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Newsletter to keep the Wheel

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11th October 2021 Zoom Meeting Visitors: Elaine Mead Members: Apologies:

Ernie Meyer, Bruce Clegg, Ant Martin, Fatu and Parehuia Enari, Trevor Mosely, Gwynyth Carr ,Neil Reid, Bob Lyons.



Presidents Announcements:

Robin welcomed our guests Viv Beck and Elaine Mead and thanked them for joining us.

Robin reminded us that the Guest speaker next week is Cat Levine, and she is going to be talking to us about the district wide Te Tai Tokerau Wellbeing project in Northland. DG Grant will be joining us, and several other visitors may attend.

Robin mentioned the difficulties of fundraising events during covid lockdown, and this affects End Polio Now day on the 24^{th of} October. There is an event postponed until December that may be our opportunity to contribute. He also mentioned the postponement of the District rubbish collection day.

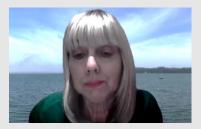
No Meeting on the 25^{th of} October

Guest Speaker:

Viv Beck, CEO of "Heart of The City" Auckland.



Bede introduced Viv who has experience at Board, Chief Executive and General Manager level across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors and was Chair of the Wellington Museums Trust and was a director of economic development agency Grow Wellington.



Viv leads Heart of the City, (HotC), the business association for the centre of

Auckland City, which champions a successful city centre economy with a vibrant and thriving heart. She thinks gearing up for the city of the future is both fascinating and challenging and loves the way people and businesses are adapting to the changes occurring in all facets of city life. Viv says that "Auckland City is transforming and the potential ahead is huge...'.

Heart of the City is funded from a targeted rate on CBD businesses which is just part of the general rates paid by the CBD businesses.

Their focus is place based doing a lot of marketing and promotion to encourage visitors to the city. Last year saw a perfect storm for the CBD with the covid shutdown with the loss of tourists, people working from home, which saw the loss of 130 thousand people a day and the life went out of the city.

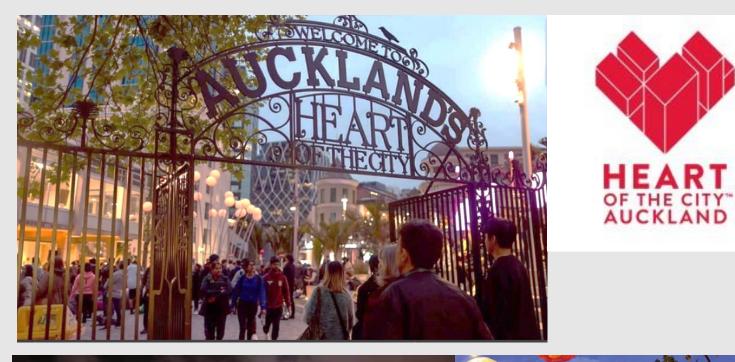
Viv structured her presentation into three areas, business advocacy for support, recovery and rebuild. The focus as covid levels changed was on promotion of events that would attract people into the city. Viv highlighted the issues experienced, including the mental health of business owners. Viv used a number of slides to explain the plans to look to the future of a changing city. There are 25 new major building projects under way, both retail and residential and the projects that were on hold are resuming work .The impact will be seen when the City Rail Link is operational. The key is getting people back and HotC is supporting Vaccination programs. The situation is flexible and collaboration with Government agencies is ongoing.

The residential growth has changed over the last 30 years from 1500 to now 40,000, which would be a reasonable sized city, with about 9 reasonable size residential developments under way. There is a trend for domestic tourism into Auckland and events are being planned to attract then back when it is safe to do so.

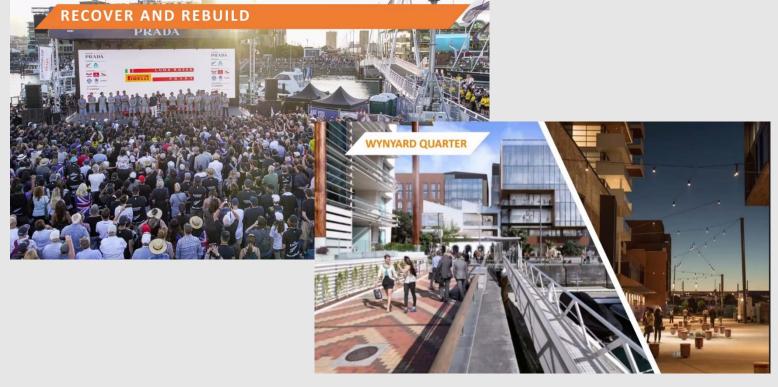
Viv presented several pictures highlighting the changes that have been developed recently including the bottom of Queen Street and the waterfront areas and development of green spaces. They are aware the hygiene factors and the need for a clean and safe environment and work with City Mission, for instance on social housing and working on solutions for street begging, one of which is work experience, also working with other town centre mangers and the Police. The current "What's on" promotion is the beginning of the rebuild programme.

