



ROTARY CLUB OF WANGANUI

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THIS WEEK Monday 8 Aug 2011 Noon KingsGate	Speaker: Helen Craig
	Topic The Dynamic Environment of the Whanganui Regional Arts Culture Host Max Restieaux Thanks: Helen Atkinson Visitors Denis McGowan Top table Ian McGowan
NEXT MEETING Monday 15 August 2011 KingsGate	Speaker: TBC
	Topic TBC Host TBC Thanks: Helen Atkinson Visitors Denis McGowan Top table Ian McGowan
LAST MEETINGS 25 July 2011	25/7/11
	Present 30 Excused 4 Apologies 10 Silent 12 % attendance 57.7 %
O T H E R C L U B S	WANGANUI SOUTH Tuesday, 6 pm RSA Restaurant, Taupo Quay
	WANGANUI NORTH Wednesday, 6 pm Function Centre, Racecourse
	WANGANUI DAYBREAK Monday, 6.50 am Stellar
	WAVERLEY-AOTEA Thursday, 6 pm The Woolshed 23 Mangatangi Road Waverley

District Governor: Bob Smith.
Assistant Governor: Garth Barlow

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Peter Brown 347 8344

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Apologies:

Please phone and leave a message with the secretary or Peter Smith Tel 342 5812 or email to smith.farm@actrix.co.nz by 11.00 am Monday, or txt Kate on 029 24 22440



Bernie Rush

Urban Search and Rescue USAR

Bernie is a fellow Rotarian, having joined Wanganui North in 1998, and is President Elect of the Hutt Valley club. He joined the NZ Fire Service in Auckland over 40 years ago and came to Wanganui in 1998 as Fire Chief, originally for 2 years, but he is still here!

Bernie showed us part of a DVD made about the USAR and the Canterbury earthquake aftermath. It was produced and released just before the February 'quake. In the video, the work of the USAR teams was graphically shown; and the international co-operation was also highlighted.

The original Urban Search and Rescue was based in Palmerston North in 1995, having started in the USA in 1989. It can deal with any kind of emergency. NZ has three regional teams - Palmerston North, Auckland and Christchurch (similar total size to one country team overseas) which fits in with the geographic and geological diversity the country.

There are 30/40 members, mostly fire fighters, but, unique in the flexibility and interchangeability of members. All members are trained to international standards with the management team focusing on co-ordination. The service worked on a shoestring at first and had many instances of Kiwi ingenuity. It is a multi-agency task force which was passed back to the NZ Fire Service in 2008 complete with new USAR logo.

The co-operation extends from civilian search dog handlers to work between various government agencies. This was seen first hand with the organisation of overseas teams coming to assist in Christchurch. All aspects of travel, immigration procedures, equipment clearance, being met at the airport and taken to Christchurch worked so well that the team from Australia was at work within 2 hours of arrival. This system is likely to be followed by other countries, especially after the challenges faced by teams going to assist in Japan.

Bernie was one of the creators of the guidelines for the USAR and these have now been adopted worldwide. Even the equipment can be interchangeable – with the American teams leaving their gear behind when they left – this is now likely to form part of NZ's ability to be available for international deployment.

In many cases the UN looks after co-ordination but NZ was able to do this through local councils, regional councils then the National Crisis Management team.

Very strict hygiene conditions apply in emergencies as 'bugs' are the biggest problem for staff. Searches are carried out thoroughly, even if no-one is found – although a pigeon was rescued on one occasion! As earthquakes are all different, it was suggested that finding somewhere 'solid' like a corner of a room, against a wall, under a stout table would be wise, but not going outside – in the February event, debris was thrown all over the streets. We were also reminded to let authorities know we are safe in an emergency. The USAR team needs twice as many members and is looking for them.

Club Notices

Birthdays

No Members Birthdays this week.

Did you Know.....

It is the Birthday of :

"Sweet" Lou Dunbar,
basketball player (Harlem
Globetrotters 8 August 1953

Committee Meeting

Senior committee will meet on Wed
10 Aug at 7 Park Place – upstairs – at
10 am. Agenda – Reality Rotary

RYLA

Ages 18 – 24

Candidates active in the community

Nominations to Robert Scott

COOL Project

Clean Our Own Litter

in conjunction with
Farmlands
bags to be distributed,

our role to distribute bags and liaise
with council and pickup bags ...
watch this space

Rotary Leadership Institute Programme for Rotarians

3 - 1 day workshops first intake

3 Sept., 5 Nov, 17 Mar

Bizarre - Interesting :

the nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte
started the FBI.

RYPEN What does RYPEN stand for? –

Rotary Youth Program of
Enrichment

ages 14 – 17

Outward Bound Turning 50

Rotary help start Outward Bound New Zealand in 1962!

Actually - 50000 people have taken part and of them 3000 have been sponsored by Rotary.



2nd September 2012, exactly 50 years and 1 day after Outward Bound started in 1962, 126 students aged 18-26 years will start their 21-day Classic course (9 watches in total); the participants will be selected and funded by Rotary Clubs nationwide to acknowledge the ongoing support of Rotary -50 years and counting!

http://www.outwardbound.co.nz/about-ob/news/ob/article/outward-bound-50th-anniversary/?no_cache=1&cHash=5b291e2c37e59c59e94d113c5b64c5c1

August – Month of Membership and Extension

"It intrigues me why people join rotary. I have come to the conclusion people join rotary because

1. Friendship
2. Prestige of being a Rotarian
3. An opportunity to network

Then something happens. You find out that besides friendship, prestige and networking opportunities, rotary promotes higher ethical values. Then the magic of rotary occurs. The transformation...

- Rotarians find out that they can do something working together - community service.
- They find out they can help communities in far away places. The big transformation occurs. That's international service!

It's hard to explain how it happens. It just happens. The international transformation. That's the magic of rotary " Frank J Devlyn

<http://www.frankdevlyn.org/speeches/trf-speech.htm>

Personal reminders