



The Club normally meets Monday at Pupuke Golf Club, 231 East Coast Rd, Mairangi Bay [www.ecbrotary.co.nz](http://www.ecbrotary.co.nz) but due to COVID19 will be meeting via Zoom at 7pm until 8pm



Introduction	Jenna
Thanks	Steve G
Parting thought	Beverley

### Beakers Banter

Hi all,

Well I hope everyone has a spring in their step now that we have moved into level 2.

3 days of zero cases is certainly good news however we must not let our guard down. The board discussed when could we practically expect to hold physical meetings and it was suggested that a start backdate of 8th of June could be contemplated. (This is subject to the number of attendees limits being relaxed)

I think for all of us it is important that we set a target and have something to look forward to.

It was great having a record number of attendees at our meeting on Monday night to hear Yee Hsien's farewell speech. It was also great to see Naseem and the family.

The Board on Monday made a couple of big decisions in relation to the \$10k of club funds that we had agreed to use for charitable purposes and have agreed on;

1. \$5,000 to the District 9910 Fund for Vanuatu Cyclone damage. We will keep you informed on the specific projects that Lindsay and the District team have in mind.
2. \$1,000 to 'Every Child a Future Australia and NZ 100 years of Rotary Project'.

The remaining \$4000 will be used for NZ projects around Covid 19 to be discussed at the June Board meeting.

This coming Saturday is the Club Leader Seminar. If you intend coming and haven't registered please do shortly.



This month's Rotary District 9910 area of focus is Youth Service.

Next Meeting; 18 May At 7pm via Zoom.

**Speaker**  
**Dr Ian Longley**  
**Niwa**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Next Monday Jenna has organised Dr Ian Longley from NIWA to speak on Air Quality during Covid lockdown.**

Psst- Changeover is likely to happen offsite at a restaurant at the end of June ...watch this space.

Notices. 16 May Club Leaders Seminar see attachment in previous bulletins.

Major project for 100 years of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand – ‘Every Child a Future’ will help pay for three vaccinations per child in the islands.

Eahsien was introduced by Monica who said he was a pioneer from Taiwan to come to this district and stood out with his beaming smile. He was pleased to meet Natasha and other exchange students and became particularly friendly with a German student. He visited the Auckland Museum and spent some time in Norfolk with the DG's family. The South Island trip was a highlight. When they visited the salmon farm they had too much salmon for lunch. He found the bungee jump scary but enjoyable and he had to go first as he was the lightest. He also went paragliding and had the 'best burger' for dinner. He thanked each of his three host families. He really enjoyed three weeks on Great Barrier Island relaxing, boogie boarding and kayaking. He visited Auckland zoo but unfortunately did not get a photo of a Kiwi. The Tongariro Crossing with Wellington IYE's was fun even if they could not go on the Traverse. The lockdown was different but he saw his teacher every day at 10. He contrasted Auckland and Taiwan, houses with apartments, going to the shops with walking around the corner, buses with MRT and High Speed trains, scooters with bikes. He noted the different temperature and how more sport was played or watched in NZ. He said NZ had a more international culture than Taiwan which was very Chinese. Schools were different- whiteboard and screens rather than blackboards. His English was much better and he had done some cooking and was far more confident. The year had changed his life and he thanked Rotary very much for the opportunity. In his thanks Warren particularly thanked the host families and noted how much Eahsien had grown in confidence and in speaking English.

Safe travel home Yee Hsien. Keep safe.

Taiwanese quote– A bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song.