

# 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



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**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

## PROGRAM

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Attendance: Neil Reid

Hospitality: Ernie Meyer

Equipment Rod Kestle

5 Minute Speaker N/A

Host : Bede Brittenden

Speaker: Ben Skeen

Subject : Rugby TMO

Thanks: Iain McCrea

Thought for the Week :

Robin Hulford

## Program

**20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Attendance Bede Brittenden

Hospitality Derek Neutze

Equipment Peter Mayow

5 Minute Speaker Rod Kestle

Host Bruce Murdoch

Guest Speaker TBA

Subject

Thanks Ernie Meyer

Thought for the week.

Paul Jenner

## 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 : 9th December 2019**  
**Christmas Meeting**

**Attendance:** 37

**Apologies:** Trevor Mosley, Peter Mayow  
Barry Stafford, Ian Deveraux, John Tapu,  
Parehuia and Fatu Enari

**Sgt. Raised :** None This Week \$

**No Sgt Session on the 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**December**  
**Disease**  
**Prevention and**  
**Treatment Month**



## Christmas Celebration Party



**President Bill** welcomed all

Members and guests to our end of year Christmas dinner.

A special thanks to Deidre Shea and her fantastic OHS staff for providing a sumptuous meal and making the venue available.

A big thank you to Gwynyth for her organisation of tonight's Party.

President Bill outlined some of the memorable successes during the first half of this Rotary year and thanked everyone for their support and input.

Noel Carey reported that we have had 2 RYLA candidates accepted for the May 2020 RYLA Program.

Rod and Penny Kestle arrived back in time for the dinner, after a trip to East Coast Bays Club to receive a Rotary Foundation Award, for our club contributions to The Rotary Foundation during Rod's year as President.

Included in the evening was interesting Carol singing, (New Zealand versions), and presentations of prizes for the best '**Bling**' dressed man and woman, as well best '**Bling**' dressed couple.

Christmas Presents were collected for distribution to a local charity.









## President Bill District advice Notice

### District 9910 - 9920

#### **District merging update from DG Ian Kiernan (Extract from Letter to Clubs)**

Our D9910 team is now formulating a membership growth plan to submit to Rotary International by the 31<sup>st</sup> December deadline. However, it appears that regardless of the submissions received, RI will move to merge D9920 and D9910 if either district is below 1,100 members as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

For the time being it is business as usual, and our Nominating Committee will now look to start the process of selecting a Governor for the 2022 – 2023 Rotary Year. We will keep you informed of any further developments or advice received from Rotary International about our situation.

On behalf of your entire District Management Team, myself and Jasmine, I wish you all sincere best wishes and goodwill for the festive season ahead.

Kind regards



Ian Kiernan  
Governor 2019-2020  
Rotary District 9910

### Rotary Club of Onehunga One Tree Hill

#### **Membership Trends**

	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
<b>July 1</b>	33	30	28	30	31

### District 9910

#### **Membership Trends**

	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
<b>July 1</b>	1.09k	1.09k	1.05k	1.05k	1.02k





# Riding the rails to end polio

**Onehunga One Tree Hill Rotary Club's members have made a huge contribution to the global fight against polio. In November, they raised over \$43,000 to donate to the Tag You On Tag Polio Off event in Auckland.**

The day was run in partnership with Auckland Transport, and it involved a large group of celebrities, including politicians and business leaders, visiting 40 train stations throughout Auckland. While they rode the rails, Rotary members were at each station collecting donations from commuters.

Onehunga One Tree Hill club members shared two-hour shifts at the Onehunga Train Station. The train carrying the riders arrived just after 3pm, and there was just enough time for some photos, and for club president, Bill Grayson, to handover a cheque for \$43,185. The fundraisers then got back on the train heading for their next stop.

For two of the Onehunga club members, there was a personal motivation to the fundraising effort. As a child, Bede Brittenden was caught up in the 1948 polio epidemic, and was sent to a special polio isolation hospital. His arm still bears the scars of the disease, but he insists that, "It didn't affect my life." He says that he played golf off a 16 handicap, and was also a rugby referee. Bill Grayson's father was also a victim of polio, having to use leg braces and walking sticks for most of his life.

The global fight against polio has been a massive success, and there are now only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan,



Onehunga club members and train riders at Onehunga station

where the disease still exists. If it can be wiped out in these countries, it will be the second disease after smallpox to have been completely eradicated. The money raised by Rotary will go towards purchasing oral vaccines for these countries. The global target is to raise \$50 million over the next three years, with Bill Gates' Gates Foundation promising to match Rotary's contributions by \$2 for every \$1 raised.

