



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 \$21 dinner

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



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Newsletter 123, 6th March 2023

Present: 28 with 9-guests (37 total)

Apologies: Lloyd Albiston, Derek Atkinson, Quentin Jay, Cat Levine, Ant Martin, Derek Neutze, Barry Stafford.

Sergeant's fines: \$165.60

ACTING PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Grayson was Acting President while President Quentin is in Greymouth for work.

Quentin attends Rotary Greymouth meetings and has been quite busy working on several projects. (*Shantytown Trail tidy up, Operating an inflatable maze at a Childrens Day?!, and preparing for an upcoming Wild Food Festival – Ed*)

Quentin is aware of Phil's offer of his digger and bulldozer. Rod, Phil and Quentin will discuss further on Thursday.

Bill welcomed District Assistant Governor 9910 Judy Lawley and along with our nine Guests made a very buzzy full house for dinner.

It was wonderful to see Judy Lawley who especially wanted members to support International Women's Day and the Auckland City Mission fundraising walk.

Judy also mentioned she will be taking a group up to help with the Northland TTTT Project.



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SECOND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Women's Day (Sun 8th March)

What is it? It is a non-political event where Nicola Willis will be talking about leadership (not politics). This will be a great networking and inspiring occasion for our women Rotarians. Ladies are invited and **is a great opportunity to invite someone who isn't a Rotarian to come and join our club.**

How do I attend? Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/rotary-women-in-leadership-brunch>.

If the 'buy tickets' link presents any problems, please contact Asst DG Judy Lawley: judylawley18@gmail.com



**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY
BREAKFAST**

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

GUEST SPEAKER: NICOLA WILLIS

SAT 11TH MARCH 2023
8.30AM FOR 9AM START. FINISH BY 10.45AM

WYNYARD PAVILION
17 JELICOE ST, AUCKLAND CBD

COST: \$40 + BOOKING FEE
PURCHASE VIA:
<https://events.humanitix.com/rotary-women-in-leadership-brunch>

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Rotary
District 9910

The Big Mission Home (Sat.25th March) (Auckland City Mission (ACM) fundraising walk)

Rotary is one of the many charity organisations and individuals who are helping the ACM raise funds.

Who's organizing it for Rotary?: Westhaven Rotary Club who have registered for Rotary

What is it?: A 17km fund-raising walk. 17km represents people sleeping rough walk up to 17km each day for life essentials like food and a safe place to sleep.

When/where is it?: Starts 12:00 pm Saturday 25th March, from a café in Onehunga tba by Judy Lawley Mb: 027 293 1747

When/where does it end?: Ends approx. 5:pm at HomeGround (Auckland City Mission's new hub) at 140 Hobson St, Auckland CBD

How do I/we donate?:

Bank a/c Name: Rotary Westhaven

Bank a/c No.: 12 3012 0797671 00

Details: Maungakiekie (Club name)

Reference: ACM

More info here: <https://www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz/event/the-big-mission-home/>



CLUB ANNOUCEMENTS

In the week celebrating International Women's Day, **Robin** was proud to announce he has a T-shirt that states, "You can't scare me – I have three daughters".



Someone else stood up and said they had four - yikes!

Kids to Camp (Noel)

Kids to Camp is an annual programme in April where the club sponsors children of School Years 5-8 ideally from families who would struggle to fund the camp themselves or from working families. Our members also provide the children transport to and from the camp if required. The camp is located at [Willow Park Christian Camp](#), Eastern Beach, 30-min north of Auckland.



This year we are sponsoring two-children from Epsom Normal Primary School and two from Oak Primary School. The April 16-20 Camp Theme is, "To Infinity & Beyond" - we wish the youngsters an unforgettable time there!

RYLA (Noel)

We are on the lookout for a candidate. Unfortunately, the current candidate had to pull out due to a University timetable clash.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2023 (Craig)



Date: Fri 28 – Sun 30 April:

Where: Alexandra Park

MC: Pio Terei MNZM

More details: <https://www.rotaryconference9910.org.nz/>

Please cc Quentin if you are going.

RICHARD RYAN

Chateau Tongariro Hotel



Richard has been associated with the Chateau, nestled below Mt Ruapehu, for a very long time.

Born in Taihape, Richard, in his early 20's, used go up the mountains a lot. He remembered the roads were appalling but that's what you did when there was not much else. Taihape would get pretty frosty that left toilets frozen along with the milk at the gate.



The Chateau is a Historic Place - Category 1 and built to encourage tourism in NZ and managed by the Tourist Hotel Corporation (THC) 1957-1990. A Malaysian-based consortium then leased the building for a 30-yr term which expired in April 2020. Thereafter it was leased month-by-month and finally closed on 5th Feb 2023 and handed back to the Dept of Conservation due to seismic risks.

