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Apologies: Alan Bannin, Tony Bradley, Gwynyth Carr, Bill Grayson, Paul Jenner(LOA), Rob Lyon, Iain McCrae, Ernie Meyer, Trevor Mosley, Bruce Murdoch, Tony Rayner, Richard Ryan, Rhett Stephen, Jeanette Thorn. George Varghese.

Sergeant Noel Welcomed our three new members, Heather, Bruce, and Rodney.

They will be our guest speakers for the next meeting, taking a 5-minute slot each to introduce themselves to the club.

Noel advised that the two annual appeals that we support now have dates.

Big Heart appeal is scheduled for the 27th of February.
Details of the location will be advised.

Child Cancer Appeal
Friday 13th March and Sat 14th March
Pak n Save Royal Oak
Confirmation of your availability direct to Peter Mayow.

Mavis Moodie is keen to host a BBQ again at her home in Franklin this Year.
An occasion always enjoyed by all who attend.
Mavis has advised that Sunday afternoon the 15th of February is an available date for her. More address and map information to follow.

Guest Speaker: Informal Meeting. No Guest Speaker

5-minute speaker N/A

Acting President Barry has promised a Christmas story to relate at a future date, as it is still unfolding.

Barry is to correspond with Sandra Tanner regarding our Joy of Walking Programme, so that we can have another brand-new walk next month and that features Mount Hobson and Mount St John.

Barry reported on the future meeting guest speaker situation.

2nd of February: Our three new members will each present a 5-minute slot to introduce themselves to the Club as mentioned above.



January

VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH

*"Where your talents and the needs of the world cross,
there lies your vocation"*
Aristotle

9th of February: Vickey Tyler will talk about, "What a broken spine taught me."

16th February: Debbie Mulligan, who was Rotary Overseas student sponsored by Epsom Rotary about 20 years ago. Her subject will be 'AI'

9th of March: Mary Mowbray will talk about 'Dental Health'.

Barry is currently communicating with local MP Greg Flemings office to arrange a date sometime in March for his annual address to the club.
Subject will be his experiences to date as an MP.

Barry shared his thoughts about 2 Movies he has recently seen and recommended.
Two totally different subjects, Nuremberg, starring Russell Crow,
and Song Sung Blue with Hugh Jackman.

George Arulanantham shared a recommendation for a special movie about the travels of a Monk across India.

George has provided me with details. Here is a link to YouTube for this movie.

<https://youtu.be/dCxKBcDWcgl>

Phil Aish talked about his recent experiences of having his car stolen and the saga of insurance procedures. An interesting tale of pedantic attitudes.
However, 'All's well that ends well'.

Thought for the week. From Sergeant Noel Carey

Another year, another date, to fix my life or just my gait.

I vow to gym and eat some kale, and surely this time, I won't fail.

By tomorrow I'll be eating cake, and watching TV for goodness' sake.

I'll make more money, bank account fat, and finally use that yoga mat.

But let's be real, it's 2026. Some bad habits are hard to fix.

So, here's the thought I'm holding dear. Same chaos, just a brand-new year.

Duties: February 2nd 2026

Attendance: Ernie Meyer

Hospitality: Lloyd Albiston

Meals: Iain McCrae – Tony Bradley

Guest Speaker: N/A

Subject:

5 Minute Speaker(S): New Members: Heather Lather, Rodney Foley, Bruce Verrall.

Host:

Thanks: Mavis Moodie

Thought For the Week: Brian Williams

Apologies to Noel Carey by 5pm Friday 30th Janua

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!

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But somehow, I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer. Always something more important to me.

Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors.

I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again, I handed her a toothbrush.

I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway." The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.



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End note. 'The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled'.

Plutarch: