

New Zealanders will have many opportunities to come together for the rugby world cup. There are events, festivals that are happening all around the country to make our society feel closer, and as one nation supporting our national team on the international stage. Real NZ, adopt a country, food festivals, fashion shows etc.

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NZ has also come together to get behind the upgrades required to stage this event. Road works, building upgrades, public transport are some examples. Everyone is lending a helping hand from environmentalists placing extra bins and people applying for jobs as volunteers. When the RWC starts society as whole will be ready. People will be going to bars, families and friends houses to watch games to bring everyone closer. Adam Vandervalt said "I'm keen to go into town and meet a bunch of tourists!". This friendly kiwi attitude could be just what is needed to encourage tourists to come back and continue to put money into our society. However if All Blacks lose supporters might turn against other countries and tourists would be on a low.

There will be positive and negatives for supporters. Overseas people need places to stay. The owners of accommodation are advantaged by being able to charge well above the usual price. Accors Mercure would normally cost \$99 but on September 24th when the All Blacks play France customers will pay \$1500. While fans and supporters may want to do more than just watch rugby these prices, along with ticket prices may make this not possible. For fans it will be a major thing for them to be with the crowd and the exciting atmosphere cheering on their country or favourite team. Some tickets have cost \$1278 on finals night and they are not even guaranteed to stay dry! "It makes me wonder what they did with all the money they used on the Eden park stadium, said Steve Kennedy. People can just watch the games on TV for free and have their own gathering.

For me and my family sadly tickets are too expensive. We still also have to pay extra tax to pay for the event to happen. I feel I (or my parents) are contributing to society as this event will generate \$408 million to the economy. I can go to other events and festivals, adopt a country etc. I will have time to spend with family and friends and it will be cheaper and I will stay dry if it rains.

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An inconvenient factor with the RWC is our school dates have changed making it more stressful for students and teachers. Exams have been moved forward and there is less time to study.

Therefore the RWC has positive and negative effects on me and my family