

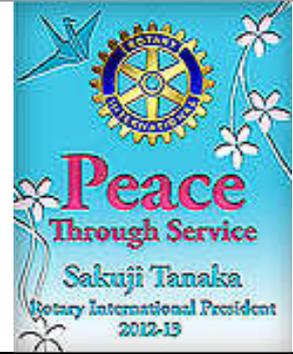
WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

Venue: Starling Park Sports Club
34 Glen Road
Ranui

Time: 5:45pm for 6:10pm

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OCTOBER: VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

NEXT MEETING:	Wed 10th October 2012 6pm
Venue:	Davis Funeral Homes 150 Central Park Drive, Henderson
Speaker:	John Schipper (an excellent & entertaining speaker who came to us a couple of years ago)

THIS WEEK: ROTARY PROJECTS

THE FORGOTTEN STORY



Trawling through the Club files whilst putting a quick history on our web site I kept tripping over "The Bridge Avenue Beach Project"

What is it? Where did it come from? And why?



And what is with this "Rotary Reserve" on Google Maps?

Calendar

October – Vocational Service Month

10/10/12
Vocational Visit – Davis Funeral Homes

Sat 13/10/12
Jadewynn Garden Working Bee

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?

TE ATATU BOATING CLUB

The Te Atatu Boating Club was started by a handful of volunteers in the early 1960's. They reclaimed some of the tidal area and made a rudimentary launching area. Prior to that, boats had been pushed through the mangroves for launching.

In the mid-sixties there was more activity and sheds arrived on the site soon after. The early clubhouse was made of prefab ex-school buildings and the existing clubhouse was opened in 1984.

A substantial wharf has been operating for quite some time. Recent developments include all-tide ramps and dinghy pontoons. A large boat maintenance and painting shed is a new addition.

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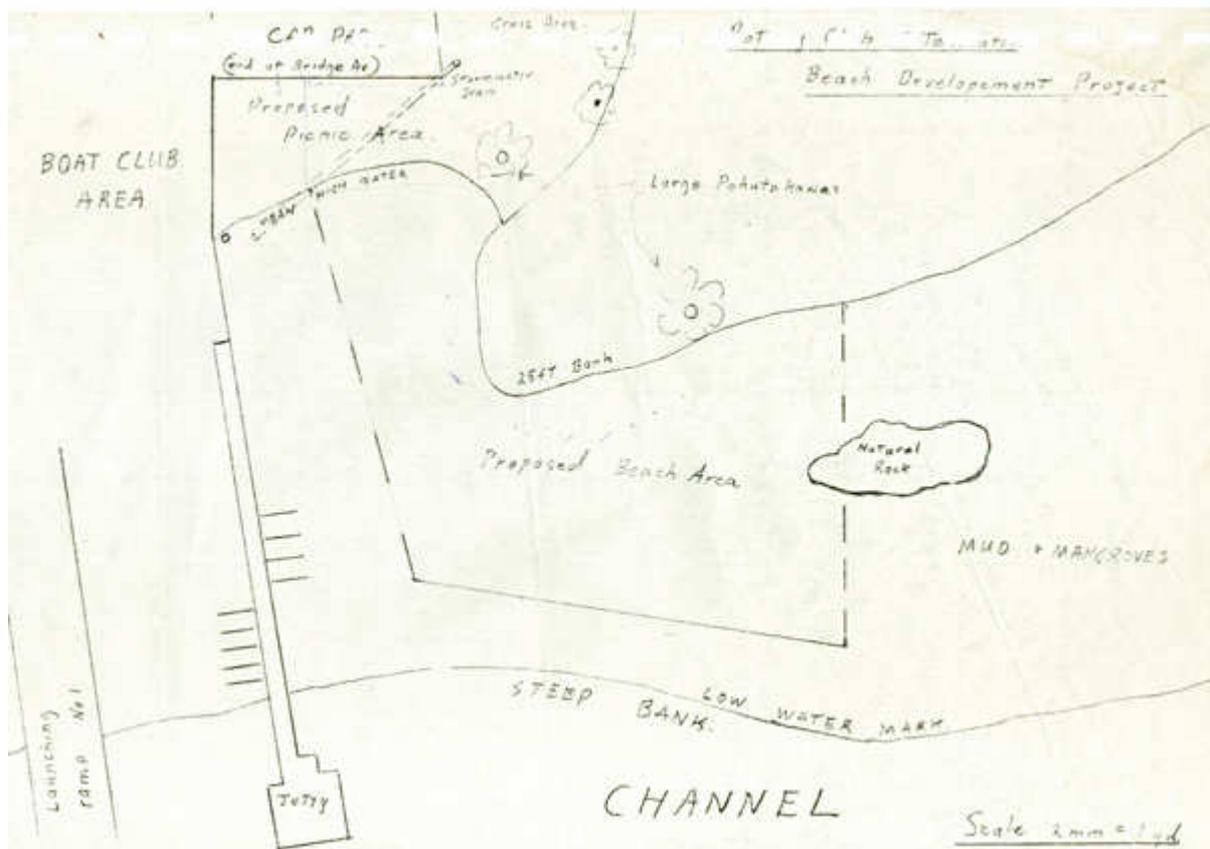
TE ATATU ROTARY

Back in the beginning we were known as the Rotary Club of Te Atatu and Club members were extremely active with community projects.

In 1974 the community committee put together a proposal to re-sand the beach next to the early boat club, plant trees and build facilities such as picnic tables, park benches and a BBQ. Retaining walls were also included.

The original proposal said, "Older residents of Te Atatu can remember a sandy beach existing at this site before motorway construction and land development commenced in the surrounding district."

