



The Club normally meets Monday at Pupuke Golf Club, 231 East Coast Rd, Mairangi Bay www.ecbrotary.co.nz but due to COVID19 will be meeting via Zoom at 6pm until 7pm



4 May Committees
11 May RI Video/speaker
18 May Speaker

Beakers Banter

Well we have done it ! Through Level 4 and into Level 3 Now hang tough team and let's make the next step to Level 2. For the past weeks we have all given up our personal freedoms to protect all New Zealanders and our most vulnerable.

We are well aware this is only the first step and this could continue for more weeks/months before we can contemplate meeting back at the golf club. For the meantime Zoom meetings will take place every week as our way of communicating.

Coming back from this everything will not be the same as before. Many businesses will not last, many people have lost their jobs (and many more will in the months to come) some families have lost loved ones. Some of these will be our own working members whose businesses will be suffering. Remember to put work their way if you can. If you are struggling in any way there are people in the club who would be more than willing to help with their skills- just ask!! Remember also those business that have supported our fundraising in the past, now is the time to support them.

We should now do what Rotary does best and make a difference helping overseas and at home.

Last week I asked you to vote in support of moving club funds to be used. This requires a majority of members to vote in favour. Though everyone who has voted has supported the suggestion we need more than 50% of members to vote. We are 4 or 5 short of achieving short this. Please do this ASAP https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTI7UktzVWq-cykjrpJCT-YhGy_cWJRI53JO5XsWD5keX4PQ/viewform?usp=sf_link



This month's Rotary District 9910 area of focus is Water and Sanitation.

Next Meeting; 04 May At 6pm via Zoom. Introduction, notices then Committees.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/778881898?pwd=ZGZrNE1oRTBHeHg3TzB5bmV4RGIMZz09>

Meeting ID: 778 881 898

Password: 930143

New COVID Club Format;

Arrive	6.00pm
General Welcome	Until 6.10pm
Notices	6.10pm
Speaker & Questions	6.20pm
Thanks, Next meeting Conclusion	6.50-7.00pm

Bring a glass of something to share

Happy birthday Alan.

Coming up.
11 May RI video

Zoom instructions

You will need a computer or device with a webcam and microphone to participate in a Zoom session.

If this is the first time you've taken part in a Zoom meeting you should view the following video tutorials at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

Zoom website <https://zoom.us/> has a series of very good video tutorials and this link [Join A Meeting.](#)

Attached is a document with information about participating in a zoom meeting

Stay home

Keep safe

Notices. Age Concern-the club has donated \$1000 to be used for food deliveries for those unable to get out. See attached thank you letter.

North Shore Presidents are meeting every week.

85 attended a virtual DG's meeting on Sunday including three from our club. Vanuatu and how to help and donate was discussed as well as cyclone Harold, District grants and tax issues. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed if you are interested.

The recording starts part-way into Governor Ian's opening remarks https://drive.google.com/open?id=1nvHK5tKC_SETQ_kLRA_Od90vgHwKvICj

Saturday 16th of May. Club Leaders Seminar (on Zoom) open to all members. However for next year's board this is essential. See attached invite and programme.

Our IYE to Chile Ciaran Seymour gave us a very interesting and enthusiastic talk about his year in Chile. When he arrived in January it was 35° and very hot in a blazer. Earlier on he met Kalia– who is Italian but spoke Spanish and Victor who was from a small place in the South Island- Temuka Huts. School was very different as he had 15 subjects and found the tests very hard. In June he swapped families with Victor and that was quite easy as they had met the families before. The protests were not scary at first as they were away from the centre of the city but a gunshot 200 m away made it real. When the European IYE students arrived in August he was able to become a tour guide and go on a one-week trip south with them. The last day of school was quite sad as the students were leaving to study for PSU which is their entrance to university exam. Protesters set some schools on fire and that delayed the exams for two months and then another two months. He did a further trip south and found a different culture with great views and saw part of a glacier break off. This involved some trekking and he had to help some people who were not used to it. From the year he had learnt – Spanish, different cultures, about Chile and its people and was now more confident and less shy. He would miss his friends and the culture. The protesters were looking for a completely new form of government. In their culture they treat everyone as family and don't judge people. He attended a Catholic private school and did some work with the local Rotary club with needy kids and providing food for the homeless. Highlight was the Gala Night and the worst time was the three weeks when he was unable to leave the house. He is training at a future tourism school to be a flight attendant and hopes to travel overseas to Chile and to see his best friend in Italy. He thanked the club for their support and the love they had shown.