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August

MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB
DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Monday 31st of August 2026

Apologies: Tony Rayner, Gwynyth Carr,
Heather Lather Brian Williams, Mavis Moodie.
LOA: Paul Jenner.

Rotarian Visitors: President Nazia Patel,
Bhavesh Patel, and Norma from Rotary Club of Hillsborough-Lynfield-Mt Roskill.
Visitors: Shani Hatitio, Diane McCrae, Penny Kestle, Bev Mosley, Bev Stafford
Onehunga High School Deputy Principal, Mathew Haines, Prefects - John, Tali, and
Lydia.

*"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can
all do small things, with great love and together we can do
something wonderful"*
Mother Teresa



31st August:

Deputy President Lloyd Albiston welcomed everyone to Rotary
Maungakiekie.

Lloyd offered a special welcome to our Guest Speaker MP Greg Fleming
and his office team leader Shani Hotitio. Also, to the Onehunga High
School team, led by Principal Shameen Hyatt. Lloyd welcomed the team
from the Rotary Club of Hillsborough-Lynfield- Mt Roskill.

Lloyd called on Iain McCrae to introduce our guest speaker Greg Fleming
MP for Maungakiekie.



Guest speaker, MP Greg Fleming thanked the club for the
invitation, which coincided with a birthday celebration, and
continued with mixed personal anecdotes with a detailed
political campaign update. He shared a touching story about his
son Tobias's birth, recounted experiences from his first term as
a Member of Parliament (MP) and outlined his current campaign
activities as the election approaches.
Greg emphasized the importance of local engagement through
door knocking, direct mail, and street corner meetings while
discussing the implications of New Zealand's Mixed Member
Proportional (MMP) electoral system on election outcomes.

He candidly reflected on the legislative process, challenges of
governance, and legislative priorities, such as environmental
legislation and considerations around parliamentary terms.

Furthermore, the Q&A session covered topics including electoral boundary changes, potential extension of parliamentary terms, youth unemployment, immigration policy related to employment, and education funding reforms, demonstrating a pragmatic approach to policy issues and governance challenges.

Greg offered a rich blend of personal narrative and insightful political commentary. His reflections illuminated the demands and rewards of parliamentary service, the intricacies of New Zealand's electoral system, and practical policy considerations facing the country.

The address underscored the importance of community engagement, legislative scrutiny, and careful governance adaptations in a dynamic political environment. Through candid assessments and thoughtful responses, Greg demonstrated a commitment to effective representation, continuous learning, and pragmatic problem-solving, providing a valuable window into the life and work of a modern MP close to election day.

Greg was thanked by Phil Aish, on behalf of the club, for his address tonight and recognised the qualities Greg brings to the role and the pressures that being an MP brings to his personal life.



Deputy President Lloyd Albiston passed on some updates from President Tony on recent activities he has been busy with in the last few weeks.

Tony recently met with Mathew Haines at OHS and discussed Rotary leadership opportunities available, in particular The Rotary Reading Enrichment Programme and is in discussion with RREP about introducing it at the OHS.

Tony also spoke to Dep. Principal Karen Bellis about other leadership programmes that Rotary might offer support to the students.

Tony also met with the Principal of Royal Oak Intermediate who was very interested in what Rotary programmes may be of assistance to their students.

On the 10th of September Tony and Bill Appleton will attend the National Secondary Schools Art Awards where our Club is sponsoring the \$2,000.00 first prize. Art works are submitted by more than 800 Year 11 to Year 13 students and the judges have shortlisted 75 pieces. Submissions are up 45 percent on 2025. It will be interesting to see what NZ talent emerges over the next few years.

It is noteworthy that close to home, Peter Mayow's son and his partner have been making short films and their latest Documentary Film was entered in the International Film Festival in Melbourne, where it won the Grand Prize. Congratulations to them both.!

Thought for the week: from Tony Bradley.

An optimist is a human personification of spring.

(From a Buddhist saying)

Back to normal start time 5.30 for dinner at 6pm

Duties: 7th September Meeting at Royal Oak Bowls

President: Tony Rayner

Sergeant: Noel Carey

Attendance: Rhett Stephens

Hospitality: Jeanette Thorne

Meals: Lloyd Albiston – Rodney Foley

Scribe: Bill Appleton

5 Minute Speaker: TBA

Host: Peter Mayow

Guest Speaker: Ann Dunphy, Director and Adaline Blair, Programme Manager of 'The Rotary Reading Enrichment Programme.'

Subject: Update on work being done across 15 schools in NZ

Thanks: Barry Stafford

Thought for the week: Phil Aish

7th September: President Tony Member Motivation Survey (cont.)

Please remember to bring back the questioner handouts for discussion points.

14th September Kim Sinfield, Mangere Budgeting Services Trust

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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!

**DEAR SEPTEMBER,
I DON'T WANT ANY
TROUBLE FROM YOU...
JUST COME IN, SIT
DOWN, DON'T TOUCH
ANYTHING AND KEEP
YOUR MOUTH SHUT.**

**I told the waitress
my steak was
bad.
She picked it up,
slapped it, put it
down and said: "if
it gives you more
trouble let me
know!"**



**LEGEND HAS IT THAT A
MAN PARKED HIS CAR**



**WHILE WAITING FOR HIS
WIFE TO GET READY**

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End note:

Man is born free but is everywhere in chains”.

jean-Jacques Rousseau