



ROTARY CLUB OF WANGANUI

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PO Box 504 Wanganui

THIS WEEK
Monday
5 Sep
2011
Noon
Grand Hotel

Speaker: Bruce Gordon

Topic Horizons Regional Council – New Developments

Host Hugh Reid

Thanks: Peter Smith

Visitors Stephen Poynter

Top table Robert Scott

NEXT MEETING
Monday
12
September
2011
Kingsgate

Speaker: Dot McKinnon

Topic Wanganui City Then and Now

Host Ian McGowan

Thanks: Anne Petherick

Visitors Kate Smith

Top table Peter Smith

LAST MEETINGS
29 August
2011

29/8/11

Present 33

Excused 4

Apologies 9

Silent 9

% attendance 64.7 %

Club Membership 55

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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

President:

Peter Brown 347 8344

Secretary:

Jim Callaghan 344 6277

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



Trevor Goodwin – UCOL Update

Trevor is well known locally as an accountant, at Maxwell School or at Wanganui Gas. After being the head of Business NZ, he took on the role of Chairman of the UCOL Council 18 months ago.

Trevor was able to give members a summary of what has been happening recently at UCOL. He started by looking at the TEC Tertiary Education Strategy which for 2010-2011 meant changes in the governance model along with changes in funding. Tertiary institutes now are paid for performance. UCOL had instituted several new processes to ensure that it improves its performance and ratings. One of these is an enrolment management process which aims to select a course of study for each student which fits their needs and ability. This is to ensure that they not only complete the course but complete the ultimate qualification. There are approximately 3 500 domestic students and 200 international currently studying across the three UCOL campuses.

The strategic direction covers several areas including, improving educational outcomes, revenue diversification, improving Maori educational outcomes, organisational capability, sustainability, specialisation in health, trades and arts. For all of these there are Educational Performance Indicators in place. UCOL is in the low-risk category for financial performance. TEC set targets which have a tolerance of between 97% to 103%, and there is a recommendation of a 5% surplus. UCOL is on track to achieve this. Trevor explained that surpluses are needed as TEC has warned of a much tougher position from 2013. At present, only UCOL Palmerston North is profitable. There are several strategic projects under way. Safer Buildings applies to all campuses and is necessary for student safety, although all buildings meet current requirements, these are getting more stringent as a result of the Christchurch experiences. The Quay School of the Arts will relocate to the Wicksteed campus until the project is completed – although at this stage it is unclear whether the buildings will be strengthened or demolished. Ten buildings are involved at an estimated cost of \$21m. The Specialisation project is highlighting UCOL strengths with the intention of teaching courses which will lead to students getting jobs. UCOL, especially Wanganui, has won many awards in Arts and Design.

Le Cordon Bleu NZ Institute has been established as a private training organisation and will open in Wellington soon. This will provide training for practising chefs.

Trevor concluded that UCOL is doing well as an institution and will work hard to keep attracting and holding students in the current economic environment. He passed on the appreciation of the Council to the many scholarships provided by local businesses. These make a big difference to the students and to their motivation to complete their qualifications.

Club Notices

Birthdays

No Birthdays for members this week. However it is

Robert Fergusson, Scottish poet
(Scots poems) 5th Sept 1750

NOTE :

5th September

GRAND HOTEL

Lunch \$17.50

one course, tea and coffee

Sandwiches \$10

Ring to book sandwiches 345 0953



The Rotary Youth Leadership Award is a five-day programme for potential leaders, between the ages of 18 and 24. It is a Programme run by Rotary throughout the world. All participants are sponsored in full, either by a Rotary Club or by an organisation.

If you want to apply, you will be someone who has demonstrated potential as a leader in your community, your studies, your workplace, sports team or the arts.

Nominations for applicants close 30 September See Robert Scott.

Membership

**Prospective new member
Geoff Duff**

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

**RYPEN Rotary Youth
Program of Enrichment**



What is it? RYPEN is a programme for 14 to 17 year old young people of both genders who possess qualities of decency, sincerity, persistence and application which deserves further development.

It is organised in Rotary District 9940 by the Rotary Club of Taihape Incorporated and held at the Kawhatau Outdoor Education Centre near Taihape.

This is a facility owned by the Rotary Club of Taihape Inc, and administered by a local Trust made up of Rotarians and local outdoor enthusiasts.

When is it ?: Due to the Rugby World Cup 2011, RYPEN will be later this year, held on the 4th 5th 6th of November 2011.

Nominations close 3 October application form <http://www.rotary9940.org.nz/index.php>
also See Robert Scott.

Rotary Riddle

Using the code of the alphabet backwards A is 26 and B is 25... Figure out the following message.

9 12 7 26 9 2 2 12 6 7 19 15 22 26 23 22 9 6 19 18 11

8 22 9 5 18 24 22 26 25 12 5 22 8 22 15 21

7 19 22 9 22 19 8 19 12 11 22



THANK YOU



Volunteers for the Daffodil Day an awesome day.

THANK YOU

Ron Stoneman, Dick Mitchell, for co-ordinating and finishing off the firewood project for this

winter. Huge job.

Personal reminders