



Waitakere News

January 17th, 2014

Welcome to 2014 - Happy New Year

Our little club with its big heart, finished 2013 off with a flurry by helping the Cedar Heights Community and the Swanson Caravan Park out financially with their Christmas events. . The club also arranged a grant for Oxygen Monitors for Prem babies at Waitakere Hospital, and made commitments to the Vanuatu Project and ROMAC.

As we head into 2014 we need to wish Graham all the best for his foot operation. See you back at the club soon Graham.

NEWS FROM THE PACIFIC:

Rotary has sent 270 ERKS (Emergency Response Kits) to **Tonga** – 270 ERKs were delivered to Ha`apai last Tuesday at 9.00pm by VOEA Pangai (Tonga navy boat). NEMO were arranging the distribution on Wednesday.

NRE LYNN VISIT:

Joining us on our annual pilgrimage to New Lynn were Phoebe Stone, who we're sponsoring to Outward Bound and Lucas (IYE) student who joined us from the Whangarei Sunrise Club last night.

A few Pictures from our New Lynn visit



Next Meeting - 22nd January at the club's home Starling Park Ranui – for a "Burns Night"

What you might want to know about a Burns Night -



(all you need to know about a Burns Night before Mike asks you !)

A **Burns supper** is a celebration of the life and [poetry](#) of the poet [Robert Burns](#), author of many [Scots](#) poems. The suppers are normally held on or near the poet's birthday, 25 January, sometimes also known as **Robert Burns Day** (or **Robbie Burns Day**^[1] or **Rabbie Burns Day**) or **Burns Night**, although they may in principle be held at any time of the year.

Burns suppers are most common in [Scotland](#) and [Northern Ireland](#) but occur wherever there are [Burns Clubs](#), Scottish Societies, expatriate Scots, or aficionados of Burns' poetry. There is a particularly strong tradition of them in southern [New Zealand](#)'s main city [Dunedin](#), of which Burns' nephew [Thomas Burns](#) was a founding father.

Apologies

Please advise Alan if you will be attending (or if you're bringing a guest) apology@details.co.nz

RATHER A LOT OF DATES FOR THE NEW YEAR:

(If you put them in your diary now, we will hopefully be able to get more support for all the exciting events coming up in our area.)

February 10th - Rotoract Training Evening (President, Treasurer and Secretary) Starling Park. Time tba

February 15th - Henderson Rotary "Great Western Hold-Up" - we may be manning the Te Atatu area.

21st, 29th February (and 29th March) - Child Cancer Foundation "Beads of Courage" Collection days

23rd February - Rotoract Pancake Breakfast - people power required to support them.

13th March: - Henderson Rotary's Golf Tournament at Huapai - teams of four golfers.

March 16th: - Waitakere Rotary's Soap Box Derby at Westgate.

March 22nd: - New Lynn Rotary's "International Walk For Water Day" at Unitech. (Help needed)

John