



Rotary Club of Maungakiekie Bulletin Newsletter NL212

14th April 2025

This week's meeting was Chaired by President Craig Jones

Apologies from: George Arulanantham, Sharmeen Hyatt, Gary Hays, Robin Hulford, Cat Levine, Wayne Levick, Jeanette Thorn, Ernie Meyer, Trevor Mosley, Derek Neutze, Tony Rayner, George Varghese, Tony Bradley.

President Announcements: Craig made a special call for action on ticket sales for our 'Fundraising Dinner' at Sorrento. Guest speaker MP David Seymour, subject 'State of the Nation' address. Purchases cannot be left to the last minute, ("Rotarian characteristic"), as numbers are required soon to ascertain viability of the event.

Tickets available from: CTRL + click on link below.

[Maungakiekie Rotary – State of the Nation Fundraiser](#)

I minute spots from: Paul Jenner, Barry Stafford.

Paul Jenner: Reminder that we need suggestions from members for future Guest Speakers, and also, he will be contacting people for President Elect nominations for the 2026/2027 Rotary year.

Barry Stafford: Notice on behalf of Peter Mayow regarding the Anzac Day Service arrangements. Members may be called into help with any tidy up of the Reserve required on Thursday 24th April. A schedule of requirements will be advised beforehand.

Sergeants Session: \$78.90

Guest Speaker Tina Dawber



**HARMONY
PASIFIKA**

Helping find the Key to Change

Kilisitina (Tina) Dawber, (CEO Counsellor Social Worker) and her husband Aleki Dawber, (Clinical Director Psychologist) spoke to the club tonight about their work with the Harmony Pasifika Trust in the Maungakiekie area.

Harmony Pasifika is supported by an experienced board with an impressive breadth of professional backgrounds and a talented team of people with qualifications in the fields of counselling, psychology, social work, peer support, and teaching.

Everyone in their team is trained in group leadership and therapy, their particular speciality is working with groups to achieve lasting change.

Since 2007, they have helped individuals, whānau, and communities think differently and make lasting change.

Their Kaupapa/(Purpose) is to empower and build the capacity of our community by fostering an understanding of our cultural, economic, social, emotional, and spiritual health.

They offer counselling, education and therapy on a range of areas including anger management, depression, trauma, grief, relationship, rangatahi/(youth) empowerment, and whānau support.

Their service is available in-person across Auckland or online anywhere in Aotearoa. We specialise in Tongan language/ fakatonga and Pasifika counselling

Their unique service facilitates safer communities through improved family harmony, parenting and wellbeing, whilst reducing violent and risky behaviours.

They specialise in tailored programmes, particularly group and whānau therapy and specialise in road safety. They are well-known for their mahi with whaiora/(people) experiencing cultural, socio-economic, psychological needs, alcohol and drug addiction, and legal issues.

They actively engage with the communities they serve, collaborate with others to design, and deliver their service, and offer peer support to other charities.

Each year they help on average three families per week, counsel 800 individuals, and work with about 1,500 people in group therapy.

During 2008-2024 they have facilitated 370+ 'One for the Road' groups.

An independent evaluation has shown a 20.2% reduction in re-offending compared to a control group, a 30.2% reduction compared to the general re-offending rate, and low reconviction rates (7.5% over three years) after therapy compared to the control group.

Between 2013-2024 they have completed more than 70 'Ready for the Road' groups.

Tonight's presentation was a great opportunity for us to learn more about another success story of local community services.

Bruce Murdoch thanked Tina and Aleki, on behalf of the members, for sharing with us details of the family-oriented services they provide in the Maungakiekie area.



Thought for the week. Lloyd Albiston

*Success is not final; Failure is not fatal:
It is the courage to continue that counts.
(Sir Winston Churchill)*

21st April No Meeting Easter Monday

Duties 28th April Guest Speaker: TBA

President – Craig Jones
Scribe – Bill A
Attendance – Trevor Mosley
Hospitality – Bruce Murdoch
Meals – Rhett Stephens-Brian Williams
Host – Derek Neutze
Thanks – Tony Rayner
Thought For the Week – Barry Stafford

Apologies to Noel before 5pm Friday

Duties 5th May Guest Speaker: TBA

President – Craig Jones
Scribe - Bill A
Attendance –Bruce Murdoch
Hospitality – Derek Neutze
Meals – Brian Williams, Phil Aish
Host – Tony Rayner
Thanks – Barry Stafford
Thought for the week – Rhett Stephens

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Future Programme:

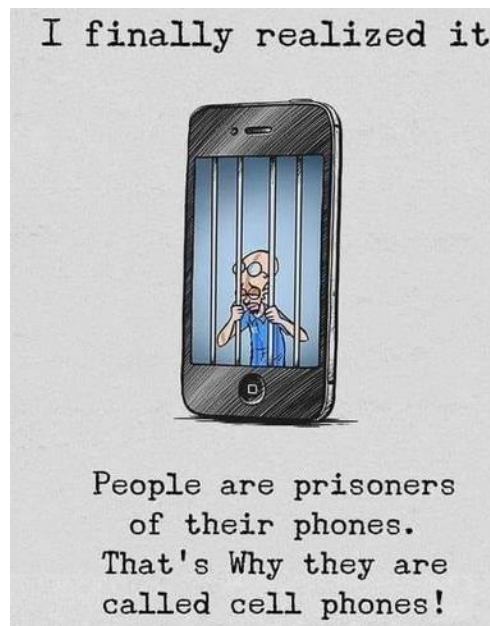
Monday 19th May. John Steele Subject: Dr Arthur Guyon Purchas.
Vicar of St Peters Church Onehunga 1817 to 1875

Monday 26th May. Invite to Dinner at Onehunga High School.

Wednesday 28th May. David Seymour 'State of the Nation Address ' Dinner.
Sorrento in the Park. (See Link above for tickets.)

Smile, it makes people wonder what you have been up to!

MY ABILITY TO
REMEMBER SONG
LYRICS FROM THE
80S FAR EXCEEDS
MY ABILITY TO
REMEMBER WHY I
WALKED INTO THE
KITCHEN.



A set of clubs went into a bar. The pitching wedge ordered a pint. The putter ordered a pint and so on until finally the last order came in for a water.

The bar staff were perplexed until they were told it was for the driver.

(Sorry about that! Ed)



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End note.

God made man before woman, to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.