

# 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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**BULLETIN NO: 192026**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**

## PROGRAM

### 10th February 2020

Attendance: Allan Bannin

Hospitality: Colin Tea

Equipment: Ant Martin

5 Minute Speaker:

Duncan McDonald

Host: George Arulanantham

Speaker: Neil Reid

Subject: Membership

Thanks: Peter Mayow

Thought for the Week:

Iain McCrae

## PROGRAM

### 17th February 2020

Attendance: Bede Brittenden

Hospitality: John Tapu

Equipment: Ernie Meyer

5 Minute Speaker ?

Anthony Martin

Host:

Speaker: Bowls Night!

Subject: Competition

Thanks:

Thought for the Week:

Duncan McDonald

## 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**

**Attendance: 25 Members present.**

**Apologies:** Peter Mayow,  
Barry Stafford, Bill Appleton,

**Visitors: Ben Oge guest of Iain McCrae**

**Sgt. Raised This Week \$149.30**

**February 2020  
Peace and Conflict  
Prevention/  
Resolution Month**

**23 February —  
Rotary's  
Anniversary**

## Program 2020

16th February - **Sunday** BBQ Mavis & Lex

17<sup>th</sup> Bowls Night

18<sup>th</sup> – 19 April BOOK FAIR

## Meeting Report 3<sup>rd</sup> February

### Rotary 3rd February 2020

President Bill welcomed our visitors - Ben Oge and Anna Irvine.

Trevor Mosley gave advance warning of subs being sent out shortly, get ready to pay thanks everyone.

Bruce Murdoch updated us about Barry Stafford who is now at home and mobile, doing physio and walking, even up Orakei Road. Go for it Barry, look forward to seeing you soon!

Noel Carey advised that work continues on the bait stations to keep the Kokako as safe as possible from predators.

The rat count was still reasonably high in December, so this work continues. Everyone is hoping that chick numbers are sufficient, so that there are lots of birds to relocate.

### **Five-minute speaker Trevor Mosley - getting the mail through in Beethoven's time**

In a few weeks Bev and Trevor are travelling to Vienna for the 250th anniversary of Ludwig van Beethoven.

In 1806, George Thomson contacted Beethoven and asked him to arrange 23 sets of Scottish folk songs, as was a reasonably common request of composers in those times. Beethoven repeatedly tried to get the words to these songs from Thomson and is known to have sent these requests via at least three different routes to Edinburgh. Finally, six years after the original approach, Beethoven got the material he had requested.

On completion of the assignments, Thomson declared the works "original and beautiful" but that they would require "simplification for performance". Beethoven made it clear that he would not deign to simplify the works. Thomson wisely accepted this. Beethoven then went on to develop the original 23 pieces into 53.

### **Guest speaker Anna Irvine spoke about child cancer**



Anna is the Northern Region Development Officer for the Child Cancer Foundation. For more than 40 years, the Foundation has supported children aged 0-12 years who have cancer, together with their families, until the child is 20 years of age. At least 3 new referrals are received every week. Sadly, this number has not changed, but wonderfully, the outcomes have.

Foundation offices throughout New Zealand have 19 family support workers who go to families' homes so that they can be sure of the best way to support the child. Children are referred by social workers in hospitals. Children can only be treated in Auckland or Christchurch hospitals. Every child who goes to hospital gets a personal handmade quilt, and for every procedure that a child undertakes, they receive a bead of courage. A child under 12 who is having treatment needs to have a family member with them 24/7 while in hospital - this creates enormous pressure on families.

The Foundation has two holiday homes, one in Taupo and one in Queenstown. They run camps for siblings, they have Christmas parties for families, and they offer personal development grants to help family members through changes needed through or after the care of a child with cancer.

CE Robyn Kiddle is amazing and has ensured ongoing funding. Nevertheless, with no government funding, and needing \$6 million each year to operate, the Child Cancer Foundation relies on its annual appeal to raise funds.

This year, the appeal is 28 and 29 February, and our Club will be assisting.

The impact of the Child Cancer Foundation was beautifully represented in a video featuring a young leukaemia sufferer, Ethan, and his family. Ethan's prognosis is good. He still has treatment to go, is on track and will continue to be supported by the Child Cancer Foundation.

