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Monday 30th of March 2026

Apologies: Paul Jenner(LOA), George Varghese, Rod Kestle, George Arulanantham, Rhett Stephens, Iain McCrae, Brian Williams, Ernie Meyer, Lloyd Albiston, Mavis Moodie, Derek Neutze.



April

ENVIRONMENT MONTH

"We owe it to ourselves and to the next generation to conserve the environment so that we can bequeath our children a sustainable world that benefits all"

Wangari Maathai

Sergeant Noel gave us an update on various members health challenges as a follow up to the apologies.

Happy dollar spots.

Tony Rayner read out a report from George Arulanthanam re The Books project. Pressure Worx has once again agreed to sponsor the Books for Life project, and George is currently working with Vanuatu clubs for a suitable school for this ears project.

Richard Ryan took the opportunity to share details of a recent trip to Middlemarch, to catch up on his family history in the area. Middlemarch is halfway between Mosgiel and Kyeburn on Highway 87 in central Otago and is the site of the railhead for the old Central Otago railway line.

Phil Aish recorded praise for the follow up work done by the Police in the recovery of his stolen vehicle and their subsequent advice to him.

Acting President: Barry Stafford reported on the NZ wide Rotary project scheduled for the week 1 to 8th June 2026. Barry commented on the amount of planning and work that has gone into this project called 'Rotary Cans for a Cause'.

Barry will circulate the information to members, and we will revisit this in a few weeks.

Guest Speaker: Peter Mayow ANZAC day.

The event is scheduled approximately three weeks from now, by the 25th. Preparations are underway with promotional posters and flyers ready for distribution in supporting shops and organizations.

Volunteers Barry, Rob, and Gary are assigned to specific local areas (Ranfurly Road, Greenwoods Corner, Lido location) to handle poster and flyer distribution, with regular updates on handing over materials such as laminated posters.

Distribution is planned for the week after Easter, starting Tuesday/Wednesday.

The community notice boards have been redesigned by Tony, improving visual appeal and content, including removing outdated references and adding a new poem board with plaques from a memorial archway to attract interest.

Guides and scouts are preparing for the event's flag display, shifting from leaning flags against the archway to using ground spikes in the garden for organized placement of seven flags (four guides, three scouts) to ensure neat presentation.

The service sheet is finalized and ready for printing. It includes a special insert story prepared by Gail Romano, curator of War History at Auckland Museum, telling a compelling dual narrative about two individuals with the same name in WWI.

Key participants include Barry (welcome and intro), Tony (Health & Safety briefing), Commander Robin Holford (roll call of honour, retired RNZ Navy), and Trevor (Ode of Remembrance in Māori and English). Noel is requested to perform the wreath laying.

Organizers will inspect and ensure the cleanliness of the grounds and facilities (toilets), coordinated with Council and Parks Department, which is also conducting garden planting nearby the event site.

Crosses and poppies will be arranged in the garden; a new large wooden cross representing all fallen New Zealand servicemen will be introduced near but not overshadowing smaller crosses.

The RSA will supply poppies for distribution. Children may hand out service sheets and carry baskets of poppies to encourage public participation. The article also discusses and resolves the method of poppy distribution (walking around with baskets versus setting them on tables).

Ground spikes will be installed for flags, and the PA system will be managed by Tim Woolfield, using equipment donated by Edwards Sound System, to handle music, hymns, and announcements.

Children are requested to help distribute service sheets and poppies. The event flow will be organized in a run sheet clarifying each participant's role and timing.

After the event, a clean-up will ensure no garbage is left behind, with most participants taking their materials away, maintaining the locations cleanliness.

Questions about toilet availability and weather contingencies were discussed. Contacts with the council are available to resolve issues, and decisions regarding event cancellation under heavy rain or hazardous ground conditions will be taken as necessary.

President Barry thanked Peter for his taking on the role of Organising this event again.

Thought for the week: Tony Bradley.

"I know not what weapons World War three will be fought, but World War four will be fought with Sticks and Stones."

(Albert Einstein)

Duties: April 13th 2026

Sergeant Noel Carey

President Barry Stafford

Attendance: Phil Aish

Hospitality: Lloyd Albiston

Meals:--Bill G – Gary Hays

5 Minute Speaker: TBA

Guest Speaker: Joanne Watt – Child Psychologist

Subject: – Working with school children.

Host: Gwynyth Carr

Thanks: Tony Bradley

Thought For the Week: Alan Bannin

Apologies and confirmation of attendance to Noel by 5pm Friday 10th 2026

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.

Prizes have been won so far!

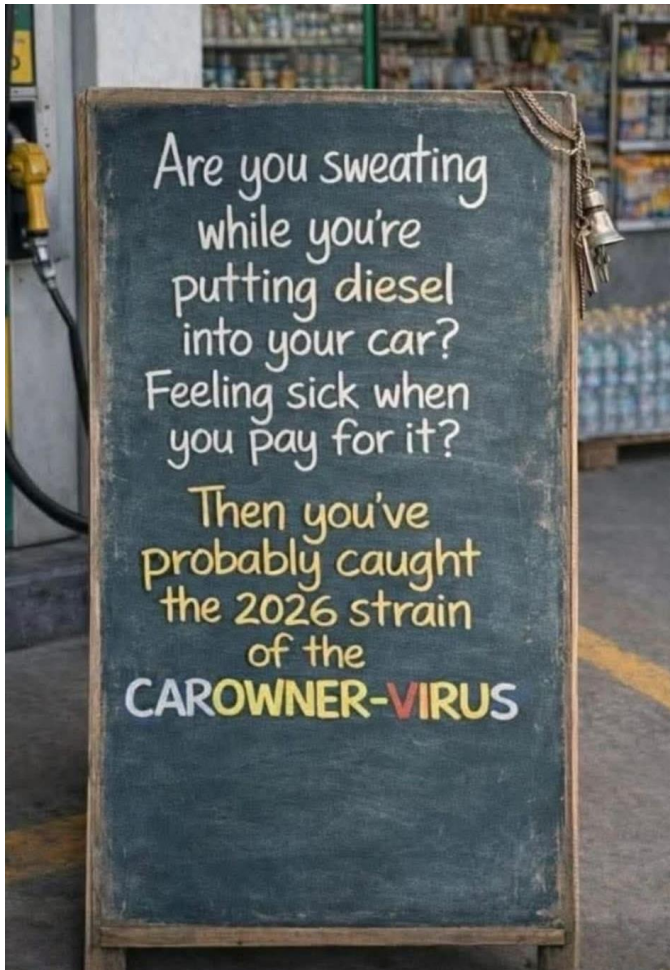
<https://joyofwalking.nz/>





Smile!

It makes people wonder what you have been up to!



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End note.

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."