



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

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Before Noon Wednesday.

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GET INVOLVED.....THE WORLD IS RUN BY PEOPLE WHO SHOW UP

From David ; This week we heard a lot about the weekends wine trip away to Wanaka. It surprised me that several members said that they didn't know it was on and they would have liked to go. READ YOUR BULLETIN. Once again it was a great trip. A special mention needs to go to Bill for the work that went into organizing such a trip. Drew thanks again for being the sober driver. To Kaye Verheul thanks for a wonderful lunch. Carole Gold for the constant supply of toasties and home made cookies and leading us all in song all the way home. As with all wine tastings a few nibbles helps to keep people on their feet. And a special thanks to the Wanaka Rotary club for being such great hosts.

District Conference in Te Anau 9-11 May. Book with Graeme Tikey ASAP; this is an event that every member should try to attend. Only a few places left so be quick.

Rotarian Anniversaries; Joined the club; Alistair Kerr (1 Year) 2ndMay, Brent and Shaun on the 11 may (3 years)

Wedding anniversaries Brent and Julie Irving on the 29th Ross and Carole Gold on the 3rd of May

Happy Birthday ; Chris McKay on 29th, Nancy Stewart on 30th, Julie Farquhar on 3rd May and Bruce Cockcroft on the 4th May, John Knight 7th

From the Sheriffs office; Drew for being the only sane on the recent wine trip. Ross, who must take some responsibility for Carole's behavior. Well done Carole. Hank who had to keep buying ice creams. David, for trying every wine, and then asking for seconds. Mel, who behaved himself this trip. Paul Morriss for the article about Taieri Print. Colin Brown, who is to be a guest speaker at the ASB Agriconference. Graeme Brown, for burning the coffee in Timaru. Humphrey for thinking that the closing of F&P will reduce the road traffic over three mile hill. Lindsay who was on call for SAR and didn't hear his pager go off. Chris McKay who purchased a new tv cabinet, the tv wouldn't fit so she purchased a new tv. It wouldn't go so had to call in Lindsay. Roger who thought that his wife would like a new duck caller for her birthday.

Thought for the week: The years drift on – but it's the special moments that remain. Thanks Brian.

David Rudd has a new email please amend your address book. rudd.family@xtra.co.nz

3 minute talk. Colin gave a brief run down on how three local companies beat the world. The Aleutian Islands (between Alaska and Russia) are in danger of loosing a species of native bird due to a rat infestation. The rat eradication program was put up for international tender. The NZ consortium of **Otago Helicopters** (supplying the pilots and expertise) **Tracmap** (GPS guidance and traceability tracing) and **Stainless & Alloy Fabricators** (make and supply the spreader buckets for under the helicopters) beat the world and won the tender. Well done guys, teamwork and co-operation.

The Rotary Centenary Painting project order forms are now available. These are prints of the one now hanging in the Mosgiel Library. These prints will be signed and numbered by the artist and a limited number (only 35) will be available. There are two options. (1) 40mm boxed frame print 600 X 375mm

(2) Unframed on canvas 750 X 470mm

COST \$ 350.00 EACH. See Lew or Noel for order forms. First in gets one.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: This week our own member Colin Brown gave us an informative talk about his company TRACMAP. After many years in the agricultural industry Colin could see that in the future there was going to be a need for accurate fertilizer spreading and proof of placement. After all he had already seen stiffer rules and regulations bought in to monitor the amount and types of chemicals being used in the fruit and especially apple industry. As Colin was quick to point out, if it was happening there it wouldn't be long before the rest of the farming industry would have to comply. In 2005 Colin was in an electronics company looking at GPS systems for boats when the penny dropped. From here the seed was sown and so the research was started. He purchased the company any by using their expertise and contacts, the seed was planted. Initially the GPS system was designed for the accurate spreading of fertilizer. Colin has always held the belief that the best way to success is to employ those who know more than you in specialized areas. By using a range of specialist company's from around NZ and overseas the first prototype was in field trials by August 05. Since then there have been several versions and now Tracmap is successfully selling and installing Tracmap systems into fertilizer and chemical spraying trucks. Another variation has been developed specifically for the K line irrigation system in the dairy industry. This has really taken off. Another version is for the aviation industry and is now in production with a major helicopter company as the major distributor. Selling into Australia is now underway.

