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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 74 15th Nov 2021

November is-

15th November 2021 Zoom Meeting

Visitors:

Members:

Apologies: , Alan Bannin, Trevor Mosley, Ernie Meyer, Bruce Clegg, Ant Martin, Fatu and Parehuia Enari. Cat Levine, George Arulantham

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NOVEMBER IS

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

"Clean water, the essence of life and a birthright for everyone, must become available to all people now"
Jean-Michel Cousteau

BECAUSE WE CARE
MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, BE THE DIFFERENCE

Rotary  

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Presidents Announcements:

Robin started with a special welcome to Keith who has been given a great build up from Bede as he keeps us up to date with all things Rugby.

Robin handed over to Bede to introduce Keith to the meeting.

Bede started with a background of Keith who was born in Te Kuiti and raised in Bennydale and then Wellington where he spent most of his life. His father was the manager of the Bennydale coal mine. He came from a family of 5 boys. He made his first broadcast on radio in May 1967 and on TV in 1968. His first test commentaries was on radio 1971 from Eden Park and on television in 1973. In 2017 and early 2018 he could look back on a life having attended all 8 Rugby World Cups, 10 Summer Olympics, 10 Commonwealth Games, and 3 Paraplegic Games. His first Olympic Games were in Munich in 1972 and the most recent in Rio De Janeiro in 2016. He is now fully retired, although he continues to write every day. He has written 20 books mostly on the subject of Rugby. His latest project is to write a book on each of the Rugby World Cups.

Keith also broadcast for the World Rugby Sevens from over a120 different cities between 1999 and 2018. Keith has been the recipient of many awards for services to Sport and Rugby.

He is the President of the Wellington Football Club, New Zealand's oldest, 'playing through' Rugby Club. He married his wife Anne in 1970 and they are currently in their 52nd year of wedded bliss., They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Guest Speaker: Keith Quinn, (MNZM),



Keith started his address in a lively discussion of past experiences with members Bede and Brian Williams. He played Rugby alongside Brian, literally, packing down with Brian as locks in the Wellington club team. These games were the last games he played as his new broadcasting duties clashed with the Saturday football fixtures. He was only 21 years of age. That was the history of his playing career, apart from average squash, average Golf, and Jogging. The rest of the time he talked about it which demonstrates that you can be paid to talk about sports and make a living

out of it and be honoured by the Queen for doing exactly that for 50 years.

TV was black and white and was film and not video. One of his first duties was to go out to the airport and collect the "cans" of film and hope that no inquisitive customs officer had removed the sealing tape to check what was inside. They were unexposed film and would have been lost forever. These films were full games 90 minutes, far too long for a sports news spot, so they edited them down to 10 minutes highlights.

From the age of 8 he was raised by solo mother after his father died. He spoke about his life in Bennydale, where the brothers and his father played a Rugby game of 5 minutes each way in the back yard when he came home from work, and before tea. 5 on 1. Always engineered to finish as a tie.

His father would run a commentary on these games in the style of Winston McCarthy. and this influenced Keith later in his life.

Asked about his most memorable games, he chose a game he covered as a young reporter played. At McClean Park Napier a Ranfurly Shield between King Country and Hawkes Bay, and any NZ/SA games.

Keith talked about the many instances of interaction between high profile players and himself and other media entities. He also responded to a question about the Jonah Lomu incident where he gave a different slant on the Oh! Oh! comment. Something that has haunted him for 26 years.

He also performed a poem about origin of the shape and colour of the Rugby ball according to Webb Ellice. Read his book for details!! There was so much of interest in Keith's address that it could not be fully portrayed in this short tome.

Iain McCrae thanked Keith for his very interesting and entertaining address to the club.

He was of course interested and discussed the Scottish connection with Keith and brought up the fact that commentators used to comment on the background of players and bring people closer to the game's participants.

One Minute Spots. Colin Tea introduced Derek Atkinson to our meeting. He now lives in Auckland, and we are sure he will be joining our club. Derek has been a very well-respected member of the Whangarei South Club

PE 22/23 Duncan is looking for volunteers for next year's board and asked that members give some thought as to how they can best contribute to his Presidential year .

He is looking forward to working with his new team.

Rod Kestle appraised us of the success of the Te Tokerau project fundraising and thanked all the donors for their support.

Lloyd Albiston advised that the 70's Club has 35 players to date .There are 12 chances to win a share of the \$1200 prize money

5-minute Speaker Barry spoke about activities during Covid Lockdown, namely Puzzles. Some are more challenging than others. When you run out of Netflix or Books, Try Puzzles!

His second topic was about the term “Baby Boomers” becoming used as a more derogatory term. Barry can sort of relate to this as he feels we have been a very fortunate generation and a reflection on this during lockdown can help appreciate how others today may feel.

