



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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Newsletter 126, 27th March 2023

Present: 23

Apologies: Phil Aish, Derek Atkinson, Bruce Clegg, David Eastwood, JP Goulding, Shameen Hayat, Paul Jenner, Cat Levine, Ant Martin, Derek Neutze, Tony Rayner, Rhett Stephens, Sharlene Wagner

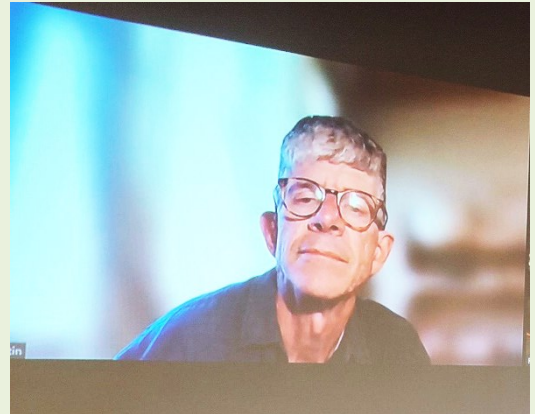
Sergeant's fines:

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting President Barry welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to our Guest Speaker Senior Constable Don Allan.

Barry mentioned Phil Aish is currently in the Hawkes Bay doing an amazing job working in tough hill country helping restore Cyclone Gabrielle damaged farms.

President Quentin beamed into our meeting via 'Zoom' from the West Coast and reiterated District 9910 Conference in April is in 'our backyard' and exhorted members to attend. Likewise, he said the International Conference this year will be in Melbourne and that applications to attend were now open. In both cases he asked members going to either/both conferences to let him know.



Quentin advised the International Youth Exchange Program was up and running and that hosts were being sought.

Finally, Quentin stated nominations were being called for next year's District Governor. Speak to Quentin if you are interested or have someone in mind.



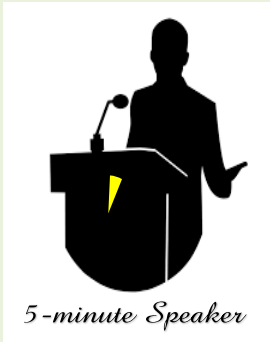
Sargeant Noel Carey advised we have four children going to the 'Children to Camps' programme and sought drivers to assist.

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SECOND
SPOTS



Bede advised, next week's Guest Speaker is Sean Marston who will talk about his '**\$\$Notes for Nepal**'.

Members were asked to **bring any foreign currency notes/coins** in their possession to next weeks 3 April meeting, as a donation to assist with Sean's **Notes for Nepal** program which helps fund medical programmes there.



ROD KESTLE

Update on Phil's wild adventure



Rod Kestle gave us an update on member **Phil Aish's** incredible work assisting with the cyclone Gabrielle recovery in Hawkes Bay.



He outlined how Phil had been pivotal in the recent successful "Tractor Trek" during which he was hospitalised twice and over four weeks required hospitalisation three times. Despite his health issues Phil had a burning desire to help the victims of Cyclone Gabrielle and offered the use of three heavy duty tractors/excavators in the clean-up and remediation of property in the Hawkes Bay area along with his own labour.

As a farmer Phil is only too fully aware of the anguish the farming community is currently going through. Transportation of the machines necessitated a 600 kms trip via Fielding and a bill of \$6,100 which was raised by Rod and a team of generous supporters outside of Rotary.

Rod showed pictures of Phil driving a 20-tonne excavator on a farm repairing a washed-out culvert, road and a river crossing which were preventing the local farmer from moving his stock. He described the job as very challenging and at times "white knuckle" stuff working on unstable land. Phil has indicated he is prepared to stay along with his machines for up to 6-months if necessary.



According to Rod, Phil is working 6-days a week, and living in a caravan. Despite the long hours he is coping ok, but Rod is concerned about Phil's health and has asked the Stortford Lodge Rotary Club to keep a close watch on him.

Rod feels our Club could support him in the form of ongoing communication which would be welcomed by Phil. Cell phone coverage where he is working is excellent and Rod urged members to support Phil by send him texts which he would respond to after finishing work for the day.



Rod also asked if the Club could provide financial help to the tune of \$6,000 to transport the machines home on completion of the job. **Acting President Barry** then challenged Club members and proposed we top up the recent 'Shades' concert collection which raised \$4,000 to a total of \$12,000. He read out the following resolution:

That the Rotary Club of Maungakiekie at its meeting on 27th March 2023:

- a) Commend member Phil Aish on his initiative to assist directly with storm and flood relief in Hawkes Bay in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Stortford Lodge, and*
- b) Request the Trustees of the Club's Charitable Trust to set aside \$12,000 as a storm and flood relief fund to provide relief as Phil requires.*

The resolution was seconded by **Bill Grayson** and passed by acclamation by members present.

