



Rotary

# Onehunga-One Tree Hill Rotary Club



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 Each Monday evening 5:30pm to 7:30pm, including dinner.

<https://www.facebook.com/rcooth/>

## Newsletter to keep the Wheel Turning!



April is-

**NL 89 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

### Apologies:

: Trevor Mosley, Bruce Clegg, Ant Martin, Fatu and Parehuia Enari, Ernie Meyer, Deiter Dyck, Gwynyth Carr, Barry Stafford, David Taylor, Cat Levine, Paul Jennet, Rob Lyons, Iain McCrae, Gary Hayes

**Members Present : 20**

**Visitors: Iain Hook Guest Speaker**

**Sergeants Fines:**

**Presidents Announcements**

**President Robin** welcomed the guest speaker and welcomed back Noel Cary and George Arulanantham. Robin welcomed Jeanette Thorne to the meeting.

( Jeanette has this week been accepted as a member of the club) Welcome Jeanette.

Neil advises that he has 15 names for the new members interest meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**Big Clean up Onehunga Reserve Saturday 9th April** (email from Peter Mayow)

This is a public event hosted by MP for Maungakeikei Priyanca Radhakrishnan and there should be a reasonable number of people attend

Runs from 11 am to 1pm. Bags/gloves provided

Clean up for an hour or so then a sausage sizzle for all the volunteers.

As mentioned, I have proposed that Rotary can assist with providing BBQ services and they were thankful for that

I imagine one large BBQ or perhaps a couple of smaller ones would suffice.

If any of you can assist in that regard let Peter know.

**See note below ( Page 3) regarding Royal Oak Bowls Covid update**



**Guest Speaker Iain Hook**, who has a background in sales and marketing, was introduced by Bede Brittenden, and presented a Power Point presentation relating the formation and activities of the Maungakiekie Songbird Trust.

## Maungakiekie Songbird Trust

## Creating a thriving One Tree Hill habitat.



Iain lives locally and had noticed a decline of birdlife over past years, which he suspected was from combination of pests and reducing habitat

His idea was to establish a 'halo' area around Parks that mobilized the community to enhance the habitat. "Bring back the songbirds".

His first action was to meet and discuss the concept with the two parks administrators, as their 'buy-in' was and is important.

Cornwall Park Trust Board who manages and operates Cornwall Park and Maungakiekie /One Tree Hill domain is managed by Tūpuna Maunga Authority.

Iain formulated a 6 step "business plan" used to socialise to interested parties such as funders. Seed funding was going to be required to provide the free resources to residents in the halo area. A variety of applications were successfully made (and we gratefully acknowledge their support).

- Auckland Council Community grant program 2020
- DOC, via their annual community grants fund 2020
- The "halo" area overlaps 2 local board zones.

Maungakiekie-Tamaki local board in 2020 & 2021 and Albert-Eden local board in 2021.

- The Tūpuna Maunga Authority in 2021.
- Their mid-long-term goal is to break reliance on grants and obtain commercial sponsorship, but currently with Covid this is not commercially viable.

Organisational structure

A Charitable Trust has been established to run the project.

- The Trust name – reflects 'positive outcome', not narrow focus on just pests
- Logo – design incorporates an icon of One Tree Hill (made of birds), green to be 'environmentally friendly'.

Visit the Trust website: [https:// www.maungakiekiesongbird.nz](https://www.maungakiekiesongbird.nz) for more details.

Press updates are offered out to local community newspapers – primarily the Onehunga Community News.

Attracting members. Letter box flyers allow targeting of "halo" residents.

5 letterbox drops have been undertaken which has resulted in the ~550 current membership base.

Register online (website) and then attend a collection day in One Tree Hill to collect requested resources

– Resource supply: monitoring tools & traps

- Envirotools, a Wellington based manufacturer, was selected to supply both our rodent and Possum traps. These traps were selected for their ease of use, quality of manufacturer, value for money, and our support of a New Zealand manufacturer.
- To date ~400 members have received either a rodent and/or possum trap.
- Both traps provide a humane kill – certified for this.

- In February 2021, a new trap was added to the mix – a hanging wasp trap.

