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***Newsletter to keep the Wheel***



***Turning!***

***July is----***

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**Meeting Report 13th July 2020**

*(Scribe: Quentin Jay)*

**Attendance: 22 Members. Visitors: Senikau Dyck**

**Apologies: Gwynyth Carr, Fatu and Parehuia Enari, Ant Martin, Deidre Shea, Pat Anelay, Trevor Mosley, Derek Neutze.**

**Sergeants Session \$**

**President's notes and announcements**

President Bruce welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. He especially thanked Priyanca for making herself available to speak to the club this evening.

Bruce presented our new member, Jenilee Reddy, with her club name badge.

**One-minute Spot: Rod Kestle** New Te Papapa Primary School Lunches Roster to start Monday 20 July 2020.

Monday Rod and Gary.

Tuesday Anne Clegg.

Wednesday. Bruce M and Bill G.

Thursday. Noel and Iain (Iain for one week then Senikau).

Friday. Lloyd and Leanne.

**Please contact Rod if you can go on the list as reserve.**



**One-minute Spot:** Bill Grayson re IYM program:

**email from Innovative Young Minds Trust**

Kia Ora my fellow Rotarians

IYM Online was a great success! Innovative Young Minds Charitable Trust would like to thank your Rotary Club for your financial contribution to our IYM Online programme – you made it possible for us to offer a Covid-19 alternative to our students.

It was a great week for the students who attended – we averaged 72 each day - and they heard from so many inspiring women. I think they are reeling with all the STEMM possibilities and processing all the words of wisdom and inspiration they heard.

A common thread the students heard was, “follow your passion and do what you love”. We heard from women who had music, art and theatre backgrounds who are now doing incredible work in research science, technology, and innovation. These women shared that the skills they gained from all their disciplines were helpful in making them better at what they do.

The girls were encouraged to combine their gifts with their passions and in doing so, they would ultimately be the best they could be, in whatever field they chose. Great, powerful messages for today’s young women.

And of course, this was made this possible because your club supported our programme and invested in our students’ futures.

Thank you for believing in what we are trying to achieve and facilitating, through your financial support, the inspiration of a new generation of problem solvers.

Te mahana mahana



Sue Avison

IYM Programme Manager and Trustee - Innovative Young Minds Charitable Trust.

**Five minute- speaker** – Peter Mayow – two weeks in the Maniototo

Peter Mayow reported on the two weeks that he and his wife Marion had spent at Lauder, one of the places located on the Otago Rail Trail in the link from Alexandra to Ranfurly. An additional reason for being there was to look after their granddaughter while son and daughter-in-law were otherwise engaged in shooting for a new film.

Peter was taken with the sky- blue vistas and the wide plains and the local people he met. It was, said Peter, a fascinating place to be in. There was a NIWA station about 200 metres away from water measuring the best atmosphere in New Zealand.

The Lauder hotel where they stayed was originally the Lauder Railway Hotel built in 1904. In 1960 when the rail services stopped, the building was turned 180° and moved to the opposite side of the land it occupied facing the main road where it sits today with the rail trail behind it. Also close by was the old Lauder Hall which has been converted for living accommodation. It has three open fires to keep the occupants warm. Nearby too is a collection of classic motorcars, including Morris Oxfords and Jaguars.

Peter and his wife took day trips from Lauder. Ophir is one of the old gold mining towns of the area. It still has the oldest operating Post Office in New Zealand which was first opened in 1886 and currently is open today. For some time, it was said that the lowest temperature in the district had been recorded at Ophir at -21.6°. More recently it has been discovered that Ranfurly had a temperature of -25.6° in 1903.

The main town in the central rail trail is Ranfurly. This is named after the 15<sup>th</sup> Governor General of New Zealand and is an attractive town with many brick buildings. It was the central base for the film production in which Peter’s son and daughter-in-law are involved. Nearby is one of the oldest gold mining towns in the area – Naseby. This has many interesting old buildings and more recently the largest curling centre in New Zealand has been built in the town.

