



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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<p>JULY</p> <p>MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH</p> <p><i>"Improved maternal health benefits the whole of society"</i> Isabella Lovin</p>	<p>Rotary </p> 
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Present: 31

Apologies: Phil Aish, Lloyd Albiston, George Arulanantham, Rod Kestle, Cat Levine, Ant Martin, Trevor Mosley, Derek Neutze, Tony Rayner, George Varghese.

Sergeant's fines: \$85.90

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year the President's duties will be co-shared amongst three members:

Barry Stafford: 1st July – 31st October 2024

Bill Grayson: 1st Nov 2024 – 28th Feb 2025

Craig Jones: 1st March – 30th June 2025.

President Barry welcomed all to our first meeting for the 2024-2025 Rotary year which runs 1st July 2024 – 30th June 2025.

Barry spoke about the 1922 Trust Sub-committee. The sub-committee plan to approve four to five grants to use the funds. The first is \$26,000 for the Onehunga Community House (OCH) to upgrade its parking area tarmac portion that runs down the left side of the building and is crumbling away. The grant is subject to the OCH obtaining \$50,000 from other funding sources which they have started to do. Barry will talk about the remaining Grant next week's meeting which will be a Planning Meeting.

Rotary Remuera have invited us to join them 5:530 pm for 6:00 pm start on Monday 15th July in the Carlton Bowling Club, 126 Market Rd. Epsom. Dinner is \$32.

Irene Fredricson JP - A life of Service

Irene Fredricson JP died on 27 November 2022 and was fitting that a good number of Rotarians were present at her funeral which was held at Epsom Methodist Church. Unlike many church funerals the minister was not constrained by lack of personal knowledge of Irene because she was a proud member of her church and her life, and deeds exemplified her Christian spirit.

Her great friend, Doreen Slater, had also been a member of the Church. Irene made lasting friendships. She and Jim were long time neighbours of Ray and Val Hall who missed them very much when Irene and Jim moved to Royal Oak.

Besides serving a term on the local Borough Council and carrying out her duties as a Justice of the Peace, Irene's skills were not limited to Public Administration. She was a very practical person and after a chance encounter in the Royal Oak Mall, I found she was an expert on cough and cold remedies. One of her favourites was Olive Leaf.

Irene's support for Rotary was not just through Past President Jim. She was a Paul Harris Fellow. Most Paul Harris Fellowships are awarded to men and it was quite rare and fitting that the Club awarded her a Paul Harris Fellowship for her outstanding service to the Onehunga-Epsom community.

With her passing, **Irene has left the Rotary Club of Maungakiekie a generous gift in her will.** We now acknowledge that gift and will endeavour to put it to work in such a way that Irene would have approved.

If one was to try to single out a quality above all else that epitomised Irene it would have to be her humility. She always put the needs of others before her own. Her graciousness and concern for others was what we all loved.

Trevor Mosley



guest
speaker

ANNA WALLACE

Head of Planning, Auckland Emergency Management

In a highly anticipated event, **Alan Bannin** introduced **Anna Wallace** as tonight's guest speaker. Anna is the Head of Planning at Auckland Emergency Management, a division within the Auckland Council. Originally from the Waikato, Anna has been residing in Auckland for the past 12 years and holds a Bachelor's degree in Town Planning and Environment. Beyond her professional role, she is also a dedicated Rotarian and an active member of the Westhaven Rotary Club.

Introduction and Background

Anna began by expressing her gratitude for the invitation to speak at the meeting. She acknowledged the dual nature of her presentation, stating, "As suggested, I am wearing two hats tonight, so I'll be talking to you a little bit in my day role, which is the head of planning at [Auckland Emergency Management](#). But there's also a few bits and pieces particularly at the end of my presentation that I'd like to talk to you about with my Rotary 9910 role."

Anna shared her journey, mentioning her roots in the Waikato and her subsequent move to Auckland 12 years ago. She has been with the Auckland Council for the entirety of her time in the city, holding various roles including managing construction programs in the Wynyard Quarter, Pukekohe, and Flatbush. Her previous position was Manager of Premium Resource Consents, focusing on large resource consent projects for the city.

Path to Auckland Emergency Management

Anna's transition to the head of planning at Auckland Emergency Management was driven by a deep sense of empathy for those affected by the severe weather events of the previous year, both in Hawkes Bay and Auckland. In her Rotary capacity, she led a project team of Rotary volunteers to Hawkes Bay, collaborating with Martha Taonui from the [Hawkes Bay Clean-Up Team](#). They engaged in hands-on recovery efforts, including digging out homes, removing carpets, and restoring windows, helping families regain a semblance of their lives.

