

We had a busy night on Tuesday - Emma Baird and Margaret Lafferty joined us from Mountainview High. Emma wanted to get some practice at talking in front of an unknown audience and also let us know about her Outward Bound experience. A really talented young lady, still only Year 12 (or 6th form for us oldies!) she's got herself involved in leadership roles within the school and also on the sports field. During dinner Emma spoke of the huge change to her outlook on life since her trip, and also talked about the challenges she's had since returning home after the life changing experience that is OB. Emma's going to set up a scholarship at school so other students can benefit and has already raised over \$800 towards her target. I wish you all the best Emma and I don't doubt for one second that you won't achieve what you have set out to do!

Vicki Gould and Bruce Fraser from the Lions Club came along to talk about the South Canterbury Bike Park at Caroline Bay. It was really great to hear the 'plan of attack' and also have a chat about the location of the park. As they said, this park will be of huge benefit to numerous community organisations/groups and create a safe place for the little ones to learn about road rules etc. So it's exciting to hear this month is the beginning of phase one.

We received a thank you email from a local parent this week

Dear Rotary Club members,

I am writing to say a huge "thank you" on behalf of our family. Over the last 6 years we have welcomed two children into our lives. Within months of each of our children's births we kindly received a book gifted to us on behalf of your club. Both children have thoroughly enjoyed your books and gained a lot from them. We too see the value in reading to children from a young age and enjoy having books in our home. Your book gifting is a wonderful community initiative and we wanted to take a moment to say how grateful we were.

Sincerely,

Stacey Middlemiss.

Next week we are 'Zooming' with the Rotary Club of Wylde Green in the UK and some 2010 GSE team members.

Thought of the week: It takes a strong fish to swim against the current. Even a dead one can float with it - John Crowe

Have a great weekend!

Jess