



Waikato Sunrise meets every Friday. 6.45 to 8.15am. at the Ferrvbank Lounge. Grantham Street. Hamilton

## Waikato Sunrise farewells a valued member

Waikato Sunrise member, Neil MacGregor, passed away Saturday 19 November 2011 following a time of illness. Our thoughts are with his wife Betty and their family at this time.

Neil has been a Rotarian since 1988, and a member of Waikato Sunrise since 2002.

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

## Coming up in December:

- 2 Dec Guest Speaker **Heather Moore** 'Volunteering in the Waikato'
- 2 Dec **Sunrise @ Six** 6pm The Bank – Cnr Hood and Victoria Streets. This will be a 'new member and friends' night – all welcome
- 8 Dec Farewell event for **Group Study Exchange team to D3050 India** 5.30pm to 7.30pm Sky City Function Centre \$20pp (advert p4) **RSVP** [secretary@waikatosunrise.org.nz](mailto:secretary@waikatosunrise.org.nz)
- 9 Dec NB The GSE farewell (event above) replaces our Friday morning meeting this week
- 11 Dec Christmas function **'Waikato Sunrise Christmas Picnic - an afternoon of opulence and frivolity'** The Olde Creamery 12-30 for 1.00pm High Tea in the garden. \$25 per head. Click link to **RSVP** numbers attending.
- 16 Dec Last meeting for the year



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## \$\$\$ Raised for Community during Rugby World Cup

Waikato Sunrise coordinated teams of volunteers to work at the Rugby World Cup games in Hamilton this year, working in the hospitality tents run by Montana Catering. Nearly \$36 500 was raised for the community.

Volunteer partners for the event were Waikato Fiat club, Family Wise Trust, Horsham Downs School, HGHS Rowing, Tauwhare School, Karapiro WSC, Whatawhata School, and the Altrusa Club - all of whom earned significant earnings.

Waikato Sunrise Rugby Volunteers coordinator, Gary Robertson, presented cheques to these partner organisations in November.





**Photo above:** Neil and Betty at Waikato Sunrise Changeover 2009 – themed Motorbike Culture.

Neil joined the Whangarei Rotary Club early in 1988 and was introduced by Peter Shultz who was Branch Manager of Guardian Trust in Whangarei. As this Club met at lunchtime (and Neil subsequently commenced farming) lunchtime meetings didn't suit his work situation so he moved to the Whangarei Sunrise Rotary Club just after it chartered in 1991. He was introduced into the Sunrise Club by a founding member, Bill Burgess.

Neil was part of a group very involved in establishing and running the Whangarei Garden Music Festival in conjunction with a local repertory society. This festival was held each year in the extensive gardens of an orchard at Glenberrie (east of Whangarei) & attracted crowds of 600 plus. It became a most successful fundraiser for the Sunrise Club. He served in most offices during his time with Whangarei Rotary including President, Director of Club Services, International, Youth, Community Services, Sergeants' and general participation in Club activities.

Neil joined Waikato Sunrise some time late in 2002 after he and Betty relocated their business to Hamilton. While less active in terms of holding offices in our Club due to heavy work & family commitments, he participated in fund raising and service activities wherever possible. He had a wonderful, gregarious wit, which added great entertainment to our club meetings, particularly when he was Sergeant. We enjoyed too the formal events where he'd proudly sport his MacGregor tartans.

Neil was a valued member of Waikato Sunrise and we appreciate the many contributions he made over his years or Rotarian service. He will be sadly missed.



**It's all go in D9930**

**... at the Rotary Club of Maketu**

When the container ship "Rena" went aground on a reef in the Bay of Plenty spilling oil onto pristine beaches, the village of Maketu was in the line of fire. As oil washed up the entire community swung into action, including the Maketu Rotary club.

The club's email distribution list became a vehicle for getting the word out. Maketu Rotarians got involved rescuing birds, hitting the beaches in their white suits, gumboots, and rubber gloves, or providing food for the volunteers. And the club's website, which is designed not only as the club's website but also a community website, became a one-stop shop for a wide range of information providing daily updates from community sources, from Maritime NZ, and from other sources. The day after the website went live with Rena updates, it had over 4100 hits and continues to see high daily activity.

