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### Milford Rotary Blog

You can now see the current and past issues of **Storcky's Star**, as well as **Club Notices** and **Future Speakers** at <http://milfordrotary.wordpress.com/>

*The Rotary Club of Milford promotes Safe Transport Habits.*

*Think before your drink at Club meetings.*

*A range of non-alcoholic beverages is always available at Club events*

### APOLOGIES:

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**before 10 am on Tuesday**

## At Labour to Promote a CGT

Our guest speakers this week were the Labour Party candidates for the North Shore and Northcote electorates, **Ben Clarke** and **Paula Gillon**.

North Shore Electorate candidate **Ben** is a self-confessed computer nerd and software engineer. In the past he has developed gaming software, but presently he writes control software for fruit sorting machines. Ben is married to an English wife and has two young children. Coming from a socially liberal political background, he has record of community involvement with squash, Plunket and the Devonport Toy Library. He thinks that he was a natural to become a Labour Party Candidate.

Ben has leanings towards ideas that have proven records of working. Examples given were extended maternity leave for women and Capital Gains Tax which were claimed as being successful in Europe, Scandinavia and Australia. For him, extended maternity leave sets the stage to promote early childhood education where young minds can be steered on the development path as early as possible.

The needs to set the right conditions to allow the economy to grow justified the introduction of a Capital Gains Tax (CGT) to more equitable spread the taxation base and extend the toolkit available to the Reserve bank, he claimed. There was also a need to divert investment away from residential property and CGT was seen as a way of achieving this.

Other policies given an airing included preventing the sale of any shares in state-owned assets, removing GST on fruit and vegetables, and not taxing the first \$100 of weekly income.

**Paula** is the daughter of North Shore list MP Grant Gillon. A Northcote girl through and through, Paula attended Northcote College and completed her undergraduate degree in politics and English at the AUT Akaranga Campus. She is currently completing a PhD in public policy.

Political life is not new to Paula. At the age of 16 years she was the youth representative on the local community board. At 18 she was elected as a councillor on the North Shore City Council. During the years 2001-2004 she worked to secure seeding funding for the new Birkenhead Library, as well as helping to get the Northern Busway. Having spent 3 years in London working as a Public Affairs Advisor and lobbyist, Paula returned to New Zealand to turn her hand to frontline politics.

Paula's motivation of community improvement and helping unemployed and disenfranchised youth leads her to promote Labour's policies of moving youth from unemployment to training, with encouragement for employers to take apprentices from the unemployment pool in advance of other candidates.

After taking questions from the floor, Ben and Paula were thanked by Bruce Rasmussen.



Labour Party candidates Paula Gillon and Ben Clarke with President Ben

## Picture Stories



Robert Nimans demonstrating the correct deployment of mirror socks



Chris Stiebel dispenses advice to ring-in auctioneer Mike Jesson while Tony Costello models the latest in New Zealand supporters attire for the RWC

## Club Notices

**Musical Showcase – 2.30 pm 18 September at Westlake Boys High School** - The remaining flyers need to be distributed as soon as possible and as many tickets sold in as advance as possible. There is a bottle of good 10 year old South African red wine on offer for the member who sells the most tickets.

**Members who have any spare wine or other gift items that can be included in hampers** that can be raffled or otherwise given away at the event are asked to bring them to this week's meeting of get them to **Clive Menkin** as soon as possible. Otherwise, organisation is in hand to ensure another successful event.

**Ladies Night – Tuesday 13 September 6-8 pm** – Cupcake decorating at the Homestore, Milford. \$20 per head includes two cupcakes and all of the decorations. **Only 20 positions available**, so be quick and phone Valerie Winn **489 4605**.

**Intermediate Speech Contest – David Walters** reminds members that the final of the Intermediate Speech Contest will be held at Club meeting on **Tuesday 27 September**. The preliminary rounds will be held at Rosmini College at 6.45 pm on 19 & 20 September. **Members are encouraged to attend the preliminary rounds if at all possible.**

**Sandra McKersey** – President Ben notified members that Past District Governor Sandra McKersey's husband Eddie died last Sunday Afternoon. Members asked that the Club's condolences be sent to Sandra and her family.

