THE EASTCOASTER

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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 Lynette 0274 958 220 by midday Sunday. Text, phone or email



This month's Rotary District 9910 area of focus is Basic Education and Literacy

Next Meeting; 28 September 6 for 6.30 Partners and guests welcome. Numbers to Lynette please.

Dr Richard Hursthouse Our Sub-Antarctic Islands. Please return Rod's Golf Day availability sheet.

# Real meeting this week. 6 for 6.30 pm. Beakers Banter

Well what a welcome relief that we can finally meet this coming week with the shift of levels- hopefully this will be the last time (but I suspect not).

It was great to have Natasha speak to us in this time of no travel. It was nice to see she has been able to continue her exchange when other exchanges have concluded. This is why I would like to try to future -proof our programme so that we have backup speakers at short notice and other possible fundraising items.

Hopefully next week will be a bumper night with Dr Richard Hursthouse speaking so use this opportunity to invite prospects. As this is a partners' night we will be having a dessert so the cost will be **\$10 extra for members and \$30 per partner.** 

Remember Rod and his request for support for the Golf Tournament. Please complete the request form which Doug emailed last week and either email it back to him and bring it along on Monday.

Anyone who is able to help with Trees for Survival Planting on 25 September – 8.30 am this Friday morning let Steve Goeldner know.

Some other dates to lock in

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- 23 October PolioPlus Rail/ Ferry Ride
- 29 October Golf Tournament
- 15 November Beach clean
- 1 November Marathon Marshalling Club fundraiser( need helpers)
  - 8 November Bird Watching Trip to Miranda
- 22 November. Deep Creek clean up 12.30 pm. See below.

Look forward to seeing you all next Monday. President Sean

	28 September	5 October	12 October	19 October
	Dr Richard Hursthouse Our Sub-Antarctic Islands. Partners Night	Rod Smith Guinness Down Under	Zoom Meeting Club AGM and Trust AGM. Committee Meetings	Guest Speaker Trent Lash - Heartbeats
Invocation	John Shadbolt	Fay Norman		Lucy Anastasiadou- Hobbs
Reception	Monica Webb	Beverley Lea		Fay Norman
Attendance	Lynette Miller	Lynette Miller		Lynette Miller
Cash Desk				
Fellowship	Ian Collard	Ian Collard		Ian Collard
	Paul Asquith	Dave Pennycuick		Paul Asquith
	Keith Young	Keith Young		John Shadbolt
Stewards	Alan Astrop	John Shadbolt		Jim Mayo
	Barry Mc Lean	Martin Reiss		Gary Morgan
	Dave Pennycuick	Bernie Woods		Warren Patterson
3 Min. Talk				
Intro. Speaker	Jennifer Neads	Therese Leslie		Monica Webb
Thank Speaker	Warren Patterson	Steve Goeldner		Steve Jenkins
Parting Thought	Jim Mayo	Alistair New		Bernie Woods
Raffle Ticket Seller	Therese Leslie	Jim Mayo		Robyn Young

### Last week's virtual meeting.

**President Sean welcomed Natasha** and her Dad on separate screens. Notices.

Polio day 24 October. Ferry and train trip on the 23rd to publicise and collect funds for polio plus. The link for the video of last year's trip is in the previous bulletin. Trees for Survival planting day 25 September 8.30-12.30 at the usual location and 750 trees need to be planted. Unfortunately the students are not able to be present this year.

Environmental clean-up 15 November.

Zone eight virtual conference. President Sean said he had a good time and learnt a lot particularly about public image and there was a good presentation from Hobart North. PG Stuart Batty gave a Polio Plus update including how New Zealand was involved.

Golf day 29 October is fast coming up. Still need prizes, raffle and auction items. The number of teams is pretty good thanks to the Well Foundation. Some ideas for prizes are a week at your bach, a fishing trip or table for eight. Think outside the square.

There is an upcoming movie night for polio plus. More info soon.

November 8 birdwatching at Miranda with Paul as our guide.

Natasha from Taiwan said she had three months to go and would be home in January. She is living on a farm in the countryside as opposed to most people who live in apartments. She is close to a freeway and is only 30 minutes from Taipei. She showed us some slides of river chasing, waterfall jumping and rafting which are all slightly different from their New Zealand versions. There are now only eight exchange students in Taiwan as the Europeans have returned home. At school she has been doing dissections in biology and her Chinese is improving. She spends 8hr

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a day at school and does twice as many subjects as she did in NZ. There are only a few beaches but you can't swim at them. The bridges are brightly coloured and the streets are very small– one car wide. She showed us the Chiang Kai-shek memorial and a house of a very rich family. From Elephant Mountain she showed us a picture of the 10th highest building in the world – somewhat higher than the Sky Tower. Rubbish and recycling must be thrown by the family onto the back of a truck. She said Old Street had lots of food stalls and there are vegetarian restaurants around. She found the local temples interesting and is aiming for a B1 or B2 in the Chinese exam. Most exchanges only get an A(low) and C(high) is for native speakers. She has been swimming regularly and is aiming for a big 4K swim where 10,000 people will take part. She feels very safe at night and has started attending a bigger Rotary club rather than her sponsor club





## RESTORE DEEP OREEK

is delighted to be celebrating the completion of the pontoon at Deep Creek in Aidkin Reserve. Come & join us on Sunday 22 November from 12.30pm for an afternoon of fun activities for the whole family & check out what we've been doing to restore this local treasure & improve access for kayakers Inquiries to Brian; deepcreekrestoration@gmail.com

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