

## + Reflections on a Rotary project: Saqani ...

This month features two personal accounts from the team who went to Saqani, Fiji, to refurbish a preschool building. Waikato Sunrise member, Malcolm Neil and Libby's daughter, Danae Cooney, share their stories:



### Rotary in Action

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### A multi club, multi district project:

#### Refurbishment estimate:

Original quote for timber, paint etc	16,500
Consumables and equipment	1,500
Food	2,800
Toilets	1,200
Contingencies	2,000
<b>Total estimate</b>	<b>\$24,000</b>

#### Funding contributions:

Devonport Rotary Club	7,000
Fairfield Rotary Club	5,000
Waikato Sunrise Rotary Club	5,000
Te Aroha Rotary Club	1,500
Hamilton East Rotary Club	1,000
Taveuni, Fiji, Rotary Club	1,500
Unidentified benefactor	4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

plus container shipping and other logistics covered by (Taveuni Club)

### Coming up in October:

1 Oct Guest Speaker: **Geoff Kay**  
'Dispute Resolution'

1 Oct **Sunrise @ Six**  
6pm at - see advertisement p5

8 Oct Guest Speaker: **Timon Kraus**  
'Life Story'

15 Oct Guest Speaker: **Colin Olesen**  
'Business Ethics' for Vocational Service Month

22 Oct Guest Speaker: **Club Forum**

29 Oct Guest Speaker: **Rotary Friendship Exchange group from West Sweden District 2360**

Joint club breakfast event, \$20 pp

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Danae Cooney is 16, a pupil of Hillcrest High School. She'd always dreamed of helping people in need and making a difference in the world. She asked to join the Saqani project, and rolled icecreams at Gelatopia for 12 weeks to save the \$1200 for her ticket. Danae spoke to Waikato Sunrise in September about her experience in Fiji. She shared stories of people in the village who made a significant impression on her...



## Rotary in Action ... Saqani

Salote, the village preschool teacher, has been the driving force of the preschool project, and has started the women's group of the village, planning to get a village 'bakery' up and running, which will ensure the village a constant income. They intend to sell the freshly made bread to the local villages once a week and she has many other ideas in store to help grow the village as a whole. Danae shared, "Salote was an amazing woman for me to meet. She honestly has so much drive, and the villagers are very, very lucky to have her there. She is the type of person

capable of doing anything she puts her head and heart into, and if it weren't for her huge enthusiasm for her village, this project wouldn't have been possible".

Vetti, an 18 yr old village boy, helped Danae with her 2<sup>nd</sup> mural. "It was easy for me to believe we were in the same stage of life, that he was just another guy my age, like the ones back in NZ", Danae reflected. "but when I decided to go for a wander after lunch one day, I realized our situations and the stages of life we are in are completely different". She spotted him out in the bay with a spear, trying unsuccessfully to

catch fish to feed his family. Danae was blown away. "So, while I'm busy here in NZ, stressing about an up-coming internal and being frustrated at myself (because I know I should have done more study) Vetti is probably over in Fiji with that same frustrated look on his face, because he hasn't caught any fish today and now he cant help feed his family for dinner! It was Vetti who helped me realize during that trip how incredibly easy my life over here really is. That the kind of weights I have on my shoulders are nothing compared to the weights that 18 year old boy has on his".

Danae encouraged Rotarians... "We had a lot of conversations about Rotary on the trip. We talked about how Rotary is not just about meeting each week over food, and not just about handing out money for various purposes. These things are good, but I think relationships are a very important part of Rotary, not just within your clubs, but in the community and internationally. Remember, Rotary's international theme this year is *Building communities, Bridging continents*. These kinds of projects, where volunteers like us are putting themselves into secluded areas and helping people in need, grow relationships within the working teams and most of all with the people who we are helping. Money comes and goes, but what we did within that village, those people won't forget, because of the special relationships we built with many of them during that week. We have all come back with so much. As Malcolm often says, "Put your hand up, put your hand up, put your hand up". Because I 'put my hand up' helping people is no longer a dream, it's my reality. It doesn't matter what age you are or what point of your life you're in; these are opportunities you should take when they come your way. Thank you Rotary for this opportunity to serve".



