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Onehunga-One Tree Hill Rotary Club



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

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Newsletter to keep the Wheel Turning!



May is-

NL 94 23rd May 2022

Apologies:

: Trevor Mosley, Ant Martin, Fatu and Parehuia Enari, Deiter Dyck, David Taylor, Cat Levine, Rod Kestle, Alistair Grundy, Deidre Shea, Quentin Jay, Bruce Clegg, Lloyd Albiston, Alan Bannin, Brian Williams, George Arulanantham



Visitors: Tejinder Singh: guest of Club, plus, Phil Aish, Don Smith, Steve Thorpe: Guests of Rod Kestle and Cat Levine

Members: 22

Sergeants Fines: N/A

President's Announcements:



President Robin welcomed the guests to our meeting and asked Rod Kestle to introduce his guests. Rod introduced his Tractor Trek fellow travellers Steve Thorpe, Don Smith, and Phil Aish. Don started the first Trek, 27 days on the road event to raise funds for Hospice and successfully raised \$140k. Phil Aish is Cat's Dad. Possibly all new members?

1 Minute Spots

Noel Cary advised that one of our RYLA attendees will give a 10-to-15-minute address at next week's meeting.

5 Minute Speaker Tony Rayner gave a very interesting and detailed presentation about the Solomon Islands. Tony has lived and worked in Honiara.

Where is it again? 8-hrs Auckland / Honiara (incl Brisbane stopover)

- What's it like? Very beautiful to very dirty
 - 6 main islands (992 islands total)
 - Divided into 9 Provinces
 - Leased Developed Country (LDC)
 - UN ranking: 151/170
 - (Vanuatu: 140/170)
 - Pop: 679,000 (2.9% growth & will exceed Fiji ≈2035)
 - Climate: 21-31deg C, 75-80% humidity
- Brief history 1568: Discovered by Spanish explorer Alvaro de Mendana
(Catholic Franciscan fathers planted a cross at the site above)
 - 1886: Colonial period - UK protectorate
 - 1978: Independence Day 7th July & joined the Commonwealth
 - 1998-2003: Social unrest, riots, murders, land claims
 - 2003-2013: RAMSI (2,200 Aust/NZ/PI police & military scaled down over time)
- Religion: Christianity 92%
 - Protestant: 73%, Catholic: 19%, Animism: 5%, Other/Ba-hai 3%.
 - Beautiful choirs
- Language:
 - Pijin: 98%, English: 1-2%, + 75 Austronesian languages (also spoken by Taiwanese indigenous peoples)



Solomon Islands Government

Parliament:

- 50 members
- Four-year term
- First-past-the-post voting system
- Single legislative chamber (unicameral).

Foreign Policy: friends to all and enemies to none

Government's major goals in past few years:

- To Host the XVII 2023 Pacific Games in Honiara (9th Nov - 2nd Dec 2023)
 - Budget: USD100m, 80% funded by China*

Find an alternative to the declining timber exports

Solomon Islands import : Refined Petroleum (17%) Rice, Iron, Sugar, Pasta, vehicles and parts and many household items.

and export: mostly Rough Wood, (63%,) Processed Fish, Palm Oil, Aluminium ore.

Foreign Aid: ***Australia***

- *RSIPF Police training*
- *Coral Sea fibre: 20Tbps*
- *Tina River 15MW hydro station*
- *Fishery patrol boats*
- *Medical training (doctors)*

- *Teacher training*
- *Roading, bridge repair*
- *Superannuation scheme*

Governance & justice training

New Zealand

- 2021-24 New Zealand International Development Cooperation programme
 - NZD133 million. 2nd highest country spend in the Pacific
- Multipurpose Hall - Honiara
- Support increased transparency and accountability by SI Govt.
- Improved Control of Corruption score (World Bank indicator)
- Education development (curriculum)
- Media assistance (journalist training)
- Provincial Airfield Upgrades
- Eradication rhinoceros beetle

UK

- European Union's Everything But Arms (EBA) arrangement
 - Quota free access to the UK market for exports of palm oil and tuna
 - Available to Least Developed Countries (LDC).
- Chevening Scholarships:
 - Enables outstanding emerging leaders from all over the world to pursue one-year master's degrees in the UK
 - Fully funded (flights, accommodation, and course fees are all included).

