

# 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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## MAY: ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH

### NEXT MEETING

<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	<b>30th May 2012</b>
Venue:	Starling Park Sports Club
Event:	<b>RYLA</b>

## THIS WEEK: CLUB NIGHT



The first team: Russell (Dunedin), Alan & Craiger (Waitakere), Marie (Auckland University) and Sandy (Dunedin) at their hotel in Vila on the way to the island



The second team returning:  
Wayne (Dunedin), Alan, Karen (Dunedin),  
Kerry, Sheena, Emile (Kerry's builder son-in-law), Richard (Dunedin)

Over the last two weeks 2 teams of Rotarians went to Orap School in Vanuatu to repair and finish the new dining hall, build a composting toilet and "do something" about the water supply.

There was only one water tank for the entire school, and only two pit toilets (not toilet blocks, toilets) for 200 students, teachers and other staff.

One of the girls dormitory is used as a dining room and the girls are squashed together in the other dorm.

The team returned and reported back.



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### CALENDAR

#### MAY: ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH

28/5/12

*Board Meeting*

29/5/12

*Trees for Survival Seedling Pickup*

30/5/12

#### RYLA students

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

#### JUNE: ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

6/6/12

Club Night

11/6/12

*Board Meeting*

13/6/12

Guest Speaker

19/6/12

*Trees for Survival*

20/6/12

Guest Speaker

22/6/12

*Trees for Survival*

27/6/12

#### Changeover

### 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?

## ORAP SCHOOL: VANUATU

Orap School on Malekula Island in Vanuatu had a problem. A new dining hall was started 5 years ago but not completed. It was built by locals from another village on the island and some of their construction techniques were, at best, a little dodgy. The foundations went in OK but the plans were not as well followed as they should have been when it came to constructing other structural elements – like columns and trusses. The money ran out and short cuts were taken. Columns were too small, exposed steel was rusting and the trusses were constructed from random wood. The purlins were too small and too far apart. Plus numerous other problems.

Rotary Waitakere to the rescue! (With the help of the Harold Thomas Rotary Trust)

With the assistance of some Dunedin North Rotarians, one or two other friends and keen to learn locals the dining hall is now well on the way to completion and, as a bonus, a new composting toilet has been constructed and the water supply is somewhat better thanks to the money provided by the Harold Thomas Rotary Trust.



The plaque on the wall



The first team arrive at the school



"Right. We've put the Rotary plaque up... now where do we start?"





The girl students outside their dormitory waiting for work to start

"Let's install a net ball net. And grind down the spikes in the ground that puncture netballs on a regular basis."

### The Dining Hall Interior



"The materials are here..."



"... and work definitely needs to be done"



The window spaces aren't exactly straight



The boys turn up for a look



A good start - moving 4 cubic metres of sand from the storeroom for use in constructing the toilet and plastering the walls.





Framing up the windows



Door construction – and introducing the local kids to an electric drill and putting them to work



Fixing up the roof trusses



And adding roof bracing





Two expert builders (Emile and Richard) arrive in the second week and install new timber columns to tie into the repaired trusses and the steel in the floor.



A few of the locals are excellent plasterers



The walls freshly plastered

## The Exterior



The far end wall – with exposed untreated purlins. These were later cut off and the iron flashed.



The other end wall complete after plastering, painting and flashing.



The painters at work (Emile supervising, Sheena doing the work)



The Front wall. Karen started painting the window frames before the local women turned up to give her a hand.



The rear wall with painting completed by Sheena and the kids





The front wall well on the way to completion



Sheena with some of her team of willing helpers

### Kitchen construction



Craiger showing the Principal Louie the benches he had constructed and tiled prior to the sink installation



Emile installing the drainage for the sink



The sink installed



Kerry with Louie checking out the new kitchen



Installing the drain pipes and soakage pits for the kitchen sink under Kerry's supervision

### The team



Alan with Sarah the Librarian



Siesta time in the heat of the day



Rotary Accommodation.

The vinyl is kept especially for the Rotarians and rolled up when we leave.





Food!



Ablutions – go then chuck a bucket of water at the hole to flush it



Sheena and Karen prepared dinner for the Wednesday Rotary night meeting with supplies bought from the local shop. No rice...



Tool repair with Kerry holding the screws



The heat mists up the camera lens for a cool photo of Karen and Sheena



Sheena writing up the trip and adding to Marie's notes

### **Composting Toilet Construction**

The school had a bare minimum of toilets so the idea was to build a composting toilet using the Composting Toilet Construction Manual written by Eric Tawney, a Peace Corp volunteer in conjunction with the Vanuatu Government.

Alan supervised the construction of the precast slabs prior to Kerry's arrival. Once Kerry arrived in the second week the toilet was constructed.

Many of the locals turned out to assist keen to learn how to do it themselves. A printed copy of the manual was left for the villagers to refer to in the future.



Building the framework



Mixing concrete



Pouring the concrete



Slab construction on a spare, unused as yet, concrete floor







Four days later Kerry turns up to start supervising the moving of the slabs



Carrying the slab – to the far end of the field



The slabs were heavy and took a team to move them into a prepared hole



Walls in approximate position





The walls were aligned then Sheena and the team laid the floor



Alan pre built a "thunder box"

The liquid drains from the tank through the pipe into the gravel bed leaving the solids in the tank



Next day - now for the roof of the tanks



Emile trying it for size



Tank with lid



The bamboo floor of the tank 100mm off the floor. This is covered in grass and keeps the solids off the floor allowing the liquid to drain. Marine ply doors were constructed as the end wall <someone forgot to photograph these!>







Thunder box installation. Once one tank is filled this tank is closed off and the seat moved to the other tank. When that fills the first tank is shovelled out as good useable compost



"That's better. A seat!"



