



Rotary Club of Maungakiekie
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IMPACT**



Monday 7th of September 2026

Apologies:

LOA: Paul Jenner, Rod Kestle.

Rob Lyons

Rotarian Visitors: Greg Carr. (Newmarket)

Sergeant Noel fleeced members again, the last time for 3 weeks, as he is to holiday in Africa. Tales and short stories on his return. Peter Mayow will be looking forward to improved jokes!



President Tony Rayner

Tony welcomed everyone and a special welcome to Rotarian visitor Greg from Newmarket Rotary, and welcome tonight to our special guests Anne and Adeline from REP which is Reading Enhancement Programme or Rotary Reading Enhancement Programme. Last Thursday several members went to Onehunga High School for their drinks and canapes evening where the students were all being assessed.

Tony will be attending the next RGC6 meeting on this week. That's the 9920 RGC group led by Malcolm Stapleton.

One of the things they'll be talking about is lifting the lid which is like Rotary Clubs fund a school for a child to go and get some counselling when it comes to sort of emotional issues but money is signed off within 24 hours. It started off in Wellington and 9920 want to bring it up to Auckland and it's pretty successful and it's growing quite quickly with schools who use it a lot and we'll see if we get involved. It's different from Think and Be Me. This is not pre-emptive strike with primary schools to teach them emotional regulation. This is dealing with current issues within a college of a student who needs some counselling now and that can't be afforded by the parents or anybody else and they provide a budget for it so they can go and see a professional counsellor fairly quickly because it's needed and identified by the school.

The club will be represented at the Arts Trust secondary school art Awards which is being held at the Pah Homestead in Hillsborough, where Rotary Maungakiekie are prize sponsors. It has got our name on the brand at the very top and 800 schools can see it. It just shows that Rotary, not just us, but Rotary is interested in investing in education in this country so it's a rare opportunity to be able to do that.



September

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY
MONTH

"Education is the most powerful weapon with which you can change the world"
Nelson Mandela



Guest Speakers: Ann Dunphy and Adeline Blair
Subject: The Reading Enrichment Programme

Peter Mayow introduced our speakers, Anne Dunphy and Adeline Blair. Anne is well known to many in our club from her long association with Rotary through Penrose, and of more recent times with Newmarket, but more particularly with her involvement with the Reading Enrichment Programme.

Anne has many achievements that she's accumulated in her life. One of which is being a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit, awarded in 2023 for services to youth and education, and is deeply involved for a long, long time in youth mentoring. Ann chairs a youth mentoring trust and is really quite special in terms of what she's done for education and for youth and the younger children.

Adeline is now involved with the Reading Enrichment Programme. Adeline was a teacher or an employee at Kelston Boys High School for several years, and worked up through the ranks to become Principal of Kelston Boys High School in 2018. Adeline retired in January this year.

Peter asked the members to welcome to Anne and Adeline, who will tell us about the REP.

Ann and Adeline presented a comprehensive discussion about the Rotary REP (Rotary Enrichment Programme) Literacy Enrichment Programme, emphasizing its evolution, objectives, operation, and impact on improving holistic literacy for high school students in New Zealand. Initiated nearly 30 years ago, REP targets the critical literacy challenges students face—primarily reading comprehension rather than basic reading skills. The programme fosters one-to-one mentoring relationships between student learners and community volunteers, including many from Rotary clubs, aiming to build students' confidence, comprehension abilities, and academic success. With its community-driven approach, REP also benefits volunteers by offering meaningful engagement and social connection. REP has expanded across several schools, demonstrating measurable improvements in literacy and student confidence, while remaining accessible with minimal costs to schools. It continues to grow through Rotary and community involvement, promoting cross-generational and cross-cultural engagement.

The programme's name changed from Rotary Reading Enhancement Programme to Rotary REP Literacy Enrichment Programme to reflect a broader literacy focus beyond just reading to address overall literacy needs.

Literacy remains a persistent challenge. High school students must meet literacy standards to gain qualifications, making literacy essential for academic success. Schools face growing pressures with increasing numbers of students struggling. REP focuses on reading comprehension and literacy enrichment, not remedial reading or decoding words. Students can read but struggle with understanding and summarizing content. REP aims to boost fluency and confidence.

