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**Apologies:** George Arulanantham, Tony Bradley, Sharmeen Hyatt, Rod Kestle, George Varghese, Brian Williams, Derek Neutze, Rob Lyons, Rhett Stephens, Mavis Moodie, Gwynyth Carr.

**President Paul** welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Paul reminded everyone of his email to all members regarding his request for wives/ partners to contact him about a regular social get-together for a chat. Paul has had only five replies and would like more feedback from other members.

**5 Minute Speaker:** Robin Hulford. I have something which might be of interest, and it's called a parallel ruler. I'll give it to you and just pass it around. It's rather heavy, but it's a fairly sophisticated tool and it just precedes things like GPS and electronic navigation at sea. It's not that far back. It's within the working lives of most of us here.

Now the navigator precedes plugging in. Now it's used in conjunction with paper charts which you've heard of. And the other instruments that go with it are a soft pencil, the ruler itself, and a rubber. And it's used for coastal navigation. Now if you know where you are, you use it to set a course.

If you don't know where you are, you use it to find where you are by taking bearings and plotting them on the chart. Now the chart has a thing called a rose, a compass rose on it. And a compass rose is a circle about this big with all the degrees, in the compass on it. It also has the magnetic compass put on it and that has a date on it because as we all know the magnetic North Pole constantly shifts. So, it tells you when it was set and how much adjustment you need to make.

So, if you know where you are, you simply draw the line on the chart where you want to go, take the parallel roller, put it on the line and roll it over to the compass rose and read off the direction that you have to steer. If you don't know where you are, you look at all the, settings on the chart, points, and things of interest that you can identify with your eye. You take a bearing of them and put those bearings onto the chart. You'd have to do at least three to make sure you're not making mistakes. So that precedes what we're using today and nowadays it's something just of interest that sailors keep in their office and remember back.

But it does remind us how quickly things change, and that sophistication is a constant problem for some of us.

**Guest Speaker: Noel Carey** presented a well-prepared power point covering their recent trip to North America.

In July, Noel and Jenny, with a group of 14 travellers embarked on a journey from New Zealand to Canada and Alaska, beginning their adventure in Vancouver, British Columbia. After a long flight that crossed the dateline, they landed in Vancouver and travelled on to Calgary. They explored Calgary, known for its rich history and the famous Calgary Stampede, which attracts over a million visitors annually. The group enjoyed various attractions, including the vibrant pedestrian areas and the Stampede's thrilling events, such as chuck wagon races and bull riding, immersing themselves in the local culture and excitement.

The tour continued as the group travelled from Calgary to Jasper, experiencing the scenic Icefields Parkway. They witnessed the aftermath of devastating wildfires that had ravaged Jasper the previous year, highlighting the resilience of the community as it began to rebuild. Along their journey, they marvelled at stunning glacial lakes and took part in activities such as riding the Jasper Sky Tram and visiting the Columbia Icefield. The experience provided a blend of natural beauty and adventure, reinforcing the area's appeal as a tourist destination.

Upon returning to Vancouver, the group boarded the Rocky Mountaineer, a luxurious train that offered breath-taking views of the Canadian Rockies. The journey included an overnight stop in Kamloops before reaching Vancouver. The travellers also explored Victoria on Vancouver Island, visiting the renowned Butchart Gardens, and enjoying a traditional high tea. They marvelled at the gardens' beauty and took a seaplane flight for aerial views of Victoria, further enriching their travel experience.

The cruise portion of the trip to Alaska began after some members returned to New Zealand. The remaining group set sail on a large cruise ship, embarking on an expedition that included stops in Juneau and Skagway. They engaged in activities like whale watching and taking the historic White Pass Summit Railway, which was instrumental during the Klondike Gold Rush. The cruise provided an opportunity to witness Alaska's breath-taking glaciers and wildlife, such as grizzly bears and eagles, showcasing the natural wonders of the region.

In conclusion, the trip from New Zealand to Canada and Alaska was a remarkable adventure filled with diverse experiences, spanning urban exploration, cultural immersion, and breath-taking natural sights. The journey not only allowed the travellers to connect with local traditions and hospitality but also highlighted the environmental challenges faced by these regions. Ultimately, the group's shared experiences fostered camaraderie and a deeper appreciation for the beauty and resilience of both the Canadian and Alaskan landscapes.



### British Colombia, Alberta, Canada

Vancouver pop 2.68m

Calgary pop 1.7m

Jasper pop 4,700

Banff pop 10,900

Kamloops pop 108,000

Victoria pop 400,000



**Thought for the week: Trevor Mosley.**

***“Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time”. (Steven Wright)***

Plus, a seasonal reminder.

***“Mail your packages early so the post office can lose them in time for Christmas.”  
(Johnny Carson)***

**Guest Speaker: 25<sup>th</sup> August** Murray Burt, talking about his experiences with UN Aid in the Middle East.

President	Paul Jenner
Attendance	Iain McCrae
Hospitality	Peter Mayow
Scribe	Bill Appleton
Meals	Derek Neutze – Tony Rayner
Host	Ernie Meyer
Thanks	Trevor Mosley
Thought For the week	– Bruce Murdoch

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

**Club notice**: Bruce Murdoch advised that the Meal cost has increased to \$31.50 and that members should adjust any automatic payments accordingly.

## **Future**

*I can do it!*

*I've got this !*

*I will succeed!*



**A self-driven car!**

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

**I went  
to McDonald's  
today  
and ate a  
Kid's Meal.**

**It was good,  
but his mom  
was furious...**

**My wife called to tell me she  
saw a fox on the way to work.**

**I asked her how she knew it  
was on it's way to work.**

**She hung up on me.**

**I accidentally passed  
my wife a glue stick  
instead of a chap  
stick..  
She's still not talking  
to me ...**

**A SLICE OF APPLE PIE  
IN JAMAICA IS  
\$2.00. IT IS \$2.50 IN  
THE BAHAMAS. THESE  
ARE THE PIE RATES  
OF THE CARIBBEAN**

**I'M READING A BOOK  
ABOUT ANTI-GRAVITY.**

**IT'S IMPOSSIBLE  
TO PUT DOWN!**

**I changed my password to  
"incorrect" So, whenever I  
forget what it is, the  
computer will say "Your  
password is incorrect ".♥**

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End note: We take for granted the things that we should be giving thanks for.