

Area 1 Rotary clubs – Waikato Sunrise, Hamilton, Hamilton East, Frankton, Fairfield, Te Rapa and Huntly – joined together working at the 2010 V8s, to raise funds for a vehicle for the Lion’s Cancer Lodge.

This year, the purchase of the van was completed, to serve as a shuttle for cancer patients from the Lion’s Cancer Lodge to and from the Waikato Hospital for treatment. Funding of \$21500 was put towards the shuttle, this being from the joint V8 funding plus a District Simplified Grant of \$1500, donated for this project. Waikato Sunrise is pleased to have facilitated another successful joint project of the Area 1 Rotary clubs.



## Coming up in July:

- 1 July No morning meeting
- 1 July **Waikato Sunrise Changeover**
- 3 July **District Changeover**  
See advertisement p6
- 8 July Guest Speaker  
**Tony Ratcliffe**  
‘The Elephant Man’
- 15 July Guest speaker  
**Jane Lawrence**  
‘As Well As Wellness Centre’
- 22 July Guest Speakers  
**Tanya Mhlanga and Raechel Popping**  
‘The RANZSE Experience 2011’
- 29 July Guest Speaker  
**Joe Doherty**  
‘President’s Message’
- 5 Aug Guest Speaker  
**AG Tim Brooker,**  
‘Area 1 Assistant Governor Visit’

## Rotary in Action ... Community Service

### Parting thoughts from President Libby

**It’s been another great year for Waikato Sunrise.** A busy year too and we’ve achieved many great things. Through direct donations and sponsorships, joint ventures, 3<sup>rd</sup> party fund raising through our Montana contract, and pledged funds yet to be spent, we’ve contributed/generated a grand total of **\$98996.00** in to community, **plus** funds raised through the Paul Harris Community Awards event totaled \$1800 for Christchurch and \$3000 for Foundation. In addition, a number of members have contributed their time and talents, as vocational service, to various projects and causes. We have touched local, national and international communities with our giving, supporting projects that have fulfilled the vision of Rotary International.

It’s amazing how quickly a year can pass and this one’s no exception. I’ve enjoyed the privilege of leading such a dynamic and active Rotary club, and I appreciate the personal and professional development this role has offered me along the way. This year’s in fact been a double dip for me, as I’ve also held the role of District Trainer. It’s been a privilege to work alongside District Governor Elect, Raewyn, to design and deliver training to President Elects, Assistant Governors, and District C’s – Chairs, Coordinators, Contacts and Champions. We’ve enjoyed being innovative in how we’ve done that training, using our professional experience with coaching and training to influence change in how District 9930 develops it’s leaders, and in how we ‘do’ Rotary. The stage is well set for the 2011/12 year, and Waikato Sunrise is proud to become, in July, the home club of the District Governor.

I’d like to thank my Board of Governors – Joe Doherty (President Elect), Bryce Weal (past President rep), Sharyn Bell (Treasurer), John Tulloch (Secretary), and Directors Carmen Jacobsen, Jan Martin and Paul Carpenter for their support and governance over the past year. I’d also like to thank each and every member of Waikato Sunrise for the time and talents you have volunteered to achieve this year’s contributions to the Rotary cause. *Libby*



**Year 4 pupils of Raglan Area School and Melville Primary received dictionaries. In May**



**See page 3 for details of Waikato Sunrise’s 2010/11 year**

Following his involvement with the pre-school refurbishment project in Sanqani Fiji – July 2010 - Rotary team member Malcolm Neil has advocated for some practical provisions to enhance the Sanqani village life. With funding contributions from Waikato Sunrise, a personal donation from a club member as well as from the Rotary Club of Taveuni Fiji, we purchased a Diesel powered ride-on mower for the village football field. Village life is very much focused around the large playing field at Saqani, which up to now has been 'mowed' using weed eaters, as for the rest of the village grounds. Village men are active rugby players, and their games are a highlight of village life.



Above: Waikato Sunrise members farewell the mower to Fiji.  
Below: The Sanqani Village and expansive field.



## Service Above Self

Each week this year, we've 'taken note' of our members, individually, for their service to Rotary.

