

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



BULLETIN NO: 192029

Monday 24th February 2020

PROGRAM

2nd March 2020

Attendance: Bruce Clegg

Hospitality: Colin Tea

Equipment: Bruce Murdoch

5 Minute Speaker:

Trevor Mosley

Host: Bede Brittenden

Speaker: Don Allan

Subject: Community Policing in Onehunga.

Thanks: Alan Bannin

Thought for the Week:

Ernie Meyer

PROGRAM

9th March 2020

Attendance

Hospitality: Neil Reid

Equipment: Derek Neutze

5 Minute Speaker

Bruce Murdoch

Host: Bruce Clegg

Speaker: Noel Carey

Subject: Tramping in the Hopkins Valley

Thanks: Bede Brittenden

Thought for the Week:

Trevor Mosley

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.

LAST MEETING: 24th February 2020

Attendance: 22 Members present.

Apologies Barry Stafford, Duncan McDonald, Deidre Shea, Peter Mayow, Bruce Passau, Alistair Grundy, Rex and Chalita Wood

Sergeant Collected -- \$107-70

**March
Water and
Sanitation Month**



Program 2020

Collection for Child Cancer 28th and 29th February

This is Rotary in action in our community !

Lloyd has emailed all volunteers with the details

18th – 19 April BOOK FAIR

Meeting Report 24th February



President Bill made several announcements Remember to sign up for Child Cancer fund raising on Friday and Saturday.

For anyone who has not paid for the Sunday BBQ, the cost is \$5

Find one person of mana and kind disposition who would be interested in joining Rotary.

1 Minute Spots

Bede announced that the girl who spoke about swimming the Cook Straight was shown rowing on TV.

Lloyd asked for all who are supporting the Child Cancer Appeal meet afterwards. Collections will be held at Onehunga Countdown. Wear Rotary shirt and cap if you have it.

Ian Devereux – described medical condition called Tia whereby all speech goes. This sent him to hospital on Thursday.

Iain McCrae has taken over finding speakers from Bede and asks that you let him know if you have anyone you would like to speak.

5 Minute Spot

Ernie presented three amusing stories from the OHS build program, including nearly forgetting the bedrooms in a three-bedroom house.

President Bill wanted to share this wonderful thank you note with you all.

School uniform

Dear President & Members of the Fred McKeever Trust and Rotary Club of Onehunga & One Tree Hill.



Talofa Lava

My name is Francisco Fidow. I was a recipient of the Fred McKeever Trust Scholarship for St Joseph Catholic School Onehunga last year 2019. I was honoured to receive this special award on behalf of my school and my family. I was especially happy that my Nanas saw me receive the award that my Principal presented.

The scholarship allowed me to purchase a complete uniform set including my P.E gear at De La Salle College. I am enjoying high school and will continue to make the most of the opportunities that I have.

Thank you again to all those who make these scholarships happen and God bless.

Francisco Fidow



Guest Speaker: Tony Walker

Tony gave an interesting talk on financial planning called “Random Thoughts about Money”.

Having started the Supershuttle service 30 years ago, as well as following a career in teaching at Auckland Grammar, Tony is now running Impower – a financial planning company that gives advice without selling a financial product.

He emphasised that he is not a magician or fortune teller, but he is able to get to the heart of what one’s future needs are.

Often, it’s a matter of determining what one’s dream is before making that dream happen.

Other topics were the various costs in different products such as Investment platforms, insurance, loans, term deposits and regular bank accounts, as well as the new regulatory environment.

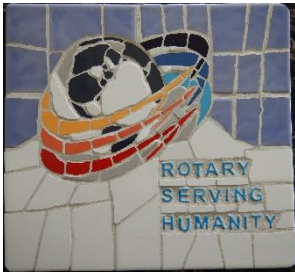
Tony’s presentation included some excellent ‘Cartoon’ jokes, lampooning various aspects of the financial world.

Thought for the week: Anthony Martin

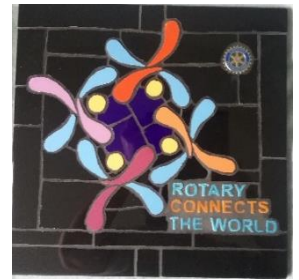
“Before you take down a fence, make sure you know what it’s there for.”



MOSAICS for ROMAC



Jasmine Kiernan, wife of Rotary District 9910 2019/20 Governor Ian Kiernan, wanted to support Medical Aid for Children through Rotary's ROMAC program and 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 2nd 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, on offer by silent auction is 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 "faery theme" with a trailing flower vine winding up the pot.

- Bids to Jasmine jasminedawn1960@gmail.com Please include name and bid in email. Auction closes Saturday 29th Feb and auction winner will be notified by email.

Bidding starts at \$100.00 with all proceeds to ROMAC.

Continuing the ROMAC fundraising, on offer by silent auction during March are four mosaic decorative "Garden Critter" rocks.

