



**Waitakere Rotary Club's Report on the Remedial Work
Undertaken at the Nampangasale Junior High School Tongoa Island
August / September 2014**

Earlier this year our Club was invited to assist with the refurbishment of the buildings at Nampangasale Junior High School on Tongoa Island in Vanuatu. This Rotary International Project was being supervised by Peter Wilson of the Whangaparaoa Rotary Club.

Our main tasks was to refurbish the Administration Building at the School, which ment:

Replace all the roofing iron and attach new spouting for filling the water tank.

Replace, repair and paint all rotten timbers, barge boards, soffits, flashings, fascias and windows

Make old septic system operational.

But first there was a small matter of getting the tools and materials to Vanuatu. There's no Mitre 10 or Bunnings hardware shops on Tongoa, like most of the Islands of Vanuatu. Also loaded were the luxuries' we would needs, tea, coffee, milk, jams, sugar, candles, toilet paper, first aid kits etc.



The Team left for Vanuatu in late August and planned to be away for a week. The Flight from Auckland to Port Vila was on an Air New Zealand scheduled flight. Then on the local airline to Tongoa - Air Taxis little puddle jumper.



Our accommodation was basic, bunk beds, outdoor toilet, shower and a wood fire for heating water





Our life revolved round getting up at 6am when the sun got up and the cocks would start crowing and going to bed about 8pm after dinner, prepared by the ladies of the local village and a glass or two of Kerry's homemade cocktails . We had no electricity at our hotel so at dusk we would turn on the torches and light up the candles.

So what did we come to fix?



So lets get started





So after 5 days the Team of Kerry Mc Millan, Angus Thomson, Peter Thomson, Craiger Hargesheimer, Sheilagh Sutherland Alan Pattison and local villagers, transformed the run down shack back into her former glory. Thanks to all involved including Peter Wilson from Whangaparaoa Club and Chief Willie along with the local villagers who assisted with the work that was undertaken...



So to our final night, Chief Willie and Headmaster Richard accompanied by the local villagers, made thank you speeches for the work we undertook and then presented us all with individual carved wooden dishes as a sign of their appreciation.