



# Whangarei Rotary

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910

Chronicle for Jan 2019



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## Editors Report

### **Its been a long time since I sent out a Chronicle, huge apologies from me!!!**

I have been very busy at work and life in general so put the Chronicle on the back burner. The club agreed that a monthly chronicle would be more than adequate, especially with our new format. (see below)

We are into another exciting year ahead. We started in July with Maurice taking on another year as president and have already had several social get gatherings and some interesting speakers. Shirley is flying the Rotary flag by visiting the old folks homes and just talking to people who don't have family around.

We have been busy with collections and with the trailer raffle which raised us over \$3,600 profit. We have already booked in with Mitre10 for December BBQ times.

As you will read below we have had 3 members that required surgery last year, lets hope we have no more.

Andrew Bax

## **Guest Speaker (28 March) – Jo Caldwell - Shackleton Sea Scouts**

Shackleton Sea Scouts applied for funding from the AK Franks Trust to attend the National Regatta at Onepoto Point, Porirua.



29 Groups making up 21 contingents competed over the week from 27<sup>th</sup> Dec to 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018.

**Activities included:-**  
Rescue, Sailing, Kayaking, Swimming, Iron Man, Rowing, Seamanship, Site visits to Museums etc

The week was full on and the Sea Scouts enjoyed a most rewarding time of personal development and forming new friendships. All groups spent time in the Kitchen and had rostered duties throughout the week. The Shackleton Group won the Camp Chief's Award for helping others, being supportive and having integrity while demonstrating how we follow the Scout Law.



Shackleton teamed up with Buckland Beach and came away with several prizes

### **KAYAKING**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate Kayaking (blue pennant)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Kayaking (red pennant)

### **ROWING**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate Rowing (blue pennant)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Rowing (red pennant)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Overall Rowing (blue pennant)

### **SAILING**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate Sunburst Sailing (blue pennant)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Intermediate Sunburst Sailing (green pennant)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Sunburst Sailing (green pennant)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate Cutter Sailing (blue pennant)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Overall Intermediate Sailing (blue pennant)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Boating (green pennant)

### **SWIMMING**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Aquatic (green pennant)

### **SEAMANSHIP**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior Lifesaving (green pennant)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Seamanship (green pennant)

### **REGATTA AWARDS & TROPHIES**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jellicoe Trident (green pennant)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Camp Chief's Award - CAMP CHIEF'S TROPHY (& prev. 1991)

CHITTOCK SHIELD – Intermediate Boating Aggregate (& prev. 1994)

LESLIE SHORT MEMORIAL CUP for the Best Oarsman at Sea Scout Regatta

AORANGI CUP

(16 pennants and 4 trophies)

## A Big Thank you to...

- ⦿ To all our leaders
- ⦿ To the parents for their support
- ⦿ To all our youth for putting in such a great effort and doing so well
- ⦿ AND

**AK Franks Charitable Trust  
(Rotary Whangarei)**

*We couldn't have done it without you.*

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**11 April 2018**

**Guest Speakers Peter & Sharon Crean – Beyond Water**

**BeyondWater was started in Australia in 2007 by Peter & Sharon.**

They started it simply because they heard about the lack of clean water for communities across East Africa. The Mission is “To raise the living standards and reduce mortality rates for communities in East Africa through the provision of safe, clean and sustainable drinking water, and sanitation facilities.”

783 million people do not have access to clean and safe water worldwide and the number of children who die from waterborne diseases is staggering: - 4,500 daily, that's 1,620,000 annually.



This is a community in Northern Uganda and yes, this is their drinking water. We encourage people to go and visit a needy community so that they can see and experience the challenges people have. You also get to see it from their viewpoint. We need to stop trying to push 'our way' of doing things and sit down with people to see what their needs really are.

**Villages will walk for 4 hours to collect water each day.**

Each of these containers weigh 20 kg's each. This boy is around 14 and instead of attending school, his job each day is to ride down this hill in Rwanda, wait for the water, buy it and then walk it up the hill (notice how steep it is). He will then on-sell it to the community. Poverty means people don't have option. The best thing is for them to stay in school.



**This boy spends 4 hours to make 40 cents.**

Poverty robs people of time and the ability to earn an income. Women in Northern Uganda wait for 4 hours each day at a water selling point. What do you think their daily life looks like?

### **The solution – a deep bore well**



Deep bore wells cater for around 600 villagers.

2.4 billion people still do not have basic sanitation facilities such as toilets or latrines. A pit latrine (long drop) will serve over 600 people.

