



(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 130, 8th May 2023

Present: 21

Apologies: Phil Aish, Lloyd Albiston, Derek Atkinson, Alan Bannin, Bruce Clegg, David Eastwood, Gary Hays, Shameen Hayat, Craig Jones, Cat Levine, Ant Martin, Peter Mayow, Colin Tea, Sharlene Wagner

Sergeant's fines: \$60.60

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Quentin referred to three letters of thanks from Napier families whom Phil Aish assisted by clearing silt, restoring road access and reseating drains on their properties with his bulldozer and digger.

A big thank you to Phil and helpers Graeme and Brian. Your efforts were very much appreciated!

Notes of thanks from Hawkes Bay

Jude and Angus McKinnon

We have had Phil Aish on our farm for a week clearing and knocking our access into shape with his digger and dozer. We are so very grateful to Phil, his buddy Graeme and Maungakiekie Rotary for providing us with this opportunity... We are now well on the way to recovery, and we thank you all so much...

Graham & Sue Mackintosh, Mackintosh and Sons Limited, Putorino, Hawke's Bay

For past week we have had Phil Aish and his trusty yellow digger working on our farm... he cleared out a set of sheepyards and then concentrated on clearing access tracks throughout our farm. We effectively farm 380 hectares and a good deal of it was damaged...

Peter & Judy Gannon and family, Gannon Pastoral Ltd.

Hello, we have been one of the recipients of your kindness and generosity with the donation of fuel for the diggers and bulldozer that Phil, Graeme and Brian are operating in our area after the cyclone This has made life a little easier with access gained, some dams cleaned out for water and levelling of ground where huge tomos are...



Clearing houses in the Esk Valley in partnership with young volunteers, mainly church based. Phil's friend from Whanganui is driving.

(Robin Hulford relayed Phil will finish his work in Hawkes Bay in a fortnight).

Noel Carey _ RYLA Dinner

RYLA dinner was last Friday at the Muriwai Surf Club. There were 25-RYLAians and great vibe and entertainment.

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Iain & Diane McCrae and Noel & Jenny Carey attended a dinner in celebration of the successful RYLA programme 2023 on Friday 5th May.

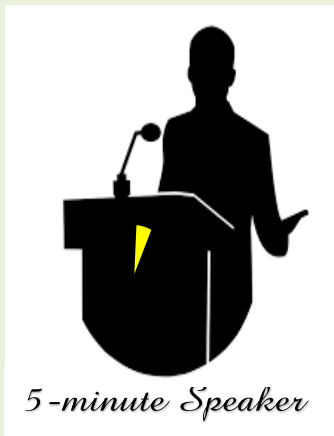
This dinner at Muriwai Surf Club was a wonderful occasion and was attended by the 25-delegates from across our 9910 District. Two delegates from Wellington and one from each of New Caledonia and Norfolk Island flew in for the week. Our delegate, Eleanor Fletcher, was full of praise for the value of the programme, the new friendships made and her ability to use knowledge gained for her future.



The concert was great particularly when all 25-delegates entertained the visiting sponsoring Rotary club reps with their version of the song YMCA which became "RYLA". A special "synchronized swimming" piece was presented by one of the groups, which clearly had a lot of rehearsal time spent on it before its 'premiering'. A fine session raised over \$200 for a Women's Cancer charity.

The trip out to the Surf Club meant entering and leaving through two cordons, due to severe road and property damage earlier in the year. A small price to pay for a wonderful night.

On 19th June we plan to have Meeting Ellie Fletcher and Mikey McKillop May 2023 RYLA attendees present their experience to us.



