



## Rotary Club of Maungakiekie Bulletin / Newsletter NL 264 27th of July 2026

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# CREATE LASTING IMPACT



### Monday 27th of July 2026

#### **Apologies:**

Paul Jenner LOA, Rod Kestle LOA,  
Craig Jones LOA, George Varghese, Gwynyth  
Carr, Heather Latham, Peter Mayow,  
Jeanette Thorne.

**President Tony Rayner** is an apology due  
to Family commitments in Wellington.



## July

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH  
MONTH

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



Acting President Lloyd welcomed everyone, especially Sophie, then shared items that Tony had detailed for him.

First, he wanted to thank Noel for assisting with Sophies application to RYLA.

Tony and Barry attended a Rotary Group 6 regional community group meeting which was Chaired by Malcom Stapleton. Presidents attending were from a wide area, including Remuera, Parnell and Waiheke. Some of the ideas raised were, forming a satellite club in retirement villages.

A Four Way Test speech competition. They also talked about Mental Health support and mentioned the Auckland Hospital Acute Mental Health Unit. They discussed Interact which is led by Ingrid Waugh from the Rotary Club of Parnell. There were also other items which Tony will no doubt bring up when he gets back. President Tony will chair a 'SWO'T session on the health of the club.

**Guest Speaker Sophie Peung**, a primary school teacher at Epsom Normal Primary School, of Cambodian heritage who migrated to New Zealand, shared her transformative experience at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), sponsored by the Maungakeikei Rotary Club.



Despite initial nervousness about joining 120 strangers, she quickly bonded with her team and gained valuable leadership lessons from guest speakers, including the importance of seizing opportunities, embracing hardship, and remaining coachable.

The highlight was an intensive outdoor challenge, where Sophie and her team hiked for 19 hours, solving puzzles and enduring freezing conditions with minimal rest. Despite physical exhaustion and doubt, she persevered by focusing on one step at a time, discovering her resilience and learning

that leadership involves staying calm under pressure, trusting teammates, and moving forward despite uncertainty. This shift in perspective—viewing challenges as learning opportunities—was a key takeaway.

Murray Tom shared a quote that has stayed with her ever since.

*"Opportunities don't shout, they whisper."*

Sophie also manages multiple roles at her school, including sports coordination and library management, and fundraises for Kids Can through half marathons to support children in poverty. Additionally, she participated in community service at Kiwi Harvest, sorting food donations for families in need.

She expressed deep gratitude to the Rotary Club, her school leadership, and mentors for the opportunity and highly recommends RYLA to young leaders willing to challenge themselves and grow.

( Pictures are at the end on pages 5,6 and 7.)

Derek Neutze proposed the vote thanks to Sophie on behalf of the club.

**Thought for the week.** Barry Stafford.

*Is this a cockroach I see before me? Or is this but a cockroach of the mind, a false creation?*

(Ed: You had to be there!      Apologies to "The Bard").

### ***Duties: 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2026***

*President Tony Rayner*

Sergeant: Noel Carey

Attendance: : Trevor Mosley

Hospitality: Bruce Murdoch

Meals: Jeanette Thorne, Brian Williams

5 Minute Speaker: TBA

Host: Bruce Murdoch

Guest Speaker: Tony Bradley

Subject: Cycling down the Danube trail.

Thanks: Barry Stafford

Thought for the week: Rhett Stephens

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"Whatever Rotary may mean to  
us, to the world it will be known  
by the results it achieves."



**Paul Harris**  
Rotary founder



*Smile!*

***It makes people wonder what you have been up to!***



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**End note**

Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime."  
— Aristotle

# **RYLA**

## **Rotary Youth Leadership Award**

Leadership, Growth & Discovery.  
First day check in



Our Team



Social Enterprise Challenge



Morning  
fitness



Outdoor  
Challenge



# Community work



# 'RYLA'

**Rotary Youth Leadership Award**