



Newsletter to Keep the Wheel Turning



President: Jeanette Thorne

Secretary: Richard Ryan

Meeting location: Royal Oak Bowls, 146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga, Auckland

Time: Monday evening 5:30pm for 6 p.m. start to 7:30pm, includes \$25 dinner

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APRIL ENVIRONMENT

"We owe it to ourselves and to the next generation to conserve the environment so that we can bequeath our children a sustainable world that benefits all"

Wangari Maathai



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Present: 29

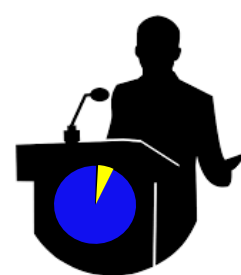
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Sergeant's fines: \$99.90

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Jeanette welcomed all tonight and commented on the number of women present. That unfortunately did not prevent Sergeant Noel fining El Presidente' for absenteeism last week. Record numbers tonight - some thought there was nothing much on 'telly'.

Bill Grayson promoted his next week's Guest Speaker spot (which was wisely upgraded from a 5-minute talk) where he will be speaking about one of his most favourite pastimes titled, "Reminiscences of an Old Sailor".



5-minute Speaker

This 5-min [video](#), produced by the NZ Youth Mentoring Network (NZYMN) was played to members.

To recap. Last week, Ann Dunphy from Rotary Penrose and Chair of the NZYMN spoke about the clubs Reading Enrichment Programme (REP) and NZYMN

REP is a Rotary Penrose programme led by Ann Dunphy, where volunteers work with students to raise their literacy levels to assist in improving academic paths for the rest of their education.

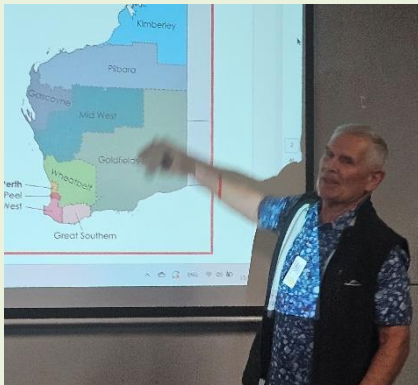
REP is more than this, however. Working in partnership with the New Zealand Youth Mentoring Network, the national hub for youth mentoring programmes in NZ, their volunteers become friends with the students and providing them help in other areas of their lives.

If you feel this is something that would interest you or you would like further information, please contact your local Rotary Club or Ann Dunphy direct:

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guest
speaker

LLOYD ALBISTON Adventures in Western Australia

Club member Lloyd took members on a captivating journey through the breathtaking landscapes, rich history, and thriving industry of Western Australia, sharing the highlights of his and his wife Catherine's recent adventure. Their exploration encompassed the vastness of Western Australia, from the bustling cityscape of Perth to the historic towns and natural wonders of the region.



Lloyd began by setting the stage for their journey, explaining that their initial connection to Western Australia stemmed from their daughter's residency in Bunbury, just south of Perth. Intrigued by their initial visits and eager to delve deeper into the region's offerings, they embarked on a journey that would span 3,000kms and countless discoveries.



The presentation painted a vivid picture of Western Australia's sheer scale and remoteness, with [Perth](#) standing as one of the most isolated capitals globally. Despite its isolation, Perth's allure lies in its stunning coastline, boasting nearly 13,000kms of pristine beaches with dazzling white silica sands. Lloyd emphasised the region's natural beauty along with iconic manmade landmarks starting with Perth's Elizabeth Quay and the historic Swan Bell Tower.

Their journey unfolded along a carefully planned anticlockwise route which included great artworks in Collie like the [Wellington Dam](#) and the town's magnificent [art gallery](#). In Bunbury, the [Rotary Tower](#) overlooks the city which houses apartments made from converted wheat silos, while nearby is a famous lighthouse and stunning beach which was just a prelude dazzling ones further on. While in [Busselton](#), they marvelled at the curved jetty with its underwater aquarium and explored the vibrant wine region of Margaret River; then Walpole's swaying [Tree Top Walk](#); then east along the southern coast to Albany, a place of historical significance to both Aussies and Kiwi's alike, during WW1.

Lloyd's narrative seamlessly intertwined historical significance with personal anecdotes, offering glimpses into sites like Albany, a pivotal departure point for 45,000 ANZAC soldiers (including Lloyd's grandfather) during World War I. The newly opened [ANZAC Museum](#) in Albany stood as a poignant tribute to the sacrifices of Australian and New Zealand troops, evoking a sense of reverence and reflection.

