

17th February 2025 This week's meeting was Chaired by President Craig Jones

Apologies from: Phil Aish, Cat LeVine, Paul Jenner, Tony Rayner. (All on Tractor Trek.) George Arulanatham, Gwynyth Carr, Rod Kestle George Varghese, Bill Grayson. Visitors. Bob Campbell, visitor UK, Tom Bradley, guest of Richard Ryan.

President Craig spoke about the **Tractor Trek** progress and pix report from Tony.







Our Club tractor drivers are: Heather Raynor, Paul Jenner and Phil Aish.

Heather has driven the Big Blue from Phils farm in the south, to Hihi. Great effort.

Tractor Trek Feelings for Life programme run by Cat Levine.

Donations can be made to the Club Trust account:

Bank acct. # 02-0400-0009047-000 reference: Rotary Trust Trek + your name.

Special announcement from President Craig.

Dear Rotarians of Maungakiekie This is a heads-up notification for a Maungakiekie Rotary Fundraising Dinner featuring. David Seymour as the after-dinner guest speaker.

A three-course dinner including wine and beer for \$225.00 a head will be provided. **The Date**, Wednesday 28th May 2025 at Sorrento in The Park. Net Proceeds to Maungakiekie Rotary Club projects.

Closer to the date you will be sent an invitation with all the details. Thank you for supporting our previous fund-raising dinner.

Craig Jones , State of the Nation Two coordinator. Maungakiekie Rotary . 0274 943 881

Barry Stafford advised that the work on the driveway at the Onehunga Community House is progressing well and will be finished in a couple of weeks.

Barry reported on the Fit for Purpose programme and has contacted District on possible joint funding support for the continuing Te Tai Tokerau Wellbeing work being carried on by the "Feelings for Life" programme currently taking place in the Far North. No advice received yet.

Barry said that the Speaker programme has some future speakers in place but suggested that we keep some meetings open for Cub business discussions.

Maungakiekie Rotary Guest Speaker 24th March



Guest Speaker. Johnathon Anyon



Robin Hulford introduced our Guest Speaker **Johnathon Anyon**, Manager of the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), Onehunga Branch.

Johnathon gave a very interesting address supported by an excellent power point presentation, and provided many details of how the service runs with only specially trained volunteers. There are 32 branches across Auckland.

The CAB started in the UK post WW2 providing help to ordinary people navigate the rigours of post-war Britain.

They now help people with information and assistance in dealing with things like: Tenancy issues, Employment problems, Wills and Probate, Consumer queries, Housing, Car accidents, Finance, Budgeting, Passports, Disability support, Traffic offences and thousands of other things.

This is free of charge, inclusive -Everyone is welcome, and it is confidential and completely anonymous. No one is asked for their name, address or contact details. We also have specialist clinics: Legal, Financial, Family Issues, Immigration and Counselling

Johnathon said that the Onehunga Branch is the second largest in Auckland, after the Office in the Central Library.

A very lively Q&A session followed with many in depth questions covering a large range of topics: Funding requirements, Security considerations and many operational details.

It is possible that the Club may be able to help with their printer requirements.

Johnathon was thanked on behalf of the members by Trevor Mosely.

Thought for the week. Rob Lyons:

Never do something permanently foolish just because you are temporarily upset.

Duties next week 24th Feb

President - Craig
Guest Speaker:
Scribe - Bill A
Attendance - Gary Hays
Hospitality - Robin Hulford
Meals - Rhett - Peter
Host - Derek Neutze
Thanks - Rob Lyons
Thought for the week - Ant Martin

Diane and Royce - The Rescued Kitchen Onehunga

Apologies

THIS WILL BE A PARTNERS NIGHT, so please let Noel know early if you are coming, bringing your partner, a friend, neighbour, etc, or will be an apology, **CERTAINLY BY THIS FRIDAY 5PM.** Apart from our catered meal, Diane and Royce may bring some samples of what they provide as they also need to know how many are coming.

Duties week 3rd March

President – Craig
Guest Speaker: TBA
Scribe - Bill A
Attendance –Robin Hulford
Hospitality – Derek Neutze
Meals - Ant, Paul Jenner
Host – Rob Lyons
Thanks – Lloyd Albiston
Thought For the Week – Iain McCrae

Apologies to Noel before 5pm Friday

On the Lighter Side.





Since Youngsters of Today have their Texting Codes (LOL, OMG, TTYL, etc.) the Oldies decided not to be outdone by these kids, and now have developed our own codes too:

ATD - At the Doctor's
BFF - Best Friend's Funeral
BTW - Bring the Wheelchair
BYOT - Bring your own teeth
FWIW - Forgot Where I Was
GGPBL - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
GHA - Got Heartburn Again
TFT - Texting From Toilet.

Car and Driver says 95% of electric cars are still on the road. The remaining 5% made it all the way home.



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End note: Auto correct has become my worst enema.

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