

Rotary Club of Onehunga One Tree Hill Inc.

PO Box 13271, Onehunga, AUCKLAND 1643

Club meets: Monday 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm at

Royal Oaks Bowls Clubrooms at 146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga, Auckland

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9910 DG's Newsletter: <http://www.rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10>

Club Website: <https://www.rotaryonehungaonetreehill.co.nz/>

PARTNERS, FRIENDS & VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME



BULLETIN NO: 192012

Thursday 19th September 2019

PROGRAM

23rd September 2019

Attendance: **Bruce Murdoch**

Hospitality: **Fatu Enari**

Equipment : **Paul Jenner**

5 Minute Speaker : **Colin Tea**

Host : **John Tapu**

Speaker : **Kate Lewis**

Subject : **Auckland Volcanoes**

Thanks : **Bruce Passau**

Thought for the Week :

Chalita Wood

30th September 2019

Attendance: **Bruce Passau**

Hospitality: **Fatu Enari**

Equipment: **Barry Stafford**

5 Minute Speaker : **Rex Wood**

Host: **John Tapu**

Speaker **Peter Bossley**

Subject: **Community Projects**

Thanks: **Deidre Shea**

Thought for the Week :

Lloyd Albiston

APOLOGIES

If you can't make it, or, wish to bring a partner &/or visitor to our meeting, please advise

Alan Bannin abannin2013@gmail.com
09 624 9020

Before Noon of the Friday preceding the meeting so our caterers can provide.

Failure Will Incur a Meal Cost!!!

DUTIES: If you can't perform your duty, please arrange a substitute & advise Secretary **Gwynyth** & Sergeant **Noel**

CLUB ALMONER is **Robin Hulford**. Please ring him if any member (past or present) or their families are suffering illness, injury, bereavement or having a happy event

LAST MEETING : 16th September 2019

Attendance: 24

Visitors: Jim Tetley, Dennis Oliver

Apologies: John Tapu, Keith Woodmass, Lloyd Albiston, George Arulanantham, Rod Kestle, Deidre Shea, Peter Mayow, Bruce Murdoch, Fatu & Parehuia Enari,

Sgt. Raised This Week \$98.90

**September
Basic Education
and Literacy
Month**



Monday 16th September 2019 Meeting report

President Bill: announcements

The President referred to the event held by the Epsom Rotary Club about two weeks ago where Phil Goff and John Tamihere attended to present their positions for the upcoming mayoral election. The present District Governor apparently felt the need to remind clubs about the apolitical nature of the Rotary Organisation. There has been some criticism in social media about this. In the writer's opinion this demonstrates a lack of common sense about these matters.

The President confirmed that he and Bruce Passau had interviewed four applicants for the Summer Science School in January 2020. Two candidates from Onehunga High School have been chosen for nomination. The cost of sending the students, if successful, is \$1,500 each which has been fully funded by the generosity of several members of the club.

One Minute Spot

Ian Devereux has been doing some research into polio eradication. The polio worldwide initiative in Nigeria ran into some initial difficulty because of the influence of native witchdoctors. They claimed that any male who took the vaccine would become sterile. However, that has been overcome. Ian has been trying to track down a number for those people on a worldwide basis who are currently suffering from polio. He thinks the number is 69. He expressed the view that everyone in the room could see the end of polio in the world during their lifetimes. He encouraged us to continue our support for the Rotary International programme and he will be adding his support as well.

One Minute Spot cont:

Bede Brittenden advised that our district 9910 is joining with a neighbouring district 9920 on **1 November 2019** to "Ride the Trains". The idea is that Rotarians with collecting buckets will be on the trains that day. This is an idea which has been tried out successfully in Australia. Bede got an indication from the members that they supported the programme and will be reminding us about volunteers for this closer to the time.

Five-minute speaker

Alistair Grundy spoke about kauri gum. He described it as fossilized resin from kauri trees hardened when exposed to the air. Before the arrival of Europeans, the Maoris used a softer version as chewing gum. It was also used as a fire starter, and when burnt and mixed with animal fat, for tattooing. With the arrival of Europeans the gum became sought after because it was in demand for use in varnishes and resins, marine glues and locally in the manufacture of linoleum. By the end of the 19th century it was the main export from Auckland to the rest of the world.

The gum diggers worked in swampy areas of the northern part of the North Island, particularly in Northland. They used wooden spears, sometimes 8 metres in length, to try and locate the gum buried in the swamps. It was hard work and they sold their products to buyers from Auckland who then exported it overseas. The industry came to an end in the 1930s.

Guest speaker – Dennis Oliver on glaucoma

Dennis Oliver has been an optometrist practising in The Mall in Onehunga for about 40 years. He makes presentations on behalf of Glaucoma NZ, which is a charity set up to:

Inform people and support people with glaucoma;
Provide professional education about what it is;
Sponsor and encourage research;
Broadcast its information and expertise via a website, emails and publications, and also to maintain an 0800 support line. The website address is info@glaucoma.org.nz and the help line is 0800 452 286.

Dennis had brought with him a volume of material comprising newsletters and articles. He explained that glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness in New Zealand. It is a silent disease with no symptoms. Half of those suffering from it don't know they have it. If it can be detected early, then treatment can prevent progression and preserve sight. The damage to the optic nerve which is caused by glaucoma is irreversible. The message from Dennis is to have your eyes examined on a regular basis.

Dennis said that research into events that people fear shows that blindness is ahead of anything else. It is a condition that can be determined by examination. There are many types and it can occur at any age.

Most treatments are to prevent a build-up of liquid in the eye which increases pressure on the optic nerve. This is done by discouraging the manufacture of fluids by the body in the eye area or by improving the drainage of fluids from the eye. Some of this work needs to be carried out by surgery but other treatments involve the use of various eye drops and ointments.

The cause of glaucoma is not known but Dennis predicted that it is likely that in the future there will be more information available from genetic studies and there will certainly be new medications and laser techniques.

Dennis can be contacted at Visique Hawkins Optometry at 250 The Mall, Onehunga, phone 636 9321, email onehunga@seriouseyes.co.nz.



D9910 District Quiz Warkworth

Saturday 5th Oct 2019 6.00 pm for 6.30 start

Contact President Bill

1 November 2019 to "Ride the Trains"
"Tag on Polio Off"

Contact Bede Brittenden



Now that we have your attention!



Sat. 5th October - Blood Pressure checking- Pak'n'Save Royal Oak Mall

Contact Derek Neutze

**Thought for
the week:**

Rex Wood

Singing in the shower
Is all fun and games
Until you get
Shampoo
in your mouth,
Then it just
Becomes a soap opera.



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