

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

PARTNERS, FRIENDS & VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME



BULLETIN NO: 192027

Monday 10th February 2020

PROGRAM

17th February 2020

Attendance: Rod Kestle

Hospitality : John Tapu

Equipment : Ernie Meyer

5 Minute Speaker :

Anthony Martin

Host : N/A

Speaker: N/A

Bowls Night

Subject: N/A

Thanks: N/A

Thought for the Week :

Duncan McDonald

PROGRAM

24th February 2020

Attendance Gwynyth Carr

Hospitality: Colin Tea

Equipment Trevor Mosley

5 Minute Speaker Ernie Meyer

Host : Bede Brittenden

Speaker: Tony Walker

Subject : Financial Planning

Thanks: Alan Bannin

Thought for the Week:

Anthony Martin

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: 10th February 2020

Attendance: 23 Members present.

Apologies: Colin Tea, Fatu & Parehuia

Enari, Barry Stafford, Duncan McDonald, Alistair Grundy.

Serg Collected \$154-90

Visitors:

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

**23 February —
Rotary's
Anniversary**

Program 2020

16th February - **Sunday BBQ** Mavis & Lex's home,

17th Bowls Night

18th – 19 April **BOOK FAIR**

Meeting Report 3rd February

Rotary 10th February 2020

President Bill's announcements from the board meeting:

The club continues in good financial heart

Our charitable trusts all continue in good shape.

Bowls night next Monday evening will attract a fee of \$20 per head on top of normal evening costs of \$20.

Members playing bowls, please wear flat soled shoes.

(NO Stilettos or Riding Boots!)

Last week the club raised \$150 for the **Child Cancer Foundation**. We will round this up to donate to the Foundation.

Neil thanks members who have contributed Membership Candidates and reminds others to please contact him with more names and contact details to make the meeting a success.

We will have our membership meeting on Wednesday 1st April this year, likely at the Onehunga Community House.

Gwynyth Carr reminded everyone about the BBQ on Sunday. We are being hosted by Mavis and Lex. Start about 3.00pm at 195 Ostrich Farm Road, Pukekohe.

Take Drury exit from SH1 Motorway, right into Karaka Rd, then right onto Glenbrook Rd, left into Ostrich Rd & left into Ostrich Farm Road. (Or just pop the address in your satnav.)

Gwynyth has emailed out the catering details.

Please email Gwynyth if you are **not** coming.

Robin Hulford gave a book fair update and encouraged everyone to gather books, books, books.

Lloyd Albiston spoke about the Child Cancer Foundation appeal on 28 and 29 February. The Club will be at Countdown Onehunga on these days.

Ian Devereux will be 80 tomorrow. He gave \$50 to the kitty as a donation ahead of this fabulous milestone. Happy Birthday Ian!

Five-minute speaker Robin Hulford spoke about the early 1970s when he was serving on the HMNZS Waikato. He was the guard commander at the Waitangi Day celebrations. Robin's family went up with him, to witness the occasion. During the ceremony, heavy rain fell, resulting in uniforms becoming a little transparent. At this point everyone assembled became aware that one of the sailors was wearing red underpants.

Family were invited to return on the ship and Robin's wife decided to take up this opportunity. Robin's wife agreed to a helicopter ride off the ship, but after take-off, an emergency light came on in the helicopter, necessitating an emergency landing on deck. Robin was the only one left on the ship's deck at this stage. A memorable occasion for both husband and wife!



Guest speaker, PDG Neil Reid (MNZM), talked about what he has been involved in since he was last a member of the Onehunga One Tree Hill Rotary Club.

Just before he was District Governor, he lost his job at Stanley after 25 years. He took on board positions at the City Council over the next 6 years. In 2009, there was a private members' bill through parliament that funded 9 entities that were regionally based around Auckland. These were organisations that found it difficult to survive otherwise. The council could put in up to 2% of Aucklanders' rates into these. Currently they put in 40% of 2%. The Act said that the City Council's funding must make them sustainable. This system has been operating for 10 years and seems to have been working well.

Neil was on the board of MOTAT for about 10 years, which was a challenging time, with the old MOTAT society which was a volunteer organisation. In 1990, when the government created a board to run the organisation, the society was not happy. Subsequently, both management and board have changed.

The surf club at Muriwai has also kept Neil busy. They had been trying to build a new club since 1998 and had to raise \$5.5 million. The building was opened by John Key as PM in 2012. John Key was very supportive in the process of raising funds for surf clubs. The facilities at Muriwai continue to be used for a diverse range of activities.

Neil was Chair for the Northern NZ Lifesaving awards committee. This committee gave awards and nominated people for external awards. Neil is still an active surf lifesaver and recently re-qualified for Level 3 Health and Safety.

Neil is patron of the Vintage Hand Tool Club. He described this club as "old blokes collecting tools". Neil's job as patron is to make sure there is enough money to run the club.

Neil left the Onehunga One Tree Hill club and went to Henderson as it had been a 100km round trip to attend OOTH meetings in peak hour traffic, which was no fun.

The first year Neil was on the foundation committee, after that he was on the board and after that, the membership committee. Henderson went on to have three satellite clubs and in the next year membership rose from 40 to 83, so this is a successful model. The important message that Neil wants to convey is that while building satellite clubs, enthusiasm runs through the original club and positively impacts that.

In Bruce Rasmussen's year, Neil was awarded Rotarian of the year, which made his family very proud. Neil has helped in Vanuatu. After his last visit to Vanuatu, Neil visited South Korea and got pledges for US\$400,000, the next year US\$600,000 and in the last year US\$800,000. On the last occasion, Neil got thrombosis at the airport in South Korea and spent 16 days in hospital. He was very lucky to make it home. As a result, travelling these days is more challenging but Neil and Trish still travel as they are able. They will be attending Rotary conference this year.

Neil said that everyone has value to offer a Rotary Club. You just need to find where the value is and use this to everyone's advantage.

Twelve years ago, Neil met a man who was in Auckland from the Cook Islands, for a heart operation. Neil met this man as he was going to stay at a backpackers, prior to his operation and for his convalescence. Neil offered for him to stay at Neil and Trish's place instead, and he did so. Between 19 and 23 December every year for the past twelve years, this man has sent Neil a bottle of scotch. You never know what comes from a **Random Act of Kindness**.

A Child Cancer Foundation calendar was auctioned off, and in a lively exchange, fetched the sum of \$100. Thank you especially to Bill G and Paul!

Iain McCrae offered the thought for the week from Mother Theresa:

*"We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless.
The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty.
We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty."*

