



Newsletter to Keep the Wheel Turning



President: Jeanette Thorne

Secretary: Richard Ryan

Meeting location: Royal Oak Bowls, 146 Selwyn Street, Onehunga, Auckland

Time: Monday evening 5:30pm for 6 p.m. start to 7:30pm, includes \$25 dinner

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MAY YOUTH SERVICE

"The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow"

Nelson Mandela



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Present:

Apologies: George Arulanantham, Noel Carey, Shameen Hayat, Rod Kestle, Ant Martin, George Varghese, Craig Jones.

Sergeant's fines: \$75.40

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Jeanette mentioned she is in the process of getting some quotes for some public seating for roads on the steep hills around Oranga. Local residents she's met have mentioned they would welcome the seats to catch their breath when walking up to shops which they would prefer to do rather than driving. Jeanette is working with Ron Mauvae (Dir and Founder of Synergy Projects and Dir Onehunga Zero Waste) as a possible supplier.

Barry mentioned June will be a busy month for us.

- **Monday, 10th June: Lindsay Ford** will be visiting the club again for a special presentation.
- **Monday, 17th June: Annual Rotary/ Onehunga School Dinner**, at the school that night. Our club Board Meeting will be held there prior to the dinner at 5:30pm.
- **Monday, 24th June: Annual Changeover** dinner at our Club here. Partners and spouses are welcome to all the above of course.



1st July sees the launch of the new Rotary Pilot Scheme which will last 12-months. Our club will liaise with other clubs in the same area, and we call upon member to support this initiative in the coming months.

Ten Rotary Community Groups have been formed in District 9910/9920.

We are Group 6: 9910/9920

Group Leader: Malcolm Stapleton (Rotary Parnell).

Clubs in our group: Auckland, Auckland City Rotaract, Auckland Downtown, Auckland East, Auckland Metro, Maungakiekie, Mt Eden, Newmarket, Parnell, Remuera, St Johns, Waiheke Island, Westhaven.

70s CLUB DRAW

Lloyd got draw under way with Bruce's assistance.

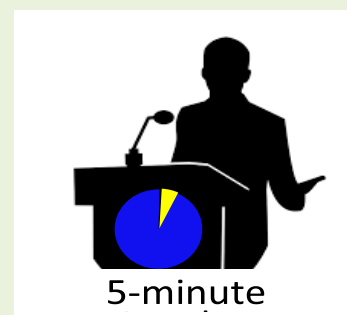
Winning tickets were:

- 3rd: Ticket #60 Anne Clegg
- 2nd: Ticket #37 Derek Neutze
- 1st: Ticket #28 Shirley Grayson



Bruce 5-Min Talk began with him signing (not singing), *“Hello, I’m deaf.”*

For those not aware, New Zealand Sign Language Week which took place 6-12th May.



Bruce, always one with a good tale, gave two reasons why he sits at the back of the meeting room. One was after following the advice of a wise Rotarian who said, “If you ever get to be President and you finish your year, head for the back of the room, in a dark corner.” The second is, Bruce has been deaf in his right ear since birth. This makes it impossible to hear conversation from the right so having all sounds in the room coming in from the left, makes it easier.

Those with hearing in two ears take it for granted that both are needed to locate the direction of any sound. It’s the 18cm distance between them that gives normal hearing people the ability to determine direction of sound. If someone called out to Bruce, he has to look all around to find them.

While hearing only from his left, Bruce explained he is also left-handed, left footed, shoots left-handed and if he could play a guitar he’d play like Paul McCartney, left-handed. Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys fame is also deaf in his right ear and so always hears music in mono.

If someone is deaf, they wear no sign indicating their situation. Blind people get a white stick, those with broken limbs have a bandage or plaster - deaf people, just get by.



