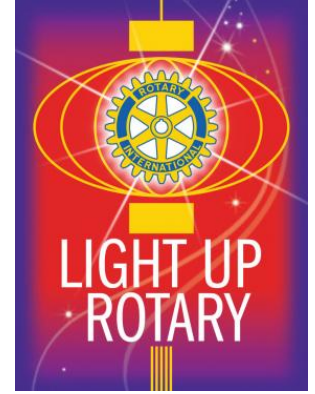




# Whangarei Rotary

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



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## Int President Gary C.K. Huang

President – Gail Taylor, Secretary- Alison Rossiter, Treasurer – Bill Rossiter, Chronicle - Andrew Bax, Community – Andrew Bax, International - Roger Barber, Programme –Mike Elrick, Almoner - George Wilson, Historian - Lloyd Morris, Website - Andrew Bax, Board Member – Maurice Schicker,  
District Governor – Bruce Rasmussen, Assistant Governor – Rosemary Meyer

### Whangarei Rotary 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Programme

Welcome For those who don't know me I am Gail Taylor, the President of Whangarei Rotary. We're honoured to have with us tonight the immediate past DG, new DG, Governor elect & assistant DG as well as guests from other clubs. Thank you to Eadon & Lois Howe for the orchids & daughter Peta Stevenson for icing the cake.

Apologies Jack & Barbara-Lucy Hosken (club member & wife)  
Peter & Margaret Mulhare (club member & wife)  
Lloyd & Colleen Morris (Honorary member & wife)  
Peter & Rae Bayne (ex member & wife)  
Ray & Jenny McMurdie (ex member & wife)  
Dr Katherine Bowden (widow of Bernard Bowden of Trust)  
Tara Thompson ( Secretary City)  
David Grindle ( President Sunrise)  
Sue & John Woffindin ( President Inner Wheel)  
Steve & Margaret Westgate (South)  
Jan Hewitt & Tony Collins (imm past pres Sunrise)  
Francine Shields (potential new member-ill)

Introductions Bruce & Christine Rasmussen (immediate past DG & wife)  
Bill & Alison Rossiter (treasurer & secretary)  
Dianne Humphries ( widow of our esteemed late member Greg)  
Tony Savage (President South)  
Andrew & Mandy Bax (member & wife)  
Alan & Joy Boniface (Warkworth Rotary)  
Rosemary Meyer (assistant DG)  
Frank Geddes (member)  
Roger & Margaret Barber (member& wife)  
Peter Smith (Governor elect)  
Reo Smith (president of City)

Chris Barber (South)

Bert & Betty Boswell (member & wife)

George & Trish Wilson (member & wife)

Laurie & Gaynor Young (South)

Shirley Faber ( President elect Whangarei)

Honorary member Shane Reti & partner Yvonne Lyon

Bronwyn Collett (Daughter)

Dan Collett (Son-in Law)

Mike & Pat Elrick (member & wife)

John & Kath Barber (immediate past president South)

Jim & Megan Kilpatrick ( Secretary for Bernard Bowden)

Maurice & Debbie Schicker (member)

Brian & Prue Burnett (president Dargaville)

Peter Garnett (District Governor)

Elaine Mead (his right hand man)

Murray Inder (South) & wife Daphne

Brian Taylor (my husband)

A very nice 3 course meal was had by all in between presentations.





## President's Report

We're here tonight to celebrate 90 years of Rotary in Whangarei. Many things are still the same in 2012 as they were in 2025. We still put Service Above Self. We still strive to make the world a better place for everyone. We still make an impact on our local community. Some things are quite different. Rotary is no longer a gentlemen's club for successful business men only. Women are able to join. White collar & blue collar members are valued equally. The ethnicity of members is becoming more varied. Our life styles are totally different today. This has seen the requirement to attend weekly meetings removed.

The Rotary Club of Whangarei has changed as well. Women are very welcome & even encouraged to hold office. We welcome any new members from any background. The only thing we ask is that they uphold the Rotary principles. During the year 2014-2015 we rebranded ourselves as Whangarei Rotary to move us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

As a group we have had a very successful year. In the community we have helped with collection days for Hospice, the Red Puppy Appeal & Daffodil Day. We helped man the Hospice Memory Tree at Christmas & members also provided assistance with blood pressure checks for the stroke foundation.

Our Speech Competition for Secondary Students was well attended. The standard gets better every year. If anyone wants to hear these young adults they should come along on the night. I can guarantee an excellent evening's entertainment. We are already having enquiries for this year's event, which shows how popular it is. We have also supported students to attend MUNA, the Science Extravaganza & to go on Outward Bound courses.

Over the summer months we had our annual Trailer Raffle in progress. This was opened as customary over the two days of the Summer Show. We then spent the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> of December selling tickets, sausages & drinks outside Mitre 10. This year we sold every ticket printed. This enabled us to donate \$3000 to Foundation. I would like to acknowledge the support of Mitre 10 which made this possible.

Whangarei Rotary is also fortunate in having three Trusts available.

The Bernard Bowden Trust was set up to enable us to bring medical personell from The Cook Islands to New Zealand for professional development. This year we welcomed Dr Tekaa'i Nelesone & Nurse Patricia Puna. Whangarei Hospital has been instrumental in making this programme successful. In more recent years we have also had support from the Rawene hospital.

The AK Franks Trust is targeted at helping the wider Northland community. This year we donated over \$23,000 to a variety of organizations.

The McCoy Trust gives us more discretionary power. It helps us to consider applications from individuals for more personal projects. In the previous year \$5000 was donated.

In the later half of 2014 Whangarei Rotary suggested a merger with Whangarei South. We felt that this would be in the best interests of Rotary to keep a presence in Whangarei. When this idea was rejected by South we all quietly breathed a sigh of relief as it enabled us to carry on with our small, family group. While being small makes it difficult to recruit officers, it is also our strength. It is easier to make decisions with a smaller number of different ideas. We all know each other well & offer support when it is needed. Everyone is willing to participate in functions & fund-raising & service activities. I would like to acknowledge here the support we get from spouses & extended family members. Our band of workers is much larger than the list in the Rotary hand-book would suggest. Our challenge this year is to increase our membership to a level where we become a viable option again.

Gail then introduced her board members for the 2015-2016 year  
 Bill Rossiter – Treasurer  
 Alison Rossiter – Secretary  
 Shirley Faber – President Elect  
 Andrew Bax – Community Reporter  
 Maurice Schicker – Youth director  
 Mike Elrick – Programme Manager  
 Roger Barber – International Manger  
 Peter Mulhare – Bernard Bowden Trust



Lots more to come!!  
 Surprises and presentations  
 Watch this space for the next exciting instalments

<b>Duty Roster (a.m – 11:30 for noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm)</b>			
<b>Lunch first, dinner second – 1<sup>st</sup> Wed lunch 2<sup>nd</sup> dinner etc</b>			
<b>Notify Club of apologies – 4387429 (by Tuesday)</b>			
<b>Duties</b>	<b>22 July (pm)</b>	<b>29 July (am)</b>	<b>Hospital</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	Roger Barber	Lunch Forum	Gail
<b>Host</b>	Everyone	None	
<b>Thanks</b>	Shirley	None	
<b>Reception</b>	Everyone	Everyone	
<b>Parting Thought</b>	Shirley	None	

Parting thought from Gail

“Never be afraid to open your mouth to ask stupid questions. It’s easier than handling stupid mistakes.”