Its low operational costs and minimal preparatory requirements make REP scalable and sustainable, but volunteer recruitment remains key to expansion. REP exemplifies how thoughtfully structured literacy support can positively impact individuals and

communities by fostering confidence, academic success, and social cohesion. The programme invites more community participation to continue its growth and makes a compelling case for collective responsibility in addressing literacy challenges.

Adeline presented a short video of feedback from students who had been part of the Programme which reinforced the personal growth that the programme achieves.

Barry thanked Ann and Adeline for their presentation and spoke to the personal benefits of being part of this programme and encouraged members to think about contributing time to help bring these students to their full potential. Every school in NZ has the same requirement for improving the literacy and comprehension level of students that this programme provides.

Thought for the week: Phil Aish.

"Never put off until tomorrow, what you can do today"

Duties: 14th September *Meeting at Royal Oak Bowls*

President: Tony Rayner

Sergeant: Bill Grayson

Attendance: Jeanette Thorne

Hospitality: Phil Aish

Meals: Rodney Foley – Richard Ryan

Scribe: Bill Appleton

5 Minute Speaker: TBA

Host: Brian Williams

Guest Speaker: Kim Sinfield

Subject: Mangere Budgeting Services Trust

Thanks: Lloyd Albiston

Thought for the week: Tony Bradley

Board Meeting at Royal Oak Bowls. 4.00pm on 14th of September

Bill Grayson would really love members to advise him or Peter Mayow as to where they might know of temporary storage facilities for the books prior to the availability of the Onehunga Community House.

3 DAYS

ROTARY CLUB OF
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**BOOK
FAIR!**

2026

**ALL
PROCEEDS
TO CHARITY**

**FREE
ENTRY***

*Earlybird entry
7-9am Friday 20th November
\$30 per person

FRIDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER (9-5^{PM})
SATURDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER (9-5^{PM})
SUNDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER (9-2^{PM})

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WANTED...

SECOND HAND BOOKS

CDS, DVDS, JIGSAWS & CHILDRENS GAMES WELCOME

(No magazines or encyclopedias please)

For the annual book fair at the Onehunga
Community House (83 Selwyn Street, Onehunga) on
20-22nd November 2026

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Drop-off 9-19th November
Sunhill Market, 317 Saint Johns Rd, Kohimarama
in the trailer, parked at the south side of the car
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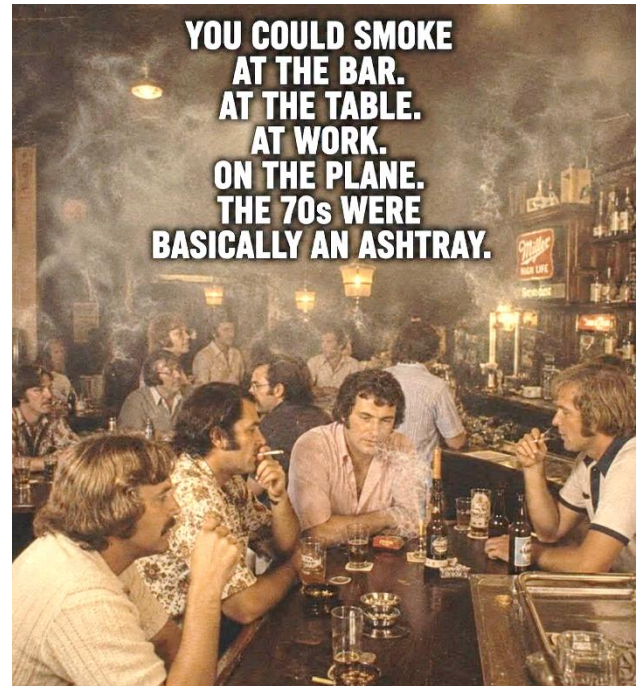
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Smile!

It makes people wonder what you have been up to!

Got up at 5 am, ran 4 miles, came back, made a vegetable smoothie for breakfast, did 2 loads of laundry, mopped and vacuumed floors, and that's all I remember about my dream.



Relaxing after winning an argument with the wife



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End note:

Live for freedom, not approval.