

# Rotary Focus - *arotahi* Rotary

District 9980 Rotary Club of Waimate Newsletter - 31 August 2017



Apologies txt 027 6896006 by midday Wednesday



## Skydiving with Jackie

After Jackie Clark's first jump she was told she wouldn't be back as she was a woman. That was the wrong thing to say to Jackie, she was back the next week and now has completed 2069 jumps, only one an emergency landing. Jackie became involved in competition jumping including formation diving and judging. As Jackie's passion for the sport grew so did the demand for her knowledge. She was invited to train the Army and Airforce during her weekends and holidays and a highlight was training the Red Devils paratroopers from the four battalions of

the Parachute Regiment. There was quite a number of questions following her speech which gave an indication that Jackie delivered a very interesting talk.

## Sergeant Peter's Session

Harvey - media attention causing havoc in Texas, Ryan shared his home brew with the crew on their way to Dunedin, Pauline for supporting Australia, Sharyn fantastic job with Rotakids, Jane is wearing out the car driving to Timaru seven times this week, Bruce his legs are improving, Mike H someone grabbed his dog when he was on his way home, Mick offered a Rotarian a ride home then remembered he didn't have his car, everyone who had a free drink, Pete H spilt fertilizer in his yard, Alan Maitland sending staff to the Marae for scones and cream, Russell W had a successful fishing trip, Harvey asked if he had to do the dishes on the fishing trip, Ken fined \$200 for no rego.

## Notices

**Raffle Winners** - Ryan Luckman & Mark Brown

**Anniversaries** - Chris Paul on 29 August 21 years, Jane and Peter Bell married 25 years on 28 August

Do you know a community group who would make use of our old **sound system**?

Rebecca is **fund raising for Cerebral Palsy** with the aim of raising \$500 by walking 10,000 steps per day during September.

**Meet the Candidates from Waitaki electorate** on Tuesday 5 September 6.30pm at the Waimate Golf Club. Organised by Federated Farmers

**Clutha Gold Cycle Trip next March 2018** - 3 day cycle trip Alexandra to Lawrence, maximum of 20 people, already have 11 people plus a possible 2 more. Check out [www.cluthagold.co.nz](http://www.cluthagold.co.nz) and let Russell know immediately to enable a booking to be set.

**Adelaide Trip - 17 - 30 April 2018** - includes House boat on the Murray river, explore Adelaide and possible Rotary billeting and Cattle Station experience.

**Bruce The Conference in Dunedin May 2018** - A Brilliant Rotary Unique Conference Experience

### Saul and Penny Farewell

Saul and Penny Sheehy were thanked for their great hospitality and their meals never disappointed. Ryan on behalf of Rotary wished them all the best for the future. Saul responded saying he had been at the café for 4 years, 3 of them with Rotary. He said we do amazing work in the community and they appreciated it and loved serving Rotary.

**Parting Thoughts**— "Hard work and a decent haircut would go a long way to improving rugby" *Colin Meads*

	7 September	14 September	21 September
<b>Speaker</b>	Martyn Jensen Farm Study Europe	Club Night	Lex & Heather Williams Race Horses
<b>Chair</b>	Mick Laming	Ryan Luckman	Ian Moore
<b>Fellowship</b>	Paul Grigg Gavin McKenzie	Raewyn Francis Allan Laurie	Chris Paul Charles Ruddenklau
<b>Stewards</b>	Raymond Francis John Abraham Ryan Luckman	Russell Wallace Jim Stevenson Gary Dennison	Tony Alden Peter Bell Michael Johnson
If you are unable to attend to your assigned duty please arrange to swap with someone else. Partners, friends, family and potential members are most welcome at all meetings			

## Rotakids Changeover

Well done Abi Laphorne for your leadership over the last year and congratulations to Alysha Melecio newly elected Rotakids President for 2017/18.



Rotary President, Dylan Murray,  
Rotakids President Alysha Melecio,  
District Governor Bruce Cowan

## Meals on Wheels Roster

Mon Sept 4 Jim Stevenson  
Tues/Wed Sept 5/6 Paul Studholme  
Thu/Fri Sept 7/8 Bruce Arthur  
Sat/Sun Sept 9/10 Gordon Ronson  
Mon/Tues Sept 11/12 Harvey Wood  
Wed/Thu Sept 13/14 Sharyn Cain  
Fri/Mon Sept 15/18 John Coles

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2017/18 President  
Dylan Murray

## In History This Week

- 3 September 1939 ~ Alongside Britain and Australia, New Zealand was one of the first countries to declare war on Germany.
- 4 September 2010 ~ 7.1 earthquake rocks Canterbury which struck at 4.35am on a Saturday morning. There was considerable damage in central Canterbury especially Christchurch, but no loss of life.
- 7 September 1909 ~ N Z's heaviest gold nugget discovered at Ross weighing 3.09kg - named Honourable Roddy it was gifted to King George V (40 yrs on it was discovered that the nugget had been melted down to make a royal tea service)



## Report from Claire in Denmark

Hi all,

This month has been full of school, and in the brief moments of freedom, full of friends. This month started with birthday celebrations for my best friend, who was turning 18. From her host family she received a weekend cruise to Oslo, Norway, and I've been invited, so I'm very excited for that. Our friend group also celebrated at Copenhagen's Pride Parade, which is a colourful and very festive party in the central city. Denmark is a such liberal country, and Copenhagen such a vibrant capital, that the parade is one of the top in the world.

I was also very fortunate this month to spend a weekend away at my counsellor's summerhouse. While its almost too cold to swim in Danish waters, it was very fun and hyggelige to be relaxing with them and their friends. This recent weekend they also took me to a Danish island off the coast of Sweden. The island has a circumference of around 100km, and was the perfect size for us to see everything in 3 days.

From Monday to Friday I'm back at school. I have one class that I take all my subjects with, and we sit in one square white room while the teachers come to us. Classes are paperless, and I don't think I would leave my seat if it weren't for bathroom breaks, so its like lectures. People between the ages of 18 and 25 also get paid to be a student. It varies on your income level, disabilities etc, but most high school students receive around \$200 monthly from the government (not me), and so they treat school more like a job. I think that might be a reason they see their teachers as more peers and treat them with more respect.

Time is slipping through my fingers at an alarmingly fast rate. It feels as if I had just written my last report a few days ago, and I increasingly aware of my limited time left. Soon I will shift to my third and final family, who have just sent their own daughter on exchange to Argentina. I'm excited to move to them, but also sad to say leave my current host family who feel so like home.

