

# Rotary Club of Maungakiekie Bulletin / Newsletter NL 240 1st of December 2025





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#### **Monday 1st of December 2025**

<u>Apologies:</u> George Arulanantham, Robin Hulford, Paul Jenner, Rod Kestle, Ant Martin, Richard Ryan, George Varghese, Craig Jones.

# Fred McKeever, Dennie Walls and Allan Haskell Memorial Student Awards Evening













The event honours outstanding students through the presentation of various awards, highlighting their achievements and contributions to their schools and communities Each student is recognized not only for academic excellence but also for embodying values such as resilience, kindness, and leadership. The awards, including the McKeever Scholarship, celebrate the legacy of Fred McKeever and the support of the Rotary Club, which enables these students to pursue their educational aspirations.

The implications of these awards extend beyond individual recognition; they foster a culture of encouragement within schools and the broader community. The support from the Rotary Club and the legacy of figures like Fred McKeever, Dennie Walls and Allan Haskell inspire not only the awardees but also their peers to strive for excellence. This environment of recognition and support encourages students to aim for high achievements, with the hope that they will one day give back to their communities.

The award ceremony serves as a powerful reminder of the impact that dedication, resilience, and community support can have on young individuals. The students honoured on Monday night exemplify the values that their schools and communities hold dear. Their achievements not only celebrate their hard work and determination but also inspire future generations to pursue their ambitions and contribute positively to society. As they move forward, these young awardees are encouraged to uphold the spirit of service and leadership championed by the Rotary Club and their educators.

Acting President Barry Stafford welcomed the Students and Teachers to the Awards evening. and thanked the schools for their co-operation and work in selecting the deserving students for the awards.

The teachers introduced the students to the meeting with a background as to the reasons for their selection.

The Awards were presented to the students by representatives of the Memorial Trusts.



David Daniel, for the Fred McKeever awards. Shameen Hyatt, for the Dennie Walls award, and Allan Haskell's granddaughter, Madeline Haskell, for the Haskell Memorial awards.

Barry Stafford congratulated all the successful awardees, on behalf of Maungakiekie Rotary.



#### **Award winners:** Fred McKeever Memorial Scholarship

<u>Oranga Primary</u> – Sapphire Bickerton. <u>Te Papapa Primary</u> – Faneto Kata <u>Onehunga Primary</u> – Jordyn Haimotu. <u>St Josephs Primary</u> – <u>Shonny Vila</u> <u>Royal Oak Intermediate</u> – Valencia Roi. <u>Onehunga High School</u> – Briana O'Sullivan.

#### **Dennie Walls Memorial Scholarship**

Onehunga High School - Stevie Lee

Alan Haskell Memorial Scholarship Onehunga High School –Chalotte Lilo. Laura McFelin. Semesi Vaotangi Jethro Jones









## <u>Meeting next week</u>. 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 As per Sergeant Noel's email

Next week is our penultimate meeting of the calendar year, our **AGM** followed by a short special meeting where Barry will run through the new constitution for the club. A meeting not to be missed.

Please let me know by Friday 5pm if you will be coming, bringing a guest or will be an apology. Duties will be sent only to those affected once they have been documented.

Don't forget our final "meeting" on 15th December will be our **Christmas Party**. This is of course Partners Night. Details will be provided next week. Kind regards.

Sergeant Noel

## Remember 'The Joy of Walking' project is live, online.

The "Joy of Walking" is a 12-month community program by the Rotary Club of Maungakiekie, offering monthly self-guided walks in the Onehunga, One Tree Hill, and Epsom areas to encourage physical activity and community connection.

https://joyofwalking.nz/

#### Thought for the week.

"Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm."

— Winston Churchill





# Smile!

## It makes people wonder what you have been up to!

# Hilarious Things My Mother Taught Me...

- My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
- My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
- 4. My mother taught me LOGIC. " Because I said so, that's why."
- My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
- My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
- 7. My mother taught me IRONY "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
- My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
- My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
- 10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

# SHARE if you remember any of them







#### End note.

Forgiveness is like the moon, light without heat.