

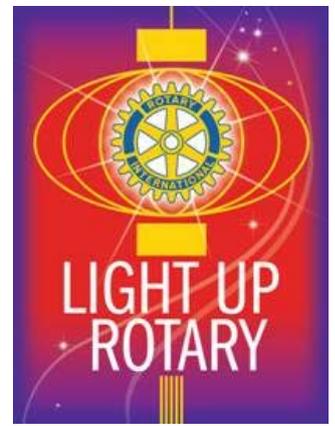


# The Rotary Club of Whangarei

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910

Chronicle for 30 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 Guests Shane Reti & Partner and Shanes Parents

**Apologies:** Jack & Barbara Lucy

- **Announcements:**

Gail formally introduced Shane as an honorary member of our Club.

Shane thanked the Club and mentioned that on the road he often brings up Rotary and how it influenced his life. Shane was brought up in a state house in a low socioeconomic area and was lucky enough to be chosen as a IYE student to go to America. Shane was hosted by 3 millionaires and other wealthy families and he saw another side of life that was completely foreign to him but it gave Shane motivation to achieve and aim beyond what he thought himself capable of. For that Shane will for ever appreciate the opportunity Rotary gave him.

- Dinner was very nice and the turnout was great.



The table was set then Mandy & I arrived so we had to add 2 more places, next Debbie & Maurice turned up , opps we needed to squash in 2 more. But wait, there's more, Roger decided to arrive, so he sat on the end. We were all settled down and placing orders when Peter B & Ray showed their faces after sorting out a power cut at home. So frank was pushed over (bottom end) and 2 more squashed in. This made for a full house and the conversations only stopped when we were filling our faces.

Great evening with good company and great food.

<b>Duty Roster</b> (a.m – 11:30 for noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm)			
Lunch first, dinner second – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed lunch 2 <sup>nd</sup> dinner etc Notify Club of apologies – 4387429 (by Tuesday)			
<b>Duties</b>	<b>6 Aug (pm)</b>	<b>13 Aug (pm)</b>	<b>Hospital</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	Speech contest Zone final	WBHS Prefects	Gail
<b>Host</b>	none	Rex	
<b>Thanks</b>	none	Rex	
<b>Reception</b>	Everyone	Everyone	
<b>Parting Thought</b>	Gail	Rex	

Parting thought from Andrew

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MY FRIENDS WHO WEREBORN IN THE**

1930's 1940's, 50's, 60's and early 70's !

**First, we survived being born to mothers who  
smoked and/or drank while they carried us and  
lived in houses made of asbestos.**

**They took aspirin, ate blue cheese, raw egg  
products, loads of bacon and processed meat, tuna  
from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes or  
cervical cancer.**

**Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with  
bright coloured lead-based paints.**

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or  
cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or  
shoes, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

**As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air  
bags.**

**We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.**

Take away food was limited to fish and chips, no pizza shops, McDonalds , KFC, Subway or Nandos.

Even though all the shops closed at 6.00pm and didn't open on the weekends, somehow we didn't starve to death!

**We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.**

We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the corner store and buy Toffees, Gobstoppers, Bubble Gum and some bangers to blow up frogs with.

**We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because.....**

**WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!**

**We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.**

**No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.**

**We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. We built tree houses and dens and played in river beds with matchbox cars.**

**We did not have Playstations, Nintendo Wii , X-boxes, no video games at all, no 999 channels on SKY ,**

**no video/dvd films,**

**no mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!**

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no Lawsuits from these accidents.

Only girls had pierced ears!

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns at Easter time...

**We were given air guns and catapults for our 10th birthdays,**

**We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!**

Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet! RUGBY and CRICKET had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!! Getting into the team was based on

### MERIT

Our teachers used to hit us with canes and gym shoes and bullies *always* ruled the playground at school.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of.

**They actually sided with the law!**

Our parents didn't invent stupid names for their kids like 'Kiora' and 'Blade' and 'Ridge' and 'Vanilla'

**We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO**

**DEAL WITH IT ALL !**

**And YOU are one of them!**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**You might want to share this with others who have had the  
luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the  
government regulated our lives for our own good  
And while you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will  
know how brave their parents were.**

PS -The big type is because your eyes are not too good at your  
age anymore