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Barry Stafford was acting President and Chaired the Meeting .
I'd like to welcome our new guys, Bruce, and Rodney. Welcome.

We will have a more formal welcome for both of you and our new lady member in the new year, in February. But it's great to see you here. Thank you for coming and thank you for the support at the Book Fair.

Much appreciated.

(Noel)

We do have a few apologies and Merry Christmases. So, Mavis can't make it tonight, but she does say Merry Christmas to you all. She can't make it next week either because she's grandma or nana sitting in Taupiri.

George is in India, as we speak, and he wishes us all a Merry Christmas. He won't be seen here for some time, because from there he's moving back over to Africa, I think, and Vietnam and Cambodia. So, he's on the move.

Derek Neutze is an apology. Tony Bradley is an apology.
Also, Craig and Paul. Cat and Gary.

5-minute speaker Media report:

Tony Rayner spoke about the Joy of Walking Project and the article in the Onehunga Community News.

There are currently 40 members in the project, which is pretty good for a new idea.

Digital media: club Facebook information.

We had 857 hits over the last 28 days on our Facebook and about 122 webpage views in the last month. So, there's about averaging 50 a day just before the book fair. So, people are looking to see when the book fair was and times and whatnot.

The most recently viewed page was the McKeever, Haskell, Walls School Awards. So, I'll put a post up there for that. So, there's been a few people looking at that.

Some interesting facts about countries who look at our webpage. I get these stats from Google. And between 11 November and today, we had 441 views from people in New Zealand and we had 423 views from people in China.

And in third place, we had 300 views of people from Singapore. And then USA, there were 47 views. And the Australians came fifth with only six views of our webpage.

Article and advert in the Onehunga Community news.

Big year for Rotary Maungakiekie

Members of Rotary Maungakiekie would like to thank the community for supporting their annual Book Fair fundraiser at the Onehunga Community House in November.

Thanks to an incredible turnout, the event achieved record sales - with every dollar going straight back into local projects.

Rotary Maungakiekie has been serving Onehunga, One Tree Hill and neighbouring suburbs since 1947. Today, the club looks very different: relaxed, informal, and designed for busy people who want to make a meaningful impact without rigid commitments.

This year, the club delivered a wide range of community initiatives, including:

Developing young people: local Year 12 students attended the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum - a prestigious 14-day immersion, opening doors to university pathways, industry leaders, and new career futures; six teams from Onehunga High School and Marcellin College participated in the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), gaining confidence while debating global issues; scholarships were awarded to outstanding students through the McKeever, Walls, and Haskell Awards.

Helping Pacific families in crisis: a young Vanuatu mother and her 6-month-old baby were flown to Starship Hospital for lifesaving heart surgery through Rotary's ROMAC programme. Members supported them through every step, from surgery to recovery. This is work that the public rarely sees, but it changed lives.

Supporting child mental health: Rotary members drove tractors in the annual Feelings for Life Tractor Trek, bringing the Think and Be Me programme into 60 Northland schools. This mental-wellbeing initiative was supported by our club and led by member, Cat Levine.

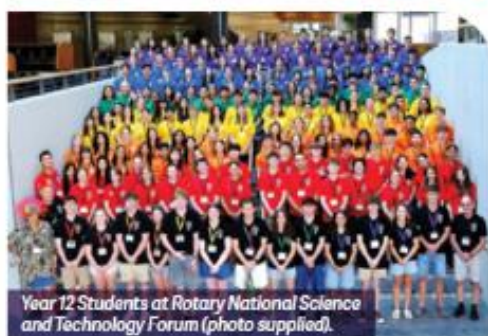
Bringing people together: led the Epsom ANZAC service, ensuring this cherished community tradition continues; launched the Joy of Walking initiative in partnership with Freewalks.nz, connecting locals with nature.

Growing youth leadership and community sport: supported the Blues Charitable Trust, now working with 50 schools; contributed to the revitalisation of the Te Papapa Onehunga Rugby, Football and Sports Club; sponsored local families to send their children to Kids Camp at Willow Park.

Do you want to join Rotary Maungakiekie and make a difference in people's lives? Phone 027 421 1379 or Tony 021 333 032, or visit rotarymaungakiekie.org.nz



Think and Be Me lesson in a Northland primary school (photo supplied).



Year 12 Students at Rotary National Science and Technology Forum (photo supplied).

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No organised meetups - just independent fun.

November: Mangere Esplanade Loop Walk

Capture the beauty of spring - blossoms, new growth, and wildlife. Join over 100 local walkers already discovering the joy!

"What a lovely way to end the year, Spring is in the air, I'm going to enjoy with family" - Michael J



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SCAN ME

Club AGM and Special AGM for adoption of new Club Constitution

Past President Barry Stafford Chaired the meeting and noted that all relevant documentation had been circulated.

The treasurer spoke to the Club accounts, and they were adopted by a vote from members present.

Detail of the club Trust account was presented and showed a healthy balance that will allow the club to continue to support to the local organisations that benefitted from the club involvement during the year with \$112,500.00 distributed during the year.

Bill Grayson presented a roundup of the Book Fair activities and thanked all the members and friends that were part of another momentous event, which raised a record \$20,000.00.

Next year's Book Fair dates will be the 20th, 21st and 22nd of November 2026. And, of course, the sorting will open on the 9th of November.

The impact and involvement in the community has been very apparent with Bill citing various organisations that will be involved next year.

Bill highlighted the opportunities that we have come across this year to have surplus unsold books being used in more meaningful ways.

Barry thanked Bill for his contribution and moved on to call the special AGM. Barry explained the actions required to progress the New Constitution. This was duly processed, and our obligations completed with Barry able to register our new constitution soon.

Next week the final meeting for the year is our Christmas Dinner evening. Details have been circulated from Gwynyth and Noel.

New Year first meeting date

We will meet again on 19th January 2026.

Thought for the week. *Phil Aish*

Be an encourager. For your tongue holds the power of life or death. Make sure you keep it.

Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world.



**Onehunga Primary School. "Splash and Dash" event 2025
Maungakiekie Rotary Club support.**



"Chef's extraordinaire"

Club's Calendar Girls! Morning coffee meeting.



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/>



Smile!

It makes people wonder what you have been up to!

The three stages of man: He believes in Santa Claus.

He doesn't believe in Santa Claus.

He is Santa Claus.



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End note. Robin Hulford

"Sailing is the fine art of getting wet and becoming ill, while slowly going nowhere at great expense."