



Newsletter to keep the Wheel Turning

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



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July is:

Apologies: Derek Atkinson, Gary Bromley, Noel Carey, Jon-Paul Goulding, Fatu and Parehuia Enari, John Mamea-Wilson, Trevor Mosley, Deidre Shea, John Rapu, Jeanette Thorne.

Visiting Rotarians: PGD Lindsay and Alison Ford Rotary Norfolk Island, PGD Phil Ashton (Rotary Takapuna North)

Sergeant's Fines: \$144.40 – a very good effort.



President's welcome:

Barry Stafford (Vice President) handed over the chains of office and President's Badge to incoming **President Quentin Jay**. (Quentin was unable to attend last week's Club Changeover night as he caught COVID a few days before).

President Quentin paid special tribute to the three past District Governors in attendance. **Lindsay Ford (and Alison), Phil Ashton and Neil Reid (and Trish)**.



Saturday, 2nd July, Orewa Arts Centre

Quentin provided a report on the **District Governor Changeover and Mini Conference** which he and some of our members attended. Similarly with our Changeover the previous week, this time it was DG Grant Smith who couldn't attend in person, due to his having COVID.

The handing over the chains to **DG Elect Matthew McLeod** was performed by Lindsay Ford who was asked to step in at the last moment, whilst Grant joined in via ZOOM - another example of Rotarians working together to overcome obstacles.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, our District Conference in Tauranga had been cancelled, so the District Changeover incorporated a mini-conference.



This year, for the first time in Rotary's 115-year history, the first woman was elected as President of Rotary International. She is **Jennifer E. Jones** of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada. Jennifer's presidential theme for 2022-2023 is **Imagine Rotary** where she wants us to increase the diversity in our members as much as we can.



Lindsay Ford, who gave a great presentation about the work that the clubs of our District, and our club especially, have done in Vanuatu, showed how very apt the words of the John Lennon song Imagine, from 50 years ago, are for this theme and for Rotary.

*...Imagine all the people
Livin' for today...*

*Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion, too
Imagine all the people
Livin' life in peace...*

*... You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one
(John Lennon - 1971)*



Rotary Onehunga One Tree Hill won the district Membership Award for the club that recorded the greatest percentage increase of membership over the Rotary year to date. The award was presented to Quentin.



Another feature of the Changeover was an excellent presentation from **Cat Levine** on the impending mental health and well-being, three-year programme in

Northland primary schools, which Cat is heading. Our club raised \$50,000 to support this project as well as being intensively involved in the funding drive to raise \$600,000 for the project.

Jessie Harman also presented her vision as Rotary International Zone 8 Director.



Matt McLeod, our new District Governor, set the tone for the year, by encouraging us to be energised by the projects run by our young members.

More detail and photos will be available on the District site shortly.

Click [here](#) for a replay of the event

COMING YEAR

Quentin asked us to think about what we see as our continuing needs and where each of us wants to contribute. He would like to see a return to the committee system where each of us are involved first in the committees. Each committee should develop and push for projects that are either ones we currently support or new ones which would help us diversify our membership.

SPECIAL AWARD

Lindsay Ford spoke about the projects the Club has supported in Vanuatu over the past 10 -15 years where we have been wanting to help with improving the education of the children, and good health for them, and providing clean water and sanitation. The club received a special award from the District and Rotary Foundation in recognition of this work.

Lindsay, on behalf of Immediate **Past District Governor Grant Smith**, made a **personal presentation to Bill Grayson** for his outstanding contribution made over the years in the Pacific Islands.



Bill explained that it all started with a freshly baked loaf of bread offered to him one evening in the islands, just after he had anchored after a hard sail.

The gift was accompanied by an invite to go ashore to a custom dance.

That unconditional hospitality has never been forgotten.

GUEST SPEAKER



Rob Lyons introduced the **guest speaker for the evening, Chris Campbell**. Chris became Head of Education for the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand 6 months ago.

The members of the Institute are estate agents and there are more than 16,000. Head office in Auckland has 32 staff.

Their focus is to provide a range of services and assistance to members. In the education function the objectives are to:

- Provide continuing education and training for all members. There is a yearly requirement for all agents to obtain.
- Use the latest live and online techniques.
- Equip agents with skills to help build an enduring future.
- Give them operational excellence to help them daily

Currently the real estate market is experiencing challenging times. Sales volumes are down, and price expectations remain above what the market can provide.

Factors which affect the ability of buyers to buy include:

- recent credit controls on bank lending
- increases in borrowing costs
- inflation
- shortages of skilled staff in all trades for new housing
- long delays for key material for new builds
- a hesitancy about present economic trends.

All these matters are also present in overseas housing markets.

At present it is taking an average of 43 days to sell properties. Auctions are resulting in most properties being passed in. Negotiations afterwards often produce sales but at lower prices.

In this market the support of the Institute for its members becomes more important - this includes services for mental health and wellbeing.

In the questions which followed Chris's presentation it appeared that the housing market in some parts of coastal Queensland were the opposite to NZ.

In moving a vote of thanks for the speaker Duncan McDonald said that it was good to hear about what the profession was doing in the education area. He thought that it should help counter some of the negative experiences that surface periodically. The services provided by the REINZ members were essential and

Duncan thanked Chris for what he and the Institute were doing to improve and maintain standards in the industry.

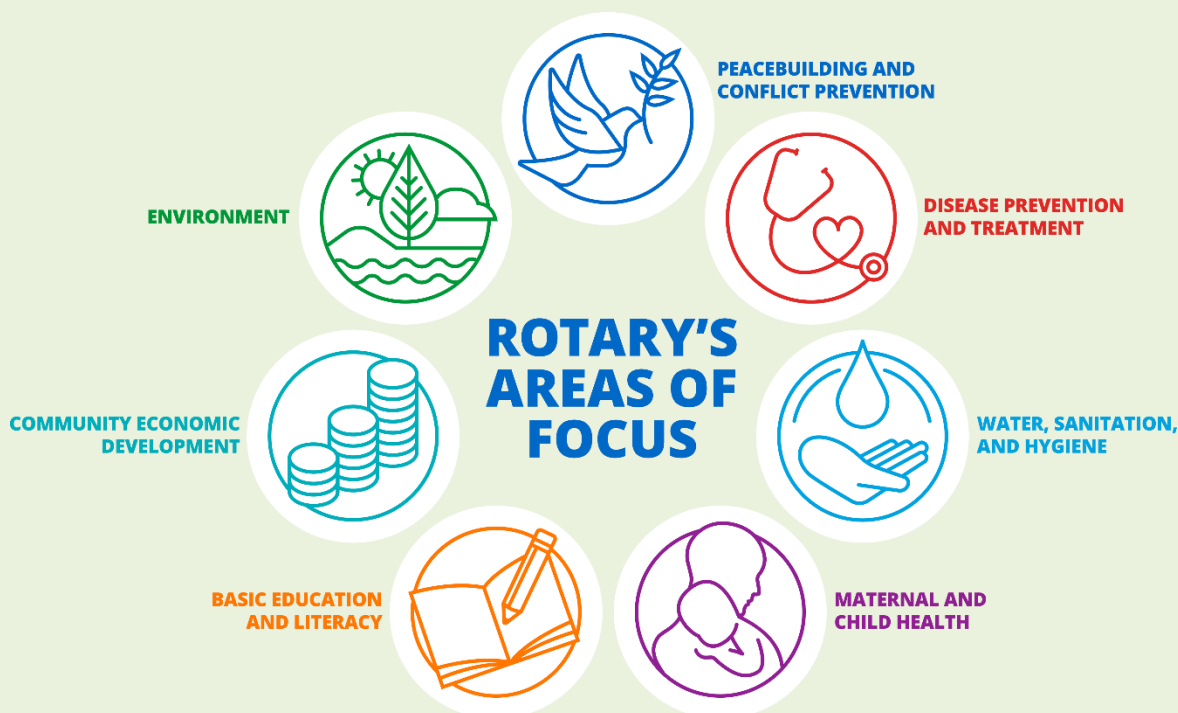
ABOUT THE 2022 PRESIDENTIAL THEME - LOGO



The 2022-23 presidential theme logo was designed by renowned Australia-based Indigenous artist Riki Salam to represent RI President Jennifer Jones' theme and initiatives.

The logo represents key elements of Rotary while honoring the Indigenous culture:

- The circle in aboriginal culture signifies connections to one another.
- The dots around the circle represent people, one for each of our seven areas of focus.
- The circle and the dots together become a navigation star, which signifies Rotary's guiding light.
- The solid line underneath signifies a digging stick used for hard work – a tool that Rotary's people of action use to get things done
- Colours: purple (polio eradication), green (environment), white (peace – Rotary's core area of focus)



DUTIES - !!! NOTE CHANGE IN APOLOGIES ADVICE !!!!

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

<p>Date: <u>11^h July</u></p> <p>Attendance: Bill Grayson Equipment: Tony Rayner Hospitality: Brian Williams</p> <p>5-Minute Speaker: Rhett Stephens Phil Aish</p> <p>Host: n/a Guest speaker: n/a Subject: n/a Thanks: n/a</p> <p>Thought for the Week: Rod Kestle</p>	<p>Date: <u>18th July</u></p> <p>Attendance: David Taylor Equipment: Neil Reid Hospitality: Robin Hulford</p> <p>5-Minute Speaker:</p> <p>Host: Lloyd Albiston Guest speaker: TBA Subject: TBA Thanks: Ernie Meyer</p> <p>Thought for the Week: Brian Williams</p>
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