

# Rotary Club of Katikati

# Bulletin



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## Programme (upcoming)

**26<sup>th</sup> August** Robyn Walker will introduce Katana Te Ngaio Outward Rotary Exchange Student being supported by our club. Then we have committee meetings club meeting finishes at 7:30pm. Followed by Board meeting for the Inc Rotary Fund followed by a Trust Fund Meeting

**Greeter – Lawrie Donald**

## Meeting at Fairview

The meeting at Fairview featured Kurt Waugh one of two Western Bay District Councillors working in the Civil Defence department. The supporting act was our very own Roy Robinson reporting on a trip back in Easter that was full of some of his favourite things; family, old machinery and 4WD adventures. Warning you will need to be sitting and have a coffee in hand to maintain your concentration to get all the gems and opportunities to do good that are contained within.

## Greeters Talk – Roy Robinson

### **Roy's Easter Trip**

By sheer coincidence! (yeah right!) Roy turned up in Wanaka with his son on Thursday before Easter at Wanaka the day before the Wheels at Wanaka event started. A 40 hectare paddock full of machines!

Friday was a wee bit damp but was Bull Dozer & Motor Scraper focussed with 247 vehicles in the parade.

Saturday the weather was better Roy left at 9:00am to just pop down to the site a short distance away and got there at 12:00 (Roy was just a wee bit pi..ed being held up getting to some of his favourite things!) This drastically reduced his time available to

drool over 500-700 older trucks! They had come from all over the country and some from Australia at great expense to their owners!

Sunday saw Roy finishing off the trucks section plus taking in huge numbers of tractors and assorted machines.

Roy was like a mature kid in a candy store.

Monday Roy went on to Cromwell where he looked at more tractors! What a surprise!

Next day he visited a very large farmer who happened to have an interest in Tractors. Over 1000 hectares over 4 farms growing seed and ran 6000 lambs as well.

All irrigated with 4 pumps just one of them had an annual power bill of \$40,000!

He was big on machinery with each new tractor typically dedicated to one implement. Storage no problem just build a new shed as required. Its what my dad taught me as well.

Nex a visit to a large dairy and cropping farm where they were using Halter collars, where the cows are trained to recognise physically non existing fences. It saved a labour unit, eliminated capex and R&M on fencing. There were also other data collection benefits including when the cow is bulling allow automatic drafting into a pen for the AI technician. I remember it being a drama on my parent's farm 60 cow herd to detect and draft out cows, I learnt lots of naughty words. Imagine the stress reduction on a 1000 cow farm.

There were new combines and steam engines as a wee bonus.

Next day a visit to a truck collector that just buys trucks to add to collection with very minimal use. Roy astutely assessed that this bloke had either made some good decisions in life or inherited a fortune or won a substantial Powerball!

From Christchurch he drove to Hamner to meet his son again and proceeded to drive the spectacular Rainbow Road rugged and beautiful (I have been lucky enough to have done it in 4WD' CT110 and push bike like Roy says you have got to do it!)

As luck would have it a chance conversation in Hamner alerts Roy to the fact that the Moldsworth road is also still open later than usual! You guessed it never let a chance go by! Roy looped back down to Blenheim then up the Awatere valley to the Acheron road and through the Moldsworth.

All good things come to an end he then had to high tail it to Picton before the weather turned bad.

## **Guest Speaker – Kurt Waugh** **Resilience Coordinator / Advisor**

Kurt told us he worked for the nice part of Council. I think the inference is they do good stuff and help people help themselves while other parts of council might have to tell us what to do and what not to while charging for their services.

Kurt had a good background in with 18 years in the police force in the Bay of Plenty in various roles, including Youth Aid Officer dealing with younger people with challenging attitudes. He also had significant involvement with search and rescue on land and sea via links with Coast Guard. Increasingly many of those searches were for people with

dementia, reflecting the aging population. The background has given a great background and many useful contacts for his new role.

Kurt is one of a team of two fulltime Civil defence staff at Western Bay District council. In the event of an emergency then all Council staff can be re deployed but particularly those with relevant knowledge and skill sets.

He is responsible for regular training exercises so that in the event of an event being serious enough they can standup a response very quickly.

