



Local in Action, Global in Vision.



Notify your attendance or apology (by Sunday 5pm) to Steve Jenkins ph 478 8467 or email jenkins@kiwilink.co.nz

The Club normally meets Monday at Pupuke Golf Club, 231 East Coast Rd, Mairangi Bay
www.rotaryecb.club

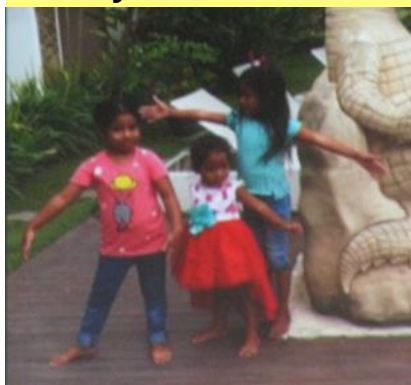


This month's Rotary District 9910 area of focus is Membership and Extension.

**Next meeting
5.30 for 6 pm
19 August**

Pinehurst/Rangitoto

Two years on



The toast this week was to technology. The word is derived from the Greek "science of craft". It is the skills, the techniques, the methods we use to make things and investigate ideas. Technology brought us the wheel and later all these tools and devices we use on a daily basis. From one generation to the next we cannot even imagine how future developments might appear, not even with all those sci-fi films.

My enthusiasm this week was for the rise of the electric vehicles. Because our electric power in New Zealand is 90% renewable, an electric vehicle that reduces our use of fossil fuels is a real boon. And what's more, they are great fun to drive. Positively dangerous in fact - they take off in an instant, no gears to chugg through! What's not to like?

And the smaller electric vehicle, the bicycle, is even more fun. All the joys of cycling with the wind in your face, feeling close to the sights and sounds and smells of the landscape around and no pain on the hills! A game changer in a city like Auckland.

When we discuss the question of electric vehicles, the question that often comes up is "how will our electric supply cope if there is a big uptake of these vehicles?" We are still in the mindset of big power stations forming what we call "the grid". But think of all those roofs out there - facing the sun. Solar power generation has come a long way even in the last 15 years, when we bought our first small panels to power our bach on Great Barrier Island. Panels are way, way more powerful than they used to be and much cheaper. One famous day not long ago Germany met all the day's power needs from its solar supply.

So, thinking of changing to an EV or hybrid sometime, we lifted our eyes to our roof, not just to power a vehicle, but to lighten our load on that "grid". It's not just the panels that are exciting, but there is some very clever, Kiwi designed smart technology to control the use of household appliances to maximise the use of the solar energy generated and minimise the amount of energy being fed back into the grid at marginal rates.

	19 August	26 August	2 September	9 September
	Inter School Debate	TBA. Partners' Night	Club Meeting. Committee Meetings	TBA.
Invocation	Steve Goeldner	Alistair New	Sean Harris	Bernie Woods
Reception	Monica Webb	Lynette Miller	Fay Norman	Therese Leslie
Attendance	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins	Steve Jenkins
Cash Desk		Paul Asquith		
Fellowship	Paul Asquith	John Shadbolt	Ian Collard	Ian Collard
	Warwick Moulton	Warwick Moulton	Amanda Chambers	Amanda Chambers
	Sue Yi	Amanda Chambers	John Shadbolt	John Shadbolt
Stewards	Barry McLean	Stephen Wheeler	Alan Astrop	Alistair New
	Warren Patterson	Graham Rice	Steve Goeldner	Graham Rice
	Bruce Dunlop	Alistair New	Martin Reiss	Warren Patterson
3 Min. Talk			Therese Leslie	
Intro. Speaker	Carol Caulfield	Fay Norman		Lynette Miller
Thank Speaker	Doug Dempster	Jenna Tuuta		Kumar Naik
Parting Thought	Bernie Woods	Paul Asquith	Amanda Chambers	Bruce Dunlop
Yee Hsien Hosting		Therese Leslie	Monica Webb	Bernie Woods
If you cannot carry out your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange for someone else to do that duty				
Yee-Hsien Wu is staying with Dr Naseem Ali and his wife Dr Nazimah Nazeem ph 021 2602520				

So .. plenty to think about.

But before we head to the future, at the Partners' meeting on 26th August we are having an interactive "oral history" evening. Bring a small vignette from an ancestor's history, something interesting, quirky, maybe fun, maybe sombre. Something to make us think of our combined heritage. But just short - a few minutes - as the more stories we have, the better.

LOCAL PROJECT COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP PLEASE EVERYONE FROM YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES AND RENT-A-CROWDS

Imminent Barbecue Fundraiser: Saturday 7 September

Kidzplay at Pinehurst School. Fay Norman is co-ordinating our Volunteers.

Please be more than one of them.

If you have not already signed the Sheet circulated on Monday night, please let Fay know asap:

- if you can help;
- what time you can help (early shift or late morning shift);
- and how many of "you" can help.

fay.normanz@gmail.com

More Fun to Follow Auckland Marathon Marshalling Fundraiser Sunday October 20th

Based on your enthusiastic show of hands at Monday's meeting, we have confirmed that East Coast Bays Rotary is in to supply a team of Merry Marshalls. Merry Marshall Sheet will be circulated shortly.

Other notices

Partners' night 26 August – interactive oral history night.

Sunday 29 September Kerikeri/Okaihau traverse. See below.

20 – 27 New Zealand Australia Rotary conference in Christchurch. See attachment. TGIF starting soon.

Bridgeway film -Downton Abbey- 3.30 Sunday 22nd September.

Auckland City Mission are in desperate need of supplies. Please bring a tin of fruit or supplies like laundry powder or toothpaste this week.

Our IYE from Taiwan Yee-Hsie(in English) and outgoing IYE to Taiwan Natasa (in Mandarin) gave a double act on slides from Taiwan. Both spoke very confidently. Taipei is the capital and largest city in Taiwan. It possesses the eighth tallest building in the world. We saw slides of Chinese food, markets and the New Year festival. His school is very different as he takes eight subjects in Taiwan. He said we should be careful not to confuse Thailand and Taiwan and realise Taiwan is democratic while China is Communist. The Chinese characters used in Taiwan are more traditional than those used in China. He enjoys running 4-8 km, biking and reading historical novels. There are five Rotary districts in Taipei and he is in district 3485.



They thanked Rotary very much for the opportunity they had.

Carol updated on the East Timor Futsal (basically football in a hall) project.

Romac enables very young children to have heart and similar operations in New Zealand which are not available in their home country.



Over the years we have hosted a number of such children and been helped by local East Timorise studying in Auckland. On a visit to see the young people Karen and Carol realised Rotary could help the local



community by turning a piece of bare ground into an area for Futsal. ECB provided US \$2500 and the Timorese government \$4000. With considerable local help the job was done and a much more usable space for young people and the community was provided. The slides showed some of the young people we had hosted and before and after pictures of the ground.

The **Okaihau Kaikohe Traverse 2019** is on Sunday 29 September - The first Sunday of the school holidays. **Earlybird Registrations are now open.**

Save \$5.00 each by registering before 19 September.

Go [here](#) for the **Information and Registration** page.

Be sure to read the [Detailed Event Information](#) before you register.