



(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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Changeover Dinner,

Parkside Retirement Village, Hillsborough

Present: 52

Special Guest: Neil and Trish Reid, Min Roche, Keith Farlow, Mavis Moodie.

Apologies: Bill Appleton, John-Paul Goulding, Rod Kestle, Duncan Macdonald, Peter Mayow, Trevor Mosley, Richard Ryan, Colin Tea, Sharlene Wagner.



The Parkside Retirement Village Dining Room and facilities made for a fitting location to celebrate the previous Rotary year and the arrival of the next.

Members would like to thank the Organising Committee members Gwynyth Carr and Gary Hays, the Village management, kitchen staff and Brian the Barman who made this another memorable evening.

Guest greeters: President Quentin Jay and Gary Hays
MC: Sergeant Noel Carey

Guests were greeted at the door and offered to take a beverage of their choice. The evening got underway slightly delayed due to the multitude of attendees who were eagerly wanting to catch up with one another.

Members were especially pleased to see President Quentin and Julie attend especially so soon after Quentin's surgery.

Quentin warmly welcomed members, spouses and guests and thanked organisers Gwynyth Carr and Gary Hays, Village management and kitchen staff and Brian the Barman who contributed to making this another memorable evening. Quentin also recalled dearly departed Bede Brittenden and his famous 2009 Conference in Whangarei, which was the best there ever was.

Dinner was waiting in the wings, so after grace was delivered by Sergeant Noel, tables took turns to enjoy the soup, smoked ham, roast vegetables and a tasty dessert that took diners' calorie and glucose levels, to new highs.

70s CLUB – Final draw

The evening kicked off by Mr 70s Club, Lloyd Albiston, assisted by trusty Treasurer Bruce Murdoch, for the much-anticipated Final draw of the year:

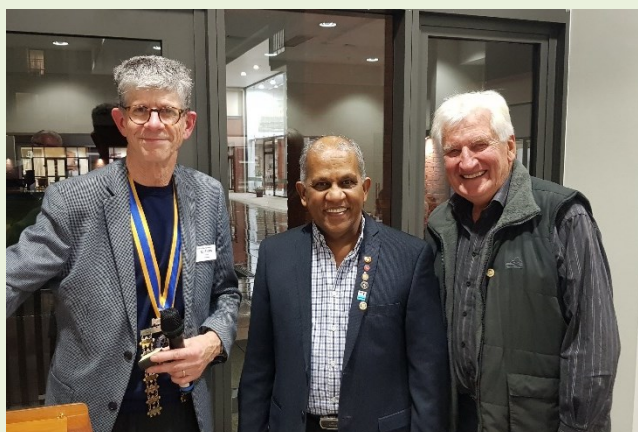
- 6th \$120, ticket #29 Bill Grayson
- 5th \$120, ticket #25 Tony Rayner
- 4th \$150, ticket #46 Bev Moseley

- 3rd \$200, ticket #62 Robin Hulford
- 2nd \$300, ticket #31 Rob Lyons
- 1st \$500, ticket #23 Alan Bannin

The 70s Club launched in the 1990's and has raised over \$60,000 in its 30 years of existence. Originally named the 100s Club it was tasked to sell 100 tickets to members, however, it only managed 62 in its first year and so was renamed to the 70s Club. This last year 40x \$120 tickets were sold but the target is to get it back up to 70 sales.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Each year at Changeover, Paul Harris Fellow awards are presented. It is one of the highest honours a Rotary Club can bestow upon an individual and represents a combination of fellowship and extraordinary service to the community. Recipients are known as Paul Harris Fellows.



The Paul Harris Fellow programme was established to show appreciation to individuals who have contributed \$1,000 to the Annual Programme Fund, PolioPlus or an approved Foundation grant.

Individual Rotary clubs may also, from time to time, award the honour to individuals who meets the high professional and personal standards exemplified by Paul Harris, founder of Rotary International, without the honoured individual having made any monetary contribution. In these cases, the Club contributes the \$1,000.

The Paul Harris Fellow receives a special certificate and gold pin. Alternatively, at the discretion of the club, recipients may receive a gold medallion on a blue and gold ribbon.