The proposal also said, "A portion of sanded area to be completed by Christmas 1974. Whole project to be completed by June 1975. Unless these targets appear to be obtainable, the project will not be attempted"



So how did they get on?

Well actually it took a little longer than expected. The Club files had numerous references over the years including:

- 1978 AGM: *I am pleased to report the recent efforts in 'topping up' the beach with six metres of sand have resulted in one having a firm footing for some thirty yards or so before falling knee deep in mud*
- July 1980 Board Minutes: *Complete the beach project by installing more sand and trees, several tables and chairs and relocate the existing sign*
- April 1981 Board Minutes: *Awaiting second order for railings. Soil is expected for first area from W.C.C. Tom Pearce has donated 2 table frames. Incoming Director has agreed to carry on with project – swings, Bar – B – Que etc*

- Sept 1982 Board Minutes: *Work is to proceed with supplying four seats for the tables at the beach project*
- November 1983 Board Minutes: *Beach project completion*

So there you have it. An initial nine year involvement in this project.

BUT...it doesn't stop there. I knew that in the files I had also seen a reference to consulting an expert as to why the new sand wasn't staying where it was put and it turns out this report was much later. At our meeting David, Jack and Kerry mentioned more sand deliveries up until 1995. That is a 31 year project with great benefits to the community. The longest project in the history of our Club.

And why didn't the sand stay put? It turned out that the construction of the motorway bridge had altered the environment and changed the channels. (Think on this the next time you hear of millions being spent by Council on re-sanding popular beaches. Perhaps an artificial reef - in the shape of a Rotary wheel - will help keep it there?)

TODAY

The boat ramp is still there although the returning mangroves and neglect by boaties have made it impassable for anything other than kayaks or dinghies. These days' people launching boats ignore it in favour of paying a fee to use the ramp in the adjacent boat club – a far larger and better resourced club than back in 1974. But the trees and picnic tables are still there. And so are the retaining walls.



The picnic area on a wet afternoon prior to the Council budget lawn mowing round.

Note the retaining walls – our members built these

David says that there should be a Rotary sign at the base of the big tree



The now largely unused free boat ramp with the motorway in the distance.

Next time you are stuck in traffic on the bridge look left towards the Yacht Club and see if you can spot it.



A glimpse of the neighbouring Yacht Club



The "Rotary Reserve". I know there was a playground in the original proposal but this looks a little new. Kerry thinks Google marked the reserve in the wrong place.

AND EARLY HISTORY?



In 1972 a rescue craft was donated to the Taikata Sailing Club

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The above story, whilst fascinating in its own right, leads on to project management in the 21st century.

- A Project Manager cannot do it alone
- Team work is VITAL
- We all have different knowledge and experiences to bring to a project (whether "hands on" or a grant application or an idea for a speaker or fellowship night)

PROJECT MANAGEMENT GOLDEN RULES

1. Ask relevant questions
2. Never assume anything – clarify it
3. Keep asking about the projects purpose
4. Identify internal and external effects

A few template tools include:

SWOT

Strengths	Weaknesses
Opportunities	Threats

PROS AND CONS

List all the pros and cons and give each a score of 1 to 10. Then add them up

Advantages	Score	Disadvantages	Score
1....		1....	
2....		2....	
Subtotals:	X		Y
TOTAL	X-Y=Z		

RISK ANALYSIS

PURPOSE:

- To identify potential risks in order to be able to reduce or eliminate them

EXAMPLES:

- Design improvements
- Contingency plans

ISSUE MANAGEMENT

Issue/Situation	Impact	Solution	Responsibility (who)
1....			
2...			

OTHER TOOLS

Budgets, resource plans (people and materials), communication plans, timelines and some great "top level" planning tools amongst others. These are all taught in Project Management classes and are extremely useful tools. I have a few good templates for these as well.

WORKING BEE – JADEWYNN GARDENS

Where:	Jadewynn Drive, Massey
When:	Saturday 13 th October
Time:	9am to 1pm
Bring:	Gardening tools
Organizer:	Phyllis

GABRIEL – OUR IYE STUDENT

Well, well, well. Our IYE students certainly manage to get themselves into exalted company!



Linda introducing Gabriel to our Prime Minister John Key at the Helensville electorate breakfast on Friday morning at Markovina Winery Kumeu

Gabriel also gave a short presentation this week with photos of some of his highlights to date. Snowboarding with Sheena was one of his highlights.

IYE MARAE WEEKEND

Gabriel will be off to this at the end of the month and Graham has managed to borrow a Ritchies mini bus to deliver and retrieve a number of the students.

A while back whilst searching for info and photos of our past IYE students for the website Marilyn Page, in answer to my question about Eric who came to us in 1986, replied:



We were his counsellors and he was such a character. My boys were his "cuzzy-bros" and **he greeted his mother when he arrived back in Sweden in Maori dress.** Like most Scandinavians we had experience with he was a good student who played by the rules but a lot of fun.

Question: After Gabriel's experiences at the forthcoming Marae weekend can anyone see Gabriel doing the same?

ROTARY ADVERTISING

There are a couple of radio ads for Rotary playing over October.

Information about these radio clips is at www.radio2012.rotarysouthpacific.org where you can also listen to them. These clips direct listeners to:

- 0800 4 ROTARY – they will then be referred to club Presidents. Are we ready to welcome these prospective members?

PARTING THOUGHT	Heather: There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither one works.
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RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE	FINES
Derek		\$36	\$22.60

APOLOGIES:
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:

★ **I'm not bossy. I just know what you should be doing.**

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