Peter and Marion also visited St Bathans which has a famous blue lake. This resulted from the old gold diggings in the town. Peter concluded by observing that it would be quite a nice place to live, so watch this space.



## **Guest Speaker - Priyanca Radhakrishnan**

Iain McCrae in introducing Priyanca noted that she and he had both been born in India. Iain, who still speaks with a strong Scottish accent, obviously grew up elsewhere and Priyanca spent her early life in Singapore. She became the Parliamentary Undersecretary for Ethnic Communities in June 2019 following a reshuffle in the cabinet structure.

Priyanca has spent her work life advocating on behalf of groups of people whose voices are often unheard – women survivors of domestic violence, and migrant workers who have been exploited. She has also been involved in lobbying government for legislative and policy change. She has worked with our diverse communities in New Zealand and is committed to ensuring that their voices are heard at all levels of decision making.

She attended Victoria University in Wellington and became a member of the Labour Party in 2006. She was on the labour party's list and narrowly missed out being elected in 2014. In the 2017 election she was ranked 12<sup>th</sup> on the Labour Party's list making her the highest – ranked labour member not already an MP.

Priyanca has a family connection to Rotary because her grandfather was a member of the Rotary Club of Madras. This large city in India is now known as Chennai. It was one of the key military garrisons in India during the period of the Raj. Priyanca was therefore aware of the ethos of the Rotary movement and identified with it from an early age.

Before she entered Parliament, she established a refuge in the Bay of Plenty providing shelter for women seeking safety from domestic violence. She has also worked as an advisor to Phil Goff when he was in Parliament.

Priyanca explained that she was attracted to come to New Zealand because it was one of the first countries in the world to give women the vote and because she knew no one here and wanted to find out what it was like living in a country where she had no previous connections. In fact, she quickly fell in love with the country and remained.

One of the questions which interests her is what the barriers are for someone to succeed in life in New Zealand. She is interested in trying to remove those barriers so that everyone has an equal opportunity. She regards her role as being a conduit between the electorate and Government. She makes a point of going out and about frequently, partly to see how decisions which have made in Parliament are working out in practice. She is also interested in foreign affairs, defence and trade matters.

At the end of her 15-minute address Priyanca welcomed questions. There followed a broad range of questions for her to deal with. Priyanca speaks well and expresses herself clearly. She is obviously relaxed in larger groups and is a good role model for young people who want to be involved in politics and trying to make improvements for everyone.

Priyanca was thanked for her address by PP Bill Grayson.

## **Thought for the Week from Alan Bannin**

“ A Conservative, is someone who believes that nothing should be done for the first time!

**Notice from District 9910**

**Nominations now open for the 2020 Women of Influence Awards.**



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There are ten award categories that can be entered into and nominations close on the 31<sup>st</sup> August. For more information and to nominate please visit:

<https://www.womenofinfluence.co.nz/>



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## Duties

### 20<sup>th</sup> July

Equipment: Bruce Clegg  
Hospitality: N/A  
Attendance: Trevor Mosley (Pat Anelay)  
5-minute: Bill Grayson  
Guest Speaker: Bruce Murdoch  
Committee Meetings  
Host: N/A  
Thanks: N/A  
Thought for the Week: Alistair Grundy

### 27<sup>th</sup> July

Equipment: Rod Kestle  
Hospitality: Neil Reid  
Attendance: Deiter Dyck  
5-minute Speaker: Ernie Meyer  
Guest Speaker: The Reverend Gareth Walters  
Subject: A Day in the Life of a School Chaplain!  
Host: Barry Stafford  
Thanks: Iain McCrea  
Thought for the Week: Pat Anelay



The welcoming committee

The World Health Organization has announced that dogs cannot contract Covid-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

Now is not the right time to surround yourself with positive people.