

Browns Bay



CHANGEOVER

A great turnout with some special guests: DG Matt McLeod, Julia Parfitt & Alexis Poppelbaum from the Local Board, Yui, Sam & Hanne from MERC, Mark Jensen from Northcross Intermediate. And of course, our lovely partners who are so much a part of our RBB family.

Outgoing president Alex summarised the achievements of the past year, made some awards then handed over the chains of office to Ian Clouston.

Ian outlined his objectives for 2023-2024:

- *Increase membership
- *Survey & evaluate new projects in the community
- *Continue to assist & support ongoing projects such as the book fair, tree planting, working with MERC & the schools, Trees for Survival & community events
- *Support the Science Forum & other youth initiatives
- *Hold at least 6 social events
- *Look for opportunities to assist other clubs with their projects
- *Continue to take opportunities at District level for training & upskilling & looking at club development ideas

RODNEY DUNCAN PRESENTED US WITH A BOOK SYNOPSIS CARR rally in South Island

It was a strange sight. Here was the first CA WOOD, it even got over the starting line. I conKERR with my own conclusion. MEES thinks that it won't. MEES thinks the same about the second CARG ILLness seems to have its HOOKS into the driver. And the next CARR was a bit of a hot ROD- GERS, it was a noisy beast.

Before the start of the rally the drivers were all told that 'the LEW IS only to be used if necessary'. It was down through the SOUTH GATE and the path was rough. In fact one person had fallen and ended up with a very PINK NEY. A stray cat was scared off by a noise like a MARTIN but the marks of his PAWS ON the bonnet gave that CARR a distinctive look. The German driver -Herr SCHRODER- had a hairy ARM-STRONG and muscly and he cleaned it as effectively as a silverSMITH

At least a cat is better than a ROBER- IT'S not as scary.

Finally the cars took off in the SUN, and drove over the LEWIS Pass. You could see and hear the Hot Rod as it SKEWES around the gravel corner. It made a PING as it wiped another car. The rally manager then had to find CLOUST ON the gravel to determine culpability.

As DUSKE set in, they had reached the top of the Pass. There they were to IEVITT for the day. So the story is DUN. CAN you think of one surname- as hard as SMITH is easy- that has not appeared? It is ADRIAANSEN.

TAYLOR made for RBB I reckon, Rodney.

Rodney never lets us down; brilliant!

PHFs were awarded to Julia Parfitt for her many years of service to the community, & to club members Paul Mees (PHF+1), Sue Mees (PHF+1) & Sally Cargill (PHF+2)



ROTARY BROWNS BAY BOARD 2023-2024

President: Ian Clouston
 Immediate Past President & Membership:
 Alex Rodgers
 Secretary: Sue Mees
 Treasurer: Tony Hooks
 Foundation: Derek Smith
 Youth: Paul Evitt
 Projects: John Armstrong
 Calendar: Paul Mees
 IT: Gareth Roberts
 Murray Kerr

FACEBOOK: Josie Adriaansen
 Publications & Community:
 Sally Cargill.

The position of President-Elect is vacant; contact Ian if you'd be interested in finding out more.



BREAKFAST MEETINGS

We have had two excellent meetings this month despite the large numbers away on overseas holidays. Leah and Michaela from FENZ gave a very professional and interesting presentation on fire safety & the workings of Fire & Emergency NZ.

The biggest takeaway for us all was install & monitor your smoke alarms; they should be tested every month. Takeaway #2: make sure you have an escape plan & everyone in the house knows it. FENZ will do a home visit to check on the safety of your home. They prefer to be proactive rather than visit you when your house is on fire!

Tim Adriaansen talked about Urban Access; once again a very professional presentation that elicited a number of questions. Tim knows his subject well & his talk was inspirational.

Rotary Club of Browns Bay

DIARY DATES

Mon 26 Jun 6pm Club Changeover at the Bays Club
 Fri 30 Jun 10am Coffee at the Stoned Cow
 Sat 1 Jul District Changeover, Rosmini College
 Tue 4 Jul Breakfast meeting; Gareth Roberts on scams
 Fri 7 Jul 10am Coffee at the Stoned Cow
 Thu 13 Jul 5.45 Ten Pin bowling

Arturo from Mexico visited us on his way home from Rotary Convention in Melbourne then joined us for coffee at the Stoned Cow



Holly Bagwell, whom RBB sponsored on to the Spirit of Adventure, pictured at Rotary International Convention, helping on the Environment stand.





CLUB ANNUAL DONOR

Level 1, 2022

for support of The Rotary Foundation

This certificate was presented to RBB at the District Conference in May. Well done us!
 For just \$100 a year you could become a Rotary Centurion; talk to Foundation Director Derek if you would like to sign up to be part of this wonderful initiative.

Also, starting this Rotary year, there will be a new programme; you could be a Polio supporter for a similar amount. As with all Rotary programmes, you get a special badge.

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

We have had a huge response from users of the ECB Library to our request for books & we have had to take on a larger storage unit.
 Ian is now investigating large venues that can accommodate us for 3 days (2 days' sorting & one day for the sale); the date of the event will depend on the availability of the venue. Keep collecting; it is very satisfying to clear out your bookshelves & get them ready to refill with treasures from the book sale.
 We need banana boxes & paper carrier bags too.

MUNA

Thanks to Robert for adjudicating at the Model United Nations Assembly.
 MUNA is another of Rotary's wonderful programmes for young people that develops their skills, confidence & leadership.



THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of all the things we say and do:
 Is it the truth
 Is it fair to all concerned
 Will it build goodwill & better friendships
 Will it be beneficial to all concerned

A couple of points to ponder:
 A person can change his future by changing his attitude
 If you think you're too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito