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Club Meets at Royal Oak Bowls \_146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga, Auckland

Each Monday evening 5:30pm to 7:30pm, including dinner.

*Newsletter to keep the Wheel*



*Turning!*

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*April is-*

**MATERNAL AND CHILD  
HEALTH MONTH**

**Meeting Report ---  
12th April 2021**

Attendance

**Members 20**

Visitors

Apologies: Fatu and Parehuia Enari, Pat Anelay, Quentin Jay, Barry Stafford , Noel Carey, Deidre Shea.

Sergeant: **N/A**

Tonight's meeting was held at the Onehunga Community House to facilitate more Book sorting for the **Onehunga One Tree Hill Book Fair** on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of April. A lot of work had been completed during the week by some hard-working members.

The Convenor, **Robin Hulford** has been remarkably busy keeping everything on track and will present a review to the members at the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May weekly meeting.



Robin has circulated the relevant documents for the Saturday and Sunday program.

Gwynyth has emailed all members for assistance with catering on 2 days of the Book Fair.



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## Duties

### 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Equipment:** Trevor Mosley  
**Attendance:** George Arulanantham  
**Hospitality:** Paul Jenner  
**5 Minute Speaker:** Ernie Meyer  
**Guest Speaker:** Madison Chang  
**Subject:** Water Safety  
**Host:** Neil Reid  
**Thanks:** Colin Tea  
**Thought for the week:** Bill Appleton  
**Scribe:** Lloyd Albiston

### 3rd May

**Equipment:** Rod Kestle  
**Attendance:** Gwynyth Carr  
**Hospitality:** Pat Anelay  
**5 Minute Speaker:** Quentin Jay  
**Guest Speaker:** Robin Hulford  
**Subject:** Book Fair Review  
**Host:** President Bruce  
**Thanks:** Alistair Grundy  
**Thought for the week:** Paul Jenner  
**Scribe:** Barry Stafford

**(Remember, if you are **not** available for a duty, *please organise a replacement* and advise Alan and Noel.)**

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## District 9910 News

# REVERED NORTHLAND KAUMĀTUA WIREMU WIREMU DIES



An "absolute icon" of the north who mentored thousands of young Ngāpuhi and one of Northland's most respected and recognisable kaumātua, Wiremu, died suddenly on Thursday 14th May aged 80. A former soldier and kaihautu (captain) of the great waka Ngātokimatawhaorua, Wiremu — also known affectionately as Matua Wiremu, Uncle Bill and even Handlebars on account of his impressive

moustache — was a central figure in almost every event around the Mid North, in particular Waitangi Day waka displays and pōwhiri at the Treaty Grounds and Te Tii Marae.

Ngāti Hine leader Pita Tipene said Wiremu was known throughout the country for his strong involvement in waka and tikanga Māori.

"He was an absolute central character in the landscape of the whole of the north. He's always been central, and he's always been a face and a voice. He was an absolute icon in our community and a strong icon too. He had strong beliefs, he had strong positions, but he contributed so much to our community."

Wiremu was a kaumātua who rubbed shoulders with other kaumatua, but it was young people who would really miss him.

"He mentored a lot of people. His contribution and his legacy will remain here in the north forever," Tipene said.

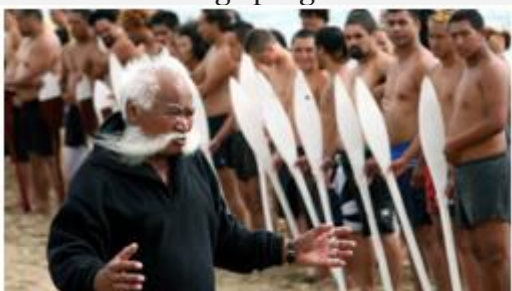
As kaumātua, Wiremu and his whanau ran Bay of Islands College Marae which annually hosted Rotary International Exchange Students from District 9910. While he was notable for his whiskers and double barrel name (which actually made him stand out in a crowd and attractive), it was the sense of discipline from his military days that stood out and which he brought to all he did.