In this last month, we've acknowledged the following members:



**Owen Culliney**  
**Solicitor**  
**Harkness Henry**

Owen was introduced to Rotary by Ross Hargood in April 2010. He's been involved with the social committee over the past year, and has also been on the organising committees for both the PH Community award event in March, and the upcoming District changeover. At the Paul Harris event, he debuted very successfully as an MC.

Owen's helped to sell beer at the rugby and enjoys the fellowship of taking part in this activity. He's looking forward to new opportunities to serve in the coming year.

Owen enjoys the Friday morning meetings and, despite being a night owl rather than a lark, he jumps out of bed to be on time for a chat with his fellow Rotarians over a hearty breakfast.

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## Rotary in Action ... International Service



In addition to the mower, Waikato Sunrise members made personal contributions to purchase a set of 25 Rugby Jersey's, shorts and socks for the village players. Other members contributed second hand Netball uniforms, toy and books, and Fairfield Rotary club contributed several boxes of books for the Saqani pre-school. All will be shipped to Fiji by container this month.

Project team member, Danae Cooney, recently lead her Hillcrest High Interact club in fund raising \$350, which was sent to Saqani last month to fund children's education at the pre-school. While it costs only \$5 per child per term, this is beyond what many village families can afford. Danae enjoyed working with the Pre-School teacher, Salote, and meeting many of the village children, and is pleased to achieve this contribution of funds, knowing it will make a considerable difference in the lives of the village children.

We are pleased to have again supported Saqani Village in meaningful ways - a testament to last year's project experience and the relationships formed while there.

## 2010/11 Funding of 'Rotary' Programmes / Projects Totaling \$98996.00

Foundation	\$5700		Hydrotherapy Pool	\$ 500	Sponsor name tile for wall
Polio Plus	\$1905		Xmas Puddings	\$ 180	Greymouth families
Interplast	\$1000		Shelter Box	\$1500	
ROMAC	\$1000		Fiji – Sanqani	\$5500	Preschool refurb overrun
RYPEN	\$ 450	Lauren Russell, Ashleigh Waitere Erin Nelson			Diesel Ride-on Mower
RANZSE	\$ 500	Raechel Popping, Tanya Mhlanga	Spirit of Adventure	\$1000	Ashleigh Waitere, Raglan Area School
GSE	\$ 650	Applicants: Ihsana.Ageel Helen Mumby, Team Leader App	BBBS	\$5000	
RYLA	\$1000	Kelly Tobin, Hayley Davis Michael Hour	Talent Sponsorship	\$2500	Jesse Reynolds, other earmarked for youth sponsorship
IYE	\$3594	Inbound: Timon Krause Outbound: Stewart Gibson	Talent Scholarship	\$2500	earmarked for Artist in Residence
Sum. Science Sch.	\$ 430	Deanna Jordan	Hamilton Girls High	\$5000	earmarked for 2x awardee co-sponsorships
DARE	\$2500		RYLA Christchurch	\$ 500	earmarked for youth sponsorship
South Pacific PETS	\$1000	Sponsorship of Pac Island club	Talent Scholarship	\$2500	earmarked for RYDA: \$4978 + \$5000 Waikato Sunrise \$2804 Frankton Rotary \$1945 Hamilton Rotary \$ 718 Hamilton East Rotary
Taupo Expresso	\$ 200	Set up funding gift for name tags	V8 money	\$15447	3 <sup>rd</sup> party (16) community Contributions
Dictionaries	\$ 688	Raglan Area School Melville Primary	Zeal	\$4000	Trust Fund donation for mobile coffee cart
Melville Primary	\$1000	Young Leader course, other			
Raglan Area School	\$6500	Psychologist, travel subsidy, Leadership course, gazebo			
Hamilton Girls High	\$1150	Prize Giving			
Zeal	\$5000	\$500 Interact set up funds Scoping out fund			

### Service Above Self continued...



**Stuart Daniel**  
**Investment Advisor**  
**Forsyth Barr**

Roger FitzGerald roped Stuart into volunteering at the V8's after Stuart moved to Hamilton. In 2010, after 2 years volunteering at the V8's, Stuart expressed an interest in joining Rotary and Roger suggested Waikato Sunrise, asking Sharyn Bell to be his sponsor. Since joining, Stuart's been involved helping with the Montana contract, and in November worked on staff with the RYPEN programme, contributing his skills and passion for outdoor activities, particularly kayaking, which he will do again next year.

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**Polio eradication** continues through Rotary's vision and mission for a Polio free world. If you have considered joining a team of Rotarians to participate in a National Immunisation Day (NID), then consider travelling to India in November 2011 and make this the humanitarian experience of your lifetime!

[Click here for District's National Immunisation Day and tour of India](#)

### Group Study Exchange (GSE)

is one of Rotary Foundation's premier programmes, promoting vocational and cultural understanding, and goodwill between nations.

The 2012 GSE exchange will be between D9930 Central North Island NZ and D3050 North Western India. Travel dates will be mid January to late February.

We are looking for **team member** applicants between the ages of 25 and 40 – non-Rotarians and not closely related to a Rotarian. For further details about this programme and the application process contact [lee.furness@gmail.com](mailto:lee.furness@gmail.com)

## Service Above Self continued



**Richard Stapel**  
Commercial Director  
Zoagn

Richard joined Waikato Sunrise in Sept 2009, after being invited to several meetings to check things out by Neville.

While he's not been able to attend meetings regularly because of business commitments - particularly frequent travel overseas - he's been involved with Fundraising efforts over the past year. Richard's also been a particularly active member of the Innovation committee since its inception, working both on additional fundraising tasks, and the proposal for our club to partner the ZEAL youth centre project. More recently, he's moved over to the Zeal working committee, where he and Rod Tomblason act as Rotary reps and assist with fund raising and business introductions.



**Libby Gairdner**  
Consultant Coach and  
Trainer

Libby joined Waikato Sunrise in 2006, introduced by Raewyn Kirkman. She served initially on the Social Club committee, involved in planning and MCing 3 changeovers - debuting with Ross Hargood as co-presenters of the 'Rotary Golden Globe awards' in Bryce's year, then as rough and tough Motorcycle club leaders for Fraser's year. Having the incoming President riding in to the hall on a Harley for the changeover ceremony demonstrates her unique approach to making events memorable!

During Libby's first year in Rotary, she was invited to present on 'communication and relationships' at the annual RYLA camp, and since then she's served on the District RYLA committee assisting with programme development and delivery, and co-ordinating the RYLA camp weeks.

In 2009, Libby became a facilitator for Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), and during the 2010/11 year she was appointed District Trainer, to design and deliver training for Presidents Elect and other leadership role holders in District 9930.

Libby has served this past year as President of Waikato Sunrise and has coordinated the planning committees for both the 2011 Rotary Paul Harris Community Awards and District Changeover.

There have been many highlights for Libby at both club and district level this Rotary year, the top 5 being:

- \*coordinating the community awards event including the attendance of RI President Ray Klingensmith

- \*influencing the establishment of Interact clubs in Hamilton

- \*experiencing first hand the benefits of members and others being involved in an international Rotary project
- \*championing the partnership between Waikato Sunrise and Zeal,
- \*and recently inducting her husband Tim Anderson in to Rotary.

Libby is a passionate Rotarian and believes strongly in making Rotary relevant and flexible for today's world. She looks forward to many more opportunities to serve and influence Rotary success.

*Owen, Stuart, Richard and Libby, you are valued members of Waikato Sunrise, and we thank you for your contributions to the Rotary cause. This now completes our member acknowledgements for the 2010/11 year.*



### Follow Timon's blog:

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### Farewell to Timon

Fri 24 June, we celebrated Timon's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday at our club meeting, and his official farewell. Timon spoke of his wonderful year as a Rotary International Youth Exchange student in NZ, sharing that he has made some wonderful friendships and has learnt to make the most of every opportunity. He thanked Waikato Sunrise for hosting him, in particular his host families - Jim and Heather Galt, Bryce and Janet Weal, Maria Carlton, Libby Gairdner and Tim Anderson, and Lee Furness and Bob Laing.



