



## Rotary Club of Maungakiekie Bulletin / Newsletter NL 222 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Apologies:** Jeanette Thorn, George Varghese, Noel Carey, Bob Campbell, Cat Levine, Sharmeen Hyatt, Rod Kestle, Trevor Mosley, Barry Stafford, Rhett Stephens, Tony Bradley.

Our New President for 25/26 Paul Jenner welcomed Guest speaker Annabel Lush and Mavis Moodie, a Past President of the club, who finds she is able to return to Rotary now and is a member from tonight. Welcome Mavis. President Paul made a request for any Member to contact him for the role of the club almoner to keep the club up to date with members health and welfare situations.

Guest Speaker Annabel Lush was introduced by Gary Hays who also mentioned that Annabel is a member of the Downtown Rotary club.

Annabelle Lush, the business manager at **Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBC)**, addressed the members about the organization's mission and the importance of understanding blood cancers.

She highlighted that LBC, established in 1977, is New Zealand's only national NGO dedicated to supporting patients and families affected by blood cancers and serious blood conditions.

Annabelle discussed the progress made in treatment and survival rates over the years, noting that while blood cancer was once seen as a death sentence, advancements in research and care have significantly improved survival rates, particularly for children.

Annabelle elaborated on the three main types of blood cancers: leukaemia, lymphoma, and myeloma, each affecting different populations and requiring various treatment approaches.

She emphasized the importance of recognizing symptoms, which can often be vague and hard to detect.

Annabelle urged everyone to seek medical advice if they notice clusters of symptoms, as early diagnosis can greatly influence treatment outcomes. The LBC provides crucial support services, educational resources, and advocacy to ensure patients receive appropriate care and support throughout their cancer journey.

In conclusion, Annabelle encouraged members to engage with the organization's initiatives, including fundraising efforts such as "Shave for a Cure" and community events that raise awareness and funds for research.

She reinforced the vital role of LBC in both supporting individuals affected by blood cancer and advocating for necessary treatments and funding in New Zealand.

The evening served not only as an informative session on blood cancer but also as a call to action for community involvement in supporting those impacted by this disease.

For more details ctrl/click on the link below.

<https://www.leukaemia.org.nz/>

President Paul thanked Annabel for her address and the insight into people living with cancer. He expressed the hope that funding for their important support would be ongoing as well as the Firefighters amazing fundraising efforts of \$2,00,000.00.

**Thought for the week.** Bill Grayson used a book purchased from the last book fair to share a bit of Jewish Wisdom for Parents.

*Since God could not be everywhere, He created mothers.*

*Whom God would punish; He sends bad children.*

*If the world will ever be redeemed, it will be through the merit of children.*

*And last, but not least, the warmest bed is mothers.*

President Paul thanked everyone for coming and thanked Craig and Gwynyth for their arrangements of the Changeover dinner which everyone enjoyed.

He reminded the board members that there is a board meeting next Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Next week**

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

#### **Duties**

President	Paul Jenner
Attendance	Gwynyth Carr
Hospitality	Bill Grayson
Scribe	Bill A
Meals	Ant Martin    Iain McCrae
Host	Craig Jones
Thanks	Rob Lyons

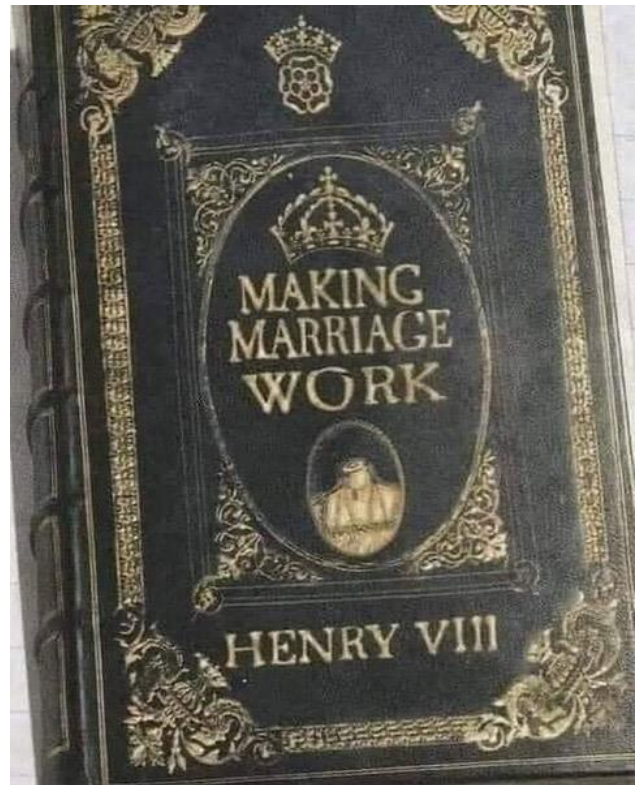


**Thought For the Week.** Gary Hays

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

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

Nobody told me  
that when you  
get a husband  
the ears are sold  
separately.



Why a woman needs a husband?



Woman: I don't want to marry. I am educated, self sufficient and satisfied with myself. But my friends all say that I should marry. What should I do?

Psychiatrist: You will no doubt achieve great things in life. But sometimes things won't go your way. Sometimes your plans will fail. Then whom will you blame? Will you blame yourself?

Woman: "NO."

Psychiatrist: "yes.. that's why you need a husband.."



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End note:

**GO! THE ALL BLACKS**