



Rotary Club of Maungakiekie Bulletin / Newsletter NL 220

23rd June 2025

Apologies: Rod Kestle, Iain McCrae, Rhett Stephens, Jeanette Thorn, George Varghese.

Tonight's Meeting was Chaired by Craig Jones who welcomed our Guest Speaker Rob Woodley and Balaji Vinayagame.

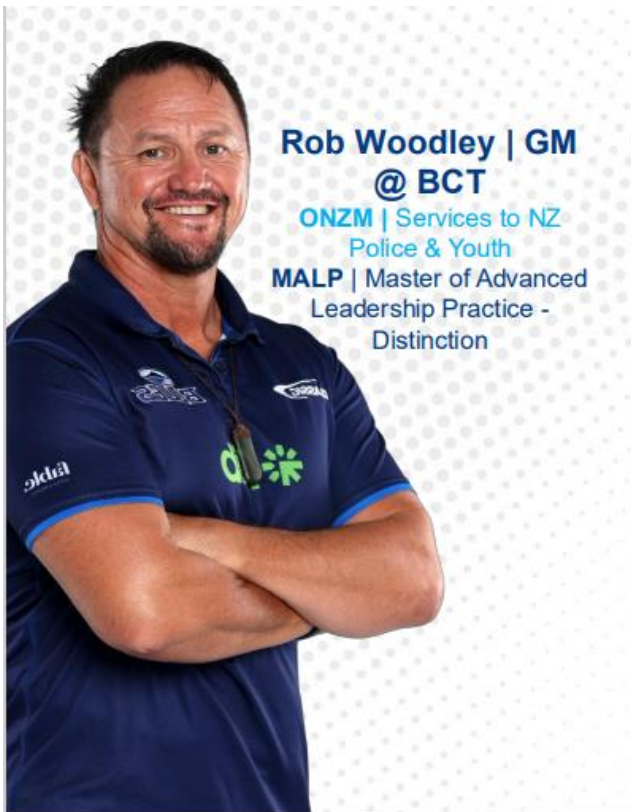
1 Minute spot Peter Mayow Daffodil Day Collection

The above collection is taking place on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th August at Countdown (Woolworths) Onehunga

As usual we have offered to do the collection on both days Peter is looking for names for the Roster, please email Peter if you can fill a 2-hour slot on either day.

Sergeant Collection \$138.50

Guest Speaker: Rob Woodley ONZM



The Blues Charitable Trust (BCT) is a youth development charity on a mission to help rangatahi (young people) make informed choices and build brighter, more successful futures.

While BCT is proud to partner with the Blues to harness their mana and amplify community impact, the Trust operates independently. It is a registered charitable trust with its own constitution, governance structure, and strategic direction – legally and financially separate from the Blues rugby organisation.

Since launching in 2022 with a pilot alongside Onehunga High School, Blues Charitable

Trust (BCT) has worked with over 50 schools and thousands of rangatahi across Tamaki Makaurau.

Their 12-month Youth Emerging Leadership Programme builds self-leadership, wellbeing, and career readiness through tailored school partnerships.

In collaboration with Rugby for Life, they extend their reach into Te Tai Tokerau, offering community-rooted support that helps rangatahi grow into confident, resilient leaders.

BCT GOALS

Guided by evidence-based reviews, BCT brings together young people, schools, and community organisations to create lasting, meaningful change.

Empower Leadership

Develop leadership qualities in youth, equipping them with skills that build confidence and self-discipline.

Support Career Paths

Prepare students with practical tools like personalised career plans, CV workshops, LinkedIn networking, and job readiness skills.

Champion Well-Being

Promote mental, emotional, and physical well-being, helping rangatahi make positive lifestyle choices.

Empowering rangatahi to make good choices for great lives.

General Manager of The Blues Charitable Trust, **Rob Woodley**, ONZM, presented to the club an update on the Trust, which is associated with the high-performance rugby club the Auckland Blues.

The Trust has initiated a youth development program aimed at empowering emerging leaders from high schools across the Blues Region in Auckland.

This program specifically targets 16-year-olds at a critical juncture in their lives, where they must make significant decisions about their educational and career pathways.

The Trust collaborates with school principals to select ten promising students from their respective institutions, focusing on those who exhibit leadership potential but may be at risk of disengagement from education or community involvement.

The program operates under three main pillars: Leadership Development, Career Guidance, and Community Engagement.

