



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotary Club of Katikati New Zealand

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N.B. — Covid Lockdown Level 3

Our 6 September meeting will again be an online Zoom meeting.
Instructions on how to join the meeting are included below.

Programme:

6 September - Angus (Gus) Davidson will speak to us from Adelaide. He is an experienced agribusiness professional from within the agri-food industry and former New Zealand Pork Industry Board CEO. Of topical interest will be his extensive and recent experience in **Afghanistan**.

To Join the Online Meeting:

It is recommended that you prepare for the meeting by ensuring that the *Zoom* “App” is installed on your device. This will probably give you the best & easiest experience. **But** it is possible to join without downloading the **App**(lication). (Sandra has emailed you about downloading).

The meeting will begin at **6:30pm** **To join** in click on this [link](#). You may then be prompted to:

- Click on a “*button*” labelled” **Join Meeting**
- Enter the **Meeting ID**: 833 0384 2335
- Enter the **Passcode**: 062222

If you require assistance you can phone Sandra Haigh on 021 106 5972

Is your mental wellbeing affected by the COVID Lockdown?

Click [here](#) to find resources that could help

Speaker —

Chris Morley, a leading authority on veterinary epidemiology addressed our online meeting. He is a resident of Waihi Beach.

Chris first qualified in **veterinary science** at Bristol in the U.K. His work experience covers a wide variety of work in combatting (farm) animal disease outbreaks around the world. His speciality **epidemiology** is the branch of medicine which deals with the incidence, distribution, and possible control of diseases and other factors relating to the health of animals (and plants).

It can involve: designing studies to understand a disease, testing hypotheses, disease modelling, cause & effect (e.g. of vaccination), outbreak investigation (providing intelligence to help decision makers), & managing disease control operations.

His experience includes:

- 5 years as a **practising veterinarian** in the U.K.
- The 2001-2 U.K. **foot & mouth** outbreak
- 2003: meat vet with NZ Food Safety Authority
- 5 years at Wallaceville investigating **new disease incursions** (including postgraduate qualification as an epidemiologist)
- 2008-9 in Vietnam with the FAO on **bird flu**
- Designing a training curriculum for **Interpol** on **biological terrorism**
- 2010-14 in Canada working on **mad cow disease** and other diseases, becoming Director of Animal Health for Alberta
- Fonterra/Dairy NZ as **Biosecurity Manager**
- 2017 became a **biosecurity consultant** to government & industry
- Recent work for MPI on the ***Mycoplasma bovis* crisis** (infographic on next page)



M. bovis is an animal welfare issue not a food safety threat. It doesn't affect milk or meat for human consumption and is found in the herds of New Zealand's trading partners, with **Norway now the only dairy farming country free of the organism**.

Rotary's early days in Chicago

Jenie found a [hilarious video](#) Click [Here](#)

Mycoplasma bovis update

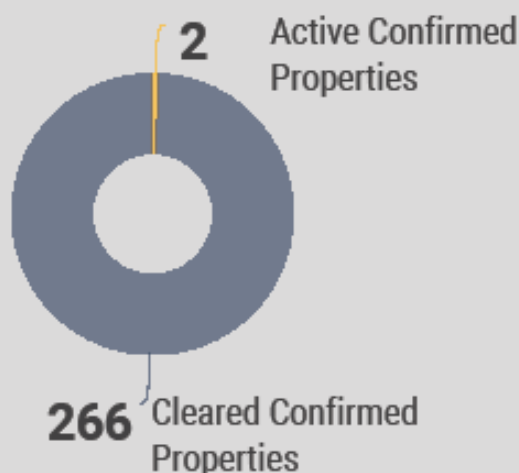
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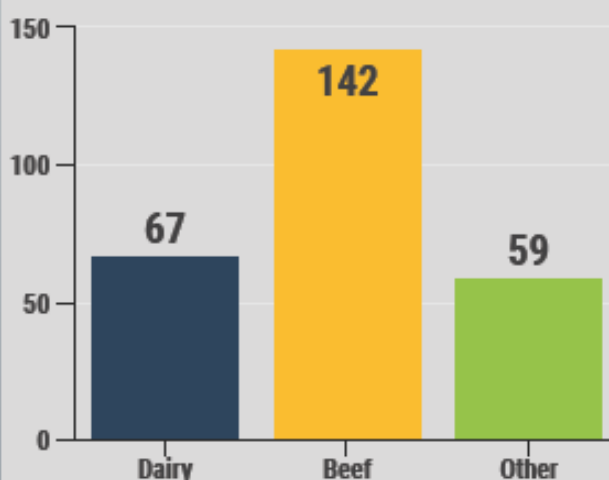
Biosecurity New Zealand

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268 total Confirmed Properties to date



Confirmed property type



36 Notice of Direction properties **↓ 1** this week
119 Active Surveillance properties **↑ 1** this week

Active Confirmed Properties
0 North Island
2 South Island **↓ 1** this week

Total Confirmed Properties
70 North Island
198 South Island

What else has changed?