The Maungakiekie Rotary also supported the Hawkes Bay effort, with notable contributions from **Phil Aish** and his work opening accessways on local farming properties. Anna's own experiences with the damage in her village of Mairangi Bay further fuelled her desire to contribute. When the role at Auckland Emergency Management opened last year, she applied and started in January 2024.

Role and Responsibilities

Anna explained her role at Auckland Emergency Management, providing insights into the organisation and its operations. One common question she addresses is, "What is Civil Defence, and who is Civil Defence?" She clarified that Civil Defence is not a singular organisation but rather a collective community response to disasters. It encompasses various entities, including emergency services like NZ Fire, NZ Police, and St. John, volunteer groups like Search and Rescue, and community members who all play crucial roles.

Structure and Coordination

Auckland Emergency Management is one of [16 Civil Defence](#) emergency management groups across New Zealand. Unlike other regions with multiple councils, Auckland is a unitary authority, which simplifies coordination. The Auckland Council group, including Auckland Emergency Management, leads response efforts, preparedness activities, and recovery initiatives.



The organisation operates under the Coordinated Incident Management System ([CIMS](#)), a national framework for managing emergency responses. This system ensures consistency across various agencies, enabling seamless collaboration. For instance, if the Department of Conservation or the Ministry of Primary Industries leads a response, they use the same CIMS structure.

Emergency Coordination Centres

Auckland has several Emergency Coordination Centres (ECCs), with the main one located at 135 Albert Street. The centre features numerous desks and computer screens, constantly monitoring earthquake maps, weather cameras, and tsunami warnings. Team members are on duty 24/7, ready to activate a larger response team if



needed. There is also a secondary ECC in Henderson, known for its robust infrastructure.

Triggering Emergency Responses

Anna highlighted the process of activating the ECCs. Routine events are managed by standard emergency services, but when incidents escalate, affecting multiple locations or overwhelming local resources, Auckland Emergency Management steps in. Their role is to coordinate efforts, organising logistics, helicopter drops, and Civil Defence centres.

Understanding Hazards

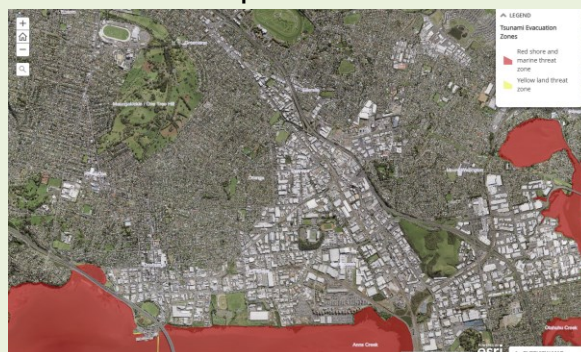
Auckland faces 27 identified hazards, including heat waves, cyber-attacks, terrorism, drought, and wildfires. However, the [top seven hazards](#) are **earthquakes, tsunamis, flooding, severe storms, pandemics, solar storms, and power outages**. Each hazard poses unique challenges and requires tailored response strategies.

Anna mentioned the [Hazard Viewer tool](#) available on Auckland Emergency Management's website. This tool allows users to input their property address and view potential hazards. For instance, she noted that tsunami risks in the Maungakiekie area have been reassessed, showing reduced inland threat due to updated modelling.

Maungakiekie Hazard Maps



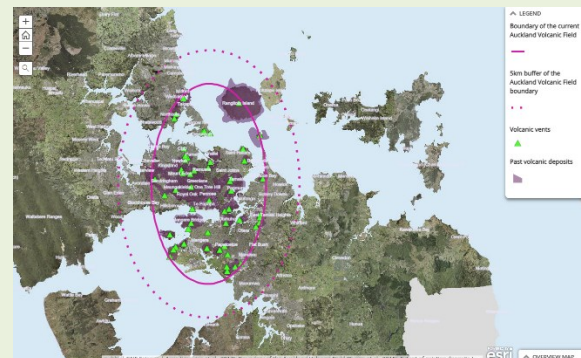
Earthquake Faultline



Tsunami



Flooding (1-in 100yr)



Volcanic

Information and Resources

Anna provided crucial information points, including the Auckland Emergency Management [Website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). She advised following Auckland Emergency Management on Facebook for real-time updates, warnings, and alerts. Additionally, she shared contact details for reporting faults and accessing resources.