The local community turned up to educate the exchange students in Marae culture because he instructed them! When he called all types of people stepped up—from young kids to oldies. Many recall the fearsome Maori warrior who drove from Auckland to teach the students the haka because Wiremu asked him to be there. For years he welcomed the exchange students on to the Marae; he took them around Waitangi; explained the United Tribes Confederation flag there; took them out into the Bay on the waka; put down the hangi and directed the entertainment. He was in charge. Rotary District Governors showed him great respect just by being present.

He was always open and honest, always conducted himself with integrity, and was always available for advice and guidance.

He was also closely involved with a carving school for young men in Moerewa, the development of Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail, the restoration of Puketū Forest and many other projects.

In 2008 Rotary recognised Wiremu as a Paul Harris Fellow for services to youth and the Rotary Student Exchange program.



His extravagant, almost Victorian whiskers made him instantly recognisable, yet he was humble and avoided the limelight. He disliked photos and interviews, preferring to get on with the mahi at hand.

Haere ra, Wiremu.

**He tohu aroha ki a Wiremu Wiremu mai te whanau o Rotary**  
**Sincere aroha to a great friend of Rotary**



<i>Whakarongo ake ahau ki te ngunguru o nga Tai e timu ana ki waho o Pareikura</i>	Listen to the surging tides on the horizon at Pareikura.
<i>Kua hinga te kākā wahanui, te manu tiutiu kua riro i te ripo o te Tai.</i>	A great orator has been engulfed by the swirling tides
<i>Haere e Wiremu, kauria atu te moana wairua o Whitiwhiti-a-Roa</i>	Farewell, Wiremu, traverse the spiritual oceans of Whitiwhiti-a-roa
<i>Au maanu atu koe ki te weherutanga o nga mano</i>	Remain afloat on the currents til you arrive at the realm of the multitudes
<i>E noho whakataa koe i to wairua i runga o te One-o-Tarei</i>	Let your spirit rest awhile on the shores of Tarei.
<i>Ka aupiki atu ai koe ki runga i te maunga o Pekahuhu</i>	Ascend the cobblestoned mountain of Pekahuhu
<i>E tu ki runga i o tupuna maunga</i>	Stand proudly aloft your ancestral mountains
<i>Ka kohukohu ki te rangi, ka kohukohu, Tangi ana te aweawe</i>	Mists hangs from the heavens, And the spirits weep
<i>Ka kohukohu ki te whenua, ka kohukohu, Tangi ana te kirikiri</i>	Mists hangs over the lands, And the sands resound
<i>Titoko māpuna, i tō rerenga</i>	Propelled by grief at your departure
<i>Haere atu ra ki te wahi i whakairo ai mo te tangata</i>	Farewell to that final place sculpted for us all
<i>Takoto marie ki te Ao mamae kore</i>	Rest in peace in that pain-free world
<i>E te rangatira e Wiremu, nahau ra i tautoko kaha I nga mahi o Rotary</i>	It was you Wiremu who strongly supported Rotary
<i>Nahau ra i whangaia i nga rangatahi o Rotary mai tawahi, mai Aotearoa I nga tikanga hohonu o te Ao Maori</i>	It was you who shared your wisdom with Rotary Exchange students and Rotarians from overseas and from Aotearoa
<i>Na to aroha ki te tangata, ka tautokotia e koe i te kaupapa o Rotary</i>	It was your love for people that you supported Rotary's activities
<i>Haere ra e te Papa e Wiremu, e moe te moengaroa</i>	Our esteemed Papa, Wiremu, sleep the everlasting sleep
<i>E te whanau pani, mai i o roimata aroha, whakanui ai tatou i nga mahi hiringa o tenei rangatira</i>	To the bereaved whanau, through your tears of aroha, let us celebrate the inspirational legacy of this noble chief
<i>Ka noho tonu a Papa Wiremu ki roto i te Ao o maumahara o Rotary</i>	Papa Wiremu will forever remain within the memories of Rotary
<i>Na Rotary te honore i pa mai te aroha o tenei rangatira ki a matou</i>	Rotary is privileged to have receive such aroha from our rangatira
<i>Tihe i mauri ora</i>	Tihe i mauri ora



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