



Whangarei Rotary

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



Chronicle for September 2017

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Presidents Monthly Report

We had our AGM on 13th September.

We have several requests for emergency funds for hurricane Irma in the Caribbean and the earthquake in Burma.

On 26th September John Barber & myself went to a meeting at Whangarei City club to hear Joe Koppens from Warkworth Rotary. Explain how their food rescue scheme works and suggesting Whangarei area would support the idea.

Next month we will be collecting for the blind foundation at Mitre 10 on Friday 6th October. Then on 7th October we will be doing blood pressure tests for the stroke foundation at Pack N Save, thanks everyone that can offer their time for these great causes.

Next month 24th October is World polio Day.

Maurice Schicker

Guest Speaker

Steve Westgate

A journey around Western Australia



Steve took us on a journey around the Western side of Australia with his wife. On their trip the camera was used to show a side of Aussie that Steve is passionate about. Amazing scenery, wonderful wild flower and the vast landscape.

As they drove across the expansive terrain they came across many small townships and couldn't help noticing the attention given to the "Welcome Signs". Below are a few examples....





**Then Steve drove into the Wildflower Country....
This is not what we had imagined seeing in Australia**



I have chosen a few photos from an amazing selection that Steve has taken. As Steve showed us the colourful selection he even threw in the names...



Kangaroo paw



Catspaw





Just as we thought the flowers were amazing, shots of entire fields were shown.....



If the Colourful Flora wasn't enough then Steve through in the colourful Fauna



Collared (28) parrot



Western rosella



Zebra finch

Once again there were many more birds to see...

I think Steve is really a travel agent.... Once he showed us a few of the scenery shots I think he could have sold the Bus load of tickets on his guided tour....



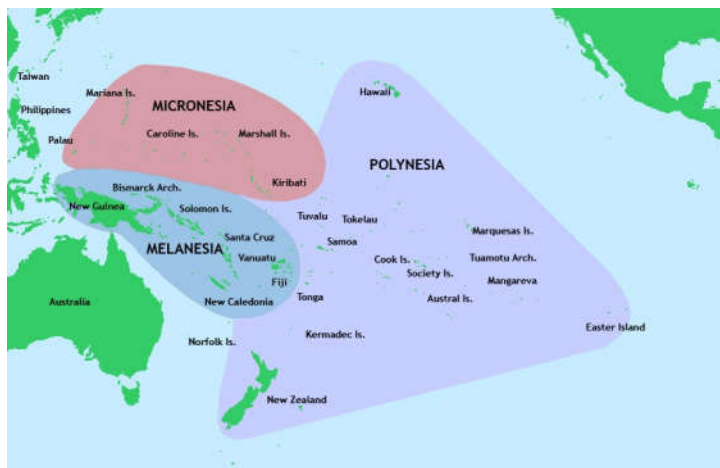
A great Presentation of their trip which I can't show justice to.... What is required is a book.. but alas, I don't have time to produce it.

Steve talked about the history as we followed his journey and many other interesting stopovers along the way. We were all impressed and now have a very different perspective of the lucky country.

Thanks Steve

We were sent a PowerPoint presentation on ROMAC. This was shown at our meeting and reminded us of the amazing work carried out in NZ at the Starship Hospital.





ROMAC concentrates on the Pacific Island community and All the work is Voluntary in Australia and New Zealand. Most of the surgery is carried out in the Starship Hospital and the cases are for serious problems that would normally not be covered by the normal medical teams such as eyes and ears etc..

Here are some cases that show remarkable changes.



www.romac.org.nz



How can we help?

TAKE THE PACT

- Personally donate
- Assist with Annual fundraising
- Champion ROMAC in your community
- Tell the story to others

Our member, Frank Jackson, is going to get involved with raising the awareness of ROMAC and find funding avenues to keep this Rotary initiative flourishing.

Aug Duty Roster (a.m – 11:30 for Noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm) KAMO club					
Lunch first, dinner second – 1 st Wed lunch 2 nd dinner etc					
Duties	4 Oct (am)	11 Oct (pm)	18 Oct – (am)	25 Oct – (pm)	
Speaker	Lunch forum	James Robinson & Bill Edwards (NZ Historic Places Trust)	Lunch forum	Mandy Kakotea (Victum Support)	
Host	None	Rodger	Everyone	Frank J	
Thanks	None	Rodger	None	Frank J	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	
Parting Thought	Andrew	Rodger	Andrew	Frank J	

Parting thought – From Andrew