The Rena may be on the rocks, but it's Maketu Rotary that rocks in its response.

Visit [www.MaketuNZ.com](http://www.MaketuNZ.com)



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P17 'One Degree closer to a peaceful future'

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**What is Sunrise @ Six?**

"**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. An open invitation is extended to all Rotarians, and bring your partners, friends, prospective members and new members along.

Next gathering: **Friday 2 December, 6pm at The Bank.** See you there!

Rotary knowledge is important

“It’s every Rotarian’s responsibility to be educated in Rotary”

District Training Team 2011

## What is District Assembly?

District Assembly is a training day offering interactive workshops and plenary sessions for

- club office holders
- future office holders
- all Rotarians

If you fit in to one or more of these categories, then we encourage you to attend **District Assembly** to be held in Tauranga **1 April 2012**.

Please diary it in now.

## District Training Team Focuses on Rotary Renewal



Late Oct and early November, District Trainer Libby Gairdner and Assistant Trainer Raewyn Kirkman – both members of Waikato Sunrise – facilitated training for Assistant Governors and Presidents Elect for the 2012/13 year. The interactive workshops, held in Taupo, Napier, Tauranga and Morrinsville, explored the importance of strong and innovative leadership in Rotary clubs to refresh the image and impact of Rotary in our communities.

Topics included role definition, selecting a strong team, goal setting, and developing a welcoming, modern club culture. Libby and Raewyn gave tips on planning, leadership, and facilitation of purposeful conversations.

A creative exercise provided some light-hearted moments for all *drawing* the ideal club President; and Assistant Governors had to come up with the A-Z of the ideal Assistant Governor.

Feedback has been extremely positive for the quality and focus of the training delivered. Presidents Elect have been armed with the

challenges of renewal and facilitating change – whatever that looks like for their clubs – to ensure they enhance their public image, attract a diversity of membership (age, gender, ethnicity etc), and maximise their impact on the communities they serve.

Presidents Elect will next attend South Pacific President Elect Training (SPPETS) in March – a multi-district training event held in Auckland that will be attended by five of the six NZ Rotary districts, including the Pacific Islands.



**Photo above:** President Elect Keith presents his team’s ‘ideal president’ masterpiece.

## Buddies Day – Highlighting the Prevalence of Child Abuse in our Community



Two ‘buddies’ visited Waikato Sunrise Rotary on Friday 18th November - World Child Abuse Day. The buddies were there with Sharyn Bell and DG Raewyn Kirkman as part of Buddy Day organised by Child Matters <http://www.childmatters.org.nz/>

180 buddies were out and about in the community for the day, representing 10% of the 1800 substantiated child abuse cases in the Waikato last year. Buddy Day reminds us that we are all responsible for preventing child abuse in our community.



## From our President:

Whilst on holiday this month, I saw several examples of the outstanding work that Rotary does in the Community. One of these projects was the Pekapeka wetlands just south of Hastings, which was a significant Rotary project there. This land has been tidied up with walkways and the like and has

turned an area of wasteland in to a great tourist attraction and also provides a great profile for Rotary in the Napier / Hastings community - outstanding!

Thank you to members who committed contributions towards Rotary Foundation in the month of November. As you are aware, Rotary Foundation is a cause that Raewyn is extremely passionate about, and in her year as District Governor I'm keen to see our Club increase contributions from previous years.

You're invited to become a fan of the Group Study Exchange team on facebook, and follow their adventures in India. To make it easy for you, a link can be found on our club facebook page and via our website. And we hope to see you at their formal farewell (details below).

Lastly, it's with sadness that we farewelled member Neil MacGregor this month. Our thoughts are with Betty and family.

## Group Study Exchange Farewell Event

The Group Study Exchange team head to Rotary District 3050 in India on 20 December, for a 5 ½ week cultural and vocational exchange.

