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## Attendance (by Sunday 6pm) to Steve Jenkins ph 478 8467 jenkins@kiwilink.co.nz

Pupuke Golf Club, 231 East Coast Rd, Mairangi Bay. www.ecbrotary.co.n



#### Next meeting 05 February 2018 Partners' Night Rhona Stace Police Prosecutor

# Keith's Korner

It's hard to believe that we are already one month into the new year. I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces at our first meeting which is of course a Partners' Night and a degustation dinner. I hope you are all refreshed and ready to tackle the new Rotary year with verve and enthusiasm.

### Partners' Night Rhona Stace

**Police Prosecutor see bio below.** We have a special 6course degustation menu prepared by our Chef Emilee and her team. Costs ECB \$15 guests \$35. Numbers to Steve.

#### Romac update

Febriani's cardiac surgery has been very successful. She moved from high dependency room in ward 23, had echo cardiogram on Tuesday and was cleared back to RMH. Now planning for the various clinics for all 3 over the next couple of weeks.

I am sure the families would enjoy visits and some outings with club members as they wait for clearance to head back to Timor. They are likely to be here in RMH until end of February / early March.

	5 February	12 February	19 February	26 February
	Rhone Stace	Nick Goeldner	Joanne Hand	Debbie Buckle
	NZ Police Prosecutor	IYE Exchange to Norway 2017	Human Trafficking	MBI Cycling
Grace	Lynette Miller	Alex Reed	Martin Reiss	Graham Rice
Reception	Beverley Lea	Jenna Tuuta	Lynette Miller	Kyung Sook Wilson
Attendance	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins
Cash Desk	Bob Baird			
Fellowship	Paul Asquith	Paul Asquith	Ian Collard	Ian Collard
	Sue Yi	Sue Yi	Sue Yi	Paul Asquith
	Ian Collard	Warwick Moulton	Warwick Moulton	Warwick Moulton
Stewards	Warren Patterson	Peter Garnett	Jim Mayo	Bruce Dunlop
	Barry McLean	Martin Reiss	Monica Webb	Alistair New
	Jenna Tuuta	Alistair New	Graham Rice	Alan Astrop
3 Min. Talk				
Intro. Speaker	Keith Young	Sean Harris	Carol Caulfield	David Aickin
Thank Speaker	Graham Rice	Monica Webb	Jennifer Neads	Murray Thoms
Parting Thought	Paul Asquith	David Aickin	Gary Morgan	Bob Baird
Julie	Stephen Wheeler	Sue Yi	Doug Dempster	
If you cannot carry out your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange for someone else to do that duty				
Our Exchange Student Contact Details: Julie with Sean and Vicky 43 William Gamble Rd Greenhithe 094414955.				

Siam What I Am



# A talk for the East Coast Bays Rotary Club | 5 Feb 2018 by Rhona Stace

I am Police Sergeant and Senior Prosecutor in the New Zealand Police Prosecution Service (PPS), an administratively separate branch of Police providing advocacy services for Police at District Court level in the criminal and traffic jurisdiction. I have been in the Police 23 years, during which time I have traversed most of the wider Auckland region in a variety of roles. I've been a prosecuting sergeant for the last 6-7 years of that career to date. I live for the time being in a rural setting just north of Albany with two cats, a handful of chickens, a goat called Nibbler and all manner of native bird life. Every other weekend and half of the school holidays I am joined there by my two lovely children. I am an active member of my local Anglican Church, since 2012. I also happen to be Male to Female (FTM) Transgender.

In February of 2015 I came out as transgender at work and am currently the only openly transgender serving police officer in New Zealand, though not the first. Since coming out I have become involved through Police in engagement with the LGBTI community and Police staff in the form of training delivery and attendance at the annual Pride parade among other things. In October 2016 an article about my journey featured in the Police TEN-ONE magazine. Subsequent to media exposure as result of the Marceau inquest in 2017, I was approached by and agreed to do an article for the Sunday Star Times. This article recently made Stuff's 100 best articles of 2017. Both articles are available online. I recommend reading them. They were both very well written, by Stephen Matthews, Senior Editor, Ten One, and by Amanda Saxton of Fairfax Media, respectively. Amanda has followed me on the journey and a further article is pending as part of a wider investigation of the current situation for transgender people here and in south east Asia. In 2017 I was also asked to give a talk on "Resilience" to police staff the Auckland Woman's Advisory Network.

In November 2017 I underwent Gender Reassignment Surgery in Phuket, Thailand. As a result of that experience I am writing a book, currently entitled "*Siam What I Am*, *One transgender girl's journey of discovery through gender reassignment surgery in Thailand*. *Everything you might want to know and possibly some things you might not."* It is this journey that I am going to talk about. I made a decision sometime ago that I would be as open as possible, so I will also make time available to answer any and all questions. Attendees should look forward to and be prepared for some pretty frank answers. Just warning you.

http://www.ten-one.police.govt.nz/tenone/October2016News1.htm https://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/93719871/becoming-sergeant-rhona-a-transgender-cop-who-has-found-acceptance-in-theforce