Situations when able to communicate in Sign Language is great to have:

- Remaining quite while in the bush, or tricky situation
- While under water, diving etc.
- Across opposite ends of a noisy room or at a distance
- Through a window
- If your mouth’s full
- Not to wake the kids
- At the movies to tell your friend something
- Development of a child’s language centre when too young to speak
- ... meeting someone who’s deaf

Useful links:

[Learn the alphabet](#)

[Basic phrases](#) (NZSL)



ANITA TÓTHA
Dir. The Arts House Trust

guest
speaker

Rhett introduced **Anita**, the new Director of [The Arts House](#) based at the Pah Homestead on top of the hill in [Monte Cecilia Park](#), Hillsborough, Auckland. Anita is a seasoned international arts consultant, navigating between NZ and her hometown, New York. With more than 18 years' experience in the international arts sector, Anita specialises on forging connections between art, culture, and people.

A New Chapter for the Arts House Trust

Anita joined the Trust in January 2024 and is already making significant strides. While she admits that a comprehensive strategy is still in the works, her primary goal is clear: to enrich lives by connecting people with art and culture. This mission is particularly crucial in our post-COVID world, where fostering creativity and togetherness is more important than ever.



Discovering the Beauty of Monte Cecilia Park

The Arts House Trust gallery is located in the Pah Homestead in the serene and picturesque Monte Cecilia Park, home to the only art gallery, in a park, in NZ. This unique setting offers a tranquil escape and a rich cultural experience for visitors. Anita encourages everyone to visit and explore the gallery, which hosts revolving exhibitions throughout the year.



Supporting New Zealand Art and Artists

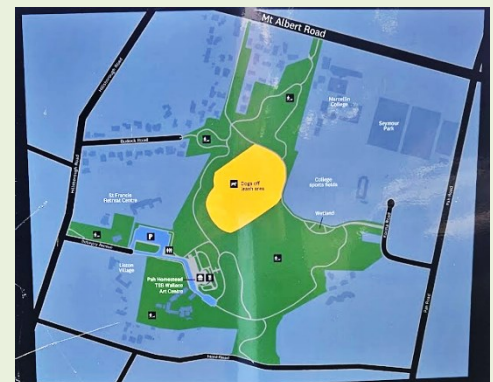
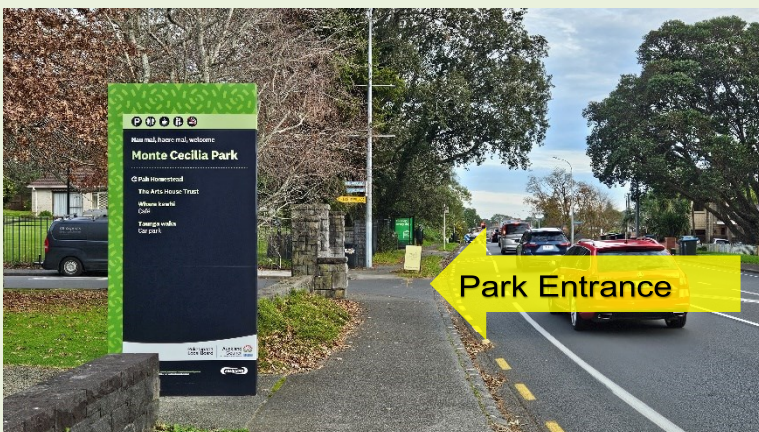
One of the Trust's main objectives is to promote art and artists from New Zealand. The Trust's collection boasts an impressive 9,723 works, valued at approximately \$50 million with 9,587 of the works currently available [online](#), for free. Notable artists in the collection include John Appleton, Bill Hammond, Richard Killeen, and Gretchen Albrecht, among others. The collection is not only showcased in the gallery but also loaned out to various institutions across the country, enhancing accessibility to art.

Challenges

Recent funding cuts to the arts sector by the city council and nationally has been a detriment to most arts in the country.

The Pah Homestead location is still not known to many for several reasons and remains a hidden treasure. Geographically the Monte Cecilia Park is an oasis, right in the middle of everything, with a single point of entry. Most people show surprise once they learn the whole park is open to the public except for the nearby St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre.

Road signage is poor and marketing is expensive, so much is done by word-of-mouth.



