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Apologies: George Arulanantham, Tony Bradley, Sharmeen Hyatt, Rod Kestle(LOA), Lloyd Albiston.

Visitors: Amber Song and Summer Lei, and their fathers Roman Song, Anson Lei, and Myra.

President Paul welcomed our Guests Amber, Summer, Roman, Anson and Myra.

Sergeant Noel : Noel made a further call for RYLA nominees for RYLA June 2026.

Remembrance. The club observed one minutes silence to mark the passing recently of Past President (1981/82) Ron Clarke. Ron was a foundation member of The One Tree Hill Club and served in many Avenues of Service to Rotary. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of the high standards he lived by and the example of his 'Service above Self' contribution to the club and Rotary International.

5-minute Speakers: Amber Song and Summer Lei Speech Contest winners at Epsom Normal Primary School. Amber and Summer gave an excellent presentation that demonstrated why they were this year's Speech Contest winners.

Summarized as follows:

Amber Song spoke about Deforestation as a critical issue affecting about 31% of the Earth's land, with millions of acres lost annually due to logging, agriculture, and urban growth. This destruction threatens biodiversity, as forests are home to 80% of terrestrial species, and it exacerbates climate change by releasing stored carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. The impact extends beyond the environment, jeopardizing the livelihoods of millions who rely on forests for resources. However, there is hope; individuals can contribute by supporting sustainable practices, advocating for environmental policies, and raising awareness. Together, we can protect forests and ensure a healthier planet for future generations.



Summer Lei emphasized the urgent need for action to protect our planet, highlighting the critical issues of plastic pollution and deforestation. She pointed out that plastic waste harms marine life, leading to their suffering and death, while deforestation destroys animal habitats for development. Summer called for collective responsibility, urging individuals to recognize pollution as a significant global issue and to take small, meaningful actions towards environmental conservation. She rallied her audience to embrace their role as the generation that can mend the damage done, advocating for a commitment to cleaning up the planet, one step at a time.

Thanked by President Paul for their presentation and as an example of hope for our future.

Guest Speaker: Joy of Walking
discussion chaired by Barry
Stafford and Tony Rayner.



The discussion centred around the upcoming "Joy of Walking" initiative, which aims to promote walking as a healthy activity within the community. The meeting highlighted the group's efforts to publicize the initiative, including the release of an article in the Onehunga Community News and the development of a new logo. Participants discussed various promotional strategies, including signage and an engaging website that would provide information about local walking routes. The launch date for the initiative is set for September 19, coinciding with the school holidays, to encourage families to get outside and participate.

One of the main focuses of the meeting was the design and implementation of the logo and the associated promotional materials. The participants agreed that the logo should convey a clean and straightforward message, emphasizing the joy of walking. They also debated how many walks to include in the launch, considering whether to start with a single route around Cornwall Park/Maungakiekie, or multiple routes to attract a wider audience.

The implications of the initiative were discussed in terms of its potential impact on local health and community engagement. Walking was highlighted as an accessible form of exercise that benefits physical and mental health, making it an ideal activity for people of all ages. The meeting participants recognized the importance of making walking appealing, particularly to younger families who might be looking for activities during school breaks. The discussion also touched on how the initiative could contribute to building a data bank of community engagement, which could be beneficial for future Rotary projects.

Further context was provided regarding the collaboration with Free Walks New Zealand, which aims to foster regional walking initiatives across the country. The meeting participants expressed their goal of not only promoting walking but also increasing awareness about Rotary's community involvement. They recognized that many potential participants might not be familiar with Rotary's work, thus reinforcing the importance of effectively communicating their mission and activities to the broader community.

In conclusion, the meeting underscored a collective enthusiasm for the "Joy of Walking" initiative, which aims to promote healthier lifestyles through community engagement. While the group faced challenges regarding logistics and publicity, they demonstrated a commitment to refining their approach to effectively launch the program. The initiative holds promise for enhancing community well-being and fostering a greater appreciation for local walking routes, while also serving as a platform for Rotary to connect with a wider audience. As they prepare for the launch, ongoing discussions will be crucial to ensure that the project meets its objectives and resonates with the community.

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS



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- ▶ Rotary Club of Maungakiekie
- ▶ Freewalks.nz

Building healthier communities through walking. Explore your neighbourhood, meet friendly locals and have fun with nature hunt challenges.



Thought for the week: Derek Neutze.

"There is virtue in *work* and there is virtue in *rest*. Use both and overlook neither."
(Alan Cohen)

Guest Speaker: 8th of September. Joy of Walking Project details.

Duties 8th of September

President	Paul
Scribe	Bill A
Attendance	Ernie
Hospitality	Trevor
Meals	Rhett, Jeanette
Thought For the Week	Barry

No guest speaker so no host or thanks required.

Apologies to Noel before 5.00pm Friday.

Club notices: District are looking for expressions of interest in sending candidates to RYLA , (*Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.*) to be held in June 2026, at MERC Long Bay.

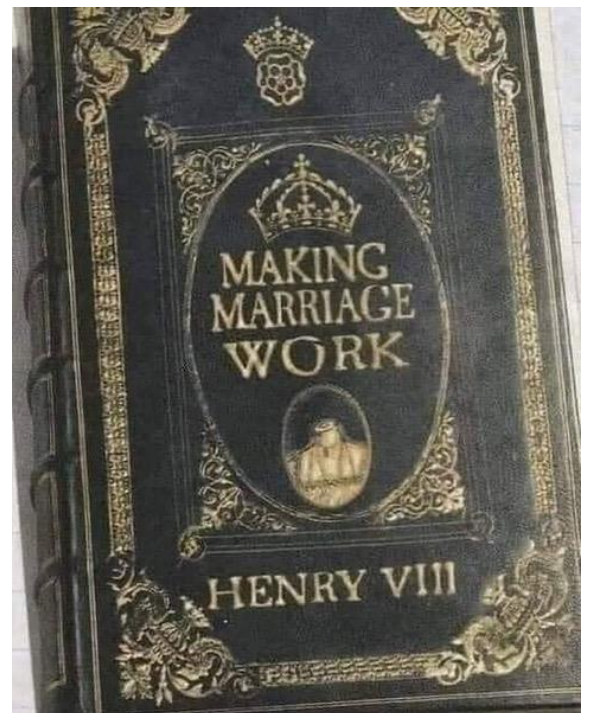
If anyone knows of suitable candidates, please advise Noel Carey.

Board meeting on the 8th of September at R O B before club meeting.

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



I didn't realize how bad my driving was until my GPS said
"In 400 feet do a slight right, stop, and let me out!"



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