Timon was presented with a gold pocket watch as a club birthday present, engraved as a keepsake. He was also presented with a Kiwiana quilt, personally crafted for him by Lee Furness.

Timon's father joins him for a brief visit and some NZ travel on 4 July, and Timon leaves NZ for home 20 July.

## News from Tel Aviv



District 9930's Ambassadorial Scholar, **Robbie Frances** writes: Salaam alaikum! Well, it's hard to know how to start this email, my mind is filled with so many emotions, ideas,

memories... My lifelong friend, Simone Haylett-Petty departed a few hours ago after spending two wonderful weeks with my friends and I here in Israel. Having her here has really made me think about the kind of life I lead and in particular, how often I have to say goodbye to the people I love. Goodbyes always remind me how far away from home I am and how much I miss you all. However, looking over the photos of the last two weeks and thinking about the amazing memories we've shared, also reminds me just how blessed I am to live the life I do - and you know what? I cannot imagine life any other way!

The past two weeks have been perhaps the greatest of my journey thus far. I finished my second semester with a bang - not only with top grades but also inspired and motivated by the material we are covering in class. As you may have read in the news, the situation here in the Middle East is particularly fragile right now, with events of September rapidly approaching. In September the United Nations will vote on whether Palestinian territories will be recognized as an independent state or not. While no one knows what the outcome will be, popular opinion predicts an escalation in the conflict as the national and international community continue to struggle with issues of borders, security, refugees and Jerusalem. In all of my classes we discuss, analyze and simulate the current events of the Middle East in order to better understand, predict, resolve, mediate and negotiate.

Simone arrived on my first day of semester break. Because it is very hot, naturally we spent a lot of time at the beach, but even this was too hot and we soon sought the relief of air-conditioned buildings! Several days after she arrived we caught the night bus from Tel Aviv to Eilat in Southern Israel, which is located on the Red Sea between Jordan and Egypt. Arriving at 5am we slept on the beach, swam, snorkeled and marveled at the fact that we could stand in Israel and see Jordan to the left, Saudi Arabia ahead and Egypt

to the right, all at the same time. It's bizarre, when you think that we, as women, can sun ourselves on the beach in Eilat wearing bathing suits, while across the way, in Saudi Arabia women must be completely covered and are not even allowed to drive cars. I guess this is all part of being in the boiling pot of the Middle East.

The next day we crossed the border into Jordan and traveled one hour by taxi to a small Bedouin village in the middle of nowhere called Wadi Rum. The Bedouins are Arabic nomads who live in tents/caves in the wilderness and are usually goat or camel herders. From here our 12 year old driver, Eid, drove us 30 minutes to an even more isolated collection of tents with not a road, building, electricity or running water in sight. We had such fun - desert walks, sunset watching, Bedouin food and entertainment. The next day we were up early to catch the bus through the desert to Wadi Musa where we spent two days at the magnificent wonder of the world, Petra. While I could tell you about Petra itself, I think the pictures tell a better story. Although, what I would like to mention were the unforgettable locals we met while we were there - Bedouins who still live in the caves of Petra. The first evening some young Bedouins invited us to their cave for an evening meal. It was amazing, sitting in a cave miles away from modern civilization listening to stories of fighting off wolves, catching and training eagles to sell to the Saudi Arabians, riding camels in the desert for days...my heart and imagination were captured! The next day one of the Bedouins took me the back way through the mountains into Petra. First though, we had to have tea with his goat herding uncles who we came across during our adventure. For an hour or so we drank sweet Bedouin tea and discussed Middle Eastern politics under the shade of a tree with the goats. I then climbed the Jordanian mountains while trying to absorb breath-taking views of Wadi Arabia (Arabian desert) and listening to Bedouin stories until we eventually showed up by the stunning monastery at the Petra.

We crossed back into Israel after two days in Wadi Musa via the King Hussain crossing. Other adventures included a trip to Jerusalem, the West Bank as well as the Dead Sea and Masada.

On Monday I start my six-week summer school and believe it or not, my year will then be over! I start part time work as an Au Pair in Neuilly sur-Seine, Paris, on September the 1st. Until then, it's back to reality - time to swap the beach for my laptop, and my novel for academic journals!

*Robbie*

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