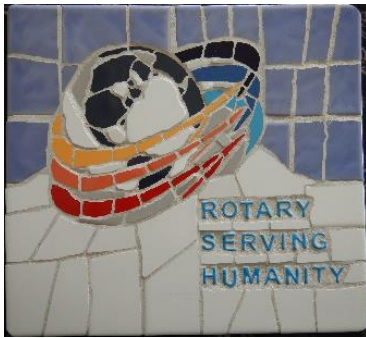
Ethan's Dad said "Thank you from here to the moon and back" to the Child Cancer Foundation.

### **Ernie Meyer offered the 'thought for the week':**

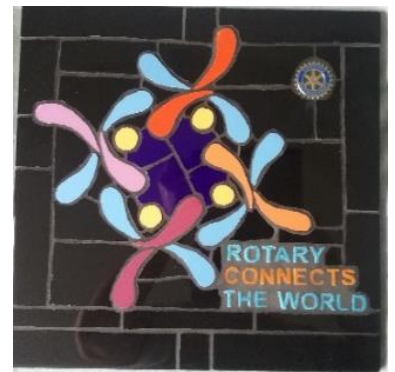
**"Age is a state of mind. Don't ask me what state I am in."**



Jasmine Kiernan, wife of District 9910 2019/20 Governor Ian Kiernan, wanted to support Medical Aid for Children through Rotary's ROMAC program.



Jasmine has, during the last 6 months, raised \$5,000 through making mosaics based on Rotary International President themes through the years. These mosaics have been raffled during visits to District 9910 clubs, and the 2019/20 theme ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD was raffled at the Zone 8 Conference in Christchurch. Having completed Club visits,



Jasmine will continue to raise funds for ROMAC during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 2019/20 Rotary year by creating an interesting or useful mosaic artwork to be sold by silent auction each month.



During February, Jasmine is auctioning a one-off mosaic planter pot with hand painted saucer.

The pot stands 21cm high and has an outer diameter at the top of 17cm.

The design has a "Fairy theme" with a trailing flower vine winding up the pot.

- Bids to Jasmine;  
[jasminedawn1960@gmail.com](mailto:jasminedawn1960@gmail.com)

**Please include name and bid in email.**

Auction closes **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb.**, and auction winner will be notified by email.

- The bidding starts at \$100.00
- All proceeds go to: **ROMAC**





## Far North Project update and thank you.

Dear Rotary team,

We are pleased to provide a six-month update on our Far North project and would like to thank you for your very generous contribution towards the establishment of Te Whakaora Tangata programmes in The Far North. This support will enable us to empower vulnerable families in the area who are desperately in need of a better future – families overwhelmed by poverty, violence, sexual abuse, drugs and crime.

John and Jacey Horan moved their family down to South Auckland for 6 months to train at our offices and learn first-hand how to create long-sustainable change amongst high-risk families in a community. They spent time training with our front-line staff engaging with clients both in their homes, and at our programmes. They also spent time with our operational staff learning the systems and processes required to successfully run our programmes.

John and Jacey moved back to the North in December and have since been joined by Cliffy and Indranee Reddy (Te Whakaora Founders) to set up operations. We have been welcomed into the building of He Korowai Trust with whom we are sharing office space. This organisation provides practical resources to families around housing, budgeting and advocacy, and is already proving to be a valuable partnership as we journey ahead to support the highest-risk families in the community.

We have set up our offices and opened our doors on, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020, and have already been inundated with families seeking help. We knew that there was a great need in the community but were overwhelmed by the level of desperation from local families facing serious brokenness and dysfunction. Within the first week, we had six client sessions, and restored one family unit by working with each family member, then running a group family session. We have also facilitated an abbreviated Family Restoration Course to the staff of He Korowai Trust so that they could gain a greater understanding of our programmes and our process, in order to facilitate deep partnership which will allow our services to complement each other. We have already had feedback from their staff about how our programmes might be the missing link in creating long term sustainable change in that community as we address the deep-rooted issues of trauma, which is necessary for the practical support to be effective and to break the cycle of dysfunction.

We have also met with many agencies in the local area to discuss partnership and client referral opportunities and processes, including the Department of Corrections and Oranga Tamariki. We are continuing to meet with other agencies and organisations to build a valuable network of referrers.

