



## Rotary Club of Onehunga One Tree Hill Inc.

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Club Meets at Royal Oak Bowls \_146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga, Auckland

Each Monday evening 5:30pm to 7:30pm, including dinner.

*Newsletter to keep the Wheel*



*Turning!*

NL 49 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

*May is-*

**YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**

**Meeting Report ---  
19th April 2021**

**Scribe: Lloyd Albiston**

### Attendance

**Members 22**

**Visitors:** Rotarian\_Tony Raynor. Honiara Club Solomons. Guest Speaker Blair Rowlings

**Apologies:** Fatu and Parehuia Enari, Duncan McDonald, Peter Mayow, Derek Neutze, Paul Jenner, Deiter Dyck

**Sergeant:**

**President Bruce** welcomed all to Rotary and Winter. He announced that the book fair grossed \$13,695 and congratulated the club on a good effort.

### 1-Minute Spots

Neil reminded the club of the upcoming membership meeting on the next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

More potential members names urgently required. Advise Neil.

Neil is migrating their email from his Xtra address to a new email provider

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## 5- Minute Spot



Quentin spoke of some family history in John Jacob Astor's establishment of the first English speaking settlement on the West coast of North America. In the book Astoria The Lost Pacific Empire, Peter Stark relates how a meticulously planned attempt to create a Pacific fur trading empire went terribly wrong due to a lack of understanding of cultural norms by the participants and by unfortunate geopolitics. The land party was beset by preventable delays leading to a miserable and deadly Winter crossing of the Rockies. The ship that met them ended up being burned with the crew massacred when the captain imposed his own trading rules. The settlement was then handed over to the British when the War of 1812 broke out. Astor

never budged from the comfort of New York – Lesson: if you want to get something done right, do it yourself.

## Guest Speaker



Colin introduced Blair Rowling of Fire and Emergency New Zealand. Blair started with the then New Zealand Fire Service in Manukau in 2001 and is now a Fire Risk Management Officer leading a team of four.

His department has two roles: Community Education and Fire Investigation, though in August the structure will be split into separate entities. Blair told how his front-line work “at the end of a hose” helped in the subtleties of fire investigation.



He described the stated purpose of the Fire Service: Protecting and preserving lives, property and the environment, which includes working with building owners, especially those converting commercial

properties into residential. Adaptive re-use projects need new systems to fulfil the requirements of added sleeping spaces.

He then described how fire risk has grown between 1960 and 2000, with far more flammable materials used in furnishings. Because of synthetics, there can be up to 5 litres of petrol in a standard sofa. A terrifying video showed the speed at which a small flame can turn into a toxic cloud, with gases released that eventually ignite in a flashover, with temperatures of up to 750 degrees Celsius. When escaping, crawl below this cloud.

The main causes of fire are cooking, combustibles' too close to heat source, Carelessness with a heat source, electrical faults – notably lithium-ion batteries, and children.

Golden rules :

1. Working smoke alarm
2. Make home fire safe.
3. Have an escape plan and practice it.
4. In a fire, get out and stay out.
5. Call 111

## Thought for the Week

“Go as far as you can see; when you get there, you'll be able to see further.” *Thomas Carlyle*



## *Rotary Club of Onehunga One Tree Hill*

### Duties

#### 10<sup>th</sup> May

**Equipment:** Bill Grayson  
**Attendance:** Alan Bannin  
**Hospitality:** Bill Appleton  
**5 Minute Speaker:** Barry Stafford  
**Guest Speaker:** Robin Hulford  
**Subject:** Book Fair Report  
**Host:** President Bruce  
**Thanks:** Lloyd Albiston  
**Thought for the week:** Trevor Mosley  
**Scribe:** *Barry Stafford*

#### 17th May

**Equipment:** Alistair Grundy  
**Attendance:** Bede Brittenden  
**Hospitality:** Paul Jenner  
**5 Minute Speaker:** Colin Tea  
**Guest Speaker:** Linda Walls:  
Personal Consultant  
**Subject:** Business and stress  
**Host:** Neil Reid  
**Thanks:** Robin Hulford  
**Thought for the week:** Derek Neutze  
**Scribe:** *Lloyd Albiston*

**(Remember, if you are **not** available for a duty, **please organise a replacement** and advise Alan and Noel.)**

**Onehunga One Tree Hill Rotary Facebook page Link:** (ctrl and click to follow link)  
<https://www.facebook.com/rcooth/>



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*The Queen was in her counting house!*

*Nice to see Gwynyth back!*



*The happy Host!*

## **Bede's Funnies**



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## *Asanvari Village builds back better*

**THE** installation of spouting, some sand and tanks were the icing on the cake of Rotary District 9910's global grant project in Asanvari Village, Maewo Island, Vanuatu, which was officially opened on February 15, 2021.

Potable water supply has always been a challenge, and Cyclone Harold in February 2020 destroyed the basic water catchment along with most structures in the villages. Collecting rainwater provides all the water supply for the village.

The focus of the project was to restore the community's ability to harvest and store potable water. The newly constructed water and sanitation catchment structure will provide the school with clean water, while the area below the roof catchment will provide two classroom areas. The structure is designed to withstand extreme winds and will provide a long-term safe shelter for the village and Asanvari Primary School.

The new toilet facilities will be beneficial not only for the existing 165 pikininis to Year 7 students coming from Asanvari and surrounding villages, but also for any influx of school-aged evacuees coming from nearby Islands as a result of severe cyclone damage in the future. In addition, with the improved hygiene conditions and water storage, more tourists will be drawn to visit this remote area's attractions.

From start to finish, the project only took eight weeks, plus the time involved in planning.

"We gratefully acknowledge those who have contributed to this successful Rotary project in Vanuatu," said Rotary District 9910 Governor, Elaine Mead.

"Thank you to PDG Lindsay Ford for his foresight and coordination, the workers from the village, partners Steph Neilson, Reynolds Boeson and Stuart Friend from the SHaRM Foundation, our host partner the Rotary Club of Santo and international partner the Rotary Club of Norfolk Island, project funders the Rotary Club of Onehunga One Tree Hill, NZ, District 9600 in Australia, the Harold Thomas Trust, and The Rotary Foundation. Huge thanks to the Vanuatu Ministry of Education & Training for support with freight and to Cyrille Mainguy Engineers for his great plans and advice, Pacific Petroleum, Alain Lew from PVH and Top Signs.

"This was another excellent result for the people of South Maewo." •

