

# 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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**Thursday 31st October 2019**

## PROGRAM

### 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Attendance: Colin Tea  
Hospitality: Paul Jenner  
Equipment: Iain McCrea  
5 Minute Speaker Neil Reid  
Host: Peter Mayow  
Speaker: Nick Mayow  
Subject: Award winning Short Film  
Thanks: Rex Wood  
Thought for the Week: Alistair Grundy

### Wed 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Attendance :  
Hospitality: All Members  
Equipment:  
5 Minute Speaker: : N/A  
Host : N/A  
Speaker: Dolphin Theatre  
Subject : Nativity Play  
Thanks: N/A  
Thought for the Week : N/A

## APOLOGIES

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

Alan Bannin  
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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: 21st October 2019

Attendance: 24

Visitors: Senikau Dyck

Welcome PDG Neil Reid.

Returning member

Apologies: Iain McCrea, Bruce Passau, Rex and Chalita Wood, John Tapu, Bruce Murdoch, Rod Kestle, Gwynyth Carr, George Arulanantham

Sgt. Raised This Week \$183.80

**October  
Economic and  
Community  
Development Month**



## October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting report

President Bill welcomed guest speaker Ben Corbett and returning club member Neil Reid, who was attending his first meeting in this capacity.

Sergeant Noel welcomed Jim Tetley and Senikau, attending with Dieter who is recovering well.

### One - minute speakers:

Noel gave a reminder about RYLA. Noel has connected with a number of people to let them know that we are looking for two people who will be aged 20-28 as at 1 April. Please let Noel know of anyone you know who aspires to leadership, for this opportunity.

Lloyd has Christmas puddings to sell for \$20 each, of which \$5 is returned to the club.

The 70s Club is a sweep that works well as a fund raiser for the club, if 35-40 people are involved. Join up now!

Duncan talked about running a speed dating service with high school students, offering members' knowledge of, and connections with, different vocations. We will pick this up in the new year.

Bill Appleton talked on behalf of Rod regarding the Vanuatu project. Vanuatu Airlines thwarted most of the last stage by repeatedly cancelling flights. The project is basically finished but needs final work, frustration at the delays was expressed.

## One-minute speakers: cont.

**Fatu** talked about the great student results from PASS - students have the most endorsements ever! There is a programme run where students fund raise and go back to Tonga and Samoa. From this, the students get identity. They see students in the islands sitting on mats, with few resources and no internet etc., and they see these young people going on to become professionals. The students in NZ have no concept of this, prior to the trip. The idea of returning to the islands to visit came from a person who was the principal of SERCO, who identified that young people have no idea of their heritage. Fatu said that they are falling short of funds to get students there, and gave examples of situations where this is so difficult e.g. a student whose Mum has just come out of prison and is not in a position to financially support. Dad's leg has just been amputated, the family is trying to get the student to go to work but the school is saying please stay at school, he is doing well with education.

**Five-minute** speaker Bede Brittenden talked - surprise, surprise - about rugby!

He asked what Jamie Joseph, Michael Leitch and Luke Thompson have in common? They all went to St Bede's. Bede himself played rugby until he was 14. After this, he refereed for 33 years. The only game he was ever asked to do specifically was St Bede's vs Gisborne Boys' High. Bede began refereeing in 1963, after being coerced by a colleague. His first game was at Wellington College. Bede moved back to Auckland in 1967 and by the end of that season, he had refereed a game at Eden Park. His highlight was refereeing a curtain raiser to the All Blacks, Matamata College vs MAGS. That day, Bede was booed by 54,000 people! Out of that team, six All Blacks emerged.

Other memories include refereeing in Petone, and Bede marched a guy 5 meters. The player questioned whether Bede's Mum and Dad were married, and then said "Not only have you got one arm ref, you've only got one eye as well!"

Another guy was hit hard below the belt, but when he realised the medic was female, claimed the issue was with his shoulder. Classic stuff!

**Friday November 1<sup>st</sup> END POLIO NOW! Fund raising "Tag on Tag Off" Rotary Train project**



**Rotary is a Game of two sides**



**See you at The Onehunga Train Station!**

**Guest speaker Ben Corbett** talked about Tonga's first catalogued library.



Ben said that the idea for the library came from his wife, Kahoa. Kahoa is currently at LIANZA, the national library conference, talking about the project.

About 18 months ago Tonga experienced the most powerful cyclone ever to hit. Ben showed photos of the village where the library is situated, population about 4000; it had been hammered. The village is only 2 meters above sea level and is one of the worst affected by the methamphetamine epidemic which has largely been caused by the increased number of deportees who have arrived back with this habit.

The tradition of Rotary has been to support social solutions in the Pacific Islands. Maturity is happening - local folk are now taking over the mantle. It is now much more of a partnership between Rotary and the local people.

This is one of a number of projects in Tonga. Tonga has an impressive 98% literacy rate, but poor access to books. The primary idea of the library is to give these children a chance to read books. They have had no other way to get information other than reading the bible through churches.

The cyclone sent 220km/hour winds through the village. The family home survived apart from the roof being ripped off. Ben got to work on the house, but the school and community centre were unable to be repaired easily. Kahoa had the idea to work with the school to build a library.

Friday last week was the opening of the library. The patron of the library is the prince, the younger son the of the king. He has done everything he can to make the building possible, including blocking the main road for 6 hours in order to enable the celebratory opening to occur!



All around the walls are photos of children from the village who have gone on to succeed.

Teachers are saying that children are unmotivated. Kahoa's idea was to help motivate young people by having photos of these successful former students. The library has 30 computers donated by Sky (thanks to Kahoa, who works at Sky, and asked for these - she is hard to say no to!) ONZO supplied 20 bikes.

This is the first catalogued library in Tonga, able to operate as a resource library for the local schools, a little like the national library service in NZ.



**Bar code scanning  
to catalogue books**

Harald Hermans runs CFR Line NZ Ltd in Nielsen Street, Onehunga. Everything for the library was sent by CFR Lines. Harald's hobby is to do this. He works on lots of other projects and commits 20% of his turnover to this.

Local children worked out how to put shelving together, after the American Peace Corps failed to do so. The point was to localise this project, and get local people doing everything.

Ben read a poem written by Karlo Mila, a poet from Nuku'alofa. Karlo wrote this for Kahoa to read at the opening of the library. It is entitled "Ode to the Kingdom of Tonga's first catalogued library".

Dieter presented Ben with copies of the books he has written, for the library.

**The thought for the week was offered by Allan Bannin:**

Groucho Marx said "I find television very educational.

The minute somebody turns it on I go into the library and read a book."



*Author*



*Builder*



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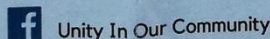
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