BLUE SPOTTED LADYBIRD

Size in cm = 32 x 21 x 10
Weight 10kg



RED LADYBIRD

Size in cm = 24 X 14 X 13
Weight 6kg

BEE

Size in cm = 25 X 16 X 9 Weight 6kg



GREEN GECKO & MOTH

Size in cm = 34 X 25 X 16 Weight 13kg



Bids to jasminedawn1960@gmail.com Bidding starts at \$30 per rock. Bids can be made on individual rocks or all 4 rocks as a set. Auction starts 1st March and will finish 31st March. All proceeds to ROMAC.

As these rocks are fairly large and heavy, can be delivered FOC within the Auckland metropolitan area only. If auction winner/s outside this area, collection or delivery will be the auction winner/s' care.

President Bill and PE Bruce spotted this article in the Tuesday edition of the NZ Herald.

As Onehunga One Tree Hill Rotary has supported the Fred Hollows Foundation over many years, they asked that this be included in the Bulletin. This month is the 27th anniversary of his death. The Foundation currently has a programme operating in Vanuatu.



New Zealand Herald – A018 – Opinion – 25 Feb 2020

Fred Hollows enduring legacy of sight

Inspirational eye doctor won Kiwi hearts and minds on his 1992 visit

Angela Griffen is a strategic communications adviser with an extensive background in public relations and journalism.

Twenty-seven years ago, this month, Fred Hollows died, and I attended his funeral at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney with the great and the good of Australia, every living Australian prime minister and the indigenous Australians who he championed in all of his work.

Although New Zealand-born, he was buried in Bourke in his beloved Outback.

My relationship with him and the Fred Hollows Foundation came about by accident in late 1992.

At the time I had no idea who Fred was, and the days of Google, email and mobile phones had not yet arrived. For me spelling the word ophthalmologist was a stretch when eye doctor would do.

Being in the PR business I was working with Douglas Myers at Lion Nathan. He admired and respected Fred and his work in Australia with the indigenous Australians so he wanted to help.

My brief was to manage the publicity/tour while Fred was in NZ and make him famous very quickly. The deadline was dictated by the speed of Fred's cancer.

There was also the need for everything to be donated or sponsored, as the foundation had no money. Everyone worked pro bono.

I made a quick visit to Australia to get Fred's tick. He was an old-fashioned guy so getting his okay, as a woman, was a big deal.

His rambling house in Randwick was interesting chaos full of children, doctors, media and indigenous Australians.

Back in New Zealand, we needed a venue for the launch. As I was on the advisory board of the original Watershed Theatre in the old vegetable markets on Auckland's waterfront, I knew it would be the perfect venue, not too posh with lots of character.

It was decided that Fred would bring his family with him, including small twins. It truly was a travelling roadshow with the addition of friends, relations and admirers.

The then Sheraton Hotel gave them the Presidential Suite and rooms. Lion picked up any costs for the visit that were not donated, including endless bottles of Fred's favourite whisky.

Huge day-to-day publicity was generated, fueled by Fred's impending death, which made him a man with a mission. We then decided we could squeeze in the making of a documentary. He gave a raw and magnificent final interview to Paul Holmes.

Fred was a dream subject frank, funny, genuine and user-friendly in a gruff sort of way.

At the launch, full of Auckland's heavy hitters, Fred ensured there was not a dry eye in the house. He won their hearts and minds and the foundation became a reality in New Zealand.

The simplicity of the message is compelling, giving back sight gives people back the freedom to run their lives.

During his visit Fred met and appointed Ray Avery to play a major part in the setting up of the internationally recognized lens factory in Nepal. Ray became a key go to for the foundation in New Zealand as the spokesman. He was ideal as he was working at the coalface and had the life-changing stories.

After Fred's death, it was vital to keep the foundation's profile up. Ian Sinclair from TVNZ went to Eritrea and did a documentary. Journalist Joanna Wane visited Nepal with me. We met Dr Ruit, the remarkable, talented and humble Nepalese ophthalmologist. Fred had been his mentor. Ruit could do 40 cataract operations a day.

In Nepal we travelled with Ruit to an isolated valley and as the sun rose over the hills hundreds of poor Nepalese came, many carrying their blind on their backs.

The first operations were a revelation and the next day even more so when these simple people had their bandages taken off and could immediately see. For them it was truly a miracle.

I had a long relationship with Nepal and the Tilganga Eye Centre and watched it grow from an empty plot into a world-famous facility.

There were many extraordinary times including meeting the King and Queen of Nepal who supported the building of Tilganga Hospital and were later murdered by their son, a tragedy leading to the downfall of the Nepalese Monarchy.

The best outcome of my time working with the foundation was being involved in the start of something that has contributed to the quality of life for millions.

If I get cataracts, I will go to Nepal and Dr Ruit can operate on me.