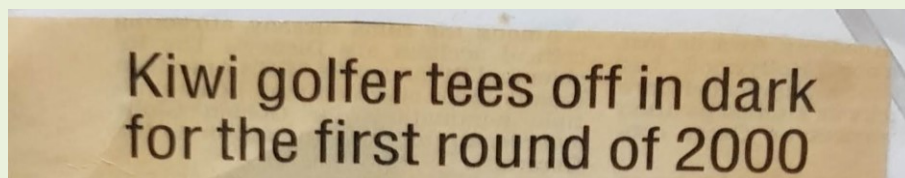
BEDE BRITTENDEN

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Bede is well known for his great interest in all things rugby and his refereeing that started in his Sacred Heart College schoolboy years and went on for another 21-years. He was considered a no-nonsense ref, clear and decisive in control and in command and always balanced in output (although some might debate that one).

Bede famously refereed nine games at Eden Park including a leadup game to a Test Match. In 1956 he was the NZ Juniors Tennis Camp where he bet the 2nd seed. One interesting point re tennis, Bede is a naturally right-handed player but after getting polio in his right arm at the age of 8-years, he became a lefty.

Bede then went on to play table tennis where he met his wife, Mary.

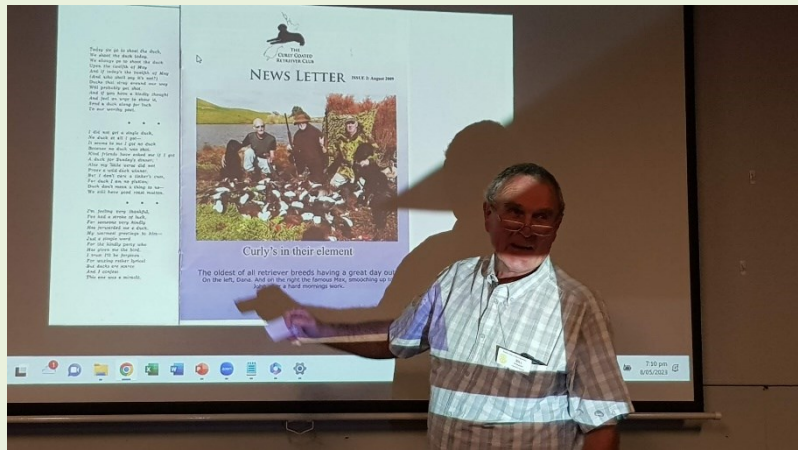


In 1999 Bede craftly plotted to be the first in the world to finish a round of golf in the new millennium.

The 59-year-old teed off at the Mangawhai Golf Club at 12:01 am January 1st 2000 and completed the 18-holes by 1:24am.



The midnight effort was achieved with the aid of glow-in-the-dark golf balls, golf cart fitted with head lamps and the help of 14-yr old caddy, Douglas McDougall. Bede completed the round in 122 strokes and set himself in the history books.



BILL GRAYSON
“Duck”

Bill Grayson entertained us with his recent duck hunting exploits where the hunters were greeted not by ducks but only geese.

Bill showed a photo of a previous duck hunt where there were ducks by the dozen and also explained a bit about the curly-coated retriever hunting dogs they used. These retrievers are said to have derived from the Spanish water dogs that came ashore from the wrecks of the Spanish Armada. Over time these dogs became the Irish Water Spaniels and the English Curley-coat in around 1650. Curlies are soft-mouthed and are know to handle game with care.

Bill read a humorous poem first seen in the ODT (Otago Daily Times) 12 May 1912.

Today we go to shoot the duck,
 We shoot the duck today.
 We always go to shoot the duck
 Upon the twelfth of May
 And if today's the twelfth of May
 (And who shall say it's not?)
 Ducks that stray around our way
 Will probably get shot.
 And if you have a kindly thought
 And feel an urge to show it,
 Send a duck along for luck
 To our worthy poet.

I did not get a single duck,
 No duck at all I got-
 It seems to me I got no duck
 Because no duck was shot.
 Kind friends have asked me if I got
 A duck for Sunday's dinner;
 Alas my little verse did not
 Prove a wild duck winner.
 But I don't care a tinker's cuss,
 For duck I am no glutton;
 Duck don't mean a thing to us-
 We still have good roast mutton.

