



The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910

Chronicle for 25 June 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 Peter's welcomed members and Guests:

Mayor Sheryl Mai, Dr Shane Reti, Reo Smith & Tara Thompson (Whangarei City joint President/ secretary), John & Barbara Barber (Whangarei South President), Rosemary Meyer (AG) and Cala Schornborn (IYE student from Germany)

Apologies: Bert & Betty, Jack & Barbara Lucy.

Announcements:

- Bert is having an eye operation.
- Barbara Lucy had a heart attack and now has a pacemaker.
We hope you both recover soon.

Rotary Speech – Change over 2014/2015

Mayor Cheryl Mai; Distinguished Guests; Fellow Rotarians and Partners; A very good evening to you all.

I welcome you all, to this 2014/2015 Change over Function.

Thank you Mayor Cheryl Mai for your talk, we all enjoyed hearing about the plans for the future of Whangarei and hope that the changes to be brought about by the local body commission will not affect our District too drastically.

The Rotary Club of Whangarei is 90 years young, it is the Patriarch of Rotary in Northland and one of the oldest clubs in the Country.

We are now 13 members, Membership having gained a member earlier in the year. So there are still some challenges ahead. Each and every member of this Club needs to stay focussed, on recruitment of prospective members.

I must also acknowledge, that the re-jig of our meeting hours have helped our attendance. Our evening meetings have been a particular success this past 12 months, and even our luncheon meetings although a little less formal have had increased attendance, this has been really pleasing result.

Despite our numbers, as a Club we have had many worthwhile achievements this past year, for instance we had the:-

- The Christmas Trailer Raffle. Thank you Andy Bax for an extremely well run project which was our major source of funds for the year.
- The Rotary Club of Whangarei Speech Contest. Again must thank Andy Bax, for running the contest and the entire club for their input into supporting the Contest this past year.

Thank you again to Pat Elrick for acting as a Judge in the Contest, and also for providing the raffle prize for this evening, it is much appreciated.

- As a Club we collected for Daffodil Day for the Cancer Society and ran the Memory Tree for a day.
- Again as a Club we collected for the Blind Institute, and their Red Puppy Day.
- We have done our bit in tidying up Whangarei with our Scrap Metal Drives and Bill Rossiter has taken quite a few trailer loads of scrap to the "Scrappy" in Kamo. Thank you Bill.
- Another major project undertaken this year was to bring two Rarotongan Medical Personnel to New Zealand for 2 weeks. To gain experience in a Large Hospital. These were a Doctor, and a Charge Nurse, both from the Rarotongan Hospital Trauma Team.

We appreciated greatly the help and cooperation of the Northland District Health Board and in particular Margareth Broodkorn, Director of Nursing and Midwifery, for facilitating the Training of these People while they were here.

We also appreciate the assistance given to the two Rarotongan Personnel from Dr Kati Blattner CEO of Hauora Hokianga (Hokianga Hospital), for her time and Training of Dr Erenoa Rakanui in Cottage Hospital Medicine.

Thank you to the Bernard Bowden Trust for providing the necessary funds to do this. In particular to Dr Katherine Bowden for the gift of the Trust, and Jim Kilpatrick for his work as executor of the Trust.

- As a Board of Trustees we distributed some \$28 000 to the Northland Community through our vehicle the A K Franks Trust.
- Thank you to all the Club Members for their participation in The Rotary Club of Whangarei for the past year, and your continued support, that I know you will give in the forth coming year.

I have 3 final acts to perform as your President for 2013/2014 the first is the induction of a new Member of our team, Alison Rossiter.

Secondly I would like to present the Trophy for our finest Rotarian of the year, to a Person who has given her all for our club this past 12 months, and who thoroughly deserves the trophy – Gail Taylor.

Lastly I would like to present Andrew Bax, with a celebratory Pin for being the only member to recruit a new member this year.

I would like you all to meet and give a round of applause to your incoming President for the 2014/2015 Rotary Year Gail Taylor. Who I'm sure has lots to tell you about the coming year, and introduce you to the Board for the coming year.



25 June 2014

As usual we had a lovely dinner then moved across the room to be given an address from:-

Mayor Sheryl Mai showing where and how much our Council is going to spend this year.

The Council are planning to spend \$50m on infrastructure. They normally spend about \$40m but plan to spend more which will help the local economy.

It takes about \$160m to run the Council each year.

Council voted on the controversial Huntervasser Museum today. 6 for & 8 against, Sheryl said she was disappointed and has split the community but its not completely lost, as a group are still trying to find funds to continue.

Sheryl used a power point presentation and spoke very well and answered all questions with clarity and authority.

The new bridge and walkways have been well received and Council are very pleased with the town basin upgrade and are pleased with the amount of people taking advantage of the 4.2km circuit which only has the last walk bridge to complete.

Lloyd gave thanks to Sheryl

Changeover

Peter handed over to Gail and was relieved to take the weight of his shoulders by handing over the chain of office.



Rotary International theme is **“Light up Rotary”**

Gail told the club that we need to maintain the membership drive and wants to raise the profile of Rotary this year. Gail announced the new committee as follows:-

Secretary – Alison

Treasurer – Peter B

Community & Chronicle – Andrew

International & Foundation – Roger

IPP – Peter M

Committee – Bill

Program - Mike

Gail once again thanked all the guests and reiterated that as President she will be an expert at delegation!

| Duty Roster (a.m – 11:30 for noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm) | | | | |
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| Lunch first, dinner second – 1 st Wed lunch 2 nd dinner etc Notify Club of apologies – 4387429 (by Tuesday) | | | | |
| Duties | 2 Jul (am) | 2 Jul (pm) | Hospital | |
| Speaker | Lunch Forum | Kath Hanson | Gail | |
| Host | None | Maurice | | |
| Thanks | None | Maurice | | |
| Reception | Everyone | Everyone | | |
| Parting Thought | Gail | Maurice | | |

Parting thought from Peter M

“A closed mind is like a closed book: Just a piece of wood”