



Rotary Club of Maungakiekie Bulletin / Newsletter NL 214

5th May 2025

This week's meeting was Chaired by Craig Jones

Apologies from:

Cat Levine, Sharmeen Hyatt, Paul Jenner, Trevor Mosley, Jeanette Thorn,
George Varghese, Robin Hulford, Bill Grayson

Visitors: Anne Arulanantham

President Craig I do have a couple of things to say. One is, we're still Paul is still looking for a incoming president for 2627.

Please put your thinking caps on. It's even cut down to the stage we're talking about having a third, a third, a third. Three presidents for one one, sitting, if you don't mind. Anyway, the the other thing I want to say was, hey. Look.

We've been invited to only hang up high school. Then another one of their wonderful dinners. So please take note of it, talk to the good ladies, and, let's make a note of that. That's all I've got to say, mate. Thank you.

I minute spots from: Sergeant Noel

Anne, welcome again as a guest. apologies tonight from Phil Aish he's in Australia. Bill Grayson who's in Queenstown. Robin Holford who's not in Queenstown.

Rod Kessel who's on a cruise between Barcelona and Lisbon at the moment..

Trevor Mosley who's at home recovering after surgery. George Varghese, who was here for his daughter's birthday but has had to fly back to Dubai. And Jeanette Thorne, who's in Morocco while her husband walks the Camino Trail in Northern Spain.

We have a seventies club draw. Lloyd, shall we do that now?

Nobody's feeling lucky. I'm really surprised at that. Okay.

This is the penultimate draw for the year. The big one, of course, is on change overnight, which will be Thirtieth of June. Thank you,

Sergeants' session: \$

Guest Speaker: George Arulanantham

George's presentation described a personal journey through the diagnosis and treatment of multiple myeloma, a type of cancer affecting the bone marrow. His condition was discovered through a routine blood test, which led to immediate medical attention and a series of consultations with specialists from a renowned cancer research centre.

Following thorough testing, a treatment plan involving chemotherapy and stem cell transplantation was devised, highlighting the importance of both the medical team's expertise and advanced treatment options.

The treatment process involved two phases: an initial 16 weeks of chemotherapy, where the speaker took numerous tablets daily, followed by a stem cell transplant. This complex procedure required the extraction of healthy stem cells from George's blood, which were preserved for later use after aggressive chemotherapy aimed at eradicating cancer cells.

Despite facing significant side effects, including severe diarrhoea and a brief ICU stay, George remained proactive, documenting his health status to facilitate communication with healthcare providers.

After undergoing a second transplant and regular monitoring, George experienced improved health and began maintenance treatment to prevent relapse.

In conclusion, George emphasized the importance of resilience and trust in modern medicine during his cancer journey. He encouraged others facing similar challenges to stay positive and believe in the capabilities of their healthcare team.

Additionally, George shared his desire to contribute to medical knowledge through body donation and literary endeavours, underscoring a commitment to leaving a legacy even amid personal trials. George's presentation serves as an inspiring testament to the strength and hope found in the face of serious illness.

George was thanked by Rhett Stephens for sharing his journey with us and his message of remaining positive and Trusting in modern medicine.

Thought for the week. Brian Williams.

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it. *(Henry Ford)*

Duties 19th May**Guest Speaker:** John Steele Subject:

Dr Arthur Guyon Purchas. Vicar of St Peters Church Onehunga 1817 to 1875

. President – Craig Jones

Attendance - Barry

Hospitality - Rhett

Meals - Gwynyth, Alan

Scribe - Bill A

Host - Brian

Thanks - Phil

Thought For the Week - Lloyd

*Apologies to Noel before 5pm Friday***Duties 26th May****Guest speaker:** Dinner at Onehunga High School, provided by Hospitality Students.

Numbers attending urgently required.

*Apologies to Noel before 5pm Friday*Future Programme:**Wednesday 28th May. MP David Seymour 'State of the Nation Address? '
Dinner at Sorrento in the Park. (See Link below for tickets.)**

Tickets available from: CTRL + click on link below.

[Maungakiekie Rotary – State of the Nation Fundraiser](#)Rotary Takapuna founded [Abilities Group](#) in 1959 and Rotary will support them again as they rebuild after the devastating fire which reduced their 'home' to ash.Watch the 'Seven Sharp' story <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/.../sev.../clips/more-than-just-a-job> and donate to their Givealittle page <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/abilities-group>

