apart from other exhibitions and are points of differentiation we proudly promote. The works of over 120 New Zealand artists are on public view and for sale during the 10 day exhibition at Fort Takapuna Historic Reserve. The gallery showcasing and selling smaller pieces of indoor and outdoor sculpture will be open during the twilight evening.



<b>PARTING THOUGHT</b>	Jim: The difference between a rut and a grave is the depth
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<b>RAFFLE WINNER</b>	<b>STATISTICS</b>	<b>RAFFLE</b>	<b>FINES</b>
?? A raffle without a raffle? Can we shoot the sergeant??	NONE!	\$40	\$56.30

**APOLOGIES:**  
[apology@details.co.nz](mailto:apology@details.co.nz) or ph 8109 589 no later than **5pm 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!

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**COUSIN GEORGE:**  
 ★ **Don't tell your troubles to other people - 95% don't care and the other 5% are glad you have them.**

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