



**Attendance (by Sunday 5pm) to Steve Jenkins**  
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 Meet Pupuke Golf Club,  
**231 East Coast Rd,**  
**Mairangi Bay.**  
**Mondays 5.30 for 6pm**  
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**Focus- Disease Prevention and Treatment**  
**Next meeting 7pm**  
**17 December**  
**Christmas Function**  
 McHugh's Cheltenham  
 Dress smart casual.



**Dates**  
**14 January BBQ**

Hamper Raffle 3 prizes- tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 at the Christmas Function.

From President Jennifer

The penultimate meeting for the year was another interesting one, finding out on the one hand about the Chenery Memorial Trust and related Trusts that will offer funding for good causes, and then being transported to Mongolia. And what a fascinating country that appears to be - vast, spectacular and such a unique culture. And closer to home, a beautiful thank you card from the students at Murray's Bay School participating in the Trees for Survival programme. See below.

The Fellowship committee and Peter Garnett have been working hard to provide an interesting start to the year. We start of course with the summer picnic in Rothesay Bay to catch up after the holidays. There are two new fundraisers in the pipeline, and a couple of events we plan to participate in with other clubs to raise our profile in our communities. A busy start to the year.

A special kind of meeting is planned for Monday 18th February. We are hosting a joint meeting of the local "cluster" of Rotary Clubs, potentially 12 in all. This is especially to be a chance to meet up with other Rotarians in our area, mix and mingle, find out what others are doing, and we also have Erica Stanford, our local MP, to speak to us. Keep that date free!

Next Monday is our Christmas dinner, and we return to the excellent McHugh's in Cheltenham, this time hopefully without the power outage. I had hoped our illustrious Board would entertain us with Christmas carols but when I put it to them, after a brief stunned pause, there was just hysterical laughter. Sadly it seems we on the Board can't hold a note between us and the only singing that gets done is in the privacy of the shower box! However, even without the live entertainment, the evening will be a welcome start to the Christmas season.

Raffle – who has the tickets and the bucket?

	17 December	24 December	14 January	21 January
	<b>Christmas Function McHugh's of Cheltenham</b>	<b>Christmas Eve No meeting until January 14 2019.</b>	<b>First meeting 2019 BBQ</b>	<b>Club night Committees</b>
Invocation				
Reception				
Attendance	Steve Jenkins			
Cash Desk				
Fellowship				
Stewards				
3 Min. Talk				
Intro. Speaker				
Thank Speaker				
Parting Thought	Jennifer Neads			
Introduce Guest				
Darius				
<b>If you cannot carry out your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange for someone else to do that duty</b>				
<b>Darius is currently with Sean &amp; Vicky Harris, 43 William Gamble Dr. Albany. Ph. 09 441 4955</b>				
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**Last week's meeting.** A Murray's Bay Intermediate student Ryan Li won a national award for his efforts with 'trees for survival'. The MBI students sent the club a thank you poem and card and also thanked Ian/Murray and one other for their work on the school orchard. Peter from that Chenery Trust said that three trusts had been formed from what was known as the Ross Craig trusts. His trust donates money to charities and Rotary clubs usually on a dollar for dollar basis more often as seed capital rather than for an event. There is not as much money available as there was five years ago.



Judith Wesley told us about her trip to Mongolia and volunteering to build a "Habitat for Humanity" house. Mongolia is a very vast country with 3 million people, a little smaller than New Zealand, with 1.7 people per sq km. The Russian influence is shown in large apartment blocks and a vodka problem. Very low temperatures have forced many nomads into the cities. Most of the population are Tibetan Buddhists with some Muslims. Genghis Khan ruled a huge empire before Chinese and Russian influence later. The country has made considerable money from mining but corruption is endemic. Buildings range from impressive European style and Russian blocks to the local 'ger' buildings. Habitat for Humanity houses are built by a local builder with help from volunteers and the family of the people who will own the house. The base of the building was made from blocks containing polystyrene for insulation. While building they were provided with accommodation in a high-rise block and meals in the hotel next door. Afterwards she went on two trips one on her own and the other in a group of eight in a Kombi van. Meeting local people and staying with some, she took part in archery and horse riding. In the Gobi Desert temperatures reached 40° and roads appeared to be non-existent. She was very impressed with the dress worn by the locals on their National Day!



