## THE EASTCOASTER

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East Coast Bays

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ECB celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year. The Club normally meets Monday at Pupuke Golf Club, 231 East Coast Rd, Mairangi Bay www.ecbrotary.co.nz Apologies to Beverley 021513486 by 5pm Sunday. By Text, phone or email. leafamily@xtra.co.nz



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

Next Meeting; Monday 01 March Zoom meeting 7.30pm Committees

## Zoom link to come

08 March Speaker- Matilda our Sci/tec student.

Presentation of equipment to NS special care unit.

## Notices.

Hospice Coastal Challenge – two helpers needed – 10.30 to 2.30 or 12 to 3 in the Devonport area. Contact Jenna if you can help. Browns Bay breakfast on Tuesday – speaker changed but up to 10 members still welcome. Contact Sean if you wish to go. Salvation Army collection – May Saturday / Sunday at countdown in Browns Bay. More info next week. District conference – very good speakersremember the \$150 fee also includes the dinner. You can enrol on line.

For Greenhithe residents pest eradication seminar. The hundred years of Rotary book is available for \$40 this month- contact Sean if you are interested.

The Well Foundation and North Shore hospital opened the new breast service facility for which we provided a resus trolley. See photo. ECB and the Well Foundation and previously NS Hospital Foundation have raised approximately \$300,000 over 20 years.

President Sean then inducted Vicky Gledhill-

Harris into the club. From Bexhill on Sea she is a previous Rotaractor and Rotarian who is the office Manager at Scott Point School- a new school in the Hobsonville Point area. Classification Education Administration. The induction wording produced some lively debate

later. It was agreed that it was started by Stred Stredwick and updated/read by Elmer Gibson before Presidents took over.

President Sean then presented a cheque to Tim CEO of The Well Foundation for more recliner chairs for the maternity ward. ECB has donated 11 chairs. See photos.

**David Downs Chair** of the Well Foundation told us about his journey with cancer which was at times humorous, scary and uplifting. Four years ago David was feeling off colour even after having a holiday and had lost 10

kg in weight. After much persuasion from his wife he went to his Doctor and then North Shore hospital where after some scans he was told that he had lymphomatic cancer with a very large tumour. So that he could survive mentally he turned his time in hospital into a 'holiday' so he





	1 March	8 March	15 March	22 March
	Zoom Meeting Committee Meetings	Matilda, our attendee at Nat. Science & Tech. Forum Sarah Timmis – Special Care Baby Unit	Guy Slocum Rotary Auck Airport	Guest Speaker TBA
Invocation		Alistair New	Doug Dempster	Paul Asquith
Reception		Robyn Young	Lucy Anastasiadou- Hobbs	Fay Norman
Attendance	Beverley Lea	Lynette Miller	Lynette Miller	Lynette Miller
Cash Desk				
Fellowship		Ian Collard	Ian Collard	Ian Collard
		Paul Asquith	Paul Asquith	Paul Asquith
		Keith Young	Keith Young	Keith Young
Stewards		Jim Mayo	Gary Morgan	Martin Reiss
		Bernie Woods	Rod Fergusson	Jim Mayo
		John Shadbolt	Warren Patterson	Bernie Woods
3 Min. Talk				Jim Mayo
Speakers Host		Carol Caulfield	Monica Webb	Barry
Thank Speaker		Therese Leslie	Jennifer Neads	Beverley Lea
Parting Thought		Rod Fergusson	Stephen Wheeler	Steve Goeldner
Raffle Ticket Seller		Jim Mayo	Fay Norman	Monica Webb
If you cannot carry out your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange for someone else to do that duty				

'went' to various places and said that every visitor had to dress up for that place. See photo.

After six months Doctors found there were some new tumours and they tried everything so it was suggested that he needed to get his affairs in the order (he didn't know he was having an affair) and had six months to live. During that time he had been writing a column on Stuff with one or two pieces a week on 'mild touch of cancer'. He received many emails in response including one from the chief of Pfizer in America who said if you need any help let me know. He rang up and was told he could get in to Massachusetts in Boston for a clinical trial costing US\$1 million. He and his wife Catherine decided to sell their house so that he could go. Friends found out and after a 'give a little page' and a show they raised \$200,000 in two weeks so off they went. Massachusetts Institute in Boston had found a way to tweak the good cells to kill cancer cells rather than leave them alone. So they took Lymphocytes out of his blood, tweaked them and returned them. After two or three weeks of flu like symptoms he was free of cancer. This whole process took 4 to 5 months On his return to New Zealand two years





ago he found there was a firm in Wellington called the Malaghan Institute which was trying similar procedures.

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