Rotary club of Taieri

Rotary Club of Taieri, PO Box 195 Mosgiel
Next Meeting: Mosgiel Railway Station Wednesday 9th June 5.45pm
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Speakers Coming Up:

June 16th Dave Stevenson Search and Rescue and farewell to Steffan Damgaard
June 23rd Tick Paulin Oil Exploration North Caspian Sea
June 30th Club Meeting (before changeover)

Duties:

Date	16th June	23rd June	30th June	7th July
Badges	Noel Davie	Bill Botting	Nancy Stewart	Denis Aitken
Host	Russell Heckler	Roger Nicolson	Neil Hodgkin	Lindsay Strong
Vote of thanks	Lindsay Strong	Phil Farquhar	Alan Brieseman	Bill Botting
Grace	Phil Farquhar	Bruce Cockroft	Noel Davie	Nancy Stewart
3 Minute Talk	-	Murray Robertson	Roger Nicolson	Alan Brieseman
Thought	Colin Brown	Graeme Tikey	Russell Heckler	Brian Stevenson
Bar Duty	Roger Nicolson	Bill Botting	Mel Jack	John Brieseman

Club Events:

Changeover night July 3rd: Kiwiana theme: time to get your outfit prepared. **Please see John if you would like to assist**

The **Milton Rotary club** is offering several outdoor experiences such as tramping within Otago and Southland and cycling the Rail Trail. If you are interested please contact Gail who has a full list of the activities available

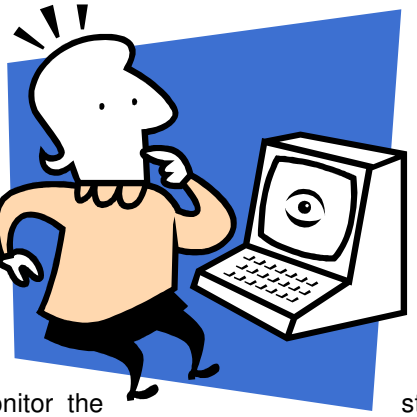
Statistics (for week 10th - 16th June):

Club anniversaries:	Member's birthdays:
Roger Nicholson 20th June 3 yrs	Bill Botting 17th June
Partner's birthdays:	**Wedding anniversaries:**
Shirley Stevenson 17th June Pariya Williams 19th June Vyv Hodgkin 23rd June	Colin and Nola Brown 18th June 22 yrs
Leave of Absence:	Attendance: 2nd June
Fay Tikey till further notice Chris Rudd 20 June - 18 July Ant Wither 9 June - 21 July Bruce Cockroft 28 April - 2 July	Attended 27 Apologies 14 Guests - Silent -

Chris McKay extended her thanks to those who assisted at the recent auction

3 minute talk

Brian Stevenson recently went to Aussie with 14 other farmers under the sponsorship of CRT to study farming methods in Armadale in the Tablelands. They visited about 3 farms per day in an area where the rainfall is 50-60" per year: not as dry as we normally imagine in Australia. They are grazing on a new strain of fescue grass on fertile soils: no silage or hay is needed. One farm was impressive in that it made the best use of the latest technology; producing 1500 cows per week. They had 6 $175,000 yards and 4 more were planned. The animals were all electronically tagged, which allowed the animals to be fully monitored through every stage of their day: weighed, herded, recorded etc. there was a full sound system in the sheds allowing the operations manager / owner to oversee the operations in each shed and monitor the staff, while monitoring the animal's progress. The processing of the animals from sales to management was all recorded allowing monitoring of the farm hands and sellers performance, including satellite recording of where each of the farm hands and their vehicles were; although the stated purpose was to enhance the safety of the employees.



From the chair

The following topics will be discussed at the club meeting on the 30th.

- **The policy of the Charitable Trust.** Over recent weeks there have been some varying opinions as to the functions, the forward planning, and the operation of the Trust. Denis would like members to give this some thought before the club meeting on the 30th.

- **Foundation and subscription fees.** How would members feel about the fee for Foundation being included in the subscription; and perhaps being due 6 monthly.

Guest Speakers

Ross Gold introduced our RYLA students Pip McKenzie and Jane Spencer. Pip is from Timaru and attended Otago University reading Theater Studies. Jane is the daughter of Ian Spencer, and grew up on the Taieri. She attended St Hildas, and trained to be a teacher. Jane had a gap year in Scotland and was very successful in training students in outdoor activities. She is now a relief teacher, and also keeps students under control during her part time work at Robbies.

Pip and Jane described their weeks activities at the RYLA course during the 5 days at Craighead. The week started with a fairly intense personal training course, lots of vigorous exercise followed by an exercise game which was based on cryptic clues and involved team solutions, a good way to get to know the 38 participants on the course. The second day started with a confidence course at Burnham military camp, where everyone was put under a bit of stress to simulate battle conditions: again teamwork and communications were required to achieve a successful outcome.

The following days included lectures from motivational speakers, and visits to local sites such as the new recycling plant. Speakers included

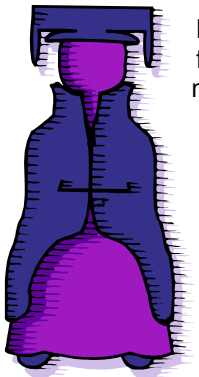
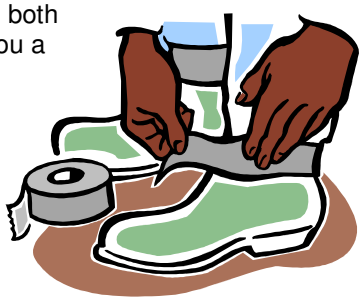
- Josh South a Timaru local who lost a leg to cancer, who found it opened up new opportunities as he became a successful Paralympics competitor winning a gold medal.
- Don McFarlane who advised the team on budgeting and realistic money sense
- Pam Harding taught them how to speak confidently
- Jamie described local body politics from being a councilor and past Mayor
- Kate Johnson, a Rotary Exchange student, gave then ideas on future opportunities that this course will open for them

Each night the organiser: Ian a headmaster at the local school, got the students to work on a marketing campaign to “Sell Timaru”

Pip and Jane recognised the leadership benefits they both gained from the week, and the benefits of joining in and the friendships and bond made as a result of the sharing of tasks and duties. They thanked the club for sponsoring them on the course, and thanked the Rotary club of Timaru for looking after them

Thanks were given by Graeme Brown: we look forward to following their progress.

Thought for the week



Neil Simpson: Confucius say: show me a man with both feet planted firmly on the ground; and I will show you a man who will never get his pants off.