



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



President: Quentin Jay

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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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Newsletter 124, 13th March 2023

Present:

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

Sergeant's fines: \$144.10 (+50c the coin counter rejected)

ACTING PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Standing in for President Quentin was **Barry Stafford**, fresh back from 10-days in the South Island. While there he had great weather, observed countless international tourists, fleeced by rental car agencies (\$160-\$300/day) and felt relaxed due to few politicians.

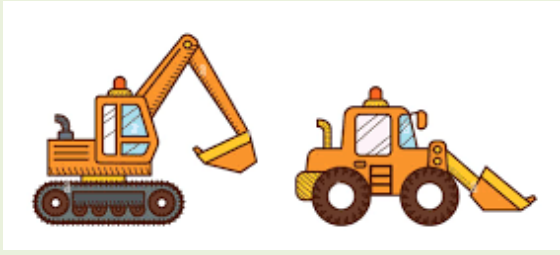
Barry related an email from Quentin on his activities with Rotary there. Last Saturday in Hokitika Quentin helped out in their tent at the 2023 Wild Food Festival. The club there has been attending for the past ten years where they sell a "Mystery Moonshine Wonder Brew" made from "a concoction of seven carefully selected roadside weeds", all delivered to the paying customer's open mouth by a drenching gun! Apparently, it's a hit.

(Don't worry folks it's not like the 100-proof hooch from "The Dukes of Hazard" but more like what the Oompa-Loompas fancied in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" – Ed).



Quentin says he was not brave enough to eat raw Huhu grubs and so "makes no serious claim yet to be a West Coaster".





60 SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phil is progressing with the **donation of his machinery to help Hastings residents clear silt from their properties**. The plan is to transport 3-machines there later this week. Phil is liaising with the Rotary Club of Stortford Lodge, Hastings.

Most of the **digger and bulldozer** resources there are believed to be tied up removing silt from orchards - Rotary's plan is to remove silt from 26-residential properties.



Bruce encouraged us to not to be embarrassed by our personal drinking habits and to **save the screw caps from our empty wine bottles** which are made of high-grade aluminium.

Money raised from this goes to Club Projects.



Peter reported that last weeks **Child Cancer collection** bought in \$606 from both days, just over what they collected in 2021.

A big thank you to those who manned the buckets.

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)



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2023



Date: Fri 28 – Sun 30 April:

Where: Alexandra Park

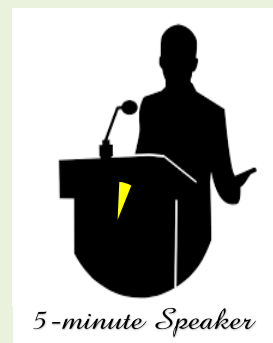
MC: Pio Terei MNZM

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

Please cc Quentin if you are going.

GAYS HAYS

- Building my House -



Seven years ago Gary looked into moving house but due to a change in Council rules found he could subdivide his property instead.

In 2017 Gary employed a builder he knew well to construct his new home - and two years later moved in.

Gary recons there are just two parts to planning a home: 1/ Do a budget, 2/ Add 20%. He found subdividing comes with its own hidden costs and one can easily pay an extra \$42,000 just to upgrade the drainage.

He decided to do the opposite when it came to designing his two-story house and located the dining room and bedrooms upstairs and put the spare bedroom and the “man cave” downstairs fitted with their own TV’s (and tuned to totally different tv channels no doubt). Part of the design was to have a ‘black’ house. This posed technical issues as ordinary pine would have been prone to warping and so Gary turned to cedar being stronger (and more expensive). Gary also found by using older builders he got an excellent end result.

Gary and Maureens's daughter, husband and family now share the home with them which brings them the added advantage of having the grandkids and the joy they bring, that much closer.

Errors & Omissions: Last week it was reported Duncan Macdonald thanked Heni Goldsmith in Māori. It was in fact Trevor Mosly (Ngati Maniopoto / Ngati Maru).

