



Rotary Club of Maungakiekie
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Apologies: George Arulanantham, Tony Bradley, Sharmeen Hyatt, Rod Kestle, Peter Mayow, George Varghese, Gary Hays, Craig Jones, Brian Williams, Lloyd Albiston, Derek Neutze.

President Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Paul has emailed members with some details of an invitation to the ladies in the club to participate in a regular morning coffee meeting, time and venue of their choosing.

A robust **Sergeant's session** was conducted by Sergeant Noel, with a few entertaining personal anecdotes from members younger days.

Guest Speakers: President Paul, Barry Stafford and Tony Rayner
'The Joy of Walking' Project'

Tonight's presentation was about the progress of the new project aimed at promoting walking trails in the Onehunga, One Tree Hill, and Mangere areas. During a recent meeting involving Paul, Barry, and Tony, the team engaged with Sandra, an enthusiastic collaborator interested in integrating artificial intelligence into their project. They brainstormed objectives for the initiative and how to enhance community involvement. Following their discussion, Sandra provided additional ideas, which Tony will elaborate on, highlighting the project's potential for local engagement through active participation in walking activities.

The core concept involves creating a user-friendly website where individuals can easily access information about various walking routes in the area. Originally, users were required to provide personal details before obtaining walking plans, but the team aims to streamline this process. Instead of a simple starter pack, they plan to offer immediate access to a free welcome package, including downloadable maps and instructions. Additionally, a monthly photo competition will encourage community members to engage with the walks, with prizes such as movie tickets or ferry rides to enhance participation and foster a sense of community.

This initiative has broader implications, as it targets not only local families looking for recreational activities, but also potential new residents interested in the area's amenities. By showcasing the available walks, the project can serve as a resource for real estate agents to attract young families. Furthermore, it aims to establish a sense of ownership and pride within the community, encouraging residents to explore their surroundings while promoting healthy lifestyles. The incorporation of partner businesses, such as cafes and local stores, will also help boost local economies and create a network of support.

The project's success hinges on community feedback and engagement. Members are encouraged to try out the walking routes, provide insights on their experiences, and suggest improvements. This participatory approach will ensure the initiative meets community needs while fostering a collaborative atmosphere. The team envisions a long-term impact, where successful execution in their locale can be replicated by other clubs across New Zealand, ultimately promoting a culture of walking and community involvement nationwide.

In conclusion, the initiative represents an exciting opportunity to enhance local engagement through walking trails while fostering community relationships and promoting health. By streamlining access to information, integrating competitions, and collaborating with local businesses, the project aims to create a sustainable model for community-focused activities. **The team remains optimistic about the potential of their plans and encourages active participation from all members, recognizing that collective input will be vital for the project's success.**

Thought for the week: Ernie Meyer.

Age is just a state of mind. Don't ask me what a state of mind is!

Guest Speaker: 18th August Noel Carey. Recent guided tour of Alberta, British Colombia and our unguided cruise of the Inner Passage, Southern Alaska.

President	Paul Jenner
Attendance	Ant Martin
Hospitality	Iain McCrae
Scribe	Bill Appleton
Meals	Bruce Murdoch – Derek Neutze
Host	N/A
Thanks	Ernie Meyer
Thought For the week	- Trevor Mosley

Apologies to Noel before 5.00pm Friday.

Club notice

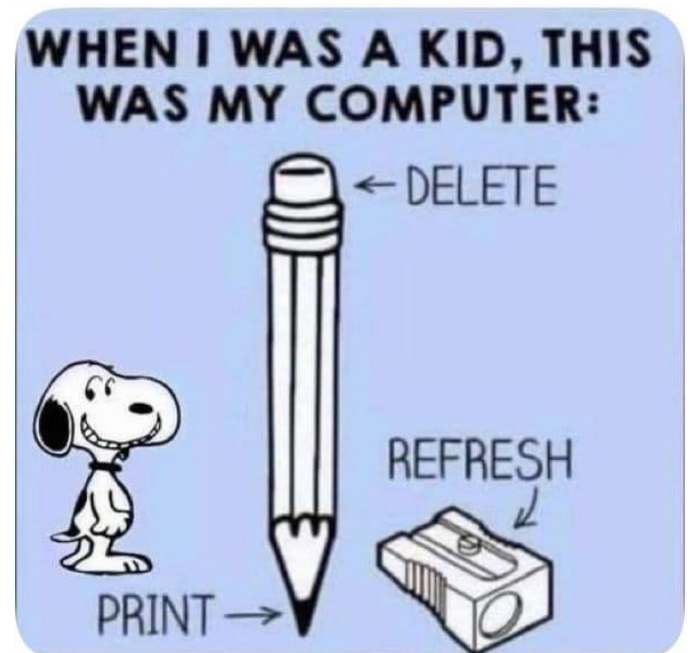
Future Meetings

25th 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!

**My kids and grandkids
keep laughing about
me losing my memory.**

**They won't be laughing at
Christmas when there's no
eggs under the tree!**



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End note: By the time a woman realizes her mother was right, she has a daughter who thinks she's wrong.