



*(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



**President:** Quentin Jay

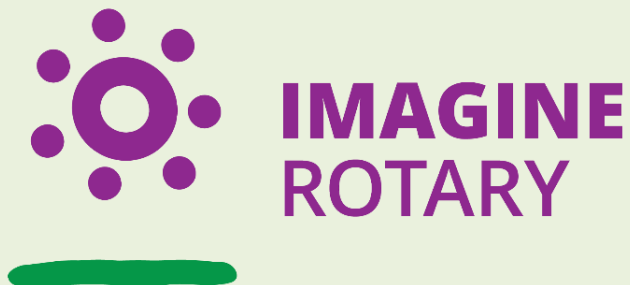
**Secretary:** Iain McCrae (Hm) 09 625 8035, (Mb) 021 963 899, email: [diainz.mc@gmail.com](mailto:diainz.mc@gmail.com)

**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

**Mail:** PO Box 29086 Greenwoods Corner, Epsom

**Web:** <https://www.rotarymaungakiekie.org.nz/>



## NL 110, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Present:** 33

**Apologies:** Lloyd Albiston, Derek Atkinson, Bruce Glegg, John Mamea-Wilson, Ant Martin, Trevor Mosley, Derek Neutze, Neil Reid, Rhett Stephens, Colin Tea

**Sergeant's Fines:** \$67.10

## PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quentin bid a warm welcome to a very good turnout, guest speaker Helen and Andrew Charles, and visiting guests: Richard Ryan (Epsom), Shane Brown, Rong Chen and Sharlene Wagner.



Quentin recapped on projects and fundraising events:

### 1. Ellerslie Clean up 1<sup>st</sup> Oct



2. **Give Every Child a Future (GECAF)**. An Auckland Rotary project to provide children three vaccinations over three years to nine Pacific Island countries. More information [here](https://everychildafuture.com/) (https://everychildafuture.com/ )

3. **Rotary Westhaven – Lunch & Movie Day. 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. Tickets \$40** includes: Museum entry, hot roast lunch, raffle prize, cinema entry and ice cream. **RSVP:** [cdaji19@gmail.com](mailto:cdaji19@gmail.com)

#### 4. Onehunga Peoples Garden – Report



A native habitat restoration and community garden project in Onehunga

The working bee last Sunday was well attended by Rotary club and district members and OPG regulars.

The working bee was to weed, plant (and get an early tan...)



Before...clearing climbers & weeds



After...planting Toe toe



Looking north: weeding around the flaxlings





.. and now for rain

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## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS



### MEMBERSHIP INTEREST MEETING

**Neil still needs more names of potential new members.**

We need 8-10 names to make this a success.

Have a quiet think about a young person, friend, neighbour, work mate, member of another group you attend regularly who shares our common values

The meeting with potential members will be held on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in the Onehunga Community House, Selwyn St., and will last about 1 ½ hrs.

It will include 5x 5-min talks by members from our club. They will talk about our future and local and international projects.

Afterward there will be a mix & mingle with club members for an opportunity to talk about Rotary. Finger foods and refreshments are being provided

Please provide the following and Neil will do the rest:

**Provide: Name, email addresses, phone number**

**email to: reido43@gmail.com ...and we will do the rest.**

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# guest speaker

## Helen Charles: Tripping the South

Helen's interest in tramping began when she joined Outward Bound, after they began accepting female students in 1973.

Helen and Andrew have tramped around many spectacular locations around the world including Kilimanjaro.

Helen's talk tonight was about their trek through the Molesworth Station in Marlborough, South Island.



Helen Charles



They travelled with a tour group which departed from Blenheim and headed inland and south travelling down through the huge Molesworth Station ending up in Hanmer Springs.

The tour lasted 3-days and 2-nights and can cater for 6-8. They toured in 4WD and travelled over 100km.

From Blenheim entering the wide Awatere Valley from the north, what were grassy valleys have now been converted into vineyards. Beyond in the far distance can be seen mountains Sir Ed Hillary used to train climbing on.

They drove alongside the Awatere river and through glacier carved valleys until they came upon the Upcot Marino stud farm where many thousands of sheep are bred to produce high quality fleece destined for export markets.



In these remote farms, kids are home schooled in small classrooms.



Climbing further up into the hills they came along to a D.O.C. gate that led up to the Molesworth Station which is sits between glacially carved hillsides.



Molesworth Station is about the size of Stewart Island (see map below) at 197,000 hectares (486,000 acres) was discovered by the early settlers in

1860's.

The station carries 10,000 head of beef stock managed by 5-stockmen, 80-horsemen, 45-dogs.

Scenery east of the ranges is quite sparse with few trees and little bird life. There are however many lizards and rabbits (which are endangering plant life).

There is limited rainfall to the east of the ranges.



It was strange to come upon huge powerlines in the middle of nowhere, carrying power up to the North Island.

The climate on the west side of the vast Station is much wetter, with many beech forest and rivers.



Island Saddle stop is NZ's highest public road 1,347m above sea level (Desert Road is at 1,078m)



Map showing trek from Blenheim down through Upcot, Molesworth Station, Island Saddle, Lake Tennyson and Hanmer Springs. Note the size of 'Stewart Island' in comparison to the outline of the Station limits.

**KEY**

————— Tour path (approx.)

————— Outline of the control areas of Molesworth Station

■ 'Stewart Island'



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** - provided by Rod Kestle -  
*A healthy man has a thousand different wishes.  
A sick man has only one.*

**DUTIES**

**Unable to attend?** Email apologies to Noel Carey: [noelcarey@hotmail.com](mailto:noelcarey@hotmail.com)  
**Unable for a duty?** Please arrange your own replacement and advise Noel  
Mb: 0274 509 845

**Meeting: Mon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2022**  
**Sergeant:** Bill Grayson  
**Attendance:** Gary Hays  
**Hospitality:** Craig Jones  
**Equipment:** Bill Appleton  
**Scribe:** Tony Rayner  
**Host & Thanks:** Bill Grayson  
**Guest:** Trish Gribben: The Ross Charity

**5-Min Talk:** Derek Atkinson – My experience with COVID in hospital  
**Thought:** Cat Levine

**Meeting: Mon, 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022**  
**Sergeant:** Noel Carey  
**Attendance:** Ernie Meyer  
**Hospitality:** John-Paul Goulding  
**Equipment:** Bill Appleton  
**Scribe:** Tony Rayner  
**Host & Thanks:** Paul Jenner  
**Guest:** Ana Ika (Social Policy Analyst, Salvation Army): State of the Nation - Measuring the Social Progress of Aotearoa  
**5-Min Talk:** tba  
**Thought:** Derek Neutze



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