### **For \$2,500 we can build a new toilet.**

This was our first project we completed. On the left is a latrine for 160 students and 4 teachers. What's missing from it (door, toilet, roof, place to wash, toilet paper, floor). Imagine seeing your teacher go? How undignified is this? That's what we do – give people dignity back. On the right is what we built. Two of our team members gave up their birthdays and asked people to donate towards new latrines instead. We built 3 blocks like on the right – one for the staff, one for the girls and one for the boys.



**Before and after at the Mwangu Ivuti Primary School**

**The list goes on such as supplying underwear, sanitary pads, installing gutters and tanks, teaching them to make soap.....**

Partnership with the Rotary Club of Nairobi – Lavington  
**Rotary helping Rotary helping people.**

### ***Guest Speaker - Cameron Murawai***

*Cameron works at the Hospital as a Maori Liaison Officer and sent our club a letter asking if we could help with the cost of purchasing stamps required to fulfil his duties as a Justice of the Peace. The cost for all the stamps was \$445 and our club decided we would offer him all the money.*

*Cameron agreed to speak at our club and we were humbled by Cameron and all his community work that he is involved with.*

*Cameron was asked to become a JP so he could help patients that required a witness and had health problems that restricted them from getting to Whangarei. Cameron duly passed the tests and interviews but found it difficult to find \$445 to purchase the stamps.*

*Cameron expressed his sincere gratitude for Rotary giving him all the money and when Mandy presented him with the cheque, she said he was quite emotional.*

*Cameron is also chairman of the Northland Bronchiectasis Foundation. His daughter was very ill and died from the disease and before her death planned to set up the foundation to help other.*

Everyone present at Cameron's talk had a feeling that this was money very well spent and would indirectly help the community for years to come.

## Harbour Cruise



**Bugger!!!**

**It's a hard life but someone must make the sacrifices and as you can see in the adjacent photo, the stress levels were tested as we cruised up the harbour holding on for dear life while forcing ourselves to eat finger food.**

**I for one am getting tired of all the social events and fun our Club is partaking in. I though Rotary was a serious commitment to raising money for our community?**

**Our \$1m trust accounts allow us to distribute over \$30,000 every year without raising a finger. What is hard about that?**

**Most of our meetings involve a social activity of some kind. What is the world coming to?**

**I think we need to get back to basics and run the club on a formal basis involving self-indulgent members,  
Yeah right!**

**See you at the next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> at Mike & Pats batch at the beach with more wonderful food....  
Oh dear... the sacrifice is overwhelming.**

## Trailer Raffle

Thanks for all the support you gave to the trailer raffle. Big efforts from Brian & Gail, Allison & Bill, Rodger and Maurice, but everyone did their bit and made it work. This make December a big month for our Club but in the end, I think it is worth it.

We turned over about \$7,900 with a surplus of \$3,600.

We printed 4,000 tickets and only had about 150 left – well done team!!!

I spoke with the owner of Mitre10 Mega and he is happy to support us again this year.

## New Format for 2019

**We collectively decided that our lunchtime meetings were generally a social get together and many members drive long distances to attend or work and found it difficult to find time to attend, so we have removed lunchtime meetings. We decided that the BBQ meetings were fun so would like to keep them going.**

**So here is our new format:-**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month – A formal dinner meeting with quest speaker -organised by Mike**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month – BBQ meeting at members house – rotated around.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, when applicable - Meal out at restaurant- organised by Mike**

**We can conduct formal business at any of the above meetings (with quorum) that will be recorded by the secretary and distributed to members.**

**If any members require transport to meetings, please contact the president who will make arrangements.**

<b>Jan-Feb 2019 Meetings ( 5:30 for 6:00pm) KAMO club</b>					
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wed Dinner meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> Wed BBQ meeting</b>					
<b>Duties</b>	<b>20 Jan 2019 Mikes Batch</b>	<b>13 Feb Dinner – Kamo Club</b>	<b>27 Feb BBQ at Andrew &amp; Mandy's</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Wed May 29<sup>th</sup> To be decided</b>	
<b>Speaker</b>	None	To be advised		None	
<b>Host</b>	Mike & Pat	None	Andrew & Mandy	None	
<b>Thanks</b>	None	None	None	None	
<b>Reception</b>	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	None	
<b>Parting Thought</b>	Mike	John	Andrew		

*Parting thought – From Andrew*

**“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.”**  
Charles Dickens