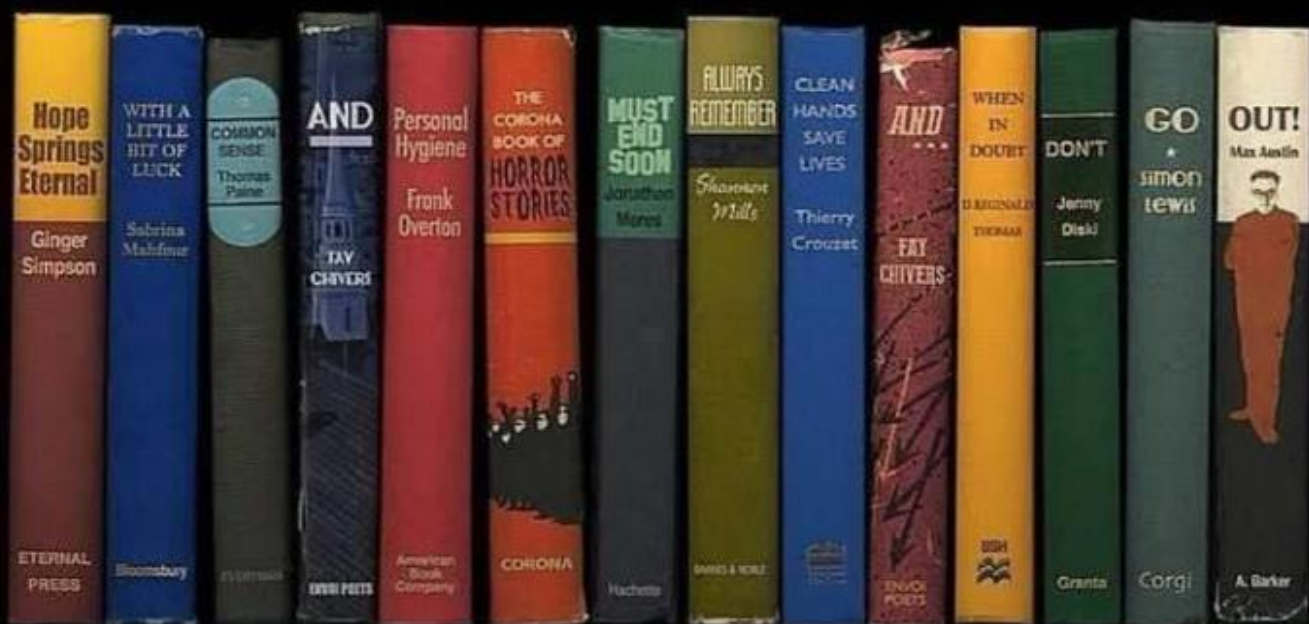
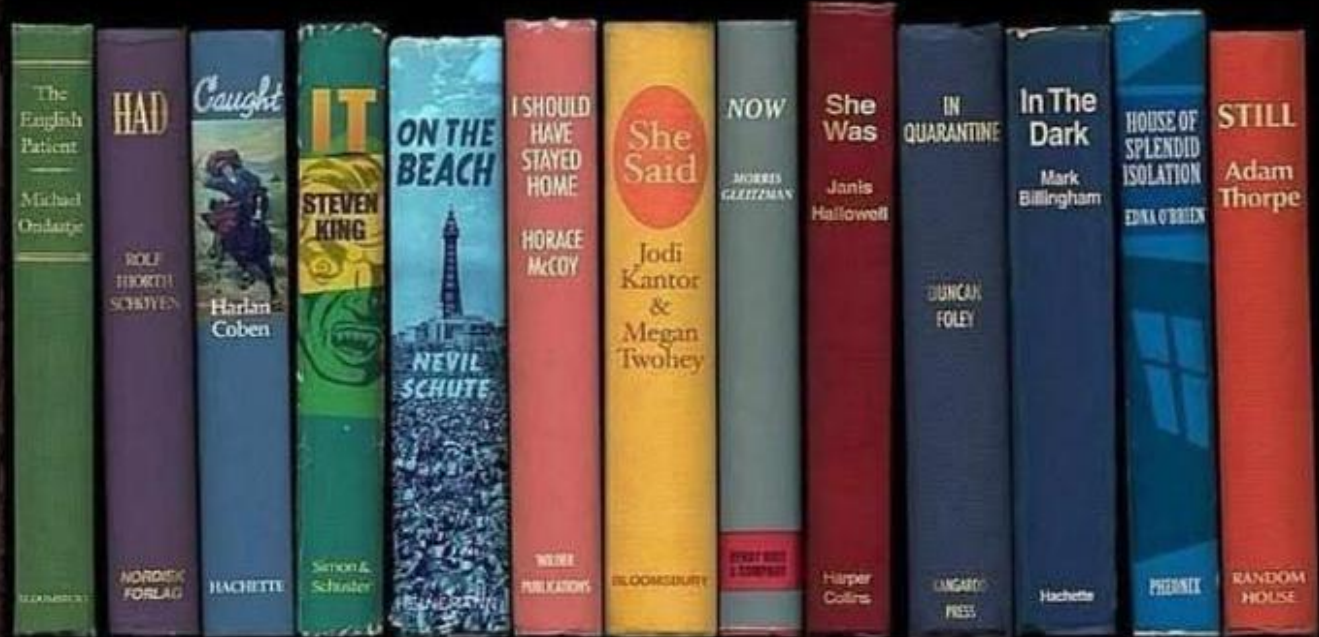
Smile, it makes people wonder what you have been up to!



**KIND OF SCARY WHEN
THE WEATHER MAN IS
THE CLOSEST ONE TO
TELLING THE TRUTH
ON THE NEWS THESE
DAYS...**

Meanwhile work continues on the fence at the Canadian border.





👉👉 Read the titles from top left
onwardsarranged by a librarian. Simply
brilliant! 😊😄

A man went on a ski trip, and was knocked unconscious by the chair lift. He called his insurance company from the hospital, but it refused to cover his injury.

"Why is the injury not covered?" he asked.

"You got hit in the head by a chair lift," the insurance rep said. "That makes you an idiot, and we consider that a pre-existing condition."

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.
Billy Crystal

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Noel Carey*



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End note:

Who is the 2025-26 Rotary International President elect?

Ans. Next week

Last week.

What World city with a population of greater than 1 million people is the furthest in the world from the next nearest city with a population over 1 million?

Ans. Auckland. (49miles further from Sydney than Adelaide to Perth)