In the ensuing discussion Trustee **Bruce Murdoch** said it was important we signal Phil our support for him, and that the Trust fund has sufficient funds in hand to cover the \$12,000.

Colin Tea felt in the circumstances we should also provide a personal location beacon as a safety function.

Duncan MacDonald thought we should maximise publicity around this.



**SENIOR CONSTABLE
DON ALLAN**

**Onehunga Community
Policing**

**guest
speaker**

Guest Speaker **Senior Constable Don Allan** was introduced by Bill Appleton who stated Don was a 'regular' at our Club and needed very little by way of introduction.

Don gave us an illustrated pictorial talk, highlights as follows:

- 25% reduction in crime in February in Onehunga.
- 4 fewer burglaries and 4 fewer motor vehicles stolen.
- 77% of burglaries take place at night.
- Keep vehicle keys in a safe place at home as often both property and cars are stolen together.
- 54% of motor vehicle theft is at night – SO KEEP YOUR CAR LOCKED!

Community Policing

- Don now has three additional manpower resources.
- Their core business is to protect the community.
- Activities include Bail checking, Road Policing through a program called RID as well as Area patrols.
- We were shown a 'Bail Map' with the location and number of offenders waiting to go to Court.
- Bail Checking is random and can involve arrest for avoidance and imposing 24-hour curfews.
- We also saw a map of Police numbers in the Auckland area along with pictures of 'olden day' resources compared with modern day policing which includes the latest Skoda cars and motor bikes with enhancements.

In addition to his community role, Don's policing covered Restraints, Impaired Drivers, Distractions (cell phones) and Speeding. We saw maps of day and night reported crime which enables Police to give focus on where they are most needed.

Neighbourhood Issues

These include civil harassment, driveway and trees, trespass, rubbish disposal, noisy vehicles along with many other issues.

Support to Local Business

Don said his policing role covered support to local business in the form of retail crime protection, dealing with abusive and aggressive people and regular walking patrols.

Neighbourhood Support

An ongoing task that includes increased local guardianship especially to

people most at risk, Civil Defence whenever there is extreme weather events e.g. Cyclone Gabrielle.
Don exhorted us to pass on any information that might be relevant to Police in a timely manner.

Community Patrols

Onehunga is broken down into five key areas, each with its own community patrol. Besides patrolling the area and acting as 'eyes & ears' the community patrols undertake motor vehicle License Plate anti-theft work for a small charge. There are 50-60 license plates stolen monthly in Auckland.

Other Matters

Don's policing role is varied and he regaled us with a number of other issues he has been involved with in the recent past such as:

- a marijuana bust which filled up a 9m skip
- visiting schools with his trusty dog 'Piper'
- building relationships
- the annual Onehunga Christmas Parade
- street protests
- the up-coming World FIFA Womens Cup to name a few.

Don answered several questions about the use of Tasers, firearms and safety when using electric scooters and concluded by saying 90% of people he engages with treat him with respect.

Don's moto is: "We/I must treat all people with respect."

Bill Appleton thanked Don for the effort and commitment he puts into his role and local youth programs in particular and for his most informative and interesting address.



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

NO MEETING EASTER MONDAY 10th APRIL

Meeting: 6pm, Mon. 3rd April 2023

Acting President: Barry Stafford

Sergeant: Noel Carey

Attendance: Ernie Meyer

Hospitality: Bruce Murdoch

Equipment: Bruce Clegg

Scribe/Photos: Lloyd Albiston

5-min Speaker: Janette Thorne:

Community Update

Host: Craig Jones

Guest speaker: Sean Marston:

\$\$Notes for Nepal

Thanks: Bill Grayson

Thought: Robin Hulford

Meeting: 6pm, Mon. 17th April 2023

Acting President: Barry Stafford

Sergeant: Noel Carey

Attendance: Craig Jones

Hospitality: Rod Kestle

Equipment: Malcolm Macdonald

Scribe/Photos: Lloyd Albiston

5-min Speaker: Colin Tea

Host: Rob Lyons

Guest speaker: tbc

Thanks: Peter Mayow

Thought: Robin Hulford

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NZ Summer of 1973 was hot, hot, hot

