



# Rotary



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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!*

NL 48 19th April 2021

**April is-  
MATERNAL AND CHILD  
HEALTH MONTH**

**Meeting Report ---  
19th April 2021  
Scribe: Lloyd Albiston**

**Attendance**

**Members 20**

**Visitors**

**Apologies: Fatu and Parehuia Enari, Pat Anelay, Gwynyth Carr, Duncan McDonald, Peter Mayow**

**Sergeant: \$89.90**



**President Bruce** welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then thanked members for the extraordinary effort put into the Book Fair which concluded on Sunday. He gave special words of thanks to Robin our book fair Co-ordinator for the exceptional job he had done in organising the event along with his deputies for making it the success it turned out to be. Bruce was effusive in his praise for the Rotary team consisting of members, wives, volunteers, children of members, friends, the Onehunga High School construction group, the Tongan community, and others for the huge effort they had put in.

He announced the fair raised \$13,580.70 which was the best result since 2014!

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Bruce also thanked the 12 members and wives who attended our late member Ian Devereaux 's Memorial Service celebration last Friday which was a fitting and grand send off for him.

### **One Minute Spots**

**Lloyd Albiston** thanked everyone who volunteered their time to assist in the construction of the Te Papapa Primary School Community Garden recently. He said the school now had a fabulous garden consisting of 9 raised garden beds full of organic garden mix; an orchard, a plastic tunnel house and a garden shed full of tools. Fletcher Living had since revisited to the garden to paint fences and were remediating the water irrigation system. The School are delighted with their new garden which the children have already started planting.

**Neil Reid** stated the Club Membership Interest meeting was scheduled for 17 May and that he was looking for names/contact details of potential new members. He requested members to give this some serious thought.

**Neil** also demonstrated a wooden toy digger that the North Harbour Club were looking to replicate by constructing a further 35 with a view to giving them away. Neil felt this was a worthy project our Club could get involved in in partnership with North Harbour. The proposal was to build the diggers in a garage at a member's home on the North Shore. Neil asked members what they thought and whether anyone would like to volunteer to help with the construction. He received numerous offers of support. Watch this space !

**Paul Jenner** thanked everyone who helping him with carrying trestles to/from the Book Fair. He was amazed at the teamwork.

### **BOOK FAIR**

A debrief will take place in a couple of weeks' time, but the general consensus was it was a great success. Numerous members gave their thoughts/ideas e.g.

**President Bruce** suggested we invite Jenny Salesa Member of Parliament for Panmure-Otahuhu and Associate Minister of Education to one of our meetings. A potential new member ?

**Bede** felt we should maximise the publicity post Book Fair in the Onehunga Community News

**Bill Grayson** said he had met an old friend at the Book Fair from the Epsom Rotary Club who informed him their Club were currently reviewing its future. Bill recommended we invite all members of the Epsom Club to one of our meetings asap. President Bruce undertook to talk to the Epsom Club President and extend an invite.

Numerous members gave various anecdotes from the Book Fair.

### **Five Minute Speaker**

**Ernie Meyer** described his first plane flight as a 15-year-old in 1950 in a Tiger Moth. The plane had a 135 horsepower 4-cylinder single engine motor and was predominantly used for pilot training and top dressing. Ernie described how he meet the pilot who took him into a room where he was outfitted in a flying suit before they flew out of the Milson Airport in Palmerston North. As a passenger Ernie occupied the front seat with the pilot in the rear . Normally there would have been communication between pilot and passenger, but for whatever reason there none on this mission. Ernie lived south of the airport and he was delighted when they flew over his home. However, when the planed banked hard he was terrified and scared to look over the side. Despite this he overcame his fears and enjoyed the experience which he said was natural and he was one with the elements.

## **Guest Speaker**

In the absence of our guest speaker, **Neil Reid** spoke of shipwrecks. He described how the wreck of the '**Daring**' a 17-metre schooner was found at Muriwai beach having foundered in 1865. He researched the vessel in the 1970 publication of NZ Shipwrecks and to his astonishment came across his Great Great Grandfather (also called Neil Reid) who was the Master of the 'Elisa McPhee' a 67-foot ketch which was shipwrecked on Kapiti Island in 1865 carrying a cargo of grain. Apparently, his gg grandfather came out to NZ to seek his fortune in the gold fields. By 1865 he owned and operated a 67-foot ketch called the 'Eliza McPhee' which was commissioned as a coastal trader carrying commodities such as grain. In June 1865 he sailed through the Cook Strait where the vessel sprung a leak and after unsuccessfully trying to pump it out grounded it on Kapiti Island. It was subsequently successfully refloated and rebuilt in 1881. Regrettably the Insurance company would not settle his claim although they did pay up 500 pounds for the cargo. Captain Neil must have been a successful businessman as according to our Neil he owned 12 properties in Dunedin. He died aged 37 years leaving an estate of 50,000 pounds (a goodly sum in those days....none of which descended to our Neil !). Although he fathered 4 children none lived past puberty...tough times !

**Bill Grayson** continued the theme of shipwrecks, endorsing Neil on the Shipwrecks of NZ reference book and recommending it as a great cross reference index on shipwrecks. He spoke of how when diving he located a wreck off south east Kawau Island . It turned out to be the 'Magic' a 45-foot trading boat that had blown ashore and subsequently written off. He recovered the sexton and a fire extinguisher, amongst other things. Later he also located a second wreck the ' Royal Tar' a 3 masted ship which hit rocks east of Tiri and foundered carrying bricks for JJ Craig Ltd a well-known Auckland contractor. In Bill's words " it literally sunk like a ton of bricks." The Royal Tar was built of teak in Calcutta. Bill salvaged the mainbrace which was made of wood and steel which currently serves as a door stop in his bedroom.

**Barry Stafford** continued the shipwreck theme stating Picton has a first-class marine museum called the 'Edmund Fox Museum' which he recommended as worth visiting.

**President Bruce** keep the subject going speaking of his late father's friend Wade Doak a well-known diver and photographer.

**Neil, Bill, Barry, and Bruce were all thanked by Colin Tea** for their most interesting and informative talks.



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## Duties

### 3rd May

**Equipment:** Rod Kestle  
**Attendance:** Gwynyth Carr  
**Hospitality:** Pat Anelay  
**5 Minute Speaker:** Quentin Jay  
**Guest Speaker:** Blair Rowlings  
**Subject:** Fire Protection and Safety  
**Host:** Derek Neutze  
**Thanks:** Alistair Grundy  
**Thought for the week:** Paul Jenner  
**Scribe:** Barry Stafford

### 10<sup>th</sup> May

**Equipment:** Bill Grayson  
**Attendance:** Alan Banin  
**Hospitality:** Bill Appleton  
**5 Minute Speaker:** Barry Stafford  
**Guest Speaker:** Robin Hulford  
**Subject:** Book Fair Report  
**Host:** President Bruce  
**Thanks:** Lloyd Albiston  
**Thought for the week:** Trevor Mosley  
**Scribe:** Quentin Jay

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

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