

# A SPOKE IN THE WHEEL

Rotary club of Taieri PO Box 195 Mosgiel

Meeting: Mosgiel Railway station Wednesday 5.45pm

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## Apologies and Additions

Please Phone Taieri Amcal Pharmacy  
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## Gail's Gabble

The holidays have taken their toll, 14 apologies, including Drew, plus 2 leave of absence, so Fay "Led the Way" and she has not lost her touch at all. Great meeting, thanks Fay. People who went out onto the platform were given the story about the alterations. The wall between the current dining room will stay and outside diners will keep warm on cooler nights by the 'letting down' of a plastic curtain come wall, with visibility. Should be good to try on a balmy summers evening.

Don't forget the read the NOTICES about the visit to Farra Engineering. Should be worth the visit, followed by some great fellowship in an area of Dunedin yet to be exploited by the café culture.

## ♪ Happy Birthday ♪

29<sup>th</sup> September – Murray Robertson

2<sup>nd</sup> October - Carole Gold

4<sup>th</sup> October - Ross Gold

## Rotarian Anniversaries

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Lew Davie - 5 years.

## Our Guest -Gary Taiaroa

Enabling Technologies was started in the 1990s by Gary Taiaroa who comes from a Chartered Accountant background. The years of development appeared to be one very fun time with huge growth in a short time leading to Enabling Technologies being the South Islands best technology team in 2002.

Goals were readily met and now the company is on the move forward again and has an exciting bright future.

Their business is one to improve the information technology of businesses, streamlining the many aspects of the business so that the state of the business can be assessed from stocks, marketing, staff and finances.

Gary's take home message was #1. Value of information, the managing of margins staff, supplies etc. 2# Value of business. Support and improve and grow business in Otago.

## 3 Minute Talk -Brent iring

Our very own Brent who works for Rabobank outlined the life as a banker – someone who enjoys meeting, working for and forming relationships with a lot of lovely people.

What the client looks for in a banker is– interest in their business and the want to add value to the business. He must be able to work well with other people, have good back up support, stable in his job, competitive and wants to lend money. In turn the client must have the 'statement of position, their assets and liabilities, know how much their want to borrow, remember to include GST, how they are going to service the debt and the ownership structure and of course security.

Factors are weighed up and the loan approved or disapproved. Make it easy on the banker, keep them informed of all changes.

Thanks Brent.

**Duties** – If you are unable to do your duty please arrange a swap and let Drew know before the meeting.

| Date                 | 4 <sup>th</sup> October<br>TONIGHT      | 11 <sup>th</sup> October | 18 <sup>th</sup> October         |
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| Speakers             | Mosgiel Rotary<br>Visitor: Survival Box | Des Adamson<br>TBC       | Farra Engineering and<br>dinner. |
| Badges               | Denis Aitken                            | Ross Gold                | Not required                     |
| Host                 | Colin Brown                             | John Whitaker            | Not required                     |
| Vote of thanks       | Linz Debenham                           | Russell Heckler          | Not required                     |
| Grace                | Russell Heckler                         | Shaun Horton             | Not required                     |
| 3 Minute Talk        | Lew Davie                               | Lindsay Strong           | Not required                     |
| Thought for the week | Fay Tikey                               | Phil Farquhar            | Not required                     |
| Bar Duty             | Bruce Cockroft                          | Sin Phua                 | Not required                     |

## Notices.

**18<sup>th</sup> October** our regular meeting is to be an outside event. The club will be visiting Farra engineering at 6pm followed by a meal at the Wharf Hotel at 7pm. This will not be the 'heavy engineering' we would perhaps expect. We won't actually be looking at the heavy engineering, more machine work. Those "lucky" enough to visit will be able to see \$5m worth of machines running, including a new \$1m laser in full flight.

Dinner is at the Wharf hotel, but it isn't the Wharf hotel of old which was a working mans drinking hole. It's completely refurbished, and very comfortable.

You may not have visited the wharf industrial area and It is a chance to see it before the City converts it into an array of cafes and hotels!

## Meetings

**Directors** – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October @ Linz's

## Your weekly dose of PMT.

Linz has a house guest in the form of a lamb called Lucky. Brian's BMW needs the windscreen washers adjusted as he went to clean the screen and wet Neil H who was traveling behind. Robert Reid has his wife spraying the roadside and Nancy got lost in her handbag outside Fay's office. Sin has been fishing in the wrong part of the Clutha river, Colin B has his first Tracmac unit coming out of the factory, Hanks scares his clients cats during building jobs and John B when asked by his son what he was getting for his birthday the reply was 'ask your mother!' The blanket fine was for all those people not wearing their lapel pin.

## Raffle

Sapper drew the 4 of spades

## Thought for the week – Neil Hodgkin

The wrong decision is better than no decision.

## Weekly Trivia

Did you know?

- Every person has a unique tongue print.
- Liquorice can raise your blood pressure.
- The sound of ET walking was made by someone squishing her hands in jelly.
- Sigmund Freud had a morbid fear of ferns.
- American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by elimination one olive from each salad served in first-class.
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## In a lighter vein



What are you doing with your children these holidays?

(Thanks to Sin Phua)

### Mental Asylum

It doesn't hurt to take a hard look at yourself from time to time, and this should help get you started.

During a visit to a mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director what the criterion was which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well" said the Director, " we fill up a bathtub with water, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him/her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No," said the Director. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

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