We are deeply excited to be breaking ground in the area and can't wait to see the hope and change we can bring to this part of the country thanks to your commitment and support of this work.

A special thank you to all who made this project a reality – we are so grateful. Please see attached to this email some pictures of our office set up and a video from the Far North Team linked below. Please feel free to share this update with others who may be interested.

Ngā mihi,

**Shawn Reddy**  
Chief Executive Officer  
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## Far North Project update



## Presidents Notice

**ROTARY CLUB OF ONEHUNGA ONE TREE HILL**  
**PO Box 13-271, Onehunga, Auckland 1643**

Dear Mr. Grayson

**Re: Sponsorship opportunity: Waterlea School Festival**

Waterlea School, based in Mangere Bridge, provides quality education for students in years one to six. Our roll comprises of approximately 450 children and we are one of the community hubs in 'the Bridge'.

On **Friday 20 March** Waterlea School PTA is holding our biennial 'Waterlea Festival' - our biggest fundraiser of the year (see attached poster).

The festival is highly anticipated by our Waterlea whanau and the surrounding community including Onehunga. We're putting on games and activities, entertainment and food, all on our large school field. We can't wait!

Through this event, along with our other fundraising activities this year, we aim to raise enough to build a new junior playground which will serve not only our school but our local community.

We are seeking sponsorship for our food stalls and, at the suggestion of John Tapu - who sits on our school Board members and is also a member of Onehunga One Tree Hill Rotary Club - were hoping you would be interested in supporting the hot chip stand. This is traditionally one of our most popular stalls - everyone loves hot chips!

The cost to run the stall is approximately \$650, which covers hireage and delivery of a gas-powered fryer, and the purchase of chips, oil, sauce and serving containers. If Onehunga One Tree Hill Rotary is able to cover this cost, all takings on the night will go towards our fundraising.

In exchange for your support, we encourage you to supply signage for us to display around the stall and we would recognise you as a supporter on the sponsor board, on our Facebook page (Waterlea PTA) and in our school newsletter.

Another way to support us would be to help on the night - if you have any members who would be available to help run the stall, we would really appreciate hearing from them.

I look forward to hearing from you soon - either by reply email or by calling me on my mobile phone: 021 344489

Thanks so much for your consideration.

**Jody Bennett**  
Secretary, Waterlea PTA

Contact President Bill G for action





## Presidents notice

Dear Rotary President,

**Trees for Survival** has been through one of those horror years that fortunately do not happen very often. In November 2018 we lost our National Manager to a sudden illness that led to his resignation, in June we heard that our Chair had a cancer problem and he resigned as Chair, and in November 2019 our new National Manager found to his horror that he had cancer and resigned. As Trustees we felt very strongly for these three good people.

The idea for Trees for Survival began some 30 years ago and we were incorporated in 1994 so we have proven ourselves a **Rotary project** that has offered something new to our communities.

Last week we approached several people in the environmental service area, including our Patron Ruud Kleinpaste, and they told us that we are unique. Several organisations do some of the things we do but no one else takes children through the hands-on experience of potting trees at their school, nurturing them and then planting them out on threatened land.

We have decided that this is an appropriate time to think again about our model and believe that it is time to revert to our strengths as a volunteer organisation. Our experience is that committed volunteers achieve more than paid staff and that we have many Rotarians who are prepared to take on Field Officer roles as one example. We are receiving a stream of applications from schools to join the programme but are only prepared to take them on board if we can service them and we would like to **approach local Rotary clubs** to see if they have a **volunteer** who would put in the few hours a year in working with children in their schools. It has the advantage of not being very demanding physically so gives older Rotarians a chance to serve.

We have asked District Governors at intervals if they will permit us to approach clubs and that is the purpose of this message. The contacts from **Trees for Survival** will be Past District Governor Noel Holyoake or me.

**The Rotary Centennial project, Trees, Trees, Trees**, is also inspiring us to make this a strong growth year for Trees for Survival so could you please give us your support. Last year we planted over 90 000 native trees, but the potential is so much higher.

My regards, Bill

**Bill Boyd**

Past RI President 2006/2007

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