Paul Harris Fellow

GEORGE ARULANANTHAM

George joined the Rotary Club of Epsom in 2012, then Ngamotu, Taranaki (2013-15), New Lynn (2016-18) and Onehunga One Tree Hill/Maungakiekie (2019-present).

George is a Board Member and is Chair of International Projects. Over the last year, George organised the external funding, sourcing and delivery of children's schoolbooks to the Tasikiri Pre-primary school, Moso Island, Vanuatu which received them in person from DG 9910 Matthew McLeod mid-November 2022.

PHIL AISH

Phil joined Rotary Maungakiekie in June 2022 and has been a very active new member over past last year. He has previously supported multiple Tractor Treks and more recently spent many weeks, despite variable health, donating his time

and heavy machinery to helping Hawkes Bay farmers and community in re-establishing their farm access roads, bridges/drainage and clearing properties of river silt. Phil really does epitomise “service before self”.

Sapphire Award

LLOYD ALBISTON

Sapphire pins are equivalent to a double Paul Harris Fellow award (PHF+1) and are usually awarded for a long-term commitment to Rotary ideals.

Lloyd joined Rotary One Tree Hill in August 2001 where he was Club Secretary (2007-2009) and then as Club Treasurer (2013-16). Lloyd received his first PHF in 2012-13.



PRESIDENT CHANGEOVER

Quentin presented Incoming Club President Jeanette Thorne the chains of office and both exchanged Incoming and Past-President pins and flowers.



Outgoing President's Speech

Quentin Jay, Club President (2022-23)

Tena Koutou,

This year marked the Club's rebound from Covid. We started the year with both me and the past District Governor missing our respective changeovers because of the disease. But nonetheless, we managed to hit the ground running after a long period of Zoom gatherings and cancelled events.

The year began with a call to focus on community needs and future projects. Our area has grown beyond Onehunga and One Tree Hill, so we needed a good think about the diverse communities in other areas in the shadow of Maungakiekie One Tree Hill. Led and inspired by District Governor Matt, we dove into more visible projects out in the community – including community cleanup in Ellerslie, the Community planting project at the OPG and help with the Onehunga Primary School's Fun Run. These projects engaged much of the club but also raised our profile with potential young candidates for the Satellite Club that John Paul is pulling together. Thanks to Peter for spearheading the Community Projects and

for his help in identifying needs in the wider Maungakiekie area.

In recognition of perhaps the two greatest needs in New Zealand, mental health and a good digger, we have also ventured outside our immediate community with Cat's inspiring Mental Health project with the District in the Far North and Phil's extraordinary work in Hawkes Bay. Both projects have been well recognized at the District Conference. Further afield, George has worked to bring books to Vanuatu schools, and it was good to see the District Governor being able to hand the books over personally to the school. George is now working on the next shipment.

The very successful Book Fair put nearly the whole club into action and well-earned money into the club coffers. As with the previous fair, unsold books that would have gone to landfill were diverted to Tonga, thanks to John Tapu with his very big truck. Thanks also to Bill Grayson for his immense organising skills and community spirit that won him a Rotary International Service Above Self award, the third in this club!

We thank Tony for his excellent work on the Bulletin and for making it possible for the President to attend meetings from far, far away when his work situation demanded a more exotic locale. Barry, good on you for agreeing to step in as acting President on those rare occasions when I couldn't be around - Well they weren't so rare and I'm not sure you knew what you were getting into.

Putting service aside, remember we are also a social club and one that has been honing its bowling skills. Thanks to Gwynyth Carr and Gary Hays for their help in organising social functions including this one, and we applaud Craig Jones for both the Bach BBQ and the successful evening with David Seymore. Noel Carey, thank you for your watchful eye! No one argues with the Sargeant!

Others, especially Peter Mayow, Bill Appleton and Lloyd Albiston have been continuing their annual community projects through the year to keep the club humming.

One theme of this year has been Teamwork as a way to bring more people into the various functions of the club. There has been a team behind Cat and a team behind Iain, who has put in amazing work as Club Secretary during 2020-2023. We want to give Iain a very warm thanks for the work he has done as he hands the reigns to Richard Ryan.

Bruce Murdoch, you seem happy and productive without a team as Treasurer, but thanks for keeping the books in good order.

