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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.

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Newsletter to keep the Wheel Turning!



April is-

NL 90 11th 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, George Arulanantham, Alistair Grundy

Members Present : 22

Visitors: Guest Speaker Bernie Smith

Sergeants Fines:

Presidents Announcements



Big Clean up Onehunga Reserve Saturday 9th April A Successful Day!

President Robin thanked members involved in the Clean Up day and thanked Peter for his organisation.

Hungry Rotarians at the BBQ

Following is a copy of the email sent from Rebekah Clearwater to Peter Mayow.



Kia ora Peter,

Just wanted to pass my sincere thanks to you and the Rotary team, for taking part in the clean-up, for hiring the BBQ off Mitre 10 and for serving the sausages and samosas. It was really special to have you involved and I know Priyanca felt the same way. I've attached a picture one of our volunteers took of your group.

We had a lot of attendees express how much they enjoyed being out in nature and connecting with others in the community

*Rebekah Clearwater (she/her)
Member Support & Communications Advisor
Office of Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan MP for Maungakiekie*

Neil Reid has updated the prospective members evening arrangements on the 10th of May with 16 possibilities.

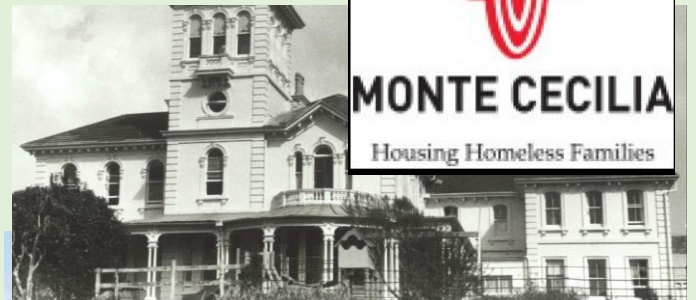
Guest speaker Bernie Smith CEO: Monte Cecilia Housing Trust..... What we do?"

Bede Brittenden introduced Bernie to the meeting and detailed Bernie's background.

With 40 years' experience in various sorts of leadership in State and Local Government and the not-for-profit sector. Bernie offers a good in-depth rounded knowledge in management. Bernie's style is one of empowering his staff with the emphasis on mentoring and coaching them. He is a considered thinker who likes to understand the big picture and believes much of today's homelessness and poverty is created by government market driven policies, rather than people making mistakes or poor decisions. Commencing as CEO of Monte Cecilia Trust with a staff of 9 and a budget of \$1.4 million. Now, 6 years later he has a responsibility for 55 plus staff and a budget of \$28 million with over 600 properties across Auckland.

Bernie provided a background on the development of the Monte Cecilia Trust and the housing programme they have developed with the changes to location and buildings.

In early 2000 the cost prohibitive upgrades to the original Monte Cecilia House, required by the new historic listing designation resulted in the building being sold to the Council and the diocese purchased a rest home in Mangere that housed 12 families and was not entirely suitable as it had shared facilities.



This has now been redeveloped and there are 30 self-contained 2 bed 70sq metre apartments, housing 40 adults and 100 children. These opened in 2019. The trust works with a business model with a social heart, that promotes self-input. 80% of residents find themselves in this situation through no fault of their own. The Trust leases community homes and the tenant pays 25%. The Trust costs are subsidised 65% by government and they must raise the balance. Bernie provided explanations of the different housing models: ,Emergency housing that works with social services, transitional housing, and social housing.

They like to support the families with food, clothing and the small things for children to keep them in touch with their peers.

Bernie shared a great deal of in-depth information about the housing situation in NZ and covered the various difficulties facing both providers and clients. The Trust is working with 80 NGOs across Auckland. Of note was that only 4-5% of clients create negative issues, as most were happy to have a home and respected the situation. The trust has trained social workers to assist tenants with housing readiness programmes that cover budgeting, employer/employee responsibilities and home ownership and other specialised areas of assistance. Many of their staff are quite fatigued after trying to look after 600 families across Auckland during the Covid disconnect.

Peter Mayow gave the vote of thanks to Bernie and was able to comment on the homeless problem from his housing industry. Peter said it was interesting for us lay people to understand what it is you go through and the great service they provide. We take on board that this is a problem that no government is going to solve, and we will probably be still talking about for many years to come. Peter referred to 1982 as a time when homelessness was not an issue and only in the last 10years has been a problem under open discussion This goes to show that this is a problem that is deep-rooted and appears to have no easy solution. Peter commented that we need to provide education about housing responsibilities from school level through to adulthood to try to break the cycle of homeless families. Peter congratulated Bernie and the Trust for the work they do with families in the area of education and life skills assistance with the hope that this will go towards breaking the cycle.

Thought for the Week or two.: Brian Williams
'Even a snail will eventually reach its destination'.



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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.

Duties

<p><u>Date:</u> 2nd May <u>Attendance 1</u> Neil Reid Equipment: Gary Hays Hospitality: Rod Kestle <u>5-Minute Speaker</u> Bill Grayson <u>Guest speaker</u> QUIZ Night! <u>Subject:</u> Bring a pen. Host: Bruce Murdoch Thanks: . Alan Bannin Thought for the Week Jeanette Thorne</p>	<p><u>Date:</u> 9th May <u>Attendance 1</u> TBA Equipment: TBA Hospitality: TBA <u>5-Minute Speaker</u> TBA <u>Guest speaker:</u> TBA <u>Subject:</u> TBA Host: TBA Thanks: . TBA Thought for the Week TBA</p>
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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

Note: District Conference is cancelled, and aspects are to be incorporated into the District Governors Change Over at Orewa on **2nd July** Cat Levine will be a presenter
Details in the District 9910 Newsletter. (link) **April 2022 Newsletter**

2 May Regular meeting at the Bowling Club. **CLUB QUIZ NIGHT~**
9 May Regular meeting at the Bowling Club
10th May (Tuesday) Date for new member interest meeting at Onehunga Community House



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A Touch of Humour!



A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

Since Youngsters of Today have their Texting Codes (LOL, OMG, TTYL, etc.) the Oldies decided not to be outdone by these kids, and now have developed our own codes too :

ATD - At the Doctor's
BFF - Best Friend's Funeral
BTW - Bring the Wheelchair
BYOT - Bring your own teeth
FWIW - Forgot Where I Was
GGPBL - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
GHA - Got Heartburn Again
TFT - Texting From Toilet.



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