The 3rd point was how we are on the point of finding out how civilised our own country is, or will be , because we have now got to the hard point where are getting to the area where people who have not been vaccinated has brought out in the open information about those people who have lived on the edges of society, probably for a long time, and we have managed to ignore them, and they have lived in conditions that are pretty basic. While some may say that is their fault, but he feels that there is a fringe on our society that has not been well looked after. He is concerned that a lot of these people are young people and young people are the future and are very important. Barry is concerned that because of the length of the lockdown, people are getting impatient and you are starting to hear the tension in some of the commentary you get on all of the news programs, and Barry believes that there is an underlying racial element to this, and that concerns him, because a lot of the people in this group are very young people, and they are important for this country and if they can be given the opportunity to realise their potential we will all be better off.

So I would like to think that coming from a generation who have been more fortunate we all will be careful and measured in how these people are treated and how we talk about them in our discourse with one another.

Rotarian death notices:

BUNTING, Gordon Douglas (Doug). Died peacefully at Murray Halberg Village on Wednesday 17 November 2021, aged 90 years. Past President and founding member Epsom Rotary
Messages to the Bunting Family c/- Davis Funerals, PO Box 56013, Dominion Road, Auckland, 1446.

Recently notified by ex-member Paul Bowskill.

BULL, Peter. Passed away 30th August aged 91 years. Very respected member and Past President Onehunga Rotary Club, (1989/90).

Programme

Date: 22nd November

Guest Speakers Barry Stafford, Quentin Jay, Tony Rayner, John Tapu

Subject .

The Mangere Bridges Project

by Rotary

Introduced by: President Robin Hulford.

Thanks: Neil Reid

5-Minute Speaker: David Taylor

Thought for the Week: . Tony Rayner





Date: 29th November **Guest Speaker** **AGM** **Subject**

Introduced by: President Robin Hulford **Thanks:**

5-Minute Speaker: n/a

Thought for the Week: . Paul Jenner

Date: 6th December **Awards Night** ~~Event at Royal Oak Bowls Cancelled~~

Introduced by: Robin Hulford / Ernie Meyer/Diedre Shea (Zoom Meeting format TBA)
Thanks:

5-Minute Speaker:

Thought for the Week: . Neil Reid

Date: 13th December **Christmas Function** **Note from Venue**

We expect to be reopening in early December when the govt has indicated Auckland will be moving into the Red level (exact date tbc). Under this level the following restrictions will apply:

Groups are limited to 100 or less (no problem for Rotary)

All guests must be double-vaccinated and be able to prove this by showing their Vaccination Passport (digital or paper).

Guests must sign in using the QR code or manual register

Masks are mandatory when inside the building, except for when eating and drinking. So guests must wear a mask when moving about inside the club (including using the toilets), but will be able to remove the mask when seated.

Guests must remain at least 1m apart at all times

Due to the risk of cross-contamination it will also not be possible to have your usual buffet food service, so all dining must be a-la-carte only.

I've booked you in for December 13, pending confirmation on alert levels from the govt in due course. I'll also confirm at that time how the vaccination passports will be managed by the club.

Kind regards / Ngā mihi

Nathan Koppens

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Host: Robin Hulford **Thought for the Week:** . Iain McCrae

Date: 20th December **Guest Speaker**
Informal Meeting Last for 2021

5-Minute Speaker: n/a

Thought for the Week: . Lloyd Albiston



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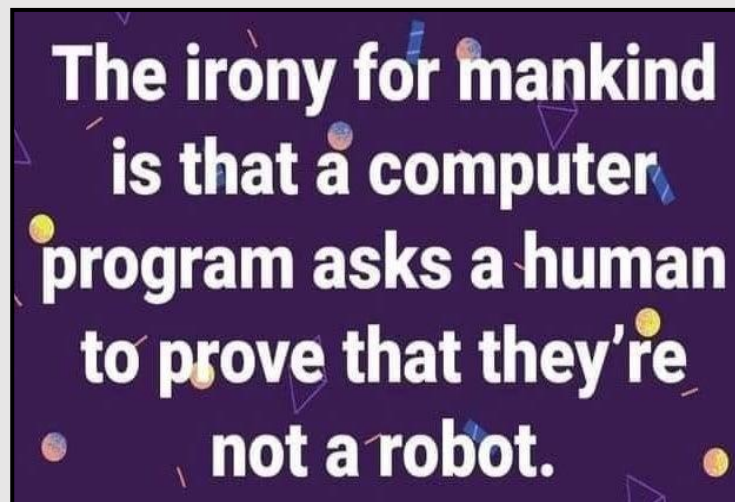
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**WHY DO EGGS COME
IN FLIMSY STYROFOAM
CARTONS AND
BATTERIES COME IN A
PACKAGE ONLY A
CHAINSAW CAN OPEN?**

**SO IT TURNS OUT THAT
BEING AN ADULT IS
MOSTLY
JUST GOOGLING
HOW TO DO STUFF.**

SHE MET HIM ONLINE...



**WE ARE FROM
TECH SUPPORT**



People who wonder
whether the glass is half empty or half full
are missing the point.
The glass is refillable.

I got myself a seniors' GPS.
Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination,
it tells me why I wanted to go there.

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