



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 132, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

**Present: 18**

**Apologies:** Phil Aish, Bill Appleton, George Arulanantham, Alan Bannin, Bede Brittenden, Bruce Clegg, David Eastwood, Craig Jones, Rod Kestle, Cat Levine, Duncan Macdonald, Ant Martin, Trevor Mosley, Derek Neutze, Tony Rayner, Rhett Stephens, Colin Tea, Jeanette Thorne, Sharlene Wagner.

**Sergeant's fines:** \$115.20

## PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P**resident Quentin 'Zoomed' in from a wet West Coast and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He extended a special welcome to Derek Ions our Guest Speaker and Derek Atkinson who is attending his last meeting.

Quentin gave us the very sad news that Rod Kestle had advised him he has terminal cancer for which there is no cure, but it is treatable. He is in the capable hands of a team of Medical Specialists and will be undergoing treatment shortly. Rod is taking text messages but is not up to visits at this stage. Quentin asked members to keep Rod in their thoughts and prayers.

Staying on the health front Quentin advised he will personally be having an operation for prostate cancer in Auckland next month. Best wishes for a successful op and full recovery Quentin!

Lastly Quentin advised the Onehunga Peoples Garden is having another weeding/planting working bee on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June and is keen to see a great turn out from Club members.

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**Phil Aish** was back in town stating, "It's good to be back!". As we know Phil has been in the Hawkes Bay for the past couple of months with his digger & excavator helping local farmers and orchardists remediate their land following the devastating effects of Cyclone Gabrielle. He is being assisted by a local operator and the Stortford Lodge Rotary Club. Phil thanked members for the many texts and calls he has received and the support from Rotary. As he said "we've bought hope and gratitude to many people." As an aside he suggested the Club should invoice the NZ Government for the work he has done. Several members offered to look into this ...good luck!

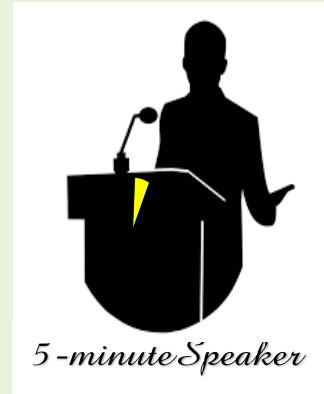
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**Bruce Murdoch** advised he had received a call from a grateful Hawkes Bay farmer wanting to make a donation to the Club in recognition of the wonderful work done by Phil....nice one!

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**DEREK ATKINSON**  
**Aspects of my Life**



Derek as we know has had indifferent health resulting in a recent spell in Auckland hospital. He has decided with regret to leave Rotary and asked to give a valedictory talk, it being his last day at the Club.

Derek was a member of Jaycees until age 40 when he left and became a member of the Rotary Club of North Harbour, thence to Whangarei and now Maungakiekie. He thoroughly enjoyed both organisations where he was an active and vocal member.

His professional career was centred around books for most of his working life. It resulted in him travelling extensively around most of NZ selling books predominantly to schools and universities. Sadly, in recent times he has had to throw many books away. An event 20 years ago in his words “turned my life upside down.”

He shifted into Murray Halberg Retirement Village a couple of years ago where he is very comfortable and, in his words, “expects to be resident there until 107 years of age” ... just like one of his ancestors in the UK who lived to that age!

Derek finished his valediction by stating, “I’ll miss you all and I’ll think of you frequently. I know you will continue the great work of helping people in the community.”

Good luck Derek, we love having you amongst us and best wishes from all us all.







# guest speaker

**DEREK ION**  
Education in Tonga

Derek is a former member of the Rotary Club of Epsom and well known to many of our members through Rotary and/or the St Andrews Parish church in Epsom who have close connections with the St Andrews Church in Nuku'alofa, Tonga who run a faith based high school for 400 students.

Four years ago Derek along with four others from St Andrews Epsom visited their namesake in Tonga with a view to seeing 'how we can help you following recent cyclones'. Derek related that Tonga is a Kingdom comprising 170 islands in 3 groups (many uninhabited) with a collective population of 115,000. Principal economic activities are fishing, agriculture, and tourism along with remittances from NZ.

On arrival Derek and his group discovered the High School had been severely affected by numerous cyclones which had destroyed many classrooms. Whilst saddened by the cyclone damage the group found the locals in surprisingly good spirits and extended the group a wonderful welcome.

Every morning Derek's group were pleasantly woken by singing from the nearby church. They quickly got involved with school life, actively mentoring students from years 7 and 8, playing word games, singing and answering occupational questions like, "How do I get to work for the FBI?".

Most Tongans speak English, and students from years 11 and 12 sit their final exams in English. Derek's team gave tips on how to do exams, which was appreciated by the students.

Being a faith-based school, funding has always been difficult and struggled to raise much and were constantly looking for financial help in both cash and kind. While there, the group found a number of plaques of organisations who in the past had supported the school, including Rotary.

One memorable and honoured event included being invited to a meal with the Arch Bishop of Tonga which they happily accepted.....meals were always generous in size to the point where the team politely asked for smaller portions!

Music, singing and brass bands are a feature of Tongan life and the High School was no exception. Derek showed a most entertaining video of the school brass band in

concert one lunch time....dancing, playing and singing !

Whilst in Nuku'alofa the group had the good fortune to be invited to King Tupou VI birthday party... a big event in the Tongan calendar for their beloved monarch. (Echoed by Bill Grayson who had had a similar experience)

Derek finished by saying the group had had a great time and came away with a better insight into how they could better help the school such as to invite the Principal to NZ to gain insights into educational systems here and by helping families with school fees. Finally Derek recommended Tonga as a holiday destination.

Derek was thanked by Paul Jenner.

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK (RICHARD RYAN)

“This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again”.

“It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than matters in which they are in disagreement.”

- **Paul Harris (Rotary founder)**

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## DUTIES

**Unable to attend? Apologies to Noel Carey: [noelcarey@hotmail.com](mailto:noelcarey@hotmail.com)**

**Unable for a duty?** Arrange your own replacement & text Noel Mb: **0274 509 845**

**Meeting: 6pm, Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**President:** Quentin Jay

**Sergeant:** Noel Carey

**Attendance:** Robin Hulford

**Hospitality:** Ernie Meyer

**Equipment:** Rhett Stephens

**Scribe/Photos:** Barry Stafford

**Laptop:** Iain McCrea

**Host:** Trevor Mosley

**5-min speaker:** Ernie Meyer: Future of our Club's Honours board

**Guest speaker:** Joyce Deng:

Outward Bound Course

**Thanks:** Rob Lyons

**Thought:** Derek Neutze

**MON 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE: NO MEETING  
KINGS BIRTHDAY**

**MON 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE: DINNER OUT  
6pm at Everybody Eats,  
306 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga,**

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