**ROTARY NATIONAL SCIENCE
and TECHNOLOGY FORUM
(Auckland University, 7-21 Jan
2023)**

guest
speaker

Katrice Kapitan (from Onehunga, attends OHS)

Natasha Wadman (from Hillsborough, attends Marist College, Mt Albert)

Kaydence Ngutu (from Mangere, attends OHS)



(Left to right: Bill Grayson, Kaydence Ngutu, Katrice Kapitan, Natasha Wadman, Barry Stafford)

Barry introduced the three 17-yr old students who are in their final year at High School. The original five applicants were interviewed by club members George Arulanantham, Derek Neutze, Bill Grayson and Barry Stafford. The final three, here tonight, were selected by the Forum Administrator and his team. The club part funded each student with a \$1,500 donation that went towards the \$2,195 two-week course fee for accommodation and meals.

All three thanked the club very much for sponsoring them and related their experiences to club members. After their speeches, Barry presented each student with a copy of the book **Onehunga's Changing Foreshore** written by Stephen Lasham and sponsored by our club.

A summary of the student presentation follows:



Katrice didn't know what to expect from the two-weeks and was a little apprehensive but said it did sound like a good opportunity to learn something.

She said she felt well at ease during the interview with club members who "saw me as an individual". Looking forward to her first day at Uni, Katrice found she was the first to arrive.

Three years ago, the thought of going to Uni was scary but during the course was sparked by a willingness to learn. Initially, Katrice said, that while she felt outside of her comfort zone, she did feel comfortable nonetheless and for the first time felt she "was enough". Katrice said she learnt it is OK to fail whereas before she was afraid of failure and now is willing to challenge herself more..

Katrice introduced club members to a word association game. The word was "blood" and over 2-minutes members had to write down the sequence of images the word brought to mind. Three members were asked what they wrote:

- Barry: Blood (5-6 words) blood banks
- ???: Blood nurse
- Noel: Blood survive
- (Ed): Blood many colours

Everyone came up with a different sequence of words and the lesson learnt being **"everyone thinks differently"**.

Katrice added some more lessons she learnt:

1. Nobody can define what you can and can't do.
2. It isn't a question of whether you can or can't do it, but whether you're willing to put in the work, be brave enough to overcome adversity and resilient enough to block out the voices that say you can't.
3. When you find joy in something, never let it go.



Natasha has a curious nature and a thirst for knowledge and enjoys maths and science.

She'd love to be the first person to cure cancer or invent a robot that can perform heart surgery so people can get the absolute most out of life.

At the start of the Uni course students were formed into teams where a lot of bonding occurred especially during the volleyball competitions.

Natasha learned not to put too much pressure on herself. She really enjoyed the lectures on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and during the chemistry lecture she learnt one

only really learns from doing things wrong then correcting them. Other activities they did ranged from lifting finger prints, obtaining DNA from fruit, to participating in a “Dragon’s Den” where their team had to come up with a concept to increase the Auckland city speed limit to 60-70km/hr - considered the most fuel efficient speed for a motor car. They also made cottage cheese which they had to consume and got to look close up at bacteria. Unfortunately (and fortunately) on the final day Natasha caught COVID.

Natasha found she gained a much better idea of the direction she wants her studies to go and paid special tribute to the Post Grad students there who were very good and made everything that much more interesting.



Kaydence from the “Blue Team” said, “During my school studies, I found that very few students studied both Psychology and Statistics, and even fewer were of Pacific descent. This alone was enough motivation for me to contribute to the growing representation of Pacific students, and to open opportunities to support Pacific communities in my chosen fields.”

During the course they all had to get up at 5 a.m. for the morning fitness programme which came as a bit of a shock to many as they were pushed to complete the courses.

University was not what Kaydence was expecting and sitting in on lectures was very eye opening. The Advisors there were very energetic, supportive, and provided much encouragement.

Kaydence initially didn’t have much interest in biology or AI technology but during the two weeks became much more aware of each subject and was amazed at how much the world already uses AI today.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK from Ernie Meyer

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. 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

Meeting: 6pm, Mon. 27th Mar 2023

Acting President:
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Attendance: Phil Aish
Hospitality: George Arulanantham
Equipment/Photos: Alan Bannin
Scribe: Lloyd Albiston
5-min Speaker: Brian Williams: Otago, Southland
Host: Derek Atkinson
Guest speaker: Don Allan: Onehunga Community Policing
Thanks: Bill Appleton
Thought: Bede Brittenden



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