

Bulletin

Tuesday 13 May, 2025

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Programme (upcoming)

Greeter

20 May	Fairview Club (Partners evening) Speaker – Glenys Parton ROMAC	Paul Lassman
27 May	The Hub (Platters) (Committees meet)	John Dallimore
10 June	The Hub (BYO meals) (Board meeting afterward)	John Strongman

Greeter Martin Hawke

On Tuesday Martin filled in as Greeter for Bronwyn who is currently visiting family in sunny California and he spoke of growing up in Cornwall and following his boyhood dream of becoming a farmer. Earning just 2 pounds per week plus board on an arable farm at first, he later worked at a research centre for ICI where for a time his charges were cockroaches and this was followed with experience on a pig and poultry farm where he said, rats outnumbered the pigs

After a year at the Oaklands Institute of Agriculture, managing stock on the Scottish Borders, all the time having a great social life and playing rugby, Martin then attended the Harper Adams Agricultural College in Shropshire for two years sparking off a huge interest in sports and mountaineering and social activities (enough said). Another memorable experience came with an opportunity which arose during the Easter breaks when he worked on a Welsh Hill Country farm. Very little English was spoken here and Martin worked at nights on duty in the lambing pens

It was at this time, while at College that Martin decided that he had to make a long term decision to either go back to Scotland to take up farm management - or go to New Zealand. And here he is....

Volunteers required for two important events

1. Uretara River Trail

A working bee has been planned for the continuation of development of this very worthwhile project and it will involve some spade, rake and weed removal work

When	8.30am on Friday 16 May
Where	Meet at the end of Henry Road
What	Bring a spade if you have one (other tools will be supplied)
Duration	Tools down at 10.30 for cake & coffee

And again on

8.30am on Tuesday 20 May

Finishing at Henry Road then moving to Nancy Merriman Reserve)

Phone Ian Stevens 021 661 218) for any further details

2. Cans For A Cause

This worthy cause is a nationwide event, supported by our DG Nick and promoted as an ALL NEW ZEALAND EVENT - supported by Rotary Clubs throughout New Zealand

Katikati Rotary will be operating a stand in the Foyer at Woolworths Supermarket to collect canned groceries for the purpose of re-distributing to needy families

Volunteers are required please to man the table between 8am – 4pm

Phone John Strongman 0274996922 to arrange a spot

When	Friday 16 May (2 hours)
Where	Woolworths Supermarket, Main Road, Katikati
Wear	Your Rotary Hi-viz vest
Duration	Two hours



ROTARY CANS FOR A CAUSE

Many families across New Zealand are struggling to put enough food on the table for their whānau and are in urgent need of support.

The Rotary Clubs of New Zealand are committed to collecting 1 million cans of food to support local food banks in our communities.

You can help!

Donate your food items between 9th – 16th June to help us collect a million food items.

A community project organised by:

Items most in need:

- Canned fish
- Baked Beans and Spaghetti
- Canned veges
- Canned fruit
- Soup
- Diced tomatoes
- Spreads
- Rice
- Pasta
- Cereals

District 9920 & 9930 Conference 2025

Last Call

- Registrations available for Single-day passes
- Saturday \$150
- Sunday \$100
- Car-pooling available (contact Jenie)



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**Fri 13th
June
6pm**

**Omokoroa
Sports
Pavillion
Western Ave**

**Dinner, Live Music and Dancing, Cash Bar
Silent Auction, Raffle**

TICKETS: humanitix.com/mid-winter-fiesta

Harriet Campbell

Harriet is a member of the Rotary Club of Otumoetai and she has been working in Ukraine, providing food for citizens disadvantaged by the war - a challenging undertaking by no means

Harriet was interviewed on TV1 7 Sharp programme recently and is about to make her final visit to the area at the end of this month

In the spirit of regional interest and collaboration we have been invited to support Harriet in her quest by making a donation however small, to assist Harriet with her charity work in Ukraine

Donations can be made to the Rotary Club of Otumoetai Charitable Trust Account 06 0433 0402398 00 - preferably by 26 May

To learn more, please visit the following website

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/tauranga-baker-harriet-campbell-returns-to-ukraine-for-aid-mission/CJ2LOUFNBRCFROF5AVOY7GSOKU/>



Humanitarian volunteers and founders of the 'Never Alone' project, Harriet Campbell, from Tauranga, and Jason Zan, from the United States. Photo / supplied

Computers to the Solomon Islands

John Buchanan reports that a group of 18 students from the Bethlehem College have recently returned from the Solomon Islands having spent two weeks serving in Honiara. Their main focus was on Florence Young School which is near the heart of the city and where groups from Bethlehem College have visited periodically over the past three years, and is becoming known to the students there



Priorities were improving knowledge in areas of hygiene, literacy and numeracy, teacher professional learning and outreach. The students from Bethlehem College were able to provide valuable resources such as First Aid kits, laptop computers, medical supplies, textbooks and sports equipment. They came away with a strong sense of how much their gesture was appreciated by the local people and were really humbled by the experience

Three computers provided by John went to teachers in the school who did not already have access to a computer and John was elated to hear that similar computers which were gifted last year are still in good working order, and how much they are valued

Parting thought from Martin

A car's weakest component – is the nut holding the sheeting wheel