The last event slightly before his time where this occurred was the heavy rain at Waihi Beach that flooded some homes.

Kurt then went on to explain the role of community hubs.

There are several community hubs located throughout the Western Bay District Council Area.

From the north Athenree Homestead, Saint Pauls Presbyterian Church, Katikati Community Baptist Church, Library Pavillion at Omokoroa. The Marae's through the area are also extremely well setup for assisting and looking after large numbers of people.

Each of these locations has a group of community volunteers that can stand up these hubs at short notice and provide support. They are typically people that have a good set of contacts plus awareness of resources around their communities that might be important in a disaster. For Kurt these key people are also a reliable source of information as to what is happening in the community for him and his team in an emergency to allow him to deal with actual real information not social media miss information.

If members want to get involved talk to either Peter Mackay, Chris Keightly or Alan Sole who are all involved. If your own situation is stable and you are prepared to get in an help people going to one of these hubs would be a good place to go ideally going before the disaster so you don't have to learn as much on the job.

These sites also have access to Radio Communications and all sorts of stuff that could be useful in a disaster situation.

The most likely events that might cause these hubs to setup are as follows.

Tropical cyclones, Intense rain events, tsunamis all of these causing flooding. Volcanic activity is another possibility

Kurt then reminded us all about the importance of having a [grab bag](#) in case we must vacate our homes in a hurry. You can either make up your own or you can buy them off the shelf.

Another key items is make sure you have a disaster plan for your, home / family, work, school and community.

The information is at the following link go have a look and get yourself sorted.

<https://www.bopcivildefence.govt.nz/get-ready/at-home/>

News Items in no particular order so keep alert read, commit and diary where applicable

[International Computers in Action](#)

Katikati Rotary is sending computers to those in need all over the world.

1 to Sri Lanka last week

1 to Indonesia this week

2 to Kenya next week

10 to the Phillipines

A report dated 19/08/2025 from a happy customer.

Hi John,

I took photos of the laptops in the office when I got here, but obviously got side tracked and didn't send them on.

Here are some photos of the kids using them - taken today (editors note I think they are happy!) Hopefully you are also happy see the happy faces!

Sue Hanna "FlameCambodia" <https://www.flamecambodia.org>



### Community & Environment

Thanks to the international committee finding the funding they needed for the latest Victory School of Hope project means that the club can now make a contribution to the playground project at Moore Park and make a district grant application to boost the contribution!

### Footprints for Our Future Project

A note from Secretary Chris "Volunteers for both Wednesday 3 Sept & Wednesday 10 Sep at the Uretara estuary planting please. Carmen Goodwin on behalf of the Footprints for Our Future Project had initially thought that we could use some Apata Coolstore (sponsor) employees on the 10th however that has since fallen over and we will need to manage the project and the available volunteers carefully in order to have a meaningful display on both days in order to take advantage of photo opportunities (it should ease the burden that work on the 10th will not commence until 1pm)"

Editor's note. Please put in a big effort to make the event! Get a haircut, polish your spade and clean your Katikati Rotary Hi – Vis. Also practice your smiling for the camera. Rod Calver is your go to for advice on smiling for the camera. He is well practiced and very good at it.

Please let John Strongman know whether you can make it or send a doctor's note if you can't make it.

## Youth

The follow article has been contributed by reporter Robyn Walker Youth Director who is doing a tremendous job getting behind our local outbound Youth Exchange Student Katana Te Ngaio who we will all meet at Rotary next week. Hopefully the whole club will get in behind Katana.

### Katana to France Fundraising

We are fundraising to help Katana achieve her dream of a 12-month student exchange to France – an incredible opportunity for growth, cultural learning, and personal development. This exchange will allow Katana to immerse herself in a new culture, gain valuable life skills, and bring those experiences back to share with our community. Rotary Katikati is supporting this journey through a delicious frozen pie and savoury fundraiser. Every purchase not only helps Katana get to France, but also supports wider youth initiatives that create opportunities for other local rangatahi to explore the world beyond their own backyard. These tasty pies and savouries are a freezer essential – perfect for quick dinners or sharing with whānau – and every bite brings Katana one step closer to her adventure. Thank you for helping make this life-changing experience possible!"

