

# Onehunga-One Tree Hill Rotary Club



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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!**

**March is-**

**NL 85 7th March 2022**

**Apologies:** Last week correction. Add George Arulanatham

This week: Trevor Mosley, Bruce Clegg, Ant Martin, Fatu and Parehuia Enari, Derek Atkinson, Ernie Meyer, Duncan McDonald Deiter Dyck.

**Members: 26**

**Visitors: Guest Speaker Jeanette Thorne**

**Sergeants Fines:** From Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> Feb \$75.30

*(Scribe, Lloyd Albiston)*

## **Presidents Announcements**

**President Robin** welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting with special mention of our keynote speaker **Jeanette Thorne** who will talk to us about Community Gardens. He extended a warm welcome to **Cat Levine** and **Rod Kestle** who have now returned home from their recent 'Tractor Trek'.

## **One Minute Spots**

**Peter Mayow** advised he was now well on the road to recovery from his Covid illness. He confirmed the Child Cancer Foundation Flyer delivery was proceeding. The Foundation are printing 7000 flyers for us to distribute in and around Onehunga/One Tree Hill. They should be available within the week and will have a reference to our Club. (Thanks Tony).

**Lloyd Albiston** is producing 18 street maps to assist delivery. Once the flyers and maps are to hand, we can commence delivery...probably in the next 2/3 weeks. Peter asked anyone who can help with the delivery to email him. ([mayows@gmail.com](mailto:mayows@gmail.com))



As a footnote Peter mentioned our Rotary Club were the only organisation who has offered to help Child Cancer.

**Neil Reid** gave us an update on the New Members Interest Group. The planned meeting in March has been postponed until May due to Covid issues. So far, he has received 5 names and is very keen to receive more. Neil asked everyone to get their thinking caps on and let him know names/contacts of anyone considered suitable potential members. Watch this space.

**Secretary Iain McCrae** advised our Club caterer Julia had sadly resigned. However, he had received an email today to say Stacey our original caterer could be available again.....he is following up on this.

**Bill Grayson** advised that whilst this year's annual Book Fair has been cancelled, he was keen to receive books in anticipation of the Book Fair proceeding either next year or maybe later this year. He mentioned **Bruce Murdoch** has arranged storage space. Bill asked that anyone holding books to contact either him or Bruce and they would arrange collection and storage.

### **Guest Speaker**

**Our guest speaker Jeanette Thorne** was introduced by **Gwynyth Carr**.

Jeanette who described herself as variously, a Sustainability Advisor, Physiotherapist, Reservation Consultant, Primary School Teacher and a former candidate for the Glen Eden Electorate. (*Ed - clearly a woman of many diverse talents*). She was born in Wairoa, is married to Steve, has 4 children and 4 grandchildren. She has lived in Royal Oak and One Tree Hill and shortly will live in Mangere Bridge.



Jeanette described her passion for community and school gardens arose from seeing impoverished children in Oranga. She discussed her concerns with others who like her were very concerned and collectively discovered they all wanted community gardens. She became the facilitator and starting with a single tree the group sought free plants and seedlings from various sources.

The first community garden according to Jeanette started fantastically well with lots of enthusiastic volunteers, but unfortunately the onset of Covid 19 has affected progress.

Her community gardens group are currently looking to start a garden in Ferguson Park as well as other parks and are talking with Auckland Council with the aim of having a CG in every council owned park.

Jeanette said the main drivers for CG were reducing poverty plus in her experience people wanted to get 'their hands dirty'.

During question time Jeanette stated they also commenced a Kainga Ora garden 2 years ago and were hoping to get secondary students involved as part of their learning curriculum.

When asked about whether they had experienced any security issues Jeanette said they hadn't really, apart from minor pillaging. She felt the people in the community recognised the benefits were for the local community and tended to leave gardens alone. Most gardens were fenced with a gate.

The question of having roadside berms developed into CG was asked. Jeanette was all in favour, but it depended on the goodwill of Auckland Council, plus there was the



possibility of lead contamination . Native grasses (readily available from retail nurseries) were used as an alternative as they weren't edible, looked beautiful and easily maintained.