: Native trees are being supplied and they are working with the nurse team at Cornwall Park.

: Bird feeders.▪ These are the top requested item – who doesn't want birds in the garden ! The sugar-water bottle supports nectar feeders, such as Tui's, while a hook on the underside of the platform allows you to hang any desired feeder to target a range of other species such as finches. The membership represents around 20% of eligible households in the "halo" area. This is a significant result vs other projects that are pest control focused.



Alan Bannin thanked Iain for his informative presentation of the local community project, which will be of benefit to the many members in the area.



## Vaccine Passes / Mask Wearing Update

While Vaccine Passes don't have to be used from this morning, individual businesses can still decide to enforce their use.

The Royal Oak Bowls Board met last night and decided NOT to enforce Vaccine Passes meaning that unvaccinated people can now access the club. This decision was based on the high vaccination rates across Auckland.

The Board has also determined that when our members are at the club, effectively we're a private gathering, so mask use inside the building will NO LONGER be required. If you feel safer wearing a mask, then of course you're welcome to continue to do so. Our bar staff WILL still be required to wear masks.

External groups who use the club's facilities WILL still be required to wear masks while moving around inside the building.



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## Duties for - April/May

**Date:** 11th April **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:** Bernie Smith CEO

**Subject:** Monte Cecilia Housing Trust..... what we do?"

**Host:** Bede Brittenden

**Thanks:** . Peter Mayow

**Thought for the Week:** Brian Williams

**Date:** 2nd May

**Attendance 1** Neil Reid

**Equipment:** Gary Hays

**Hospitality:** Rod Kestle

**5-Minute Speaker** Bill Grayson

**Guest speaker** TBA

**Subject:**

**Host:** Bruce Murdoch

**Thanks:** . Alan Bannin

**Thought for the Week** Jeanette Thorne

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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 Bannin** Ph 09 624 9020

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Note: District Conference is cancelled, and aspects are to be incorporated into the District Governors Change Over at Orewa on 2nd June. Cat Levine will be a presenter  
Details in the District Newsletter. [March 2022 Newsletter](#)

16 April Easter Monday - no meeting  
25 April ANZAC Day - no meeting  
2 May Regular meeting at the Bowling Club.  
9 May Regular meeting at the Bowling Club  
10<sup>th</sup> May (Tuesday) Date for new member interest meeting at Onehunga Community House

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## ***A Touch of Humour!***

**If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self employed. We're having a meeting.**

**"Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo".**

**I envy people who grow old gracefully. They age like a fine wine. I'm ageing like milk: Getting sour and chunky.**

**Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags, or is it just me?**

**I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.**

**Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favourite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud.**

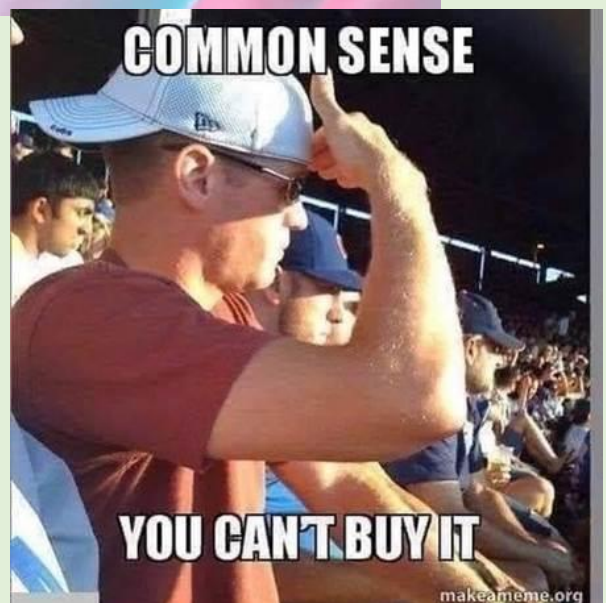
**Tip for a successful marriage: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's mowing the lawn.**

**So, you drive across town to a gym to walk on a treadmill?**

If you ever feel like your brain is inadequate... Think of this guy!



**I told my suitcases  
that there will be no  
vacation this year.  
Now I'm dealing with  
emotional baggage.**



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