



Rotary Club of Maungakiekie
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IMPACT**



Monday 7th of September 2026

Apologies:

LOA: Paul Jenner, Rod Kestle.
Rob Lyons

Visitors: Past Member, Peter Grace



September

**BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY
MONTH**

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

Sergeant Bill Grayson welcomed our guest speaker Kim Sinfield and, also Peter Grace, a past member of Onehunga Rotary and One Tree Hill Rotary clubs. The Winner of the Rugby sweepstake was Tony Bradley. Closest score with his pick of a draw. Lloyd announced that this year's 120's Club fundraiser is under way and well supported. Still space for more entries.

President Tony Rayner:

President Tony reflected on the importance of **building connections and networks** within Rotary and outlined several initiatives and activities for the club.

Next week's forum. Tony will present the results of his upcoming member survey.

The session will be interactive, identifying:

Areas where the club is performing well.

Areas requiring attention.

Potential opportunities for improvement.

He is also considering establishing **new committees** to give members more opportunities to contribute.

Secondary School Art Awards

Tony and Bill A attended the Arts House Trust Secondary School Art Awards.

The event was highly successful, with Pah Homestead packed with students, parents, and teachers.

There were 40% more artworks submitted for judging than the previous year.

Rotary Maungakiekie sponsored the first prize, alongside other sponsors including McDonald's. and Freight Company 'Pack and Send.'

First prize: Koromiko Elwood of Westlake Girls High School for *Concrete Guitars*. The artworks are currently on display at **Pah Homestead**.

Rotary 9920 / club reorganisation

Tony attended another meeting concerning Rotary reorganisation.

A new initiative called **Rotary Mean's Business Fellowship** is being developed.

Mental-health initiative – Lift the Lid

Tony discussed the **Lift the Lid** initiative, which originated in Wellington and is now operating in Auckland.

Tony plans to discuss this initiative in more detail at the next meeting.

Youth programmes – Onehunga High School

Tony visited Onehunga High School for a second time and met assistant principal **Karen Bellis**. They discussed Rotary youth and education programmes.

Potential guest speaker

A suggestion was made to invite the **Dilworth School Barber Shop Quartet** to perform at a Rotary meeting.

The main themes of Tony's report are member engagement, building external relationships, youth development, mental-health support, and finding practical ways for Rotary members to contribute.

Guest Speaker: Kim Sinfield



Māngere Budgeting Services Trust

Budgeting • Family Support • Housing Advocacy • Food Relief



Kim presented a detailed picture of the services of the Budgeting Service, with personal experiences as examples of her work with MBS.

Following is a summary of her excellent address.

Mangere Budgeting Services (MBS) is a South Auckland organisation that has provided financial support and education for more than 30 years. Its mission is to empower and educate individuals and whānau to achieve financial independence. Services are provided free of charge and include financial mentoring, debt solutions, financial education, counselling, and emergency food support.

Growing demand.

Demand for MBS services have increased **101%** over the past two years, reflecting growing financial pressure across the community. Importantly, the client base is changing alongside people experiencing significant deprivation, MBS is increasingly supporting working families and retired people, particularly those facing rising rental and living costs. 46% of clients currently privately rent.

In the most recent year, MBS recorded:

- **41,000** connections with its services
- Almost **9,800** financial mentoring sessions
- More than **4,000** financial mentoring clients
- **560** financial literacy participants
- **101** counselling sessions

- **1,800** whānau using the Tatau Social Supermarket
- **1,500** emergency food parcels provided.
- More than **15,000 people** fed.

A holistic approach

BS aims to address both the immediate effects and underlying causes of financial hardship. Financial mentors help clients understand their income and expenditure, manage debt, negotiate with creditors and landlords, and establish realistic financial goals.

Emergency food assistance is linked to financial mentoring where ongoing support is required. The **Tatou Social Supermarket** provides families with greater dignity and choice by allowing them to select food appropriate to their household rather than receiving a standard food parcel.

The organisation is also seeing more people turn to high-interest short-term lending and KiwiSaver hardship withdrawals to manage unexpected or rising costs. MBS's client examples demonstrate that financial hardship can affect people who are employed and otherwise managing their finances, particularly when faced with large, unexpected expenses.

Future direction

MBS is expanding its physical and digital presence to respond to increasing demand. It is establishing a permanent home in Ōtāhuhu, bringing financial mentoring, counselling, Tatou and food-bank services together. It is also expanding into Māngere and developing online financial capability resources.

MBS reports that approximately 91% of clients currently have their financial needs met and progress towards independence, against a stated goal of 100%.

Key takeaway

MBS provides practical, community-based support that combines immediate assistance with longer-term financial capability. The organisation's experience indicates that financial hardship is increasingly affecting working families and retirees as essential living costs rise. Continued demand is driving MBS to expand its services, locations, and digital delivery.

Community support remains important, with opportunities to fund, volunteer, donate essential goods, organise collection drives and refer people to MBS services.

Kim was thanked by Lloyd Albiston for her presentation, and for the work that she does for people in need of assistance to cope with the stresses of today's world.

Thought for the week: Tony Bradley.

"People never lie so much as after a hunt, during a war,
or before an election."
(Attributed to Otto van Bismarck)

Duties: 21st of September *Meeting at Royal Oak Bowls*

President: Tony Rayner

Sergeant: Bill Grayson

Attendance: Trevor Mosley

Hospitality: Rhett Stephens

Meals: Iain McCrae

Scribe: Bill Appleton

5 Minute Speaker: tba

Host: n/a

Guest Speaker: Pres. Tony Rayner

Subject: **CLUB FORUM**

Thanks: n/a

Thought for the week: Ant Martin

The Club Forum is an opportunity for Members to express their concerns and offer up suggestions on Club structure, new membership opportunities, Club sustainability, and project ideas that will be of benefit to the community and to Rotary.

Well prepared submissions for discussion would be of great benefit to the success of the Forum.

Pictures from Arts House Trust Awards event.

Rotary Maungakiekie sponsor 1st Prize



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
MAUNGAKIEKIE

**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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83 Selwyn Street, Onehunga

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ROTARY CLUB OF
MAUNGAKIEKIE



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

For collection of items:

Phone Robin Hulford (09) 624 9102 or 021 228 8289
Derek Neutze (09) 624 9151 or 021 266 2057

Email robin@thehulfords.com or
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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
park

BENEFICIARIES:

Youth Leadership Award; Kids to Camp; Onehunga High School;
Pacific Advance Secondary School; Royal Oak Intermediate School;
Local Primary Schools; Local Kindergartens

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Smile!

It makes people wonder what you have been up to!

I just spent 15 minutes looking for my phone while using its flashlight to search.

Kids complaining about spotify... they don't know the real struggle!



Husband and wife were driving back home from a party.

Suddenly the wife shouted "Stop the car, there is a wall ahead. Stop the car" Bang!!! The car hit the wall..

Next day while they both were under treatment in hospital, the wife asked the husband "Are you deaf?? | kept on shouting that there is wall ahead. Why didn't you apply the brakes???" The husband replied angrily "Because it was you who was driving the car!!!"



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End note:

Rotary tautoko rangatahi – Rotary supporting youth.