

30th June 2025

**Apologies**: Jeanette Thorn, George Varghese, Noel Carey, Bob Campbell, Cat Levine.

# Tonight's Meeting: Rotary Changeover Night.

President Craig welcomed everyone to the venue and hoped that they had enjoyed the meal.

(Craig kindly provided his notes for the evening and are as follows.)

So, with the tolerance of the other diners, we have a few little things to get through.

Firstly, I have a few awards to go to give out tonight.

By definition, a Paul Harris Fellow Award, **(PHF)** is given as a mark of appreciation by the presenting club to worthy recipients, who by their deeds, we acknowledge the service to our club and community. Each award represents a Donation by the club to The Rotary Foundation of one thousand dollars US, and it's awarded in recognition of a job well done.

#### First up, Peter Mayow.

A tireless Rotarian. He drives the Daffodil Day and Heart Collections, site coordinator for the book fair, and an Onehunga High School building project trustee. This year, Peter resurrected the Epsom Anzac service, which Maungakiekie Club is very happy to participate in and, hopefully, will carry that tradition on in the future. Peter contributes in so many ways and I am proud to present him with a **PHF + 2**.

## **Bill Appleton.**

This guy's a man of many talents. Week in week out, he presents an AV selection on our big screen at the club and assists the guest speaker with media requirements. He recently rose to the challenge to initiate and publish a weekly Rotary news sheet, and he's handled that absolutely wonderfully. He's compiled a weekly news sheet that keeps us up to date, presenting the professional face of our club. Thank you so much Bill. **PHF + 3** 

## **Richard Ryan.**

He's our long-term secretary. It's a daunting task to review so many emails. He takes the letters and phone calls, presents board meeting minutes, and puts our agenda in order. He's an absolute professional leader. Richard completes all his correspondence effortlessly.

I can ring him up and say, I want a letter sent out to this person. Please do it. He conjures it up and out it goes, and I know I can trust him. Marvellous man to have in your corner.

Richard, **PHF + 2.** 

Unfortunately, the next recipient can't be here tonight, but he's one person I felt really needed some recognition, **Noel Carey**. Noel is the glue of this club. He runs our meetings. He calls us to order. He fines us, controls us, and all our outcomes. He correlates our attendance, and he steadies the ship. So, it's a quick thank you to Noel, and I wish he could have been here. But all the best, Noel. And for him, **PHF + 1**.

This next guy is the last one on my list. He's mister Maungakiekie Rotary, Leader Supreme, **Barry Stafford**.

He's the man who gives his best to everything he tackles. Very least from the front, whether it's embarking on the latest initiatives from Australia, behind the scenes consultations to acquiring guest speakers, well done. Barry's ideas, innovations, marketing, and persuasive influence reflects his ability to keep our club forging ahead. Thank you so much Barry. **PHF + 3** 

Congratulations to those recipients. I have been told I've got to have an outgoing speech and it's going to be short. Okay.

This year's been a great year for Maungakiekie Rotary Club. We've managed with three short term presidents, Barry, Bill G, and me.

We have given away a substantial sum of money to worthy recipients, and for that, I thank you all. You've worked well. It's been fantastic, and we're a club to be proud of. The club took on board the resurrection of the Epsom Anzac service, and you all pulled together.

Again, thank you, Pete. Pete led us. We followed, and we did a fantastic job. Pat yourself on the back for that, and let's hope that the service carries forward forever with our name behind it.

I say well done to each one of you and your wives and partners for contributing to our club.

So as this is customary, I'd like to call up Bev, Shirley, and Judith to receive a small token of the board's appreciation for supporting Barry, Bill G, and myself.

I hope you've all enjoyed tonight. I have one very important task left. Paul Jenner.

Stand up, Paul. I'd like to present to you the new president, Mister Jenner and his wonderful bride Leanne. Carry on the good tradition, but I'm very happy to hand this over.

With my two fellow Presidents this year, Barry, and Bill G, we would like to call Leanne, can you just come up here for a moment? on behalf of the club, we'd like you to accept some flowers. I wish you all the best.

## President Paul.

Thank you, Craig, we're not passing on badges or anything like that because I think every one of us has got all sorts of badges in our big cupboards.

But more importantly, I'm going to call on all the women in the club to contact me over the next week .The question I have to put to you is, within Rotary or outside of Rotary, what would you like to happen?

Would you like a bit more social activity? Would you like an event? What would you like to have for more Rotary involvement?

That's all I've got to say. Let's pull together and enjoy next year.

Thank you.

There's one thing left to do tonight. Lloyd has the 70's club to finalise. **Lloyd** 

This is the important part of the club. Is anyone feeling lucky? Yes.

This is the final draw of the year for the seventies club. this club was setup by the late PP Maurice Mitchell a member and also a businessman. He set it up as a means of fundraising for the One Tree Hill Club Charitable Trust. Now today I've calculated that over the last twenty-five, may have been up to thirty years, I think we've raised something in the vicinity of \$75,000. Which is an amazing sum really, isn't it? This year, the punt was issued as \$2,630. So, again, it's a meaningful sum. Now back in the day, Bruce, correct me if I'm wrong here, but there were 70 tickets.

Our club was a bit bigger in those days, and several of our members had businesses, so they were able to reward their staff as well. Nowadays, we're a little bit smaller, but we've got 41 entries live in there tonight. And we've got six prizes. The first prize is \$500 The second is \$300 The third is 200 The fourth is a 150, and then fifth and sixth are a \$120 each. Good luck to you all!



Final word from *Past* President Craig. Thank you all again for coming. Drive home safely.















#### Next week

**Guest Speaker 7th July 2025** Annabel Lush, Business Manager Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand **Duties** Paul Jenner President Attendance Alan Bannin Meals Rob Lyon Ant Martin Scribe Bill A Hospitality Gwynyth Carr Host Gary Hays Thanks Paul Jenner



Thought For the Week Bill Grayson

Apologies to Lloyd before 5pm Friday. Mob 022 6579 200

Guest Speaker Monday 14 July 2025 Jim Jackson Duties President Paul Jenner Attendance Bill Grayson Gwynyth Carr Hospitality Scribe Bill A Meals Ant Martin Iain McCrae Host Paul Jenner Thanks Rob Lyons



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

Having a teenage daughter is like having a cat that only comes out to eat and hisses when you try and be nice to it.

My wife didn't order anything off Amazon yesterday & the delivery driver just knocked on our door





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End note:

To have my job replaced by AI, my client must explain their requirements "**clearly.**" So, I am safe!