Several local projects e.g., restoration of a gully near Quentin Jay's and the Oranga Primary School were suggested to Jeanette as future projects with Rotary assistance.

Jeanette was thanked by **Barry Stafford** for her time and for sharing her passion with us. He commended her for her tenacity and interest in helping others less fortunate and wished her well for future projects.

Garden in Onehunga  
Oranga Avenue, Onehunga, Auckland



**Thought for the week** from Trevor Mosley

We make a living by what we earn, we make a life by what we give.

*(Sir Winston Churchill)*



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## Duties for - March

**Date: 14th March**

**ZOOM MEETING**

**Attendance 1 N/A**

**Attendance 2 Verifier and Vaccination List Ticker Off: N/A**

**Equipment: N/A**

**Hospitality: N/A**

**5-Minute Speaker N/A**

**Guest speaker: Rod Kestle**

**Subject: Tractor Trek and Stuff!**

**Host: President Robin**

**Thanks: . Bill Grayson**

**Thought for the Week: Bruce Murdoch**

**Date: 21st March**

**ZOOM MEETING**

**Attendance 1 N/A**

**Attendance 2 Verifier and Vaccination List Ticker Off N/A**

**Equipment: N/A**

**Hospitality: N/A**

**5-Minute Speaker N/A**

**Guest speaker: TBA**

**Subject:**

**Host: Lloyd Albiston**

**Thanks: Paul Jenner .**

**Thought for the Week Neil Reid**

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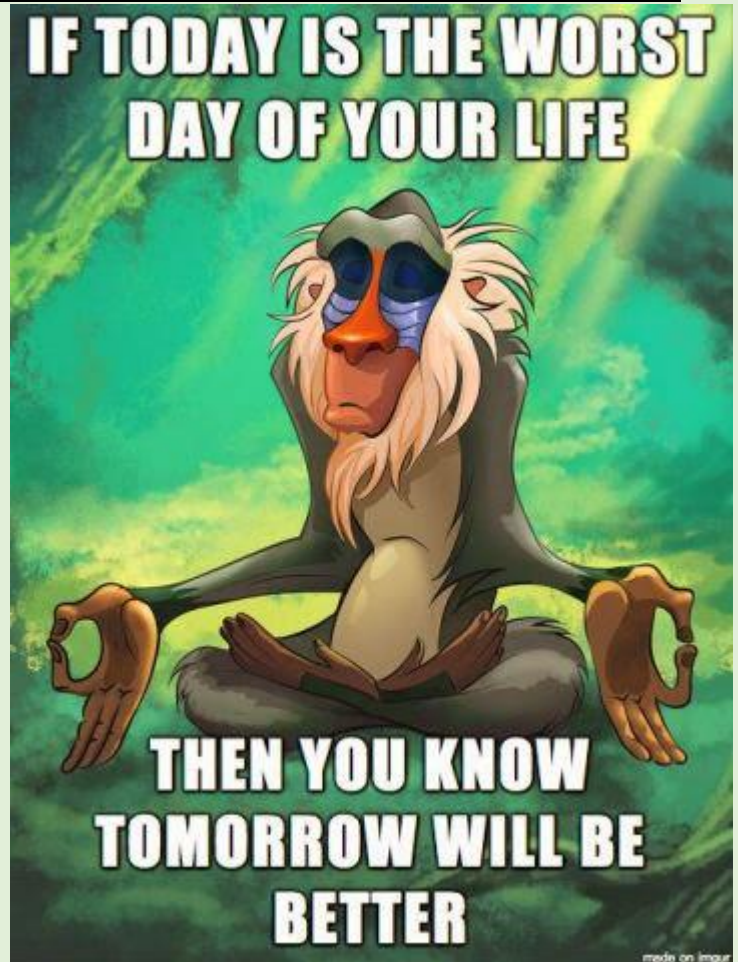
***Please send apologies to Alan. (Remember, if you are **not** available for a duty, **please organise a replacement** and advise Alan and Noel.)***

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## A Touch of Humour!

And the winner is....



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