

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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PARTNERS, FRIENDS & VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME



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Thursday 28th November 2019

PROGRAM

2nd December 2019

Attendance **Bill Appleton**
Ernie Meyer **Trevor Mosley**
Hospitality: : **All Members**
Equipment: **Alan Banin**
5 Minute Speaker **N/A**
Speaker **Awards**
Subject: **McKeever / Haskell**
/ Walls
Host **President Elect Bruce**
Thanks : **President Elect Bruce**
Thought for the week:
Alistair Grundy

9th December 2019

Attendance: **Derek Neutze**
Hospitality: **Ant Martin**
Equipment **N/A**
5 Minute Speaker **N/A**
Host : **Onehunga High School**
Speaker
Subject : **Christmas Function**
Thanks: **President Elect Bruce**
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: 18th November 2019

Attendance: 21

Visitors Nil

Apologies: **Rod Kestle, Bede Brittenden, Barry Stafford, Noel Carey, Bruce Passau**

Sgt. Raised : None This Week \$

November
Rotary
Foundation Month



President Bill welcomed members to the Club AGM night.

One-Minute Spots

Ernie Meyer reminded everyone that Rotary next week will be in the larger room at the Bowling Club, and will likely go a little longer than usual, as it is the club

Annual Awards Celebration with students from four local schools.



The Christmas function will be held on Monday 9 December at Onehunga High School. Please ensure you give numbers for the Christmas do, by Monday 2 December, to ensure you are beautifully catered for on this occasion.

See Flyer page 3.

Peter Mayow reminded everyone to bring their \$20 for Christmas puddings ordered, by next week, (2nd December). Puddings will be provided next week at Rotary



Five-minute speaker, Parehuia Enari talked about the PASS journey so far. She said that she and Fatu have had an incredible journey over the past five years. The school has a beautiful relationship with Rotary, especially though the Reading Enrichment Programme (REP).



Until five years ago, Fatu and Parehuia would come home from teaching in Gisborne each day and put the nets out, in a spot facing Young Nick's Head, to fish for their dinner. They would pray about setting up a school, because they wanted to make a difference for the young men in their community, who were not achieving anywhere near as well as they should. Their dream was to set up an outdoor education school for Maori boys, but this dream was not being realised. The couple had two offers to set up schools for Maori boys, but neither opportunity was in Gisborne and Fatu wanted to keep on fishing! (Parehuia and Fatu thought they had had enough of the city lifestyle).

Then ... Sir Michael Jones called. Sir Michael is a very determined and strategic man. Five years later, and PASS is five years old. Sir Michael's vision for Maori boys was exactly the same as the vision that Parehuia and Fatu had, except that they planned to set this up in Gisborne. Prior to meeting Sir Michael to hear from him about his plan, (that they intended to reject), Parehuia and Fatu had noted seven ridiculous things that they thought would never happen, ensuring in their minds that their life in Gisborne was safe. But Michael covered off every one of the seven ridiculous ideas. He began by stating that Parehuia would be called Mum and Fatu would be called Dad, and they would be co-principals. Two of the seven! This was the beginning of an amazing journey together.

Then Minister of Education Hekia Parata opened PASS with 17 students, (who appeared to be 25 😊, with the plumbing still being installed.)

PASS now has a roll of 114 and it is growing. The vision was to find 13 and 14 year olds who had become disenfranchised from school, bring them back into the education system and ensure they were able to access NCEA.

The first few years were tough. Parehuia and Fatu were pioneering a new way and did not have models to follow. This year, for the first time in five years, PASS has exceeded targets in terms of added value. These are exciting times!

Volunteers came to PASS in 2018, and REP began. The confidence that students have gained, and the relationships between students and volunteers/mentors is invaluable. For many of the students, it is the first time they have been close to a European man or woman. It enriches students' lives and it also enriches volunteers' lives.

Parehuia read a letter from a PASS student to Barry. Barry supports this young man at school and attends his sports games.

Dear Uncle Barry, it is me Papauta. You know me as just Papa.

I am so sorry to hear all the pain that you have suffered.

And that your accident I heard was so bad, I wish it was only a dream you had. Me and Devon ask about you every day, we also get together and pray.

We ask God please heal this kind caring man who spends his time with us when he can.

He has helped us in lots of ways, not just reading but talks with us and listens and makes things okay.

So dear God, please take uncle Barry's pain away, heal his broken bones and make him strong like he was the other day.

This is my prayer for him right now and I promise I will stop being a little cow.

(PS. Barry is now likely to be sent home from Hospital, this Friday 29th November.

Duncan McDonald spoke positively and passionately about his experience with REP and the value of this volunteering opportunity. He finished with, "**What you do speaks so loudly; I cannot hear what you say**". He encouraged us all to get involved in REP.

President Bill provided the thought for the week from Proverbs
"**be an encourager, for your tongue holds the power of life and death.**"





ONEHUNGA ONE TREE HILL ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITE



Monday 9th December at 5.30pm for 6pm

Onehunga High School - Staff Room

\$45 per head which includes Drinks

RSVP to Gwynyth with payment next Monday night 2nd December please. If not attending that night please let Gwynyth know, by email, either way if you are coming or not.

*The 2019 theme is **BLING !!!!***

Don't forget to bring a small gift, labelled boy or girl, age etc. costing around \$10 to be distributed to a local school.