By leveraging the influence of rugby players as mentors, the Trust facilitates workshops and discussions that encourage students to aspire to leadership roles and make informed choices about their futures.

The involvement of professional athletes serves not only to inspire the youth but also to instil valuable life lessons, emphasizing the importance of resilience and good decision-making.

The impact of the Blues Charitable Trust is substantial, with over 400 students participating in a year-long program that has reached 50 high schools. The initiative fosters a sense of community and collaboration among diverse groups of students, enhancing their confidence and leadership skills.

The program also includes bespoke elements, catering to students who may be at higher risk, thus broadening its reach and effectiveness.

Financially, the Trust has seen a positive social return on investment, with estimates suggesting that every dollar invested yields approximately \$17 in societal benefits. This figure reflects the program's potential to not only uplift individual participants but also contribute positively to their communities, aligning with broader goals of social development and economic stability.

The Trust's success is further illustrated by partnerships with local businesses, such as Mainfreight, which provide paid summer job opportunities for the students. This practical approach not only aids in career exploration but also reinforces the program's commitment to connecting youth with tangible career pathways.

Overall, the Blues Charitable Trust exemplifies a proactive approach in addressing youth challenges through a structured leadership program, combining sports, mentorship, and community service to cultivate the next generation of leaders. As the program evolves, its focus remains on empowering youth to achieve great lives, fostering a culture of leadership that extends beyond the rugby field and into the community.

(For further details please see the attached PDF of the PowerPoint presentation which includes online links to their website.)



Rob was thanked by Gary Hays.

"Great. Thank you, Rob, on behalf of the club, I want to thank you for coming along this evening. I think the program that you've got going is really, really special.

I know you're only in your third year, and hopefully, these schools that are buying into the Programme must be seeing the benefits themselves. And they must be keen to help you guys as well.

And I think one of the keys is somebody like you to run it.

You've got to have that personality. That's the right word. Our thanks again Rob."

Thought for the week: Paul Jenner.

Normally, most people would stand up and have wise words, but my thought is to remind every one of you that I did ask questions of you not long ago. We need a President Elect for 2026-2027. I've only had one person come back to me. Please think again if you'd like to do three months as a President in the 2026-2027 Rotary Year, it will help out greatly. At the moment, there is only the possibility of one, but none totally confirmed after my year. We need to confirm this appointment to District and RI sooner rather than later. Talk to this year's Presidents for advice on the split Presidency functions.

Next week: **30th June 2025 Changeover Night**

CHAAHAT INDIAN CUISINE RESTAURANT

President Craig warmly invites you and your partner to a totally different venue this year! With tasty **but** mild Indian food, located at central Greenwoods Corner, Epsom members can attest to the quality of the food!

- ❖ Monday 30th June 2025, 6pm for 6.30pm
- ❖ Located at 3/583 Manukau Road, Epsom
behind The Emerald (formerly the old ASB Building)
- ❖ Parking available in local side streets.
- ❖ Cost \$45 pp includes wine, beer and juice
- ❖ Set menu with starters and mains
- ❖ RSVP to Gwynyth please gwynythcarr@hotmail.com

By Friday 27th June



Guest Speaker 7th July

Annabel Lush, Business Manager
Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand

Duties

President	Paul Jenner
Attendance	Alan Bannin
Hospitality	Rob Lyon Ant Martin
Scribe	Bill A
Meals	Gwynyth Carr
Host	Gary Hays
Thanks	Paul Jenner

Thought For the Week Bill Grayson



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Guest Speaker **Monday 14 July 2025 Jim Jackson**

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Smile: It makes people wonder what you have been up to!

Computer-ese:

Home is where you hang your @.

The e-mail of the species is more deadly than the mail.

You can't teach a new mouse old clicks.

C:\ is the root of all directories.

Oh, what a tangled website we weave when first we practice.

The modem is the message.

Too many clicks spoil the browse.

The geek shall inherit the earth.

There's no place like <http://www.home.com>

Don't byte off more than you can view.

What boots up must come down.

Windows will never cease.

Living Will

Last night, my wife and I were sitting in the living room, and I said to her, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

She got up, unplugged the TV and then threw out my beer.

"What are your dogs' names?"

Me: "Calvin and Klein."

"Isn't that a brand of underwear?"

Me: "Exactly, they're boxers."



**Next time someone
rings your home
phone, test their
intelligence by
replying with, "Hi,
can I call you back
I'm driving"**



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End note:

At which school did Sherlock Holmes get so smart? Elementary.