## Saqani Preschool Project continued

“I strongly recommend this type of project”

Malcolm Neil reports: During the first week of August 2010, two members of the Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise - myself and Warren Clarke - were joined by Tim Anderson and Danae Cooney (Libby's partner and daughter) to travel to the village of Saqani on the Fijian Island of Vanua Levu, to assist with the refurbishing of a derelict school building, to become a new preschool facility for the village. We were joined by Doug and Carol Haigh, from the Rotary Club of Fairfield, Michael and Elizabeth-Ann Nightingale, from the Rotary Club of Hamilton East and Martin Nelson from the Rotary Club of Te Aroha. Unfortunately, a road accident on the journey from the airport at Savu Savu to the village resulted in Warren Clarke having to return to NZ for medical attention. Members of the Rotary Club of

Devonport had started the project the week prior and handed it over to us, the new team, upon their arrival.

The logistics of the project were that Geoffrey Amos and the Rotary Club of Taveuni had organised the funding from NZ Rotary Clubs (including WSR), which funded all the building materials, food, transportation, additional labour and everything else needed to complete the project.

The NZ team were accommodated in village housing and catered for by the villagers and the Taveuni team.

The actual project required the team to complete painting, building, plumbing, roofing and general construction around the project.

Every day was very full as the team worked from 8.00am to 5.00pm in the heat of the day, which was at its hottest was 40 degrees in the sun. The project was fully completed to very high standard by the last day. The highlight of the project was undoubtedly the hospitality and appreciation shown by the villagers. This was demonstrated at all stages during the week and especially at the village appreciation ceremony on the last night.

Credit must go to Geoffrey Amos and his team for the amazing organisation and 'bang for the buck' that the project achieved. I strongly recommend this type of project to the club and look forward to any involvement our club may have with projects of this type in the future.

## Service Above Self ...

**Each week, we 'take note' of our members, individually, for their service to Rotary. This month, we've acknowledged the following members:**



**Ken Couper  
Medical GP**

30 years ago, Ken looked at Rotary (the Hamilton Club specifically) – he thought they were “old codgers” (that can't be right can it Hamilton club?) and he didn't have the free lunchtime to attend anyway.

Time passed, and about 10 years later he showed interested in Lions and nearly joined.

Eventually, in 1992, he became a Rotarian, introduced to Waikato Sunrise Rotary club by David Hunt, one of the 18 founding members of the club.

Ken says he's enjoyed his time with the club, though bridge on Thursday nights conflicted a bit with getting up on Friday mornings.

He's served as a Sergeant twice, and Director of O'seas projects about 6 years ago. He's also been club liaison person for Hospice Waikato and JR McKenzie Trust.

Recently Ken enjoyed a visit to UK as a member of a Rotary Friendship Group Exchange to Essex. This experience was featured in our July club bulletin, and he highly recommends the Friendship Exchange experience. This year, Ken's our ROMAC champion, and

has the task of informing us about Rotary Oceania Medical Aide for Children.



**John Campbell  
Waikato Franchisee  
Wet-Seal Waikato**

John first involvement with Rotary was when he was selected as a team member for Rotary GSE Exchange to Toronto Canada in 1983.

Some years later, he and John Higgins were invited to join Waikato Sunrise by Rod Tombleson and were inducted into the club in 1996. During his time with the club, he's held the role of club secretary for two years. He was also club President 2000 / 2001.

John is currently chairman of DARE Waikato, a role he's held for 18 mths or so now; and also, most proudly, he is second in charge of raffle.



**Harvey Duncan  
Partner – Private Banking  
Waikato BNZ**

Harvey started his involvement with Rotary as a member of Interact at Pukekohe High School in 1966/67. He then became a member and later President of the Pukekohe Rotoract Club prior to marrying Lindsay and moving to

**Club Race Night**  
Hamilton East Rotary  
Club Race Night  
Tamahere Hall  
Fri 12 November  
Tickets \$25

(Libby has some to buy)

Proceeds to MS Waikato,  
Riding for the Disabled, and  
other Rotary charities

Thames in 1972.

Harvey initially joined Rotary as a member of Te Aroha Club in April 1979. Being transferred in the Bank meant that he transferred his Rotary membership from Te Aroha to both Taumarunui and Dargaville Clubs.

Then, on moving to Auckland from Dargaville, he attempted to join Rotary where he lived and worked but in all cases was blackballed by the BNZ managers of branches in the those places (Pakuranga, Howick, Panmure).

He came to Hamilton with the Bank in November 1989 and was introduced to Waikato Sunrise in May 1993 by Graeme Webb who was then manager of Hamilton North Branch of the BNZ and a member of this club.