Rotary Involvement and Future Projects

Towards the end of her presentation, Anna touched on her involvement with Rotary. Following the Hawkes Bay project, she joined the Disaster Network Assistance Rotary Action Group ([DNA-RAG](#)), an initiative led by Rotary to enhance disaster response across New Zealand. She offered to return and provide more details about this initiative if there was interest.

Reflecting on 2023 Events

Anna concluded with a reflection on the significant weather events of 2023, including the Auckland Anniversary floods and Cyclone Gabrielle. These events highlighted the region's vulnerability and the need for robust emergency management. Statistics revealed the scale of the impact, with over 30 tonnes of food and water delivered to isolated communities, 7,000 rapid building assessments conducted, and significant damage to infrastructure and properties.

Members questions

What role does the military play in emergency management?

- **Public Perception vs. Reality:** The public often believes the military has a larger role in emergencies than they actually do.
- **Initial Response:** In both the Auckland flood and the Hawkes Bay flood, the military was involved in the initial days. Their roles included shipping supplies and providing security, similar to their involvement during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Not Core Role:** The military's involvement is not their core role and they typically withdraw fairly quickly.
- **Coordination with Auckland Emergency Management:** Discussions are ongoing about using the Whenuapai Airbase for collaboration.
- **Activation Criteria:** The military would only be activated for very large events or civil unrest, such as a major volcanic eruption.

Tells us more about Rotary's role in emergency management.

- **DNA-RAG:** The Disaster Network of Assistance Rotary Action Group (DNA-RAG) is an international group where Rotary clubs identify what their role is when it comes to a disaster or local event, which may be different for different clubs. This would include identifying and sharing in a national register of available resources and knowledge through our personal and professional business connections. This might range from fundraising to volunteering cleanup, debris removal, checking in on neighbours, provision of accommodation, which in turn would speed up response, in a more coordinated way, to any future major events. A Club WhatsApp Group could be a start to keep in touch with each other.
- **U.S. Model:** Inspired by U.S. Rotary clubs' response to tornadoes and extreme weather.

- **New Zealand Initiative:** Spearheaded by Stuart Knauf after the Hawkes Bay floods, aiming to involve all New Zealand districts. Anna will be presenting her ideas to Rotary District Managers in July.

Is there any work going on to prevent some circumstances occurring again?

If you see a local issue, report it on the Auck City Council [Report a Problem](#) webpage. In terms of the Emergency Management this is part of “Reduction” – identifying and eliminating or **reducing risks**.



Final Thoughts

Anna key delivery was about the importance of community preparedness. Her insights underscored the collective effort required to manage and respond to emergencies effectively. Anna's dedication to her roles, both within the council and Rotary, exemplifies the spirit of service and collaboration essential for navigating the challenges of emergency management.

Phil Aish thanked Anna for her presentation and acknowledged the challenges and importance of her work.

Bill Grayson concluded the session with a light hearted **Thought for the Day**, emphasising the inevitability and discomfort of change.

*The only person who likes change is a baby with a wet diaper.
- Mark Twain*

DUTIES

Unable to attend > apologies to Lloyd: albiston@xtra.co.nz

Unable for a duty > arrange own replacement & text Lloyd Mb: 022 6579 200

Meeting: 6pm Mon. 8th July 2024

Planning Meeting

President (July-Oct): Barry Stafford

Sergeant: Noel Carey

Attendance: Lloyd Albiston

Hospitality: Allan Bannin

Equipment & Scribe: Bill Appleton

Meals1: Robin Hulford

Meals2: Paul Jenner

Host: Gwynyth Carr

Thanks: Bill Grayson

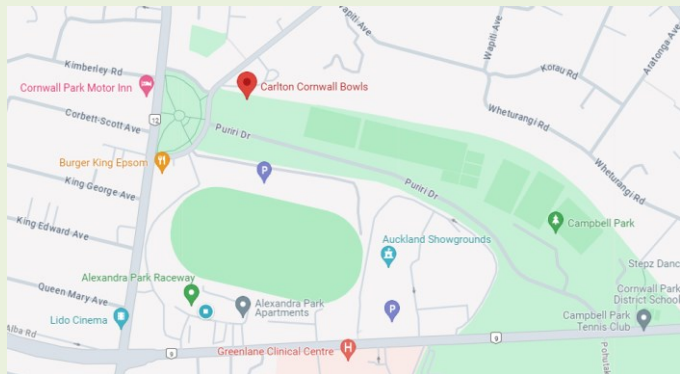
Thought: Gary Hays

Meeting: 6pm Mon. 15th July 2024

AWAY MEETING

Remuera Rotary Club

**Carlton Cornwall Bowls,
126 Market Road, Epsom.**



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