

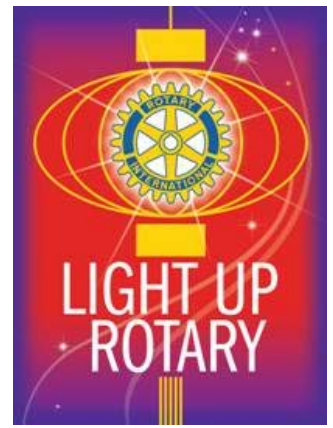


The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910

Chronicle for 10 Sep 2014



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IPPresident Peter welcomed members and guests Shane Reti & Don Nightingale

Appologies: Bill & Alison, Rae, Jack & Barbara Lucy, Pat, Gail & Brian

One Minute Notices :

1st November the four Whangarei Clubs are joining together in a Float for the Christmas Parade.

Guest Speaker Shane Reti (National) and Don Nightingale (Conervatives)

Don mentioned the main policies that the Conservative Party are campaigning on.

- 1 **Binding referendums.** Since MMP when a Citizens initiated referendum was held and there was a clear outcome, the peoples wishes were ignored.
- 2 **Your first \$20,000** will be tax free then a flat tax on the balance.
- 3 **Tougher penalties for criminals.** We want justice for victims of crime and harsher penalties for those who do the crime
- 4 **One Law to rule us all.** We stand for equal rights and representation for all New Zealander. Plain and simple.
- 5 **Land ownership should not be sold.**

Shane talked about his family who are from northland and his background from a working class family where no one in his family had ever travelled or even had a passport. At the age of 16 the Hamilton Rotary Club nominated him for a student exchange to USA. His successful application changed his life in many ways. Experiencing a type of life that he only ever dreamed about, living with multi millionaires and seeing what hard work and education could do for him. The rest is history and Shane is very keen to help people reach their potential.

Shane said there were 3 issues that have repeatedly come up throughout his campaign that we should look at and decide where we stand.

- 1 **Pension.** Leave it at 65 as National prefer or Raise to 67 as Labour want.
- 2 **Education.** Lower teacher to pupil ration from 29 to 26. That's labours stance or increase the standard of teachers as National are proposing, you decide what's better for our children.
- 3 **Capital Gains Tax.** Labour will introduce a capital Gains tax, the same as in Australia which has proved to be inefficient and doesn't work, or no capital gains tax. You decide.

Both agreed they could work together in a coalition and both agreed that NZ first would be difficult to work with.

For more info goto www.national.org.nz or www.conservativeparty.org.nz

Duty Roster (a.m – 11:30 for noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm)			
Lunch first, dinner second – 1 st Wed lunch 2 nd dinner etc Notify Club of apologies – 4387429 (by Tuesday)			
Duties	17 Sep (am)	24 Sep (pm)	Hospital
Speaker	Lunch Forum	Gwen Needham	Gail
Host	None	Bill & Alison	
Thanks	None	Bill & Alison	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	
Parting Thought	Mike	Bill & Alison	

Parting thought from Mike

“Some days you are the fly and some days you’re the windscreen”

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31 August 2014

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Hi, my name is Rachelle Cox. I am a 21 year old 4th year medical student currently studying towards a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Auckland. I grew up in Waipu, attending Waipu Primary and Bream Bay College where I was Head Girl in 2010. I have been involved with the Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving Club and played for Waipu Netball Club for many years. I competed in the Rotary Debating competition when I was at school. I moved to Auckland to study, but definitely want to return and work as a rural doctor once I graduate.

I am passionate about rural health and reducing the health inequalities within New Zealand. I am the 2014 President of the University of Auckland's Rural Health organisation, Grassroots. Our aim is to improve the shortage of health professionals working rurally. One way we do this is by encouraging students from rural areas like Northland to consider a career in health, by visiting schools like Dargaville and Tikipunga High Schools to run fun interactive workshops and talk about university. I am lucky to have been selected for a highly competitive placement at Whangarei Hospital next year, and am looking forward to getting back to my Northland roots.

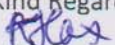
I have recently enrolled in an Outward Bound course and am seeking funding support. I would really appreciate the help of the Rotary Club of Whangarei if possible. I am attending the Classic Outward Bound course, running from the 2nd – 22nd of December. I have dreamed of doing an Outward Bound course since I was at school, and this summer is the only window of opportunity left for me to attend before I start working long hours at the hospital. This course is all about pushing limits and making you realise "there is always more in you", involving 21 action packed days of tramping, kayaking, rock climbing and sailing. I have never done anything like this before, and think it will be an amazing experience.

Entering medicine straight from school means that I will be a doctor by the time I am 23 – this is both an exciting and terrifying thought! As a doctor I will have to deal with many challenging situations, with very sick patients and stressed families. I will have huge responsibility, and will often have to make crucial decisions under pressure. I am hoping this course will help me gain the confidence and strength to deal with these difficult situations, and enable me to give the best possible care to my future patients.

Unfortunately the course fees for an Outward Bound course are very expensive (\$3950), and that doesn't include flights there, so I am trying to raise as much money as I possibly can, in a variety of ways. I am running the Whangarei Half Marathon in September, and am asking my friends and family to sponsor me to do this run. I am going to organise a raffle, hold sausage sizzles and sell any unneeded belongings on trademe to help raise funds. I am applying for any one-off jobs I can find, like working at the Auckland Home Show.

I am also approaching business and organisations asking for sponsorship. I would like to ask the Rotary Club of Whangarei to please help my fundraising efforts, by supporting me in any way possible.

I would be more than happy to come and to speak with the club about my experience after I have attended the course. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on rachellexcox@gmail.com or 02102665972. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind Regards,

Rachelle Cox