Since joining, Harvey's been a very active Rotarian. As a club member he's filled most committee chairperson positions and served as Treasurer for 2 years.

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Harvey has been sergeant of arms on 2 occasions and was President of the club in 2003/2004. At District level, he was a committee member and then chairperson of the RYLA committee for 4 years and for this work and other good work in the club was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2001.

Since then, Harvey's been a member of the District Public Relations committee and was Chairperson of this Committee for the 2008/2009 Rotary year. In 2008, he was given the responsibility of initiating and overseeing the first District Project Day, which was a huge success. District Project Day is a specified day in March when all 55 clubs in District 9930 work on a community project in their area simultaneously during a designated weekend. This will continue in this District each year.

Harvey really enjoys his involvement with Rotary and says he's heartened to see new members joining regularly and enjoying what we have to offer. He believes what differentiates our club from others is that our meetings are relaxed, we all laugh and have a good time, but we still do the business.



**Malcolm Neil**  
**Director**  
**Landmark Homes**

Malcolm joined Waikato Sunrise in 1999, introduced by Jeremy Brook. He became a sergeant in 2000 and held the first and only singing

## Chamber of Commerce BA5 Event 5pm Mon 4 Oct

A small group of members from each club will attend to promote Rotary to Chamber members.

This Rotary PR event has been kindly sponsored by Kirkman HR

## "Sunrise @ Six"

is our social pub night, on the first Friday of every month at a venue selected by our social committee.

Six O'clock kick off or earlier if you feel so inclined. Feel free to bring partners and we extend an invite to members of other local Rotary Clubs.

Next gathering:  
**Friday 3 September**  
**6pm at Belgium Bar,**  
**Victoria Street,**  
**then (for something a little different) moving on at 7pm for dinner at Hindustan Restaurant, Garden Place.**  
See you there!

sergeants' session with Jim Annett. He was also Chair of Community Committee that year.

Malcolm chaired the Social Committee 2002-2003, and joined the District RYLA Committee in 2002. He travelled to International RYLA in Brisbane in 2003 as one of 18 International trainers, and served as RYLA District Chair from 2004-2006. During this time, he attended the Rotary International Conference held in Brisbane 2003.

Malcolm was our first event supervisor for the Stadium Beer Tents contract, serving from 2002 through to 2006. In 2007, he was club President, and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in 2009.

Malcolm and Sandra have hosted our IYE students from 2003-2009, and last year chaperoned the IYE North Tour.

This year, he travelled with the team to Saqani Fiji, and looks forward to other opportunities for service in the years ahead.

Thank you Ken, John, Harvey and Malcolm for your service to our club and Rotary. You are valued members of Waikato Sunrise.

Congratulations to Danae and her supporting club, Hamilton East Rotary Club, on the chartering of Hillcrest High School Interact Club.

Hamilton Girls High School pupils are also looking to start an Interact club in term 4.

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## Thank you Waikato Sunrise!

Melville Primary students visited Waikato Sunrise last week to present thank you speeches for sponsoring them to the Halogen Young Leaders day in Rotorua, 17 May.

**Arnika** learnt 'if you want something in life, do not give up', so she is going to follow her dreams.

**Arnol** learnt about 'plugging in to your potential' and is now working his hardest at school and finishing all his work.

**Jayden** learnt to 'choose your friends wisely'. He's remembered that and now he's working hard at school.

**Rose** learnt 'If I want something in life, I have to achieve it'.

**Sarah** learnt about 'plugging in to your potential' and is now concentrating more at school.

**Praise** learnt 'you have lots of potential and you choose how much to plug into it'.



**Photo:** Dianne Pollard-Williams - club member and Principal of Melville Primary School - President Libby, and President Elect Joe Doherty, with visiting Young Achievers.

**Simone** learnt about 'plugging in to your potential' and is training hard to make the best of her talents.



## Car Seats Save Lives

**Waikato Sunrise recently donated \$4900 for the purchase of 25 car seats for the Plunket Car Seat Hire Pool service.** This donation, approved in President Fraser's year, was a welcome contribution to Plunket's service to community families.

Davy Engravers kindly donated metal badges to adhere to the seats, featuring the Rotary wheel and reading 'Donated by the Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise'.

**Photo:** President Libby, Margaret Jenkins, our PR Chair, and Trish Wood, Car Seat Rental Scheme Manager.