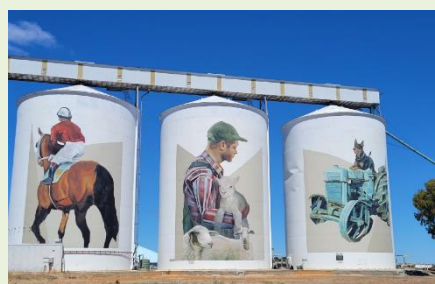


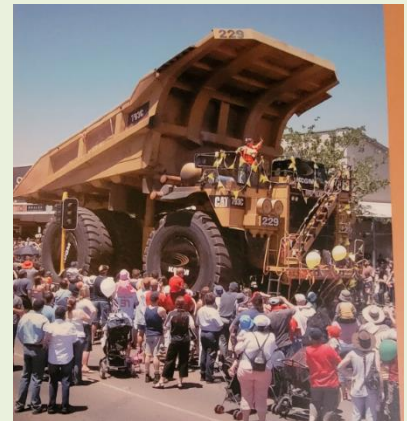
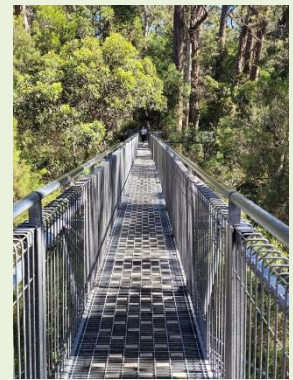
From Albany the two headed inland to see natural beauties like the ancient granite [Wave Rock](#) in Hayden, then looping back south to the coastal gems of [Lucky Bay](#), Esperance with its squeaky white sands. From Esperance their journey turned north once again into the heart of Western Australia's mining industry, with visits to Norseman, famous for its gold mining ([3.1g/t gold](#)) then further north to Kalgoorlie's [Super Pit](#). Through Lloyd's storytelling, the audience gained insights into the challenges and triumphs of the region's mining heritage, from the gold rush era to modern-day operations.

One of the presentation's highlights was Lloyd's exploration of the iconic water [pipeline](#) that stretches hundreds of kilometres, delivering vital water supplies to the arid interior. The engineering marvel, spearheaded by Irish born, NZ emigree, [Charles O'Connor](#), stands as a testament to human ingenuity and perseverance, overcoming formidable challenges to sustain life in the harsh Australian outback.

Throughout their journey, Lloyd and Catherine encountered a colourful cast of characters, from friendly locals to fellow travellers, each adding depth and warmth to their experiences. From chance burnt out truck encounters to shared moments of laughter to a wannabe VISA scam artists, these interactions underscored the spirit of exploration and connection that defines travel.

In closing, Lloyd's presentation left the audience with a profound appreciation for Western Australia's vast landscapes, rich history, and pioneering spirit. Their journey epitomised the essence of exploration, weaving together tales of adventure, discovery, and connection. As the curtain closed on their odyssey, Lloyd's storytelling lingered, inviting others to embark on their own journey of discovery in the captivating landscapes of Western Australia.





THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK provided by Trevor Mosley

“A conference is a gathering of important people who singly can do nothing, but together can decide that nothing can be done” – *Fred Allen, Comedian.*

DUTIES

Unable to attend > apologies to Noel: noelcarey@hotmail.com

Unable for a duty > arrange own replacement & text Noel: Mb: 0274 509 845

<p>Meeting: 6pm Mon. 22nd Apr 2024 President: Jeanette Thorne Vice President: Barry Stafford Sergeant: Noel Carey Attendance: Iain McCrae Hospitality: Peter Mayow Equipment & Scribe: Bill Appleton Meals1: Derek Neutze Meals2: Barry Stafford Host: Ernie Meyer 5-Min: Cat Levin: 9910 Conference Guest: Bill Grayson: Reminiscences of an Old Sailor! Thanks: Rhett Stevens Thought: Bruce Murdoch</p>	<p>Meeting: 6pm Mon. 29th Apr 2024 President: Jeanette Thorne Vice President: Barry Stafford Sergeant: Noel Carey Attendance: Phil Aish Hospitality: Ernie Meyer Equipment & Scribe: Bill Appleton Meals1: Barry Stafford Meals2: Rhett Stevens Host: Trevor Mosley 5-Min: tbc Guest: Sheree Tiatia: ASB Scamming Prevention (Partners Night) Thanks: Bruce Murdoch Thought: Derek Neutze</p>
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