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**Guests.** Shirley Grayson, Diane McCrae, Bev Stafford.

### **Combined meeting of Remuera and Maungakiekie Rotary Clubs**



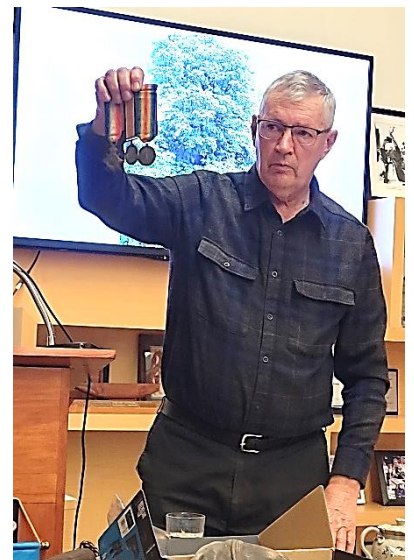
#### **“Oh, What a Night ! ”**

Club members from both Remuera and Maungakiekie Rotary Clubs along with partners and guests were warmly welcomed by Remuera President Bryan Haggitt to the Club version of the popular British TV series “Antiques Roadshow”. Arranged on tables were a variety of around 25 antiques brought in by club members for appraisal by retired Antique Dealers Greg and Katherine Smith.

Bryan introduced Katherine and Greg who he described as very ‘well known in the world of antiques and antiquities’ and

asked them to appraise the items and discuss their provenance and appeal. Amongst the items displayed were WW1 military paraphernalia, paintings, fob watches, silver plates of various sorts, glass and crystalware, ceramics, decorative bowls, serving dishes, a doll, a military bugle, a bronze canon, and many other interesting and odd items.

Greg then proceeded to discuss each individual item calling on contributors to state how the item/s were acquired e.g., inherited, or purchased, background and any anecdotes about them. Many interesting and humorous stories unfolded . Whilst Greg was reluctant to give monetary values, he readily gave his opinion on the history and an assessment of current demand for each item. Some had clearly increased in value since acquisition and were highly sort after e.g., military medals especially an ex-WW2 German Military Cross. Others however whilst interesting and treasured by the owner, had limited monetary value and/or demand. In a number of cases Greg recommended owners of some antiques undertake



more research from institutions, such as the National Archive or On-line searches to get a more accurate idea of background, value, and demand.

Katherine and Greg readily took questions from the floor including one about how to get house lots assessed e.g., deceased estates. They said due to the dearth of Antique dealers in Auckland it would be best to approach either Cordys or Webbs. Greg thanked everyone who brought their treasures along and for sharing anecdotes. He concluded by saying "we need more collectors in this world."

President Bryan concluded the evening by thanking Greg and Katherine for their time and expertise and for providing us with a very enjoyable and informative evening.

President Paul then thanked the Rotary Club of Remuera for their invitation and everyone for coming.

All in all, a really great night !



**Thanks to scribe and photographer:** Lloyd Albiston.

**Next week: 11<sup>th</sup> August. Guest Speakers:** President Paul and Barry Stafford  
**'The Joy of Walking' Project**

President	Paul Jenner
Attendance	Rob Lyons
Hospitality	Ant Martin
Scribe	Bill Appleton
Meals	Trevor Mosley – Bruce Murdoch
Host	Iain McCrae
Thanks	Peter Mayow
Thought For the week.	Ernie Meyer

***Apologies to Noel before 5.00pm Friday.***



**Club notice:** Board meeting next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 4.00pm Prior to Club meeting.

**Future Meetings**

18<sup>th</sup> August TBA

25<sup>th</sup> August Murray Birt talking about his experiences with UN Aid in the Middle East.

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



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End note: *Take time to laugh, for it is the music of the soul.*