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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 65 6th Sept 2021

September is-

**6th September 2021 Zoom Meeting
Members: 24 Present**

Apologies:

Ernie Meyer, Bruce Clegg Derek Neutze,
Fatu and Parehuia Enari, Deidre Shea.

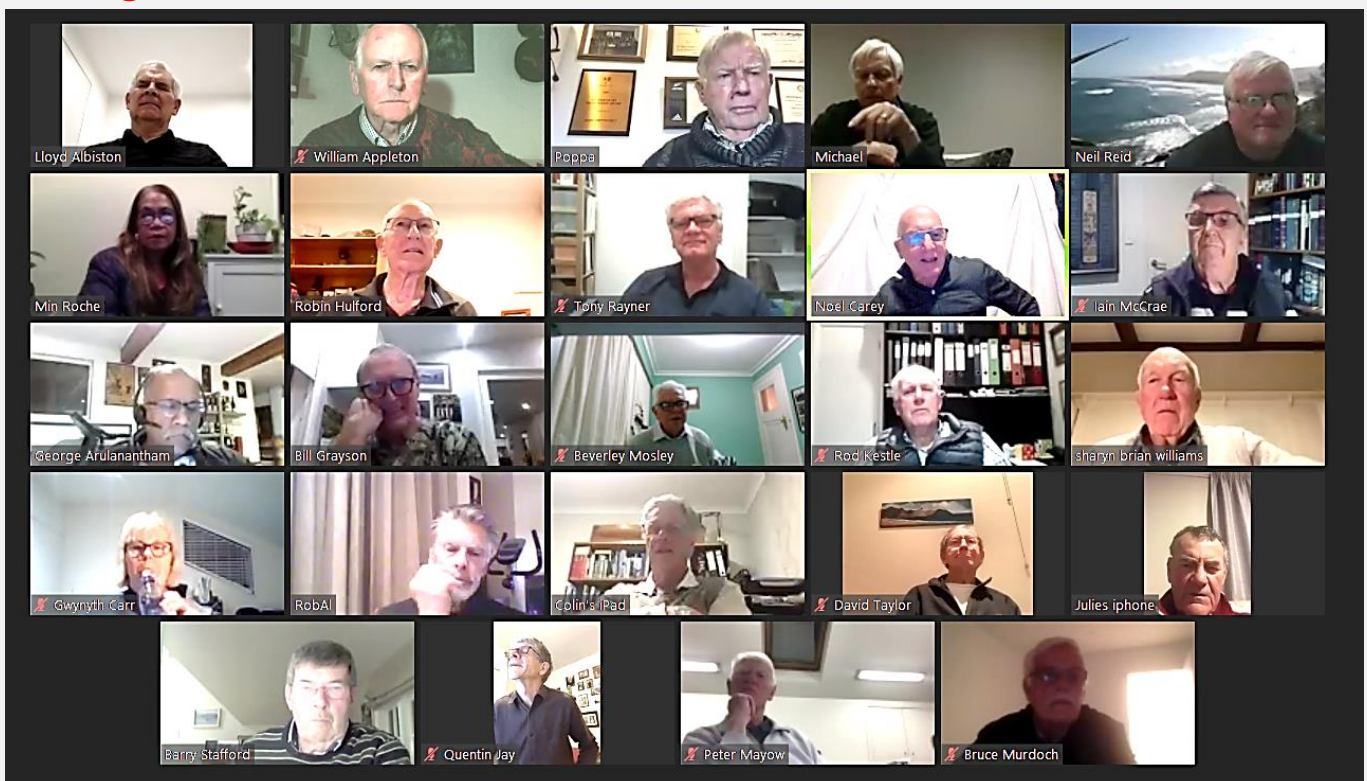
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**SEPTEMBER IS
EDUCATION & LITERACY
MONTH**

*"EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN
USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD."*

- NELSON MANDELLA

And again!!



President's announcements

President Robin welcomed all to the meeting including our ADG Min. Zoom meeting link for meeting on the 15th is sent by **Sergeant Noel**.

Robin advised that Guest Speaker **Sharon Crean** is happy to present on Zoom next Monday 13th September meeting.

Topic: '**Beyond Water East Africa**' (A RI recipient Program). Sharon will be invited to speak first at 7.30pm.

Robin reported that the **Rotary District 9910 'Clean Up' Streets /Foreshores project** has been postponed until the 30th of October 2021. Details to be advised.

The Northland School Mental Health Project is progressing having held a Zoom meeting with the District 9910 executive. This will be one of the biggest programmes that the District has held. No word yet of a draft proposal.

Of note was that it was **Robin's** Birthday last Sunday and **Quentin** Jay's Birthday the previous Wednesday. Birthday wishes were expressed from all present.