 I'm feeling very thankful,
 I've had a stroke of luck,
 For someone very kindly
 Has forwarded me a duck.
 My warmest greetings to him-
 Just a simple word
 For the kindly party who
 Has given me the bird.
 I trust I'll be forgiven
 For waxing rather lyrical
 But ducks are scarce
 And I confess
 This one was miracle.





guest speaker

DUNCAN MACDONALD **Growing Old and What to Do?**

Duncan reflected on where we are today and what we need to do in the future.

Lives nowadays benefit from good health and modern provision of services. There's even talk about a pill that could enable us to live to 200-yrs - but it is unlikely. So, the question is, what to do with the time we have got?

Looking at growing life expectancy:

- 1900's we lived to an average age of 46-yr
- 1956: 65 to 70-yrs
- 2000: 66-79-yrs
- 2023: 72 to 80-yrs
 - Africa the average expectancy is only 56-yrs
 - Japan, it's 85-yrs

In this current era, we have all grown up in the best of times. Vacationing at the beach wasn't a cultural phenomenon until modern times. Poverty was still around when Duncan was young, however his Mum always encouraged her kids to be and do anything they wanted. We would have appeared to be 'superhuman' to our forbearers and the 'most attractive' human beings ever.

Today, self-care is about how to live as long as possible. In the last 100 years society has been very stable and so right now we are living in a human paradise.

So, where do we go now?

We need to move from Me > You > Us > Community. Today, the line has been crossed with the 'moral code' and people are hurting everywhere.

When in Whangarei during COVID Duncan observed many cars with cards displaying "Get rid of that b****". There was a lot of hate up there.

What can we do as club?

Well, for a start what we do speaks more loudly than words. The greatest issue now is 'climate change' and science is saying humanity has no future if we do nothing. What must change then are our **actions** and we need to start leading the way, **now**.

There is hope and it's up to the world's current inhabitants to lead the way. We have a duty to make a change. Younger people want to make the world a better place and we need to believe the message science is presenting us. Politics and selfishness need to change and a call to action is required.

We are the beneficiaries of the most stable of times, skills, knowledge and science. What we need now is a sense of common purpose. From that, amazing things can be achieved.

Question: What country, per head of population, produces the most food in the world?.

Surprise answer: The Netherlands. (*..and it is the second largest exporter of agricultural products by value behind the US, and it's only the size of Maryland*).

In 1940 75% of Costa Rica was covered in forest. Then the loggers were invited in and by 1987 forest coverage had reduced to 26%. Thankfully since then with reforestation incentives, canopy coverage is back up to 60% making Costa Rica the first tropical country in the world to have reversed deforestation.

In summary, we have been a most fortunate generation with excellent health care, a stable world and gained much knowledge about self-care. Going ahead we need to be mindful of the need to celebrate, socialise, care and look after our wellbeing and the wellbeing of the planet to make sure it is as good in the future, as it is now.

This may mean we have to change our ways and do things differently to sustain what we have, and so we need to ask ourselves, "What can I do to make this a better place?"

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

INTEGRITY

CHOOSING YOUR THOUGHTS

AND ACTIONS BASED ON

VALUES RATHER THAN PERSONAL GAIN

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**

<p>Meeting: 6pm, Mon. 15th May 2023</p> <p>President: Quentin Jay Sergeant: Noel Carey Attendance: Jeanette Thorne Hospitality: Bill Grayson Equipment: George Arulanantham Scribe/Photos: Tony Rayner Host: Lloyd Albiston Guest speaker: Cat Levine: Wellbeing Project Thanks: Craig Jones Thought: Rob Lyons</p>	<p>Meeting: 6pm, Mon. 22nd May 2023</p> <p>President: Quentin Jay Sergeant: Noel Carey Attendance & Hosp.: Gary Hays Equipment: Peter Mayow Scribe/Photos: Lloyd Albiston Laptop: Iain McCrea Host: Paul Jenner Guest speaker: Derek Ions: Education in Tonga Thanks: Paul Jenner Thought: Richard Ryan</p>
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