Join the team as they present the presentation they have prepared for India and are farewelled by District Governor Raewyn Kirkman.

This event is an excellent PR opportunity for Rotarians, showcasing one of the many opportunities funded by the Rotary Foundation to build International understanding and good will.

### Who will you bring to this event?

5.30pm to 7.30pm

Sky City Function Centre \$20pp

RSVP by 5 Dec to [secretary@waikatosunrise.org.nz](mailto:secretary@waikatosunrise.org.nz)

## Jesse's still a winner



Message from Tracey Reynolds, Jesse's mother: Thank you so much for your recent and ongoing support of Jesse and his swimming. I am pleased to let you know that he is progressing well and achieving many of the goals he set for himself this year. He has continued to break many Paralympic NZ records as well as gaining new PNZ records throughout his competition schedule.

Jesse's most recent achievements have included being selected by Swim Waikato to represent the Waikato region in the Central North Island Champs. This was a 'big' deal as to be selected he had to be in the top 16 swimmers in the region...able bodied swimmers! He was also selected by his school to be a finalist in the Hamilton Boys High School junior sportsman of the year. He was not the winner but felt very proud to be recognised.

Jesse's latest success was beginning of Nov here in Hamilton at the Paralympic National Championships. He competed in 8 events and achieved 7 Personal Bests, 7 gold medals and 1 silver as well as breaking 3 of his current PNZ records. But his highlight of the meet was to beat the current PNZ National champ & Paralympian Daniel Sharp in the 100mt Butterfly. To stand on that podium and receive the gold medal in such a well deserved race was awesome.

Once again thank you for your wonderful support throughout the past year. *Tracey Reynolds*

## Membership News



### News from member Renee Casserly, currently based in England:

I've had an interesting year and the last month has been amazing, I've just travelled through 11 stops from Amsterdam through Germany, the Czech Republic down through Austria, Italy and winding up in the South of France! Please tell Gary Robertson, that I did make it to Monaco, but didn't get there in time for the Grand Prix. And tell all those that have helped out on Shepherd (movie) so far that I took the script off to Cannes for a coffee break and some development work. Cannes was spectacular (well actually it looks a lot like Oriental Parade in Wellington). I've not got experience on the biggest Fringe Festival in the world, and it was hectic, but completely amazing! All of the travels so far have been really life affirming (a little bit... well a lot romantic tee he), and mostly what it's taught me is how great Hamilton and the Waikato, and NZ are, and NZers of course. Have met so many wonderful characters here, and they all lust after the NZ weather, landscape, people, lifestyle and even the kiwi "get on and get it done... with a smile" attitude.

I resigned from my position at Arts Waikato in August (in the midst of the Edinburgh Fringe festival! eek!!!) - a decision that I feel really positive about, as did Andy, (CEO Arts Waikato) who some of you will have met. I get choked up writing this bit lol... she said that she reckons I'll be successful in whatever I choose to be doing, and that it's really great to see me working towards my own creativity, not restricted (time wise) to just supporting others in their creativity. There was a time pressure to come home as my replacement was to go on Maternity leave, and I may be wonderful, but they can't keep the position open forever! LOL.

This change has opened up a world of new opportunities, all of which are really exciting. One that I'm just rediscovering is my musical ability. I trained as a pianist (classical and contemporary) and did a lot of singing. It's a really funny thing, but in the month through Europe there was a lot of musical connection, and I even performed a couple of times! impromptu, and pretty darn cool. Hi to all from me, *Renee*



### Introducing Fungai Mhlanga

Fungai is originally from Zimbabwe and migrated to New Zealand in 2006. He's married to Rosemary and has a daughter Tanya (15) and son Tadiwa (9). Tanya was an exchange student in 2010, sponsored by Waikato Sunrise on the Rotary Australia New Zealand Secondary School exchange programme.