2,345 Properties with NOD revoked **↑ 10** this week
172,488 Cattle have been culled
2,342,287 Tests completed **↑ 7,046** this week

Compensation update

\$209.2 million Paid in total **↑ \$0.3 mill** this week
2,633 Claims paid and completed **↑ 3** this week
23 Claims currently being progressed **↓ 1** this week

Up the Garden Path garden ramble

Our club's **Biennial Garden Ramble** is being held to showcase our community and to display our wonderful growing environment and its gardens.

Several of the gardens have views over the **Birdwalk** and the **Haiku Pathway**. The Birdwalk is part of the **Yeoman Walkway** which was a [Katikati Rotary project](#) and Rotarians were responsible for the **daffodils** which are at present in flower.

Money raised in this Garden Ramble will all go to local **Community Projects**. Some of the organisations which receive help from the club include:

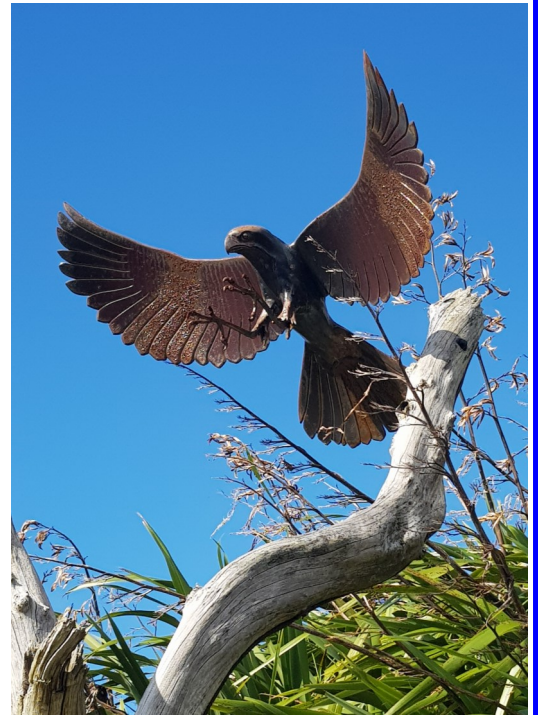
- The **Chrome Collective** helping people with disabilities make and sell their produce.
- A local initiative to collect **surplus food** in the community to hand on to the local Foodbank.
- Support for both the **Maori Wardens** and **Project Generate**.

Tickets for the Garden Ramble can be purchased online: www.katikati.org.nz or directly from the **Information Centre**.

Mark it on your calendar or in your diary now: **6th and 7th of November. Wet or fine.**

This year there is a **big incentive** being offered to those who purchase their tickets early. **Prizes** are to be awarded to some of the lucky early ticket buyers.

The major **Early Bird** prize will be a much sought after **garden sculpture** made by local sculptor Dennis Walter.



Report from Community Committee

Food Delivery Programme

The team of drivers we had assembled for collecting surplus food to be delivered to the **Katikati Food Bank** has been redeployed to effect deliveries to principally the elderly in our community who have been unable to go shopping during our Covid Level 4 lockdown.

Tessa Calder has been doing the shopping and our drivers doing the deliveries over the last couple of weeks with enquiries being channeled through the **Community Centre** team.



The Katikati COVID Community Response Group

This Ad Hoc body that was initially set up by the **Katikati Community Centre** during the COVID Level 4 lockdown last year. When the recent lockdown occurred, the group was re-activated, this time under the auspices of **Katikati Taiao**.

The group has one purpose: **to minimise suffering within the Katikati area**. During lockdown the group has been holding a daily *Zoom* meeting where community needs are addressed. Group members represent local support agencies, schools, service clubs (President Peter is a member), Katikati Advertiser, Katikati Medical Centre and the District Council.

Put simply, **problems are identified and solutions are found**. The main concerns that have been addressed during both lockdowns include **food, financial and psychosocial support** to needy families and individuals.

When comparisons are made between last year and this year's lockdowns there is good news.

This time, rapid financial support from MSD to the needy has been apparent, using trusted agencies such as Churches, Schools, Maori Wardens, Community Centre and Food Bank. Also, senior residents have been able to visit supermarkets and pharmacies. Thankfully, these two factors have meant that pressure on the response group has been much reduced during the current lockdown.