## Sergeant at Arms

The Sergeants had a fine old time fining more than a third of the membership present on **Rugby World Cup** related knowledge. Fines were extracted for naming the teams in the opening game, the official wine supplier and Australian winger James O'Connor.

Others fined were **Valerie Winn** for her political leanings, **Tony Costello** for bulletin copy, **Warwick Smith** for letting Christine pack his bag for an overnight trip to Christchurch, **David Bruce** for the raffle and wedding anniversary, **Bronwyn Ellison** for admitting to not reading the bulletin, **Alex MacDonald** for returning from the sea, **Chris Cunniffe** for leaving the BNZ to trade tax, and **Weston Kerr** for wearing Americas Cup red socks.

## Raffle

**Raewyn Jesson** stood in for Chris Owen and decided that this week's raffle was going to be a "heads and tails" toss with a difference – using just one coin. After a bit of confusion and close peering at the floor to determine the result of each toss, the final winner was **David Bruce**.

## Club Officers

<b>District Governor</b>	Brian Tuck
<b>Assistant Governor</b>	Alison Waugh
<b>President</b>	Ben Storck
<b>Past President</b>	Henry Harbuz
<b>President Elect</b>	Rob Fullerton
<b>Secretary</b>	Chris Owen
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bronwyn Ellison
<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	Bruce Rasmussen
<b>Corporal at Arms</b>	Raewyn Jesson
<b>Community Service</b>	Derek Evennett
<b>Fellowship</b>	Valerie Winn
<b>International &amp; RI</b>	Warwick Smith
<b>Membership &amp; PR</b>	Clive Menkin
<b>Attendance</b>	Jane Millington
<b>Welfare &amp; Almoner</b>	Rob Insull
<b>Newsletter</b>	Chris Gregory
<b>Scribes</b>	Tony Costello Tony Trent
<b>Youth &amp; Vocational</b>	David Walters
<b>Club Administration</b>	John Avery
<b>Programme &amp; Speakers</b>	Charles Wilson John Avery Merv Tait
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>	Ben Storck
<b>Science Forum</b>	Peter Best

## Club Duties

### 13 September 2011

Equipment Out	Phil Schunk
Equipment Away	Don Senior
Meet & Greet	Warwick Smith
Grace	John Somerville
President's Table	Chris Stiebel
Raffle	Tony Trent
3 Minute Talk	David Bruce
Introduction	Valerie Winn
Thanks	Charles Wilson
Parting Thought	David Walters

### 20 September 2011

Equipment Out	Peter Best
Equipment Away	Mike Bitossi
Meet & Greet	Len Carpenter
Grace	Mike Tritt
President's Table	Chris Cooper
Raffle	Tony Costello
3 Minute Talk	Chris Cunniffe
Introduction	Harry Cranefield
Thanks	Kelvin Davis
Parting Thought	Ross Donohue

## Three Minute Speaker

Three minute speaker **Brian Peak** was let off this week and his spot was taken over by the intrepid duo from Sanzi, **Chris Stiebel** and **Tony Costello**. Never to let an occasion pass to remind members of his undying loyalty to the All Blacks (until they play the Springboks), Chris and "Ken of Canterbury press-ganged Mike Jesson to act as auctioneer and set about flogging off Rugby World Cup mementoes such as Silver Fern and New Zealand flag ponchos, flags, mirror gloves and scarves to raise **\$250** for the **Rotary Club of Milford Charitable Trust**.

## Future Speakers

**13 September 2011 - Terry Stretton** - Rotary Club of Northcote. Terry has just finished his two year appointment as Commodore of the Rotary International Yachting Fellowship. He will speak to the Club on his experiences.

**20 September** – No Guest Speaker – **Club Night**

**27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 - North Shore Intermediate Schools Speech Finals**

### Rotary Club of Milford

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**Last Meeting** - In Attendance: 33 Apologies: 16 Silent: 4

**Average YTD** - In Attendance: 34 Apologies: 18 Silent: 1

**Guests** – Jerome Joseph (Monarch Bch, Calif), Mike Jesson