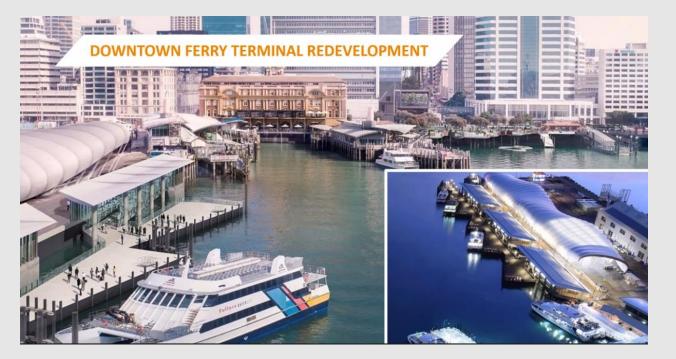
All the current work is based around looking to the future when we return to more freedom of movement, with the borders open and major events staged. Work that is underway will make this city a beautiful place to visit and enjoy.

Derek Neutze proposed the vote of thanks to Viv for her vibrant portrayal of the future of the city centre and the positive outlook that is being supported by action. Despite all the challenges that have been presented through covid and previous planning debacles, Viv manages to remain upbeat, and we enjoyed her enthusiastic and informative presentation.































5-Minute Speaker: Quentin Jay decided he would talk a bit about himself so that he would not remain the international man of mystery! He said that some have described Americans of always talking about themselves, so this was his chance. He was born in Huntington New York which has the population about the same as Christchurch. It is about 20 miles from New York but takes about 2 hours to get into the city. He was one of eight children, he suggested that back in the late 1950's this was considered a compromise number between a Protestant father and a Catholic mother. They had recently returned



from 8 years in France where they had most of the children who did not speak a word of English until they were 8 years old. His mother's family had been on Long Island since the 1600's, so it was a case of moving back to where your wife came from, a trend that appears to continue today. He moved to Concord Massachusetts for schooling, and he always knew he wanted to be an architect. He was from a family of architects from great grand father down, He went to Brown University and enjoyed the time there. He then did a junior year programme in New York City at the Institute for Architecture Studies.

After a year of study, he was accepted into the Harvard Graduate School of Design for his Masters. He then met his now wife Julie who was from New Zealand. Then started making trips to NZ and realised there were new and exciting places outside of New England. Julie had chosen to qualify as a nurse which meant she could work anywhere in the world. They moved to Auckland, then back to Boston, then cams to Hamilton where they stayed for longer than Julie had anywhere in her life, staying for 12years.

Quentin then moved to Auckland to work at Bossley Architects and is proud of the design that comes out of the firm. Julie is currently working in Hokitika, which is a beautiful place, but Quentin is not moving down as Auckland is his city of choice.

Thought for the Week. Lloyd Albiston.

My 'theme' was around getting out and experiencing the joys of Spring, hence the quotation

"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air, sunshine (& blossoms) are hard to beat".

(author: Laura Ingalls Wilder)

18th Oct:Guest Speaker:Cat LevineSubject:Te Tai Tokerau Wellbeing Project Northland
Host:Rod KestleThanks:Robin Hulford5 minute:N/AThought for the Week:Alan Bannin..



DISTRICT WIDE ROTARY DAY OF SERVICE CLEAN UP DAY 30 OCTOBER 2021 - POSTPONED

Due to the current alert levels in Auckland, we will be postponing this year's Clean Up Day again. We will not be able to conduct the event until Auckland is at Alert Level 2, so we will postpone the event once again to Saturday November 13th. This is the last day that we can participate as part of Keep New Zealand Beautiful week and take advantage of the tokens and support that will enable us to dispose of the gathered rubbish without cost. If your club is registered on the <u>www.knzb.org.nz</u> website, please make sure you update the date change to ensure the public can still support you.

If Auckland is still not at alert level 2 by November 13th, 2021, the District wide event will be cancelled, but clubs may still wish to proceed with their own clean-up events in conjunction with their local support groups. We are very sorry that we have not been able to achieve what we set out to do, but COVID-19 is placing many challenges on all of us, and we can only do our very best in these challenging times.

Thanks so much again for your continued support.

Grant Smith DG Rotary 9910



Touch of Humour



No job was safe from the pandemic

Unemployment Benefits Application OCCUPATION: Reason for unemployment: everyone is home







My friend told me she would'nt eat beef tongue cause it came out of a cows mouth

SHE DIDN'T KNOW AND SAID I'LL GO ASK. When she got back she said, "Not" funny.

So i gave her an egg



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