



Rotary Club of Maungakiekie Bulletin / Newsletter NL 263 20th of July 2026

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CREATE LASTING IMPACT



Monday 20th of July 2026

Apologies:

Paul Jenner LOA, Rod Kestle LOA,]
Craig Jones LOA Mavis Moodie, George
Varghese, Gwynyth Carr, Rob Lyons.



July

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
MONTH

"Improved maternal health benefits the whole of society"
Isabella Lovin

President Tony Rayner.

Tony welcomed everyone to the meeting, with a special welcome to Rob Woodley who will bring the club an update on the Blues Charitable Trust operation.

Tony commented on the Trust values statement that champions a future where tye Youth have access to opportunity, strong role models and a clear sense of purpose, which supports emotional resilience. He expressed the idea that in an age of AI and rapid change it is increasingly important that people of all ages maintain a clear sense of purpose in their lives.

He advised the there is a RC Group 6 meeting Wednesday 22nd of July and that he and Barry will attend.

There is also a fundraiser notice from Devonport Rotary, for a "Homes of Devonport Tour" on the 13th of November 2026



Tony announced that the board has agreed to fund \$2,000 to sponsor an award at the forthcoming 2026 **National Secondary Schools Arts Awards**, run by the **Local Arts House Trust**. The ceremony is due to take place at the Pah Homestead at 3 o'clock on Thursday the 10th of September 2026.

Craig Jones will be away for six weeks while recovering from his knee operation, and we wish him a speedy recovery.



Sergeant: Noel Carey returned from a week away, trying to keep warm in the South Island.

He advised of the apologies and especially one from Gwynyth Carr.

Now, I know, and some of you may know, that Gwyneth, she set out with Greg about two weeks ago to do a trip around the UK, self-drive, but before that she was going to a wedding in Tuscany. She was also going to Southampton, and they were going to do a 12- or 13-day cruise from Southampton, anti-clockwise up past Scotland, through the Orkney Islands, across to Ireland, back down to Le Havre in France, and back to Southampton. They were planning to fly from

Singapore to Rome and then to Tuscany for the wedding and then on to the UK.

And she was planning to get back here, I think, the 1st of September or thereabouts. Regretfully, she is lying in a hospital bed in Singapore. She got as far as Singapore, slipped on very wet tiles in their hotel room, and broke her leg in two places.

The plan is for her to be medevac'd back to New Zealand as soon as she's able to manoeuvre a little bit.

It's something around \$200,000 for her operation and her stay in the hospital and Greg's accommodation, I believe. And the medevac.

And she wanted to go and visit all her rellies in Wales. All to no avail. Thank goodness for medical insurance.

Noel asked Jeanette to tell us about her recent involvement with our ongoing "Kids to Camp" programme. Kids to Camp is basically an exercise to get



a whole lot of kids to learn other skills and how to cope with things.

And it was amazing. They just really, really loved it. And they were so excited about getting their Awards.

And they wanted to go again. They just learnt so many things. There were kids from about probably 14 or 15 down. Years 5 to years 8. And what they do is they try to train the older kids to be leaders, so then they can help run the camps too.



The people that ran it were, maybe 18 to 25. So, it was quite a good thing to get people to get more confidence. I think it's a really good programme for the kids to go through.



Guest Speaker Rob Woodley was introduced by Trevor Mosley who welcomed him back to update us on the progress of the Blues Trust over the last Year.

The Blues Charitable Trust, founded by All Blacks captain Patrick Tuipulotu in 2020, is a youth leadership programme empowering teenagers (15-19 years) to make positive life choices. Started by Rob Woodley, (ONZM), who previously ran Genesis Youth Trust for 22 years rehabilitating youth offenders, the programme leverages high-performance sports lessons and mentorship from professional rugby players to develop servant leaders.

The programme has reached over 4,000 young people across 56 high schools, with 450 students currently participating. The Blues Charitable Trust operates three streams: a flagship 12-month programme with in-person and online modules, a Futures Programme partnering with employers like Main Freight for paid internships, and bespoke international programmes. The team comprises just 2.1 staff members plus volunteers.

Key outcomes include increased confidence and leadership knowledge, career pathway development through Myers-Briggs assessments, and real-world employment opportunities. Success stories include AJ, who progressed from struggling student to deputy head boy and community worker, and Mitch, who overcame dyslexia to become head boy. The programme targets age 16-year-olds, a critical decision point where students choose between school, trade, employment, or gangs.

Curriculum covers self-awareness, purpose-driven values, communication skills, decision-making under pressure, resilience, and team leadership. The programme addresses social media's negative impact on youth confidence and critical thinking, positioning human performance as an antidote to AI dependency.

Plans include expanding to primary schools (years 7-8), developing a digital platform/app, and partnering with businesses for leadership training. Currently free for schools, with potential sliding-scale fees for affluent institutions. The programme demonstrates a \$17 return per dollar invested through creating engaged community leaders. Partnerships with Massey University provide evidence-based evaluation of impact.

Rob was thanked, on behalf of the Club by Bruce Murdoch.

Thought for the week. Derek Neutze.

Forget yesterday, learn from today, hope for tomorrow.

Duties: 27th of July 2026

President Tony Rayner

Sergeant: Noel Carey

Attendance: Mavis Moodie

Hospitality: Trevor Mosley

Meals: Rhett Stephens

5 Minute Speaker: TBA

Host: Bruce Murdoch

Guest Speaker: Sophie Peung

Subject: RYLA experience

Thanks: Derek Neutze

Thought for the week: Barry Stafford

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Paul Harris
Rotary founder



HOMES *of* DEVONPORT

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for a fun and fabulous event on



FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

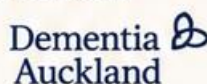
An early-bird opportunity to get inspired for Christmas and enjoy beautiful Devonport homes. From classic villas to architectural gems, award-winning spaces and eclectic, colourful explorations – our handpicked homeowners welcome you into their unique personal abodes.

Not only will you get to see inside these exciting homes, but Christmas displays and goods will be in offer – all in aid of raising funds for important causes – **Dementia Auckland, Cure Kids, Motor Neurone Disease NZ**, and the **Devonport Rotary Charitable Trust**.



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My husband asked me why
I was speaking so softly
in our house.

I said I was afraid
that Mark Zuckerberg
was listening.

He laughed. I laughed.
Siri Laughed. Alexa Laughed.
Google Laughed.

We can only blame ourselves for
all the crime and violence today.
We removed all the phone booths



and now
Superman
has nowhere
to change.



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End note

*Rare worn-down pencil belonging to William Shakespeare has been unearthed.
Experts are not sure if the pencil is 2B or not 2B?*