Noel Carey gave an update on the **Kid's to Camp** project. Noel has received an email from one of the families expressing thanks to the club for the project and said that they thoroughly enjoyed the camp experience.

They sent a video of the family all singing together, which Noel presented on Zoom.

A remarkable family as both parents are visually impaired.

This is a great project with club members involved sharing a memorable experience when safely picking up the children, delivering them to camp and returning them home,

Neil Reid reported on the recent severe flooding out in West Auckland. 200 mm of rain in a 24hr period, with 90mm in a 1hr period. The Surf club was called on during the emergency and provided IRB and Jet Ski assistance, with 10 rescues and 50 assists at the peak of the emergency. There were 150 call outs to Fire and Emergency services. The Mairangi Bay Surf club were called at 9.30am and sent 2 crews to assist.

Barry Stafford provided a follow up on the success of the **SHADES** tour of New Zealand with highlights from their visit to PASS

The Shades are 2 Samoans and 2 Tongans, and the students greeted them in their own language and sang to them. Barry said the Shades were emotionally moved by the greeting. They then sang 6 songs and Barry was fortunate in being at the front with the Shades and able to see the delight and interest on the faces of the students.

The Shades are unable to hold their Auckland concerts after the Covid lockdown period as two of them will return to New York to continue their Scholarships at the New York Metropolitan Opera. Two of the group would like to return to PASS to work with the students.

The subject of a Pasifika satellite club was discussed and with the importance of John Tapu having a leading role. From a discussion which followed, there was an agreement that the club needs to have a better understanding of the Pasifika way of community support to work towards a Rotary involvement. A good example is John's Pasifika community family support with the bookfair.

Tony Rayner suggested the Rotary organisation of a Pasifika schools speech competition to highlight the scholastic achievements and cultural strengths of Pasifika students.

The competition could provide the opportunity for a better multicultural understanding as the New Zealand way of life continues to evolve.

Bill Grayson took a minute to discuss the Rotary Summer Science school project and the team to be involved this year. The core team is Bill, Barry, George, and Derek, with Tony and Quentin offering to be involved. We have received 3 student applications from the Onehunga High School. The cut off dates have been delayed and there may be an opportunity for face-to-face student interviews in October.

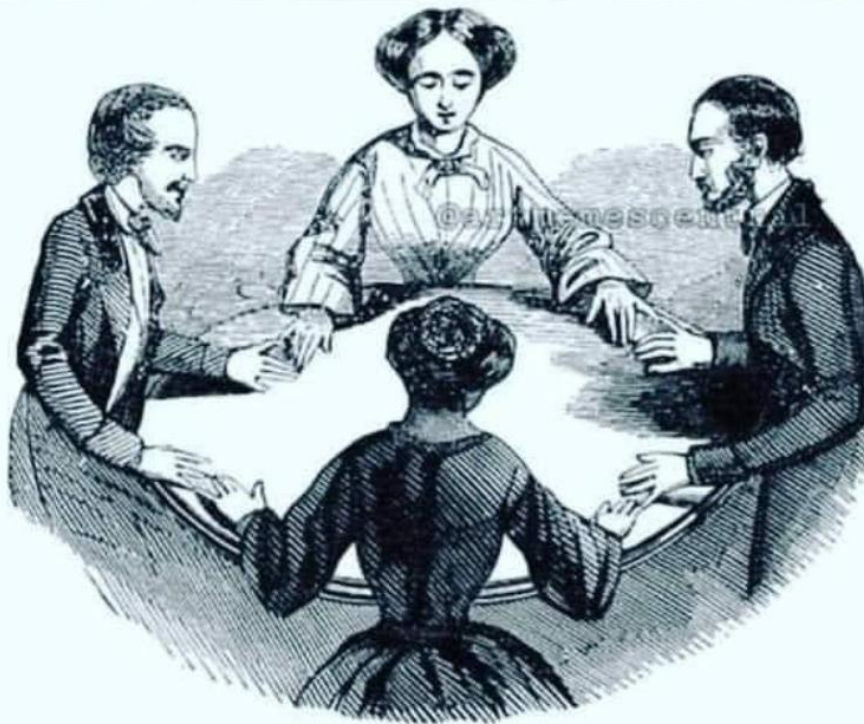
Bill will arrange a team meeting on Zoom.

Thought for the week: We must respect each individual's reality,
and at the same time try to expand it.

(The conclusion from a Philosophical debate on World Peace and Harmony) Ed.

Touch of Humour

Zoom meetings are just modern seances



"There's someone who wants to join us."
"Elizabeth, are you there?"
"We can't hear you."
"Can you hear us?"



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