



# WESTHAVEN VIEW

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**Noelene Buckland, 13 August 2019**



We were delighted to welcome **Noelene Buckland, Chair of City Centre Residents Group (CCRG)** to our meeting for a lively presentation and discussion. Noeline grew up in a rural farming community and has a background in local Government before taking up the role of Chair of the CCRG, as well as being a JP and working at the Auckland Library.

The CCRG was formed, with the assistance of the former Auckland City Council, back in 2004/5 when the City Centre Targeted Rate (CCTR) was established – it was known then as the CBD Residents' Advisory Group. The name was changed in 2016 following Auckland Councils decision to refer to the CBD as the City Centre.

The area covered by the city centre is from the harbour bridge to the port and up the two motorways – Grafton Gully and SH1 where they meet. Not a large area but already home to some 57,000 residents.

The purpose is to represent and advocate for all Auckland city centre residents to Auckland Council and other relevant agencies/ organisations. They have open membership to all residents living within the city centre and associate membership for residents outside of the city centre but within the K'Road BID – annual fee is \$25.00. They also offer affiliate membership of \$50.00 pa for any person or entity within the Auckland Council area who is keen to support the work they do. More information can be found on the website – [www.ccrq.org.nz](http://www.ccrq.org.nz).

The CCRG have partnering arrangements with a wide range of entities, MoU's with some of Councils CCO's and work very closely with Heart of the City who represent the business properties that pay the CCTR.

The Body Corporate Chairs Group in Auckland also distribute regular newsletters to all of their members in the 1010 postcode area which allows the CCRG to inform the numerous apartment complexes in the city centre of what is happening in their home patch.

The purpose of the CCTR briefly is – to help fund the development and revitalisation of the city centre – and the rate is applied to all business and residential properties in the city centre area and collects some \$22m annually.

CCRG have two seats on the ACCAB whose purpose is to 'advise Council on achieving the vision and strategic outcomes of the Auckland Plan, the CCMP/Waterfront Plan and how the CCTR should be spent'.

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## Upcoming Speakers

**10 Sept:** Barbara Watt on [Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children](#) (ROMAC) and how clubs can be involved (Venue may change TBA)

**8 Oct:** Kimberly Pond (Mentoring Co-ordinator), [Brothers in Arms](#), with CEO Dave Robertson

## Upcoming Events

**24th Sept:** District Governor Ian Kiernan visits club

**1 Dec:** Rotary Westhaven Christmas lunch – David & Pam Beatties' place, Maungawhai. Family and friends welcome



## THOUGHT

"Leadership is not about titles, positions, or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another."

*-John C. Maxwell-*

## Want to know more about Rotary?

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[Rotary Westhaven website](#)

## Meetings

**When:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
**Venue:** Billfish Café Z Pier Westhaven Drive  
**Time:** 7.00am for 7.15am start  
**President:** Regina Smuga  
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The ACCAB is one of a number of advisory boards that Auckland Council set up and these are reviewed after every election for both purpose and membership. These roles take up the vast majority of our time as there are dozens of major development projects going on in the city centre at the moment.

The ACCAB work on a ten year programme so some \$220m is allocated to a range of projects. These priorities are reviewed and do change depending on what other developments are taking place. Then try, as far as is possible, to 'piggy back' on other developments in the city centre, so that when they have finished their work they can provide funding for what they might call the 'cream'. Instead of just replacing existing paving/seating/lighting the CCTR funds the extra place making items such as shared spaces, additional trees, improved pedestrian/cycling facilities, nicer paving, etc.

A large amount of funding (around \$130m) is currently going into the Downtown Programme so that they can leverage off the Quay Street sea wall replacement, the Commercial Bay Development, and CRL/Britomart work.

*Other major programmes funding decision coming up are –*

- Federal Street \$20m
- Albert Street \$15m
- High Street \$14m
- K'Road \$19m
- Hobson/Nelson \$23m
- Victoria Quarter \$4.5m
- Myers Park 7.5m

*"An interesting fact is that Auckland carpark buildings on average have 22% of empty spaces; a lot of traffic is created by people looking for that park at the front door of their location."*

The City Centre Master Plan is the major planning document for the ACCAB and it is about to go out for public consultation. This time the Waterfront Plan will be incorporated into it and they will be seeking to have the POAL land included in there as well. This then facilitates a holistic approach to development by having no separation between the three major parts of the city centre and then hopefully, this will produce much better outcomes for us all.

In addition to the ACCAB, the CCRG has representation on a large number of Community Liaison Groups (AM36, CRL and POAL), Working and Reference Groups such as the CCMP, Alcohol and Safety Taskforce, Central City Community Network, The Body Corp Chairs Group and the Auckland Domain Committee.

"We work closely with the WLB and HoTC to advocate for city centre residents and businesses and meet regularly with our local MP and Waitemata Ward member", Noelene says.

CCRG make regular submission on such things as the recent AM36 developments, the recent AT Speed Bylaw, the proposed mooring dolphins on Queens Wharf, the new ferry terminals, the proposed Quay Street Public Space and the replacement Te Wero bridge.

Noelene says; "We also input into many of the events that are planned for the city centre to ensure that noise, traffic and access do not create a nuisance for residents".

Other issues that we deal with regularly are things like lime scooters, cycling facilities, rough sleepers, emergency management, public amenities (or lack of), city centre cleaning and rubbish collection."

*From all this you might gather that, as a group of unpaid volunteers, Noelene and her team are quite busy!*



## **Dr David Mace ONZM, Chairman of the Freemasons Foundation—August 27th 2019**

There are no vestal virgins or goats' was Dr David Mace's opening line, as he proceeded to enlighten us on Freemasonry. As a Freemason for 55 years, including as Grand Master of the New Zealand Freemasons, David has been closely involved in their philanthropic works with the Freemasons Charity, the Hugh McDougall Rankin Education Trust and for the last 12 years as chairman of the Freemasons Foundation. A noted philanthropist, David was awarded a New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the community in 2011, and his particular interest in education and medical research saw him conferred with an Honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) from the University of Auckland earlier this year.

David explained the origins of Freemasons as a form of qualification record or CV. In the time of stonemasons who moved around cathedral construction sites (think Notre-Dame or Westminster Abbey), there was no way of checking the mason's purported skill and previous work experience. The craft developed signs and symbols to indicate the hierarchy and ability of the craftsman. *Masons' marks* were a variety of symbols which showed the level of skill the craftsman had achieved. They answered questions such as - can we trust him? Is he on the level? Is his conduct square?

Unlike many Rotary clubs, Freemasons generally don't raise funds or undertake projects. The three main areas of focus for their philanthropy are children, medical and music. They do not fund sporting events, unless for special needs children and do not fund buildings. Both organisations have an ethos of 'service', being good citizens and do the majority of their work behind the scenes. They also share similar membership challenges and many Freemasons are also active Rotarians. "We are very ordinary people", said David.

***We thank David for visiting our club and giving us a behind the scenes look at the Freemasons Foundation.***