Wall construction



The thatched roof going on. A good thatch and bamboo walls last 25 to 30 years. The vertical pipes at the back remove the smell

## Water



Water supply. Many of the roofs are as rusty as! The boys installed a new 2 metre stretch of roofing on an existing building at a high point on the school grounds (gravity feed for dining hall) and installed a new tank with pipes leading to stand pipes outside the dining hall, cookhouse and dorm.

## Library



The screens on the library windows had holes in them so wasps were eating the books. Alan replaced the netting



A local checking it out

## The second team on their first night (some people will believe anything)



At precisely 7:30 every night a gigantic swarm of crabs return from the water to their homes in the holes in the playing field. Thousands of crabs scuttle quickly across the field like an invading army <Yeah! Right!> The second team climbed up on the seats waiting for their arrival....



The second team depart



Some by truck...





Some by plane



And others just fish their way out of there



The group reunite for a last photo



And then to sleep (at 2pm)

NOTE: Alan returned from Vanuatu and within two days went down with a bad cold. Being the sharing, caring guy that he is he promptly passed it on to me. <Next time he goes overseas on a Rotary project can someone leave him there?> We'll do a slideshow of all photos next week.

## OUR IYE STUDENT: CECILE

A few of her activities of the last week:



The Outward Bound selection camp was held at Waiwera over the weekend. Cecile attended this on Saturday and met up with Elise – our



Late Saturday night. Cecile fell asleep on the couch cuddled up with the demented cat. (My moving to get the camera woke them both up.

outbound student from last year who went to Chile. A team of Rotarians and ROTEX (returned outward bound students) form the selection panel for the new exchange students.

They looked so cute together)



Sunday Cecile came to my grandson's third birthday party. After watching hoards of small children at play she firmly stated her intention never to have kids – but was spotted having a long conversation with the youngest member of our family ☺  
She was looking forward to attending Roger's birthday party at a restaurant in the evening. No kids!

## OUR ROTARIANS



Our Rotarians (excluding those who were missing for one reason or another tonight)

## DISTRICT CHANGEOVER



This is being held at the Swanson RSA on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. As it is local it would be great if as many of our members as possible could attend.



## Rotary District 9910 change over - Sunday 1st July 2012

You are invited to help District Governor Brian Tuck celebrate his year as Governor and welcome our new District Governor Lindsay Ford at the District change-over



District 9910 Changeover 2012,



The change-over will be held at the Swanson Memorial RSA. 663 Swanson Road, Swanson  
Click for map <http://g.co/maps/pzd7f>

Mix and Mingle from 1:00pm for a 1:30pm lunch

Followed by the change over ceremony which should conclude around 4:00PM


- Cost \$30.00 per person
- A Cash Bar will be operating
- Entertainment -
- Please RSVP by the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – with names and numbers
  - E-mail: [muriwai43@xtra.co.nz](mailto:muriwai43@xtra.co.nz)
  - Phone (09) 4118441
- Make Cheques payable –
  - The Rotary Club of Henderson
  - PO Box 21-038, Henderson, 0650.
  - or
  - Direct credit to BNZ Henderson: 02 0152 0032079 02, with name and club in the subject line.

The Rotary club of Henderson is acting as host New Zealand club for incoming District Governor Lindsay and Alison Ford who have their home on Norfolk Island.

We look forward to your company on the 1st of July when we will show you some good old fashioned hospitality.

Tom Hendriks JNR –President 2011-12



PARTING THOUGHT			
RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE	FINES
Cecile		\$27.20	\$75.20
APOLOGIES:			
apology@details.co.nz or ph 8109 589 no later than <b>5pm on the Monday</b> 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		ATTENDANCE	
President	Craig Hargesheimer	Present:	Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Linda C, Roger F, Derek G, Craig H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Jack R, Peter S, Sheena S
President Elect	Heather Pattison	Make ups:	
Vice President	Derek Gee	Apologies:	Mike A, Terry H, Graham N, Alan P,
Secretary	Bob Benzie	Late Apologies:	Heather P, John R
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Guests:	Cecile
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Leave:	Monique M, Domenic W
International Director	Kerry McMillan	Attendance:	/21 %
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Sheena Spittles		
Sergeant	John Riddell		
NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES		WEBSITE ADDRESSES	
Squire		Waitakere Rotary <a href="http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/">http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/</a>	
Squire		Rotary International <a href="http://www.rotary.org/">http://www.rotary.org/</a>	
Greeter		Rotary NZ <a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz">http://www.rotary.org.nz</a>	
Grace		District Governor's newsletter <a href="http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org/newsletter.cfm?District=10">http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org/newsletter.cfm?District=10</a>	
Introduction		Rotary Downunder Magazine <a href="http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au">www.rotarydownunder.com.au</a>	
Thanks		Rotary NZ Promotions and Information <a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364">www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364</a>	
Parting Thought		Admin page and information <a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180">http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180</a>	
Dealer		Future Vision <a href="http://www.rotary.org/future_vision">www.rotary.org/future_vision</a>	
Joker		Rotary E Club (for make ups) <a href="http://www.rotaryclubone.org/">http://www.rotaryclubone.org/</a>	
Joker		Dare West <a href="http://darewest.org.nz/">http://darewest.org.nz/</a>	
			
COUSIN GEORGE:			
Artist Pablo Picasso surprised a burglar at work in his new chateau. The intruder got away, but Picasso told the police he could do a rough sketch of what he looked like.			
On the basis of his drawing, the police arrested a mother superior, the minister of finance, a washing machine, and the Eiffel tower.			
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