Engaging Exhibitions and Events

The Arts House Trust has a robust exhibition schedule planned through late 2025, featuring solo and group exhibitions from New Zealand artists, as well as loan exhibitions from other institutions. Upcoming highlights include a collaboration with the Auckland Festival of Photography and a special video installation by Māori artist Tanya Ruka for Matariki.

[Notable artists in the collection include: Mary McIntyre, Colin McCahon, Jo Smith, Peter Stichbury, Pat Hanly, Gil Hanly, John Reynolds, Gretchen Albrecht, Toss Woollaston, Dick Frizzell, Frances Hodgkins, Marti Friedlander, Colin McCahon, Karl Maughan, Michael Parekōwhai and Rita Angus]

In addition to visual arts, the Trust supports a range of events, including **classical concerts**, **art classes for children**, and more. The new **Hill House Café**, now situated at the park, adds another dimension to the visitor experience, offering delicious food and a welcoming atmosphere.

Art Loans and Community Impact

Anita emphasised the Trust's art **loan program**, which lends pieces to institutions such as the Waikato Hospital, the new North Shore Hospital extension and government buildings, providing therapeutic and enriching experiences to the public. This initiative helps bring art into everyday spaces, making it accessible and impactful. The Art House also offer **tours to art groups** and schools that cover different strands of the curriculum.

Looking Ahead

Anita is committed to increasing the Trust's visibility and engagement with the community. Efforts are underway to enhance marketing and signage, making it easier for people to discover and enjoy Monte Cecilia Park and its cultural treasures.

They also host weddings at the Homestead. Recently, an 'Influencer's' wedding there appeared in Vogue Australia which led to even more bookings.

Join Us at the Arts House Trust

Anita invites everyone to visit the dog friendly park, walk around the art gallery, relax with a freshly brewed coffee with a snack in the café, buy gifts in the shop, attend music events, and experience the transformative power of art. Whether you're an art enthusiast, a music lover, or someone looking for a peaceful retreat, the Arts House Trust has something for everyone.

Member **Brian Williams**, a frequent visitor to the park and the Pah Homestead (free entry, paid by the Trust), thanked Anita for her presentation and congratulated her on her new role and her plans for the further development of the Trust. As a token of our appreciation Brian presented Anita with a copy of our club sponsored book: *Onehunga's Changing Foreshore*.



Contact Information: Website: [Arts House Trust](https://www.arts-house-trust.co.nz) or follow them on [social media](#).

Location: [Pah Homestead](#), Monte Cecilia Park, 72 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough, Auck 1042

- **Upcoming Event (sample):**
 - Open now: Auckland Festival of Photography Exhibition Opening, Wednesday 4-6 PM
 - 29 June, 12-1pm: Music at Midday: Henry Meng, Repertoire Piano
 - 21 July, 6pm : Andrew Healey: Sunday Concert Series:

Go visit, walk around, have a coffee, tell your friends



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK provided by Brian Williams

One's life does not consist of the abundance of things they possess.
Jesus, in Luke 12:15

DUTIES

Unable to attend > apologies to Lloyd: albiston@xtra.co.nz

Unable for a duty > arrange own replacement & text Lloyd Mb: 022 6579 200

<p>Meeting: 6pm Mon 10th June 2024 Invite a friend President: Jeanette Thorne Vice President: Barry Stafford Sergeant: Noel Carey Attendance: Barry Stafford Hospitality: Rhett Stephens Host: Brian Williams Equipment & Scribe: Tony Rayner Meals1: Alan Banin Meals2: Gwynyth Carr 5-Min: Rhett Stephens Guest: Lindsay Ford: Handover Enkul Village Project, Vanuatu Thanks: Phil Aish Thought: Lloyd Albiston</p>	<p>Onehunga High School Dinner 24 Pleasant St, Onehunga 6:00pm Mon. 17th June 2024 President/Thanks: Jeanette Thorne Vice President: Barry Stafford Sergeant: Noel Carey Attendance: Rhett Stephens Photos & Scribe: Bill Appleton Thought: Alan Banin</p>
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