



# Whangarei Rotary

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



Chronicle for 26 Aug & 2 Sep

## Int President K.R. Ravindran

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, Youth – Maurice Schicker,  
District Governor – Peter Garnett, Assistant Governor – Rosemary Meyer

**26 Sep -President Gail welcomed members to the meeting and guest speaker Millan Ruka  
2 Aug – Welcome to DG Peter & Elaine Garnett**

**Apologies: Jack & Barbara Lucy, Peter & Margaret, Frank, Roger**

### **One minute notices**

- Our spare Notice Board has been taken on by He Matariki
- Water Treatment plant in Vanuatu – 3 Clubs at \$2500 each have applied for a Matching Grant. We have joined up with Takpuna North & Whangaparoa.
- RDU is going to be sent by email.
- 12 Sept Big Day in at the Library, we are having a table for display and promotion of Rotary
- Welcome back to Peter & Margaret.

**26 Aug -Guest Speaker – Millan Ruka – Environmental River Patrol .**

In 2012 it was reported that Kaipara Harbour is in crisis.

Kaipara is the breeding grounds for all snapper

Millan jumped into his canoe in the Whakapara River to check it out. Millan took photos of the terrible condition of most of the river banks. They were a muddy mess with cow urine and rotten carcasses along a large portion of the banks. Millan was so upset with what he witnessed that he actually found himself crying.

High intensity farming has caused high erosion and pollution, Very high smell of urine etc

2012 Millan wrote a report about the poor condition, he reported it to the Council who had no idea.

Millan has spent the last few years liaising with farmers and Council to fence the rivers to prevent stock getting within 10m therefore creating a filter zone preventing the river from getting polluted.

Aim to get all the waterways fenced

To date in Hikurangi about 40% is now fenced.

Millan showed us before and after photos which were amazing to see the difference.

### **2 Sep – DG Visit**

Peter & Elaine Garnett met with Club members and Gail informed them of our projects for the year.

We talked about the 3 trusts we run which allows us to give away over \$25,000 each year.

We also talked about various other projects we get involved with such as:-

- Helping with 4 collections- Hospice, Red Puppy, Daffodil Day, and several others as requested
- Trailer raffle – make about \$4,000 towards running the Club
- Speech Contest, Held for 53 years – Sponsored by WRMK Lawyers
- MUNA – we sent 2 teams each year and they present at a club meeting

Peter gave a power point presentation to the club

Peter felt our club was in good heart and he is happy to help us build our members up.

<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>9 Sep (pm)</b>	<b>16 Sep (pm)</b>	<b>Hospital</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	Robert Web	Zone speech contest	Gail
<b>Host</b>	Peter & Margaret	MC Peter	
<b>Thanks</b>	Peter & Margaret	Gail	
<b>Reception</b>	Everyone	Everyone	
<b>Parting Thought</b>	Peter & Margaret	Gail	

Parting thought from Andrew

“If you don’t look after your Body NOW, where will you live in the FUTURE?”