



Rotary
Club of Maungakiekie



(As of 1 July 2022, the Rotary Club of Onehunga – One Tree Hill was renamed the Rotary Club of Maungakiekie)

Newsletter to keep the Wheel Turning



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Club Meeting location: Royal Oak Bowls, 146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga, Auckland

Time: Monday evening 5:30pm for 6 p.m. start to 7:30pm, includes \$20 dinner

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NO CLUB MEETING MONDAY 18th JULY

NL 100, 11th July 2022



ROTARY NEEDS YOU

Present: 21

Apologies:

Bill Appleton, Derek Atkinson, Gary Bromley, Bede Brittenden, Noel Carey, Gwynyth Carr, Fatu Enari, Parehuia Enari, Robin Hulford, Rod Kestle, Cat Levine, Ant Martin, Ernie Meyer, Trevor Mosley, John Tapu, Colin Tea

Sergeant's Fines: \$133.50 – the Corporal is proving to be a useful stand-in.

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PRESEDENT'S WELCOME

Quentin advised there will be no Monday 18th meeting.

Club members have been invited to join the **Hillsborough, Lynfield and Mount Roskill Rotary Club meeting, on Wed 20th July.**



NEXT MEETING:

We will be joining the Hillsborough, Lynfield and Mount Roskill Rotary Club at their club rooms.

Date: Wed 20th June

Location: Maungakiekie Golf Club

Address: 5 Anita Ave, Mt Roskill, Auckland

Time: 6:30 pm for 7 pm start

Meal: \$15

Quentin contacted Noel who was very grateful for the card of condolences signed by our members.

DISTRICT 9910, 2022-23 PLAN

Quentin conveyed DG Matthew McLeod's desire for all clubs to be more project focused this year and be energised by its activity. An inspiring video will be released shortly designed to attract more young people to join Rotary.



Matthew McLeod

To that end, Quentin asked each member to provide 3-ideas for a project we could do in the community. These will be prioritized and may focus on supporting the elderly. After this teams will be formed so the burden of responsibility is spread amongst members more evenly. These individual project meeting may take place in members houses (Ed note: non-participation in projects is one of the main reasons members give for leaving Rotary). Quentin set the tone by staging his first Board meeting at his place on Wednesday.

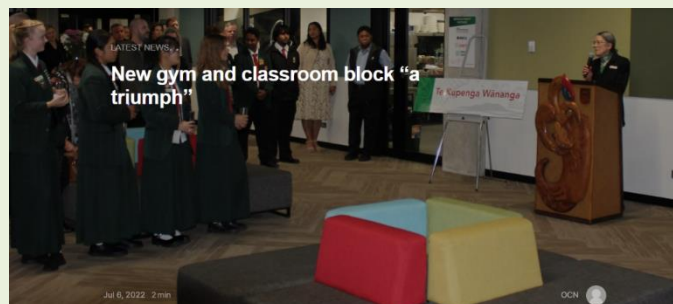


IN THE NEWS

Rotary members featuring in the [Onehunga Community News](https://onehunga.co.nz/e-mags/).
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Check out the **July 2022** edition...

FRONT PAGE - New gym and classroom block “a triumph”



In June, **Deidre Shea**, as Principal of the Onehunga High School and the project team revealed the name of the new high-tech classroom and fantastic gym block which were officially opened in June.

PAGE 4 - Queen’s Birthday Honours for locals

Deidre’s awarded of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to education.

PAGE 35 - Joining forces with Sports Trust.

Read why **Barry Stafford** became an Independent Member of the Onehunga Combined Sports Trust and how Rotary’s ethos influenced his decision to join.



L-R Bill Raffles OSFC, Russell Barke OCST Chair and Barry Stafford

1-MINUTE TALK

Te Whakaroa Tangata Project

Bill Grayson provided an update of the Te Whakaroa Tangata Project, of which the club is a regular contributor. The counselling services offered are proving to be very effective in helping struggling families.

(Since Te Whakaroa Tangata was established as a Charitable Trust in 2010, it has helped to transform the lives of over 1600 of the highest-risk families – positively impacting more than 5600 vulnerable children.)

The **annual fund-raising dinner** will take place on 2nd September 2022 at Mount Eden Park 6 -9 pm.



More details at: <https://tewhakaora.org.nz/>

Book a table for a great evening out.

Contact Bill for details:

bgrayson@graysonwagner.co.nz



Cancer Society Daffodil Day



Peter Mayow needs 2 more volunteers to collect for 2-hrs for the Cancer Society Daffodil Day on 26 & 27 August.

Ten members have already signed up and we need 2-more for:

- **Fri 26 Aug, 2-4pm**
- **Sat 27th Aug, pm tbc**

Contact Peter for details:

mayows@gmail.com



COMING UP THIS YEAR

Last year The Book Fair 2021 made a net profit of \$11,705 which was distributed to the community.

Let's see if we can beat that this year!

Rotary Club of Maungakiekie – BOOK FAIR

21-25 Nov: Book sorting
25 Nov: Venue set up
26-27 Nov: BOOK FAIR - Sales



5-MINUTE SPEAKERS (NEW CLUB MEMBERS)

Rhett Stephens

Rhett and wife Kelly have been married 24-years and have two daughters 21 and 17-yrs. They have lived in Greenlane for 20-years and across the road from Paul Jenner.

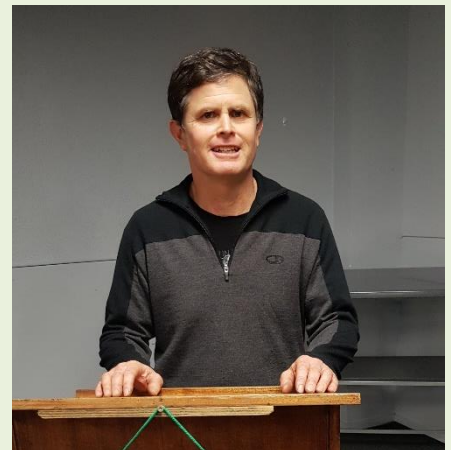
Rhett was brought up in Pakuranga and is the eldest of three boys. Attended Pakuranga Intermediate and Edgewater College. Started work in 1985 at Panmure Motors, the Ford dealer as an apprentice motor mechanic and enjoyed fixing cars, rallying and having lots of fun in between.

From there worked in a local Epsom garage Capricorn Motors then in 1992 decided to put himself through an Outward Bound course in Anakiwa. He heard about the course through his brother who had just completed it and raved about it.

In 2016, Rhett's wife and eldest daughter put themselves through the course through Girl Guides, then pre-COVID Rhett and his younger daughter also completed it.

Continuing with his love of motor racing, in 1992 Rhett got a job supported a visiting American open wheel single seater racing car team who came to NZ to compete in a summer racing series. He then travelled with the team to America and worked with Ralt Racing as a crew member. While in Canada, Rhett was rubbing shoulders with the racing famous including getting an invite for a personalized tour around the McLaren F1 pit garage along with a close-up view of Ayrton Senna's race car. To cap it all he was given a prime grand seat for the main race.

Later that year Rhett managed another mind-blowing highlight - attending the famous Indy 500. Still smelling of petrol, no doubt, Rhett finished his overseas



travel with a friend, around California and then the UK.

Living out of a suitcase was fun but not a way to make a career, so came home, bought a house in Mt Wellington, and settled down.

Trading his mechanics overalls for a collar and tie he worked for Orix NZ car leasing company.

In 1998 the family took over Epsom Automotive (2007) Ltd then later, for a change, imported caravans and motor homes from the UK which entailed more overseas travel for buying trips.

This brings us to Rhett's more recent undertaking, being the purchase of fellow Rotarian Paul Jenner's, Hose Manufacturing Ltd in 2019.

Rhett played rugby and tennis in his earlier years, ran marathons and is into Kung Fu martial arts.

In answer to a question about the challenging parts of the Outward Bound course, Rhett said he wasn't phased about being dropped in the middle of nowhere with little food to make his way out.

Phil Aish

Phil is Cat's proud dad who is impressed with the bow-wave effect she is having with her project.

"Aish" is Arabic for bread. Phil's ancestors go way back to Spain, France and the UK. Phil's come from a farming background and one of four boys. Both his father and grandfather were farmers. Phil left school at the age of 15yrs and started his career working in a bank where he worked for 3 ½ yrs and was then the youngest banker in NZ.

Phil got into hedge cutting, building self-made and somewhat frighteningly dangerous machines that could slice through anything that got in its way including power poles.

As a 24yr old Phil was a tractor contractor with his brothers then branched out and bought a farm in the Waikato. A year later his accountant advised him to sell up, he didn't, and did OK. Along the way Phil also passed up knitting machines. He bought his second farm and new home along with 220 cows which was a good size back then. Nowadays a herd of 300 is considered small and 5,000, big.

Phil later moved to Auckland and went to the Auckland Bible College where he suffered a ruptured disc. He pastored a church which under his stewardship tripled in size while his endeavours have always been self-funded.

Phil next ended up building his house next to Rob Kestle's.

Phil feels pastoring and Rotary operate similarly and always has an interest in



developing others. He got involved with the Arché Indians of Paraguay who now drive tractors. (*ed: Ache are one of South America's last hunter-gatherer societies—and in imminent danger of cultural extinction*).

In June 1998 Phil joined the 95th anniversary reunion of the founding of Harley-Davidson. It consisted of 55,000 other bikers who gathered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The most memorable thing was the physical percussion from the energy produced by all the engines. The group formed a 1km long line that took 3-hrs for the last to get moving off in a cavalcade that went from L.A. to Milwaukee. Phil and his wife Janice had five children, two of whom are doctors. Eight years ago Phil lost his wife to cancer and who through the power of prayer, lived a year longer than anticipated. Phil couldn't speak highly enough of the Mercy Hospice, College Hill, who looked after Janice very well.

TVNZ Seven Sharp made a documentary of Bluff to Cape Reinga Tractor Trek to raise funds for hospices which was filmed over a 6-week period and was highly rated and resulted them raising \$146,000. Phil has been doing treks ever since. The Treks are a labour of love for Phil. And does them to honour a promise made to Janice in her last weeks of life where they wanted to say thank you to Hospice for the immeasurable support Mercy Hospice in Auckland provided the Aish family during Janice's last days. When discussing the practicalities of such a Trek, Janice told him to just 'do it'.

Phil is proud to be a Rotarian.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Provided by Neil:

The best evidence you are alive - is never your birth certificate.

DUTIES

Apologies: please email to: **Bruce Murdoch** at: bbmurdoch@xtra.co.nz

Unable for a duty: please arrange a replacement and advise **Lloyd Albiston** at albiston@xtra.co.nz

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Attendance: Barry Stafford
Equipment: Neil Reid
Hospitality: Robin Hulford

Guest: TBA
Host: Bill Grayson
Subject: TBA

Thanks: Ernie Meyer
Thought: Brian Williams

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