Fungai has a passion for working with vulnerable people to enable them to realise their dreams and goals for a better life, and is a Health Promoter by current profession. He currently works for Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust where he coordinates a health promotion project for new migrants and refugees from many countries settling in the Waikato. His previous work includes Health Services Administrator for the Ministry of Health in Zimbabwe, Programme Officer for the United Nations Development program (UNDP), and Project Officer for the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

Fungai has a Bachelor of Arts degree and postgraduate diploma in health Management from Zimbabwe and a bachelor of social science Honours degree in Health Development and Policy from Waikato University. He enjoys African music, dance and culture.

Fungai looks forward to being part of the Rotary family and making a significant contribution to Rotary programmes.

***Welcome to Waikato Sunrise Fungai. We look forward to your contributions to Rotary.***

## Would you like to be a 'Friend of Rotary' volunteer?

Rotary makes a real difference in community the Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise raises significant funds each year for charitable purposes. We need all the help we can get for fund raising and active service projects.

**If you would like to be a 'Friend of Rotary' volunteer, to work alongside our hard working and fun loving Rotarian members, please contact: Mel Hopkins via our website ['contact us'](#) page or [friends@waikatosunrise.org.nz](mailto:friends@waikatosunrise.org.nz)**



## Geoff's Jaunts: Diary of a District Governor's right hand man

At 10.30 am last Friday, Libby, Raewyn and I were sitting at a café on Grey Street on the South Bank of the Brisbane River. It was appropriate at that time (Brisbane is three hours behind NZ) to reflect on the influence that fellow Rotarian Neil MacGregor has had on our lives. Our thoughts were with Betty and our Rotary friends attending his funeral service at that very moment. The bonds of the Rotary family are strong indeed.

We had arrived in Brisbane on Tuesday to attend GETS (Governor Elect Training). For us, this event started two years ago at Waitangi, and at Tauranga the following year. But every third year it is held in conjunction with the 22 Australian Districts and gave us the opportunity to rekindle the friendships we had made last year at Parramatta, and in San Diego earlier this year. Libby was there as our District Trainer. Our training team is the envy of all the other 27 Districts at the Conference. On Friday, GETS merged into Institute, which is the annual celebration of previous District Governors and continued to Sunday. We were privileged to be addressed by speakers of exceptional quality. The Rotorua Sunrise Rotary Rockers, a five-piece band, opened each session of the six days to resounding applause.

At the end of October on Friday morning we attended the annual Tauranga Sunrise Arts Breakfast. That evening we lost all our money on the Hamilton East Race Night, but at least it was going to a good cause. The following Wednesday we were at Hamilton East saying farewell to our Ambassadorial student Caresse. On Friday I was a proud member of the Waikato Sunrise Rotary Team, winning the annual Ambrose charity golf tournament at Ngaruawahia. President Joe captained our team with exceptional talent and leadership. Whilst Libby and Raewyn delivered President Elect Training at Morrinsville and Tauranga that weekend, I had one day in the garden and the other at the office. Wednesday found us at a club meeting at Turangi, also involving Taumarunui and the three Taupo Clubs. An outstanding venue and a most enjoyable evening.

This Friday we're off to Gisborne for the annual Rotary Music Competition, attracting international entrants and including a Concert in the Park on Saturday afternoon followed by Final Judging that evening. Raewyn has a District Advisory Committee meeting in Taupo on the way back on Sunday, so it looks like I'll be frequenting Scenic Cellars for a couple of hours. *Geoff*

### Parting thought – how true!

There are three types of people in the world:  
those who make things happen,  
those who watch things happen,  
and those who say  
... "what happened?"

Congratulations to  
**Assistant Governor  
Tim Brooker**  
who was made a  
**Paul Harris Fellow**  
by the  
Rotary Club of Hamilton East  
In November 2011



**The Rotary Foundation** is Rotary's own charity, supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share Rotary's vision of a better world. These contributions enable Rotary to fund projects and programmes that improve the lives of people worldwide.

There are as many reasons to support The Rotary Foundation as there are ways to do good in the world. By donating to the Foundation, you support Rotary's six areas of focus, which help advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

*"The Foundation belongs to us all. It is our greatest resource for doing good, and it is our responsibility to maintain its strength. RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr. (2004-05)*

**Want to know more about Rotary?**

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