Lastly, I hoped the meetings could be fun and, in my mind, they were – from coffee meetings with George and Peter to raucous Board meetings at my house, I believe it is possible to mix business with pleasure and I hope this can continue.

Jeanette, I wish you luck with this lot and I will stay in touch to see how you have changed the club. The Greymouth club membership is half women and I'm sure it took someone like you to get it there.

Incoming President's Speech

Jeanette Thorne, Club President (2023-24)

Tena Koutou , Haere Mai.

Ko Maungakiekei te Maunga.

Ko Manukau te Moana

Ko Wairoa te Awa.

Te Tiriti O Waitangi te iwi.

Ko Millar/Thorne toku whanau

Ko Janet Cooper taku Mama

Ko James Provo Millar taku Papa.

Ko Steve Thorne taku Tāne.

Ko Matthew, Richard, Nicholas and Rebekah aku Tamariki.

Ko Jeanette taku Ingoa.

I want to thank everyone who came before me and for all of you wonderful people.

The goals I want to achieve before July 1st 2024 are:

1. To increase the membership by 20% by:
 - a) having a "Friends of Maungakiekie Rotary) group that meets at least once a month and gets involved with projects or comes to occasional Rotary meetings for special occasions /speakers, who eventually join Rotary.
 - b) Engaging with people who want to actually join Maungakiekie Rotary to ensure they do feel welcome and valued.
 - c) Acknowledging all current members who offer their great attributes and knowledge and without them Rotary wouldn't function.
 - d) Actively seek members of cultural diversity and make they sure they feel valued.

2. To increase involvement with local community activities:
 - a) Garden projects- Onehunga Peoples, Ōranga Kai Ora Community Gardens.
 - b) Clean-up activities – parks and streets, with Local groups.
 - c) Build links with other leaders of local organisations and local Rotary Groups.

3. To increase links outside the local community:
 - a) Build relationships with Presidents of other Rotary Groups in District 9910 and in Tāmaki Makaurau, Nationally and Internationally.

E te Tāngata

Aku mihi nui ki te Tāngata,

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou kātoa.

New Board for 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024:

- President: Jeanette Thorne
- Vice President: Barry Stafford
- Secretary: Richard Ryan
- Treasurer: Bruce Murdoch
- Membership: Paul Jenner
- Public Image: Tony Rayner
- Local Projects: Peter Mayow
- International Projects: George Arulanantham
- Bill Appleton: Foundation Chair
- Sergeant: Noel Carey



Photo (from left): Tony Rayner, Bruce Murdoch, Noel Cary, Barry Stafford, Jeanette Thorne, George Arulanantham, Paul Jenner

In Memory of Bede

Bill Grayson remembered Bede Brittenden and that Bede was the club's polio representative. Indeed, Bill said, his own father was a victim of the polio virus.

Bruce Murdoch added, in memory of Bede, the Club will donate \$18,000 to the Rotary International End Polio Now programme. Thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the contribution will be matched 3:1 (tripled), getting us even closer to a polio-free world.

(This effort is all part of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative of which WHO, Rotary, CDC, Unicef, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundations and GAVI (Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation), all of whom form the major stakeholder governance – Ed).

THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR (Jeanette Thorne)

The more you put into it, the more you get out.

PHOTOS







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: 6 pm, Mon. 3rd July 2023

President: Jeanette Thorne
Sergeant: Noel Carey
Attendance: Alan Bannin
Hospitality: Quentin Jay
Equipment: Craig Jones
Scribe/Photos: Tony Rayner
Host: Iain McCrae
5-min speaker: Craig Jones
Guest speaker: RI President
Gordon McNally: 2023 RI
Convention, Melbourne (Video)
Thanks: Brian Williams
Thought: Phil Aish

Meeting: 6 pm, Mon. 10th July 2023

President: Jeanette Thorne
Sergeant: Noel Cary
Attendance: Bill Appleton
Hospitality: Ernie Meyer
Equipment: Rob Lyons
Scribe/Photos: Tony Rayner
Host: n/a
5-min speaker: Rob Lyons
Guest speaker: (Club Forum)
Thanks: n/a
Thought: Alan Bannin

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