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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**

## Xanthe White – Gardener Extraordinaire



Xanthe gave us a wonderful insight into the world of garden design and it's very easy to see why she has made it – what a truly professional and relaxed presentation.

Xanthe has definitely captured celebrity status in New Zealand – especially after her heady success at that Holy Grail of gardening, the Chelsea Flower Show.

Comments from mega trendy mags, which credit Xanthe for making gardening “cool”, or talk of her stellar career in design circles, haven't altered this totally genuine young woman. Even in the occasionally bitchy business of garden design other plant people agree she's “just downright nice” and “an awesome ambassador for New Zealand at Chelsea”.

Xanthe studied landscape design at Auckland's UNITEC before establishing her own company, winning a silver medal with her Ellerslie Flower Show debut in 2003. She also picked up the People's Choice Award and the Judges' Supreme Award for Lighting Excellence there the

following year and in 2005 was commissioned to design the show's piece de resistance, a 1200sqm marquee tracing the development of this country's gardening style.

The designer remains in awe of the whole Chelsea Flower Show experience, which saw her take a Silver Gilt Medal in May 2005, and the opportunity to meet the Royals. She is also grateful for the television experience she had in New Zealand, appearing on Groundforce presenting The Ultimate Garden in 2004, for showing her how to handle the press coverage overseas.

“From a career point of view, Chelsea was like getting a degree from the top varsity in the world. It was pretty special working alongside absolute masters from the top of the game. From a personal point of view, I felt like a different person coming out of it,” Xanthe says. “It was a challenge managing a large team, with many of them older than me, and so many different creative issues to consider. I became like a director while trying to tune into the central vision and also doing all the media stuff.”

The BBC made four programmes on Xanthe's West Coast inspired garden, entered under Tourism New Zealand's “100% Pure” marketing banner, and she handled a whole raft of television interviews and appearances while in the UK. It was media work on a massive international scale she hadn't experienced before.

Xanthe stressed she is very fortunate to have a job doing something she really loves and is learning all the time and we are sure to hear much more about this wonderfully talented kiwi lady.

## Christmas Puds

The Xmas Pudding team would like to advise members that it is only 6 weeks to Xmas. Now time to begin organising the sale of Xmas Puddings. We will only sell puddings this year.

**We are looking at running a stand on 4 Saturdays - starting from Sat 26th Nov.** Saturday 26th is Election Day plus Milford's Regatta & Pirate day. Takapuna North club will be running the BBQ & Takapuna Club will be selling raffles on the 26th Nov. Milford will have 3 Rotary Clubs in town that day. Should be a good day for Rotary.

Next Tuesday we will be asking for names, times & dates to fill the roster. Wives & family are welcome to help. Many hands make light the work.

Would members please check their diaries so they can nominate when they could be available to help sell Puddings.

## Milford Mole

Shocking but true stories from the streets of Milford by the Milford Mole. Robert has been sitting in his office counting the huge number of locals lining up to sign the "Stop The High Rise" protest. He is extremely concerned that he may be watching the stopping of 18 floors of potential customers. The Captain enjoyed the talk last week on designer gardens. He has been doing some designer gardening at home pulling out weeds. Well he believed they were weeds but there seems to be a difference of opinion. Te Rangi played golf on Friday. The day was great but the golf was average. All the way around Te Rangi was concerned he might run into Steve Williams and get a barrel load of racial comments. It didn't happen and the golf didn't improve. I will be away next week in Wellington catching up with the big and small kids so take care when on the streets of Milford.

## Club Notices

- President Ben relayed thanks from Westlake Boys for the sponsorship of David Ferguson and also went to the Carmel to present to Amelia Lamb her prize. Two very talented North Shore young adults.
- Warwick Smith will bring us to date with Rotary Foundation at next week's meeting and we are reminded that the Centurion Fund is happening again.
- Valarie Winn is collecting names of those who would like to go to The Jersey Boys on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012 – a truly wonderful show and please let Valarie know if interested.
- Valarie also reminded us of the Cupcake Decorating evening this Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at The Home Store Milford. If any partner wishes to attend please contact Valarie.
- Raffle again won by Brian Rowney – I think he should pay and not get given a ticket in the future the amount of wins he's had.
- Barbara Litherland has been unwell and we wish her a speedy recovery.
- President Ben, President Elect Rob Fullerton and Past President Clive Menkin will be meeting to select President Elect on the 6<sup>th</sup> December.
- Jane Millington has two beautiful puppies available to a good home – get Jane to email you photos and she is sure it will be instant love.

## 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

### 15 November 2011

Equipment Out	Brian Peak
Equipment Away	Chris Owen
Meet & Greet	Robert Numans
Grace	Jane Millington
President's Table	Humphrey Nisbet
Raffle	Pat Moore
3 Minute Talk	Phil Schunk
Introduction	Derek Evennett
Thanks	Warren Johns
Parting Thought	Bryan Rowney

### 22 November 2011

Equipment Out	Mike Tritt
Equipment Away	Charles Wilson
Meet & Greet	Merv Tait
Grace	Alison Waugh
President's Table	John Somersville
Raffle	Ray Simpson
3 Minute Talk	Peter Best
Introduction	Warwick Smith
Thanks	Don Senior
Parting Thought	John Avery

## Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Bruce got stuck into Andrew Jonas for blatant advertising in his 4 minute speech, the wannabe garden designers Chris Cuncliffe, David Bruce, Westin Kerr and Karel Lorier, Brian Peak for John Lennon's tooth, the African boys for being in New Zealand when it's been revealed that South Africa is the next World Super Power, and Captain Alex again for the ferry problems in Cook Strait. Raewyn Jesson will be back next week after grandmother duties in Australia.

## Future Speakers

**15 November - Cam Calkoen – Carabiner Mentoring**

**22 November Ginny Harwood – Glaucoma and Eye Health**

### Rotary Club of Milford

Meeting: Tuesdays 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm  
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**Last Meeting** - In Attendance: 35    Apologies: 20    Silent: 0

**Average YTD** - In Attendance: 34    Apologies: 18    Silent: 2

**Guests** – Chris White plus 12 members' wives/partners