

# EastCoaster

The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

Tuesday 01 December 2009

Venue: Pupuke Golf Club,  
East Coast Road, Mairangi  
Bay.  
Mondays 5:30 for 6:00 pm.  
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## Theme of the month:

Family Month

## NEXT MEETING:

7<sup>th</sup> December.

Joint meeting with  
Takapuna North Club  
at the Milford Cruising  
Club, 24 Craig Road,  
Milford .

**5.45pm for 6.15pm**

**Partners welcome**



## Presidential musings.

120 people [43 from East Coast Bays] gathered at the Brown's Bay RAS Club rooms to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Brown's Bay Rotary Club. It was an excellent night with good company enjoying good food, and thought provoking address from Ken Ring [the Weather man].

John Webb gave an interesting presentation on the formation of Brown's Bay which was well received.

ECBRC presented to Brown's Bay a cheque for \$1000 to go to 'The Uncle Eric Perpetual Trust for Special Needs Children'. The Trust was established 10 years ago by the club based on a similar concept in Pennsylvania. The idea was triggered because Uncle Eric [Eric Murtagh], who used to run the children's train at Long Bay, bequeathed \$1000 to the Club. As Eric was so interested in the welfare and happiness of children, the Brown's Bay Club decided to do something permanent in his memory. Hence the Trust.

The Fund which now stands at approximately \$22,000 [including our \$1000] has mainly been built by donations, mostly from Brown's Bay members. Our ECBRC donation was the first to be given by another Rotary Club.

Each year 50% of the interest is made available to the Club President to use at his/her discretion, the constraint being that it must be used only for Special Needs Children. The balance of the interest is reinvested.

A number of Brown's Bay members spoke to me of their gratitude for the gift from our Club and were deeply touched by the generosity shown.

Next week we meet at Milford Cruising Club as guests of Takapuna North [5.45 for 6.15]. There will be a joint sergeant session, and Mats Nordlund [IYE student of the mid 80's] and his wife Laura will be our guest, and he will be giving a 10 minute presentation.

And then the big one: our Christmas Party at Duders, Devonport. Details will be in the Bulletin next week. If you have not yet paid, Don Pratt and the Fellowship Company look forward to hearing from you.

Well, it has been a busy week. Welcome home Carol.

Don

If you cannot do your duty. It is your responsibility to arrange for a stand-in and to advise the President			
DUTY	7th Dec	14th Dec	21st Dec
Reception			
Attendance	Meeting with		
Cash Desk		XMAS PARTY	NO MEETING
Fellowship	Rotary Club of Takapuna North		
		AT	
	meeting to be held at		
Stewards		Duders - Devonport	CHRISTMAS
	Rotary Club of Takapuna North		
Grace			BREAK
3 Minute Talk			
Into Speaker			
Thanks Speaker			
Parting thought			
Host Student	Peter Davidson	Doug Dempster	
Rotaract			

## [BROWNS BAY 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEETING - NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>](#)

Our reporter Doug writes:-

Browns Bay President John introduced the guest speaker Ken Ring and welcomed all the guests. He welcomed 42 from ECB, 12 from Milford, 7 from Mt Roskill, 7 Past District Governors and 5 Charter Members of Browns Bay.

District Governor Georges apologised and sent a message of congratulations on 25 years service and for the number of projects the club supported.

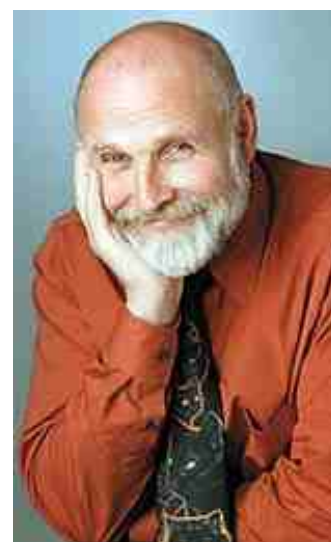
On behalf of the sponsoring club East Coast Bays our President Don introduced John Webb who was instrumental in setting up Browns Bay. John gave us a brief history of the start up. On December 1<sup>st</sup> 1984 before 200 guests the club was chartered with 24 members. The speaker was Dr Graton O'Connell who died last week.

President Don presented the club with a cheque for \$1000 for the Eric Murtagh Perpetual Trust. The trust helps Special Needs Children.

**Sergeant's session.** Questions were asked for which if you could not answer you were fined e.g. what is twelve divided by a half? Answer: 6 or 12 or 24. The 24's were fined!

**Guest Speaker.** Ken Ring predicts the weather.

He started in the 1970's using the Maori calendar to help predict when fish would bite. Many meteorologists get it wrong. NIWA ("No Idea What's Ahead") - are getting a new computer for getting it wrong. Climate depends on distance