Scan the QR code below and this will take you to a webpage with has all the details of the fundraiser and a ordering page.



### Chocolate Fish Fundraiser

Members of Katana's family will be selling chocolate fish around Katikati and for your convenience I will have them available at Rotary meetings nights. \$2.00 a fish. We will

be offering online banking facilities. Tell me how many fish you would like and bank the money 06-0299-0287367-00 and I will bring next week.

If you have any questions please contact Robyn: [icnz-rotary@outlook.com](mailto:icnz-rotary@outlook.com) or 0297712396

Another Advertorial supporting generic youth projects from **Indeevar Duhan Tauranga Rotary Club**.

In recent years, some of our clubs have found it challenging to continue supporting Rotary youth initiatives due to limited funding — and we heard you. That's exactly why we created **Viva Fiesta** — an exciting and meaningful way for all our clubs to come together, have fun, and raise the funds needed to support the causes we care deeply about.

### 🌟 **Viva Fiesta: A Night of Purpose and Celebration**

We're inviting you and your club to be part of a vibrant Latin American-themed fundraiser that combines culture, music, food, and fun — all while backing Rotary's youth development efforts and the incredible work of the **Graeme Dingle Foundation**.

#### 📅 **Event Details**

**Date:** Saturday, 30th August 2025

**Time:** 6:00 – 10:00 PM

**Venue:** Tauranga Club

**Theme:** Latin American Fiesta – Dress to impress and dance to express!

#### 🎯 **Why This Matters**

Every year, Rotary clubs like ours commit to investing in the next generation — through mentorship, leadership development, and resilience-building programs. But these initiatives need consistent funding. **Viva Fiesta is our opportunity to make that happen – together.**

#### 👏 **How You Can Support**

- **Attend with your club members** – come ready for a fun and impactful evening.
- **Promote the event within your networks** – every ticket sold helps.
- **Encourage sponsors and prize donors** – their support can significantly boost our impact.

This is more than a fundraiser — it's a collective effort to ensure that **no Rotary youth initiative goes unfunded again.**

#### 🎫 **Book your tickets or share the link:**

<https://events.humanitix.com/viva-fiesta>

Let's unite for a night of celebration with purpose. With your support, we'll make **Viva Fiesta** a signature success and a lasting legacy for the youth we serve.

**¡Vamos! Let's make it happen.**

Warm regards,  
**Indeevar Duhan**





### Healing our waters:

Nigel Williams our travelling Billboard promoted this important upcoming meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. In case you can't zoom in far enough on the photo to get the details a copy of the poster has been attached to the email delivering this newsletter to you.



### Rotary Quiz Night on 3 Sept at the Armitage Hotel, Tauranga:

President Anne mentioned this and would like a team from our club be there. Get back to President Ann, all keen quiz folk, to book your place! Ann has commented she is happy to go but not on her own so please put your hand up. A minimum of 4 Rotarian persons in each team starts at 6:30pm \$25 entry fee payable by bank transfer or cash on the night.

### Aladdin's Cave Fundraiser – 10 Rochfort Crescent, Pyes Pa

The Rotary Club of Tauranga Te Papa is selling the entire contents of 10 Rochfort Crescent, with **50% of proceeds to youth projects** in the Bay of Plenty and the rest to local charities in Tauranga and Northland.

Items include:

- Collectables, artwork, rugs (new & used)
- Kitchenware, small appliances, linen, towels (many new)
- Furniture, lamps, mirrors, ottomans, bar stools
- Rocks & crystals, Xmas decorations, craft gear, garage tools
- Bric-a-brac galore

**Preview for Rotarians & friends:**

**Sunday 17 Aug 2025, 10am–12pm**

Payment by direct credit to the Big Wheel Trust.

Bargains for anyone setting up home or adding something special!

[John Buchanan's Katikati Rotary Club history quiz inspired by Sandra Haighs recent greeters talk](#). John is offering a free drink for the first person to solve this quiz. Who is he?

He travelled around the world in trains he was an ex-president of Katikati Rotary and married the daughter another ex-club president. The daughters name was Elizabeth.

## **Parting Thought – Roy Robinson**

Ability can take you to the top it takes character to stay there! By Zig Aigler