Japan

- Kukum Highway upgrade:
 - 10km - airport to Honiara city
- Henderson Airport upgrade:
 - New International & domestic terminal

China (2023 Pacific Games build)

- New 10,000-seater National Stadium costing \$53 million
- Games accommodation facilities to be transferred to the Solomon Islands National University Kukum Campus for student
 - New aquatic centre
 - Six-court tennis centre
 - Full-sized training track and field

Remodelled Football and Rugby pitch

Tony finished with a summary of the Solomon Islands Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats concluding a very informative and enlightening presentation.

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Guest Speaker

Don Allen Onehunga Community Constable



Don has spent 16yrs in the Police Force, with 12yrs as Community Constable. Don said that there has been a change in policing over the last 2 years because of the pandemic challenges. He is disappointed to see an increase of criminal offences over this time and this year has seen a 32% increase, mostly burglaries, theft from cars and theft of cars.

Don's work involves prevention activities as he supports 100 community support groups and has Community Patrols running in his policing area.

Contact Don if you wish to be part of the Community Patrols operation. There are Day and Night Patrols. Day patrols are on foot and night patrols are in vehicles.

Don produces a monthly Newsletter for Neighbourhood support groups.

He described several incidents that occurred recently and made us aware of the consequences of loutish behaviour on those involved and the wider community.

When addressing "What can we do" Don said that we need to move back to grass roots of being good neighbours, revitalise Neighbourhood support groups and

remove the temptation for opportunistic crimes.

Don't leave valuables in sight in cars, lock windows at night and lock doors when in the garden. Have burglar alarms installed. Use doorbell cameras, install sensor lighting, complete a property database, record serial numbers, and make sure your belongings have identifiable markings to enable Police to know that a suspect's possessions belong to someone else to aid in successful prosecutions.

(Google Play store has an App called HOISTPRO for building a database.)

Fitting security screws to your number plates. Police run a Safer Plates program where this can be provided.

Don finished his talk with a reminder that the most important 'take away' from tonight would be the importance of neighbourhood involvement

Neil Reid thanked Don, on behalf of the Club, for his presentation and for the extra demands of the work done by the Police during the recent testing time of the pandemic. Neil commented that he was sure that everyone would have actions from his presentation that they could implement.



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Thought for the Week Rod Kestle:

"Knowledge is like underwear.

It's useful to have it, but not necessary to show it off."

Duties

*(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*

<p><u>Date:</u> 30th May <u>Attendance</u> Jeanette Thorne <u>Equipment:</u> Ernie Meyer <u>Hospitality:</u> Rob Lyons <u>5-Minute Speaker</u> Alan Bannin</p> <p><u>Guest speaker</u> Deborah Fletcher <u>Subject:</u> RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Award <u>Host:</u> Paul Jenner <u>Thanks:</u> Bruce Murdoch <u>Thought for the Week</u> Bill Grayson</p>	<p><u>Date:</u> 13rd June <u>Attendance</u> Bruce Murdoch <u>Equipment:</u> N/A <u>Hospitality:</u> School Staff <u>5-Minute Speaker</u> N/A <u>Guest Speaker</u> <u>Onehunga High School Students</u></p> <p><u>Host:</u> Robin Hulford <u>Thanks:</u> Barry Stafford <u>Thought for the Week</u> N/A</p>
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June 6th Holiday Queens Birthday No Meeting

June 13th Meeting at Onehunga High School

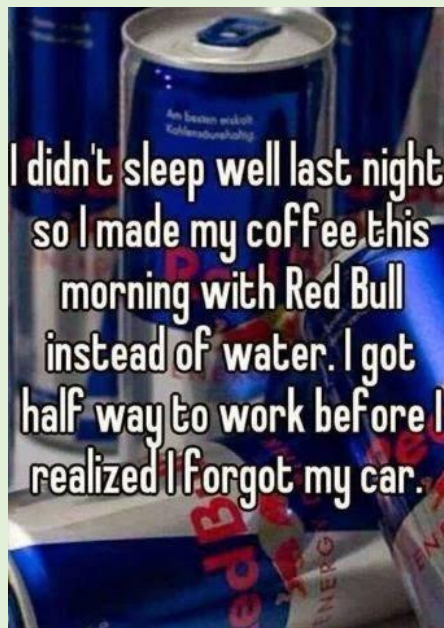
June 20th

**June 27th Changeover Night at Parkside Village Cafe
(formerly Selwyn Heights)**

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**

A Touch of Humour!

First One for Bill G!



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