It all comes down to having a product that people find easy to use, is robust and reliable and there is a need for. Colin and Tracmap have found a niche market in a field that is rapidly diversifying and changing and they are prepared to evolve with it. Not just to follow the trends but to be the leader of innovation in that field. Tracmap now employs 13 staff, 6 of whom are in the sales field. Keep up the good work.

NOTICES; Rotary Conference, 9-11 May in Te Anau

Otago Rally	10th May Help required contact Bruce
Club Auction	14th May Everyone to attend
Visit to Waimate	15th May Thursday as many as possible
Club Car Rally	18th May Fun day out "to be confirmed"
Home Hosting Dinner	May

Please note that Paul Morris's Ph number is now an 027 and not 029. The rest remains the same

YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR BEING SILENT; REMEMBER YOUR APOLOGY TO AMCAL BEFORE NOON ON WEDNESDAY, PH 4895171

Pea straw is once again available at \$8.50 per bale or for 10 or more bales it will be \$8.00 Please see Drew for orders.

The trip to visit the Waimate club is on Thursday 15th May. The day after the club auction. Partners are welcome. It is proposed to leave here mid morning. We will visit the white horse on the hill. (a Waimate club project), then a local winery before joining the Waimate club for a Mid Winter Christmas dinner and club meeting. It is proposed to travel by bus. A list will be going around so please support this trip. When they came to visit us recently they bought over 20 people, so lets see if we can better that.

The same weekend as Conference we have been asked to supply some helpers for the Otago Rally. On the Saturday 10th May. This year we will be manning checkpoints on Anzac Ave, not out in the forest. Only 5 - 6 people are required for 2-3 hours and it does earn the club good money. Please contact Bruce if you are available.

With the proceeds of the Heritage homes we went to the Berwick Lodge and with their guidance and after several meetings with furniture manufacturers a style of chair has been selected and 50 ordered. These are robust enough to survive life out at Berwick. The Mosgiel Rotary Club has donated \$1000 to this cause and we have also applied for a District Simplified Grant of \$2000. We will have a photo opportunity when we deliver the chairs and hope to get the press along.

Date	30th April	7th May	14th May
Speakers	TBA	TBA	TBA
Badges	Noel Davie	Paul Morriss	Errol Holgate
Host	John Whitaker	Lindsay Strong	Paul Sapsford
Vote of thanks	Shaun Horton	David Rudd	Geoff Kloogh
Grace	Phil Farquhar	Roger Nicolson	Ross Gold
3 Minute Talk	Brent Irving	Denis Aitken	Drew Carruthers
Thought for the week	Bruce Cockroft	Brent Irving	Chris McKay
Bar Duty	Hank Verheul	Gail Williams	John Whitaker

WEEKLY Joke: The top twelve country songs for 2007

- 12. I hate every bone in her body except mine.**
- 11. It's hard to kiss the lips at night that chewed your ass all day**
- 10. If the phone don't ring, you'll know it's me**
- 9. I liked you better before I got to know you so well**
- 8. I still miss you baby but my aim is getting better.**
- 7. I wouldn't take her to a dog fight because I'm afraid she'd win**
- 6. I'll marry you tomorrow, but let's honeymoon tonight**
- 5. I'm so miserable without you, it's like you're still here**
- 4. If I had shot you when I first wanted to, I'd be out of prison by now.**
- 3. My wife ran off with my best friend and I sure do miss him**
- 2. She got the ring and I got the finger.**

And the No. one country song for 2007 is:

- 1. I ain't never gone to bed with an ugly woman, but I've sure woke up with a few.**

TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ROTARY FUNDRAISING AUCTION

The Taieri Rotary Club's Fundraising Auction is to be held on Wednesday the 14th May 2008 at the Mosgiel Station.

Please keep this essential night of the Rotary year free and invite your wives, partners and friends (especially if they have fat wallets).

Dig in the back cupboard, garden shed or garage for all those things you might use one day and never will, dust them off and list them off to that Pirate Sin and his Auction Crew.

It's also time to tap your suppliers on the shoulder for dead stock and promotional items that we can turn into the folding stuff.

And if you are really having trouble finding something to sell don't forget about offering your body (for work that is, you with the grubby mind).

Come on, get going, get those goods together - let's make this a fun and successful night.

Contact Sin or Lew if you have any questions.