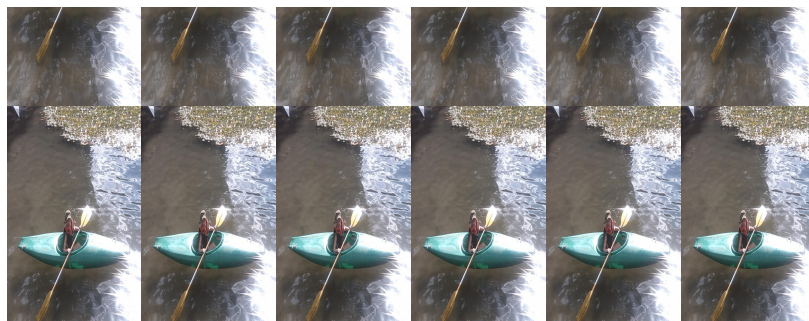


# Rotota Newsletter

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## Greetings Rotota members.

A fine spring greeting to you all. Trust you are all in high spirits with the warmer weather, and the great relief of winning the 2011 Rugby World Cup. The most appropriate comment I have heard about the final is "not such a great game, but a great result". It was certainly a nail biter, and from a number of accounts the tension was high in the clubrooms. John A had to leave the room in the final minutes due to being so nervous. I watched the game in the Qantas Lounge in Sydney airport with a load of Australians (I was the only kiwi there) and the Australians were all gunning for the ABs. Everyone agreed that it wasn't the AB's best match, but that they deserved to win after all that they did to get to the final. Undefeated, from start to finish.

While we have had good reason to focus on the positive vibe of the RWC, the story is not all smiles. We need to send as much positive energy to our members and friends in the coastal Bay of Plenty. Their beautiful environment has been severely compromised by a stupid disaster. We are there for you guys!

Labour Weekend was great, with the RWC final and bronze matches on live in the clubhouse (the technical hitches eventually got sorted out on both nights), the other RWC (Rotota World Cup tournament: good turnout from kids but virtually zero turnout from adults...cmon folks...), DJ Yonderman's musical entertainment (despite some sound quality issues encountered with the first use of the new clubroom equipment), and the usual great catchups and maintenance in many parts of the grounds. The weather generally cooperated and gave those of us from south of the desert road the first taste of summer. Jane and I always feel our first day of summer is Labour Weekend at Rotota, and our last is Easter at Rotota.

This edition of the newsletter comes with sizeable reports from the President and committee. Simon has also provided a substantial "caretakers corner" piece. The newsletter is a little later than I'd like (due to work trips to exotic places like Japan and Whangarei) so I'll stop for now and let the go-to people go to it in the pages following! Till next time ☺ Mark (The Ed, & "Clark Kent" of DJYM)

## *Presidents Message*

A big thank you to all those who helped with the Rotota working bee on October 1. We had 28 people on the grounds who helped clear tracks, spruced up the clubhouse and cleaned the club caravans. Rolly led a team to tidy up the rubbish behind the tractor shed and now we have a big pile of scrap metal which we will look at removing in upcoming months. If there is other scrap metal around the grounds, put it on this pile. We will also be looking at removing the waste oil that has been accumulating over past years. I know this has been collected with the intent of oiling the road, but such measures are not environmentally sound and we should be looking at more long-term proposals – such as full ‘metal’ surface. If you object to the removal of the waste oil, please inform us with a written objection.

Labour weekend was a very busy (and at times stressful!) time for me but I had huge fun enjoying the Rugby with an enthusiastic crowd. I have never been so tense watching sport! I have to give a huge thanks to Bruce and Russell who got the sky dish(es) functioning – it was touch-and-go on Friday night; we got it up and running just 45 mins to spare! Thanks to all who supported the decision of purchasing a data projector. I think you will see more of this, in other forms, in the future. One great suggestion was an outdoor movie night! We still have some work to do on our sound system, including obtaining club speakers so we are self-sufficient in providing audio-visual entertainment. Thanks to Mark for DJ Yonderman’s appearance. His enthusiasm for a great party is truly infectious!

We also had a very enthusiastic and keen group of members meet to discuss the Rally proposal. Thanks to everyone. I was heartened by all the support! The general themes were ‘back to nature/basics’ but working around a theme.. “Roman Rotota” came out as an idea with lots of opportunity. Our next step is to put a proposal together for the NZNF at the Auckland rally, and possibly host the rally in 2014-15.

There is one small event coming up... your President has a minor decade birthday encroaching very fast. If you would like to join us on the next committee weekend (26 Nov), we’ll have a *small* Rotota celebration with all **my** favourite music! The birthday theme for this major event is “Officer and a Gentleman”. Ladies can be as they choose, but men... an “officer” or a “gentleman” please!

*Lisa*

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### **Naturist one-liners**

- *A naked man fears no pickpocket.*
- *Bare butts are cool.*
- *A nudist never has to hold out his hand to see if it is raining.*
- *A Buddhist nudist practices yoga bare.*
- *A harp is a nude piano.*
- *Nudist Resort sign - Sorry, Clothed for Winter.*

## *Committee Notes*

1. The Gilmours account is now active. We are making the account number available to members as this is a cash account only. Members may contact Lisa by phone or email to get the account number if they want to take advantage of this.
2. There is 1500 litres of waste oil in the tractor shed. There is a plan to arrange to get this pumped out and taken away. This won't be this year, so there is a chance for member feedback.
3. There is also a pile of scrap metal – once the oil is taken away plan is to add drums to this and get it taken away. It is possible that merchants will pay for both oil and metal. We will investigate this.
4. \$1300 has been paid for a data projector, screen and amplifier for the clubhouse entertainment options. The data projector and screen cost \$1000 (not just the screen).
5. Thanks to Keith and Julie for the donation of their trampoline – the kids utilised it immediately!
6. Thanks to Alan and Maxine for the toy quarry equipment – nice and solid for the younger kids to play with.
7. The Defibrillator is very easy to use and no training is necessary. Once the lid is open there are clear instructions. Once you complete the first step it talks out loud to you giving complete and simple instructions. Part of this process means it will automatically detect whether a shock is necessary and it won't do it if it isn't appropriate.
8. New awnings/roofs are about to be constructed for the club caravans. This will cost \$2500 maximum.
9. Welcome new members Steven H & Teresa H from Wellington, and Michael and Karen H from Taupo.
10. Membership is 179.
11. Work is needed on the new shower to keep it dry as rain comes in. Maybe a lean-to.
12. On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, Life Member Ken D celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Happy birthday Ken!
13. Feel free to cut down the buddleia trees behind the club caravans if you have the right equipment with you. These will be removed to create more space behind the vans.
14. Plans at the next committee weekend (27<sup>th</sup> November) to get the pontoon out of the water, waterblast it and paint the drums.
15. A proposal has been put forward to put in a proper boat ramp for kayaks and other small boats (not larger boats). 4 plans have been put forward – (one is to do nothing!), one to create a concrete ramp, one to create steel ramps and one to create a floating jetty. This is agreed in principal but need to explore further with Mighty River Power.
16. Our President is turning 40 later this year and plans to have a small party in the clubhouse on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. She will be providing the music. See Presidents report for details.
17. Our President also wants to explore the idea of having a Christmas at Rotota gathering, with perhaps a pot luck lunch, a Christmas tree, Santa etc for those spending time there on Christmas Day. If you have any ideas, support etc, for that let her know.

## CARETAKERS CORNER *by Simon*

Hi everyone, welcome again to the Corner.

“Signing in” seems to be an issue. Seemingly only some sign members sign the book in the clubhouse ... hardly reliable for knowing who’s here. Actually, “Signing in” is a bit of a misnomer... to call in on arrival is quite enough to register your presence on the grounds! No good to toot... I neither recognise vehicles nor can I see who is in them. So please come round and announce yourselves, and that way I’ll get to meet you all... If I’m not about, you’ll see the blackboard for you to chalk in your presence... I’ll know then, that someone has arrived, and who it is. Also there may be something important to note, and perhaps a message there for you also...

So why “sign in?” Here are a few good reasons for it... Firstly, it’s important IN CASES OF ACCIDENT or AN EMERGENCY to be able to assist anyone who needs to know. A rescue would be difficult without this information, and very unhelpful for the victim! As mentioned in last month’s “Corner”, there are innate hazards at Rotota and being mindful of this helps prevent accidents.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE... Your safety is paramount. Digging out fumarole exits to accommodate a larger roast is a definite NO-NO! Highly dangerous to those doing it, and to any others who come afterwards, especially children, who might fall in and get severely scalded! The ground is unstable enough up there. Please don’t be a party to further destabilisation! Do the right thing and cook a smaller parcel of your favourite dinner, one that fits the hole...

“Signing in” is also important to be able to receive and pass on messages when I know you are here. Furthermore, it’s important for security – read on to learn why...

With summer approaching, it’s timely to remind yourselves of the need to look after your stuff especially with increasing use of club facilities ... There have been some instances of belongings going missing. For peace of mind, make sure you secure your property when not present – even if you’re down in the hot tub! In October a member arrived (and duly called in and made himself known, which was much appreciated). At the same time someone else behind entered towing a trailer, disappeared into Sun Court and then left again before I was able to find out who it was. This could have been a legitimate member. But it may also have been some opportunist seeing the gate opened, and entered perhaps posing as a member ... So, along with the health and welfare issues above, that’s another good reason to pass by and make yourselves known to me! I’m your caretaker – and I’d like to meet you! Once again, I’m not interested in anyone’s business; calling in simply helps me to more effectively manage club property, and look after members and their things.

Revisiting the subject of health and welfare, I recently raised the question with committee, “How many members have a current FIRST AID certificate? And, how many have had the use of a defibrillator demonstrated to them? I would like to see a list of First Aiders on the wall near the first aid cabinet in the clubhouse. If you are a qualified First Aider, maybe you might like to let me (or any committee member) know that you hold a current certificate, and a list could then be compiled... If anyone is interested in learning first aid, I have been told that it may be possible to arrange a course. [Simon – *I am doing a First Aid Course this very week, including the use of a defibrillator – the Ed*]

As always, your views, suggestions, observations, and any concerns are welcome. I will be glad to action what I can, or pass on that which may need committee attention...

Visitors, please book before coming – [book4rsc@gmail.com](mailto:book4rsc@gmail.com) . When you come to Rotota, have your NZ Naturist Federation – or your home club – card with you...

Have a safe and happy time this summer at Rotota...

*Simon*

## Last 2011 Committee Meeting Date

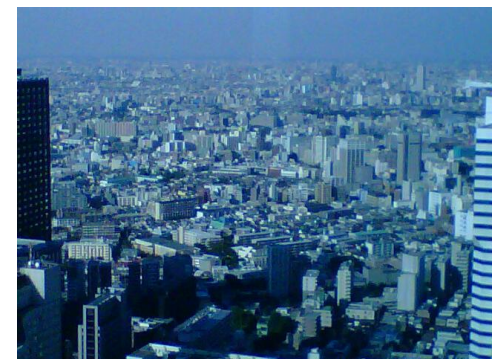
Sunday 27 November

*As well as being necessary for running the club, committee weekends can also be great social weekends. Come spend them with us!*

## PARTING SHOTS



Labour Weekend partying. Spot the imposter... ☺



Tokyo from the Shinjuku district. It goes all the way to the sky