**From Darius.** Now most of you already know i just came back from a 18 days road trip all around the south island. Me and all the other 31 Inbounds, from all over the world, had a wonderful time together. We started our Journey with a flight down to Wellington. Then we took the ferry over to the other side and followed the west coast down through the Able Tasman national park down to Greymouth. We went past lake Wanaka all the way south to Te Anau. Then we changed coast and followed the east coast up through Dunedin, Oamaru all the way to Christchurch, from where we took the plane back to our hometowns. Besides a a lot of bus driving we did heaps of fun activities, so I can cross of a lot of things of my bucket list.

The first major activity we did was Kayaking along the Able Tasman national park. We were supposed to kayak out on one day, camp there and then return the next but because of the weather we took the water taxi to the bay where we stayed overnight, went kayaking a tiny bit in the bay and had a nice sing off around the campfire in the evening. The next day we packed up our tents put all our material into the kayaks and began to paddle. Luckily this day was way calmer than the day before so there were hardly any waves and we flew over the water. It was a lot of fun and we saw some quite special animals like a penguin and heaps of seals.

The second bigger and really fun water activity we did was Whitewater rafting. I have done that before in Switzerland, so I wasn't quite as excited than the others, but it still was a lot of fun. In the calmer parts between the rapids we went swimming, jumped of the rafts, capsized on purpose and tried to walk on the bottom side of the raft. Sadly, the river didn't have a lot of water, so we couldn't raft it down but what we did instead probably way even more fun: We jumped of the 3ish meter high cliffs around it and swam down the river until it was safe enough to get back into the rafts.

Then we came to Queenstown the most exciting stay we had anywhere. We didn't just go to the -4° Icebar, some of us, me included, topless, no, we also went Jetboating in the Shotover river. I was really impressed by the speed of those boats and how close we came to certain cliffs. But my highlight of the trip came with the bungy jump. Like most the people I did the Nevis bungy which has a 134meter free fall and those 8.5 seconds were to most exciting ones of my life. I really would have wanted to a second one for only \$30nz but sadly their schedule was to full. I also signed up for skydiving but sadly It was too windy to go so I only had the anticipation.

We also did two bigger hikes: we hiked the first 8km of the Keppler track up to the first hut, where everybody else had a nice break, ate lunch and turned around. I decided that it was worth it to give my breaktime to run up 30min more just to get to snow and I actually managed to find about 2 square meters of it. So, I had a nice cooling down moments in the snow then I filled my hat full with snow and run back to the hut, where we had a really small but really fun snowball fight which was basically just me throwing snow at everybody else 😊. The other hike was at Mt Cook but sadly I was sick so I didn't go there.

The last stop was in Christchurch where we went to the Antarctic Centre, where we experienced a artic snowstorm (me in a T-shirt again) saw more penguins and had a drive around in an artic vehicle that was developed for the Swedish military but then was better used at the South Pole. It was really impressive what it was able to do.

OF course there were more things that we did but if I would tell you everything and not just my highlights it would get way too long and I'm really happy that I had the opportunity to shorten my bucket list but I'm still a bit sad that I wasn't able to go skydiving and that I didn't had the money to buy myself a Greenstone necklace, even though I shouldn't buy it for myself anyway.



# Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

## Important Dates – Fellowship Activities

Here are some of the activities planned over the next few months.

**7:00 pm Monday, 17th Dec 2018**

**Christmas Party - McHugh's of Cheltenham**

Make your own way to McHugh's Restaurant - 46 Cheltenham Road, Devonport for our last official function of 2018.

Enjoy a complimentary "welcome drink" on arrival. A cash bar will operate throughout the evening and we will all be treated to a sumptuous buffet"



**Monday 14th. January 2018 – 5:30pm**  
**Family BBQ at Rothesay Bay**

Join us for our traditional "Welcome Back" BBQ meeting on the Rothesay Bay Reserve adjacent to Masterton Road.

The Club will provide a delicious selection of Chicken, Continental Sausages and Oyster blade steak – all cooked to perfection. You bring your family, Pot-Luck salads/breads, your own Cutlery and plates and refreshments. No cost for partners and family



**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 5:30 for 6:00**  
**First Meeting for 2019 at Pupuke GC**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 10:00 – 2:00pm**  
**Visit to Gibbs Farm Sculpture (FOC)**

**We meet at Gibbs Farm Entrance – 2421 Kaipara Coast Highway at 10:00am**

The celebrated Gibbs Farm is an expansive open-air sculpture park located in the beautiful Kaipara Harbour, north of Auckland. The Farm boasts the greatest collection of large-scale outdoor artworks in the country, a series of major site-specific commissions by some of the world's most renowned artists.



**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**

**ECB Rotary Group depart for Chatham Island Adventure**