In earlier days it was a magnificent building that was well frequented, formal, tourist destination. As a young Jaycee, Richard once visited the Chateau for a 3-day conference. He remembered it was just sleet and snow outside so everyone just stayed inside quite comfortably. At the end however they found their cars were snowed and had to be dug out.

(Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce), Intl service organisation like Lions & Rotary, est NZ 1944-1984, age restricted to 18-40yr old men - Ed)

Whilst being built to serve the nearby Whakapapa ski field, Richard imagined people also visited it because of its scenic remoteness, beauty, peace and quiet.

Taihape is 90-mins away and Richard remembers there used to be some pretty good New Year's parties up there. Everyone was expected to be formally dressed and would sip cocktails with the Chateau Manager. There was also a longtime pianist who would play there 5-6 days a week. People would visit the place for generations. Richard's last visit the Chateau in Nov 2022 and noted it had deteriorated quite a bit.

Commissioned on 1 Aug 1929, the Chateau is now 94-years old - it would have been nice to see it get to 100.

HENI GOLDSMITH

The Shamed Life of a Maori Girl

guest speaker

Phil A introduced Heni and has known her for 68-years and whose son is Phil's son-in-law. Heni is a very gracious, quietly spoken woman and one who shows the confidence of having overcome early prejudices and gone on to follow her dreams as a teacher.

Heni's life has not been easy.

Heni, now 91-yrs, was born in Gisborne. Her father's descendants 'jumped ship' and her Grandfather set up a sheep shearing gang there. The whole family was involved including Uncles, Aunties were fleecers, and Heni's father was a shepherd. Heni was the first and only child. Her Mother died early and her father later remarried. At 5-yrs Heni would ride the draft horses and pick up the food and drop it off along the way. The Missionaries would teach the children on the grass and at age 7-8 the Heni and other kids would go to school. The Māori kids were gathered up onto a bus and were told not to speak or sing in Māori. They used to look across at the pakeha kids who all had shoes and were ashamed and stayed silent because they knew very little English weren't allowed to talk to each other in Māori. They never told their parents.

The way Heni and her friends were taught at school foreign to them Māori live and learn together – not as individuals. She remembered having kerosine poured on their heads to kill the nits. She also remembered how white people couldn't speak Māori very well and at times make fun of them mispronouncing tēnā koutou as tin-a-cocoa.

In the 6th Form Heni was asked what she would like to do and she said "to be a teacher", but was told she was not bright enough. It was suggested she do Commercial Practice instead – but Heni did not like that. Heni met a girl from Motiti Island who sat and taught her the Bible and Heni became a Christian at the age of 16-yrs. Determined, Heni studied for 4-years to finally get her School Certificate and was the only Māori to gain it that year. Heni worked as a Teachers Aid and applied for Teachers College but didn't get in. Her Uncle had connections and managed to get Heni enrolled at Auckland Teachers College and after gaining her qualification returned to Wairoa and taught there for 10-years.

Heni was married but her husband passed away early. She worked in Fiji but due to health problems had to return home. She remarried, had two boys and a girl but later separated and brought the kids up herself, working all over Auckland as a



Teacher. After the kids left home Heni read a magazine advertising for Teachers to work abroad as a relief Teacher working 3-6-month stints. She signed up and the job took her to 73-countries including: Korea, China, Guatemala and India to name a few. She found she always got along very well with the kids who often saw her as a local. In 1996 Heni was invited to work in the Olympic Village at the Atlanta Games along with other Christian teachers and remembers the common connection resulted in them getting along all very well.

At the end of the talk, Trevor Mosley (Ngati Maniopoto/Ngai Maru) thanked Heni in Māori and reflected on how she had identified and overcame the issues at an early age and how she backed herself when others said she wasn't capable and that along with her faith got to where she is today. What a great example to others.



The 73-countries countries Heni taught in



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Things are as they are, not as they ought to be.



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**

Meeting: 6pm, Mon. 13th Mar 2023

Acting President: Barry Stafford
Sergeant: Noel Carey
Attendance: Paul Jenner
Hospitality: Craig Jones
Equipment/Photos: Rob Lyons
Scribe: Tony Rayner
5-min Speaker: Gary Hayes
Host: Bill Grayson
Guest speaker: 2023 Summer Science School (3-Students)
Thanks: Duncan Macdonald
Thought: Earnie Meyer

Meeting: 6pm, Mon. 20th Mar 2023

Acting President: Barry Stafford
Sergeant: Noel Carey
Attendance: Bruce Murdoch
Hospitality: Richard Ryan
Equipment/Photos: Rhett Stephens
Scribe: Tony Rayner
5-min Speaker: Noel Carey: Climbing the highest free-standing mountain on earth
Host: Colin Tea
Guest speaker: Nancy Neilsen: Retirement Village Living
Thanks: Jeanette Thorne
Thought: Brian Williams

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