

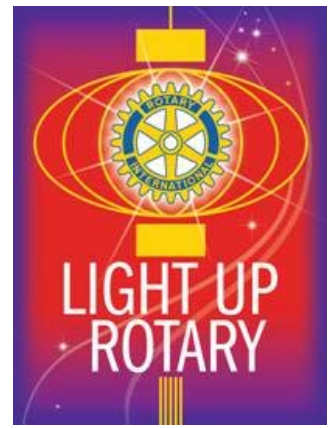


The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910

Chronicle for 23 Jul 2014



Int President Ron Burton

President - Peter Mulhare, President Elect & Secretary- Gail Taylor, , Treasurer - Peter Bayne, Chronicle - Andrew Bax, Community – Andrew Bax, International - Roger Barber, Programme –Rex Morris, Almoner - George Wilson, Historian - Lloyd Morris, Website - Andrew Bax, Board Member – Bill Rossiter, Board Member – Frank Geddes, District Governor – Phil Ashton, Assistant Governor – Peter Smith

President Gail welcomed members and Guest Speaker Jono Carpenter

Apologies: Jack & Barbara Lucy

Announcements:

- DG is visiting our Club on 20th Aug, Committee are meeting at lunchtime at the Club prior to the Speech Contest Finals in the evening.
- Another Octagon Theatre production – “Side Effects” Mike is going to book in 7 Aug for the Club.
- Subs are now due for the year -\$150
- Reminder that on 30 July we are having dinner at Asahi Japanese restaurant. (5th Wednesday of the month) - Give numbers to Mike.
- Speech contest is rolling along, Peter is contacting the local schools and Andrew is following up with the Clubs organising the Zones semi finals.
- 24 October is Polio day and Rotary are having a BBQ dinner on the Bridge to no-where.

Guest Speaker Jono Carpenter – Ruapekapeka

Jono has been in Northland for 10 years and is doing his PHD on Ruapekapeka, concentrating on the British troops and their camps.

On 20 Dec 1845 the Troops walked to Ruapekapeka to setup their fortress to defeat Kawahiti and his men. There were approx. 1100 troops and 300 Allied Maori. Kawahiti let the British get established even though they were going to fight the local Maori. The wars were undertaken with high ethical standards which are very different to wars nowadays. The roll of the Maori allies was understated.

With the support of DOC & Ruapekapeka Trust Jono was able to excavate 100m of British trenches finding 32 musket ball beer bottle and fizzy drink. Excavating British camps doesn't usually produce many artefacts as the discipline of the troops meant they kept a very clean camp.

The site of the British camp was ploughed up in 1880 so most of the archaeology was destroyed.

Jono presented a power point display with artist pictures of the camps and site maps of the area.

The information Jono showed was quite detailed and he still has more to excavate with the help of archaeology students. If you visit Ruapekapeka you will see the diggings still in progress.

Shirley thanked Jono and has visited the site several times and found it most fascinating.

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	30 Jul (pm)	6 Aug (pm)	Hospital
Speaker	Asahi Dinner	Speech contest Zone final	Gail
Host	none	none	
Thanks	none	none	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	
Parting Thought	none	Gail	

Parting thought from Shirley

“One man in a 1000 is a leader of men, the other 999 follow women!”