



(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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ROTARY**


NL 113, 17th October 2022

Present: 22

Apologies: George Arulanatham, Derek Atkinson, Bruce Clegg, John-Paul Goulding, Quentin Jay, Craig Jones, Rod Kestle, Duncan MacDonald, John Mamea-Wilson, Ant Martin, Ian McCrea, Derek Neutze, Tony Rayner, Ryan Richards, Colin Tea

Sergeant's Fines: \$110.70

VICE-PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Barry Stafford standing in)


 The Club has now paid the fees for the three nominees who were accepted for the **2023 Summer Science and Technology Forum** to be held in the second week of January at Auckland University. The cost per person is \$2,095 and each nominee pays just over one quarter of the total cost.

For new Club members the background is as follows.

The Forum is a live-in experience for a week and about 148 students from around NZ attend. They are given an insight into what is on offer to students interested in science based graduate subjects.


The Club has supported this programme for about ten years. Most of the funding for it comes from members interested in the sciences. Attendees always report back enthusiastically about how much they have gained from the experience including information which will help them in their future career choices.



 About half a dozen members helped with **the Ellerslie Spring Clean on Sunday afternoon 16 October**. There were about 40 or so persons in attendance. The organisation was efficient and all necessary equipment was provided by the Earth Charitable Trust and their members helped with rubbish sorting at the end.

Each person picked up about 2 kgs of assorted rubbish in one and a half hours from the streets and parks around the main Ellerslie shopping centre. The devices for picking up the rubbish were very simple and effective and reduced the strain on the back.

Big thanks to Club members for your efforts!

 The 6 primary school children (all girls), who attended the camp at **Willow Park, Eastern Beach for five days** during the second week of the third term school holidays were safely returned to their families on Sunday evening 16 October.

They all appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed their camp experiences. We are reminded to save Sunday 4 December 2022 for the release of the feature film "the Lost King" to help us mark Polio Day and raise some funds for Polio Plus.

Big thanks to Club members who provided the transportation there and back!

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

60 SECONDS

NEW Club shirts

Lloyd Albiston distributed the new Club shirts carrying the Club's new name to those members present.

Lloyd will catch up with everyone in due course.

Our first opportunity to wear these shirts will be at the Book Fair and pamphlet distribution in November.



Book Fair

HELP....flyer deliveries.

Flyers have now been printed advertising our Book Fair.

We need volunteers who will be provided with street maps detailing which streets to pop the flyers into letterboxes.



We had a great response at Monday night's meeting but still have 8-areas in Onehunga/Epsom that need people to deliver to.

Each area has approx. 420 flyers and would take about 1.5 hours to deliver sometime during the first week of November.

Flyers & Maps will be available at our next meeting on 31 October. **Wear your new shirts too.**

Please see Bill G /Lloyd A....thanks heaps for your support.





To mark Rotary's 2022 Polio Day the Westhaven and Maungakiekie clubs have arranged a special preview the 2022 film "The Lost King".

Screening details: 3.30pm, Sunday 4th December, Westgate Event Cinemas, Tickets \$30.

Synopsis: A British comedy-drama that tells the story of the woman who led the search to find King Richard III's remains under a car park in Leicester in 2012.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION PRESENTS The amazing true story of the rediscovery of Richard III

Rotary 
Clubs of Westhaven
& Maungakiekie

Join us at:
3:30pm, Sunday 4th December

Location:
Event Cinema's, Westgate
*Easy access from the Northwestern Motorway.
Plenty of car parking and dining close by.*

Ticket price: \$30 (incl.
refreshments)

RSVP to: Gwynyth
Phone: 027 410 8995
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PROCEEDS TO

**END
POLIO
NOW**

Stephen Lasham and
Jim Jackson

guest speaker



Stephen Lasham talking about his
2022 book: *Onehunga's
Changing Foreshore*

Stephen Lasham has been resident in Onehunga for 26 years and has three nearly adult children. He has been involved in the Sea Scouts for many years and has been the Leader of the Sea Scouts in Onehunga for 15 years.

Stephen explains further:

“When the East West Link plans by NZTA came along, they were going to do serious injury to our Sea Scout operation, so I researched around our building and put our submission together.”

For this I had help of Jim Jackson and joined The Onehunga Enhancement Society (TOES), and the Manukau Harbour Restoration Society (MHRS), of which I am currently the chairman. I discovered the huge amount of damage done to the Manukau and Onehunga’s coastline, and so embarked on writing a book **“Onehunga’s Changing Foreshore”**, in a bid to make this history more widely known and appreciated so that people may think more clearly about getting support back for the Manukau Harbour.”

As part of Auckland’s Heritage celebrations, Stephen put together a wonderful exhibition of maps and photos he has come across in his research. This took place in Scouts Building on the Onehunga foreshore in the week of 10 -16 of October.

Earlier this year when **our Rotary Club** became aware of Stephen’s endeavours, it agreed to co-sponsor his book, which bares our Club’s new name on its cover.

In his address based on his book’s title, Stephen focused on what the Harbour was like when the Māori were here before the arrival of the Europeans and then what happened. In a short time the serene life style enjoyed by the first peoples became engulfed by the steady and non-stop flow of migrants.

Stephen shows Onehunga’s shoreline back in the late 1880s as much like the Eastern Beaches on the Waitemata. But the impact of colonial industries soon changed all of that. And his photos of what was then deposited in the upper Manukau are shocking. The abundant fisheries were destroyed, and the mud, slime, waste and mangroves grew unimpeded.

His story, fully illustrated by many aerial shots and maps, also shows how reclamation encroached onto the harbour seabed in many areas with few if any controls. The brutal truth was that there weren't many controls - and enforcement was another matter. Even the early maps provide detail. Nielsen Street was once called Slaughter Road - enough said.

Most of the early scenes show a settled countryside with pleasant rural outlooks. Many of the churches we are familiar with now, appeared early on and their spires dot the landscape.

This book provides an unrivalled remembrance of things past and for anyone living now is a fascinating story of how our early settlements got underway.

For anyone looking for a lovely Xmas present or gift, this book is worth considering. As part of our club's sponsorship arrangement with Stephen, we have 35 copies available for purchase with all the **proceeds for the Club's Charitable Trust.** Contact **Barry Stafford** for a copy/copies.



Jim Jackson speaking on his interactions with Auckland Local Bodies

Jim Jackson, our second speaker was a long-time member of Epsom Rotary and past President. He grew up in Seacliffe Road, Hillsborough overlooking Onehunga and its foreshore.

Jim is well known to most of our members. He has been very involved in matters affecting the Manukau, most notably in the long, hard and successful battle for the restoration of the Onehunga beaches.

Jim has been a very good businessman and his own Jackson Electrical Industries is located on what was once a crucial part of the old harbour. In his own bio the following two lines are neatly juxtaposed.

- Attended Onehunga High School where I was just an average student
- Was inducted into the Onehunga High School Hall of fame 2008

Jim is currently involved in seeking consent to build a **Public Wharf at Clarks Beach**, close to where he now lives. He is also seeking consent from Panuku to pioneer a commuter service on the Manukau Harbour.

In describing his experiences Jim gave us a close insight into just what it is actually like to deal closely with bodies such as the Auckland Council, Waka Kotahi – the Ministry of Transport, Transpower and the like.

Jim noted that Watercare's Central Interceptor tunnel project has progressed the pipeline to just underneath the Onehunga beaches and that it is now being

extended at the City end to take waste water from the St Mary's Bay and Herne Bay areas. He wondered what effect the additional processing of the waste from this pipe will have on the health of the Manukau. At present the volume of treated water which leaves the processing plant in Mangere daily is enormous and takes 12 days to flush out through the heads. The treated water is lifeless and reduces the natural salinity of the Manukau which in turns impacts on marine life. The building of the Central Interceptor is due to be completed in 2026 and the extension will add about 6 months to the completion date.

In listening to Jim's war stories one is left to ponder what would life be like in Auckland if it wasn't for personalities like him. To battle with modern day entities one needs not just a deep pocket but an iron determination and keen intellect to outlast the steady and sometimes barely perceptible movement forwards.

In thanking both speakers **Barry Stafford** said that both of them had contributed so much to our civil society and for that we are most grateful. Barry noted that the Club members had been informed, in some cases astonished and stimulated. The more knowledge we have about our society helps us appreciate the value of what we have and enjoy every day.

Barry concluded that members knew that both Stephen and Jim will continue to add to the contributions both had already made to our civic wellbeing. Members wished them the very best in their endeavours and members showed their appreciation in the usual way.

Snapshots from the night



DUTIES

Unable to attend? Apologies to Noel Carey: noelcarey@hotmail.com

Unable for a duty? Arrange your own replacement & text Noel Mb: [0274 509 845](tel:0274509845)

Meeting: Mon, 31st Oct 2022

Sergeant: Noel Carey

Attendance: Paul Jenner

Hospitality: Ernie Meyer

Equip & Photos: Bill Appleton

Scribe: Barry Stafford

Host & Thanks: Bede Brittenden

Speaker: **Judy Lawley (ADG)**

- Polio and All That

Thought: Gary Hays

Meeting: Mon, 7th Nov 2022

Sergeant: Noel Carey

Attendance: Duncan MacDonald

Hospitality: Bruce Murdoch

Equipment: Bill Appleton

Scribe: Tony Rayner

Host & Thanks: Brian Williams

Speaker: **Shelley Green (GM) &**

Heather McLeish (Board Member) -

Laura Fergusson Trust

5-min Talk: Jeannette Thorne –

Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board

Thought: Jeanette Thorne

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"No, Jimmy, I distinctly said that you can halve your allowance if you mow the lawn. That's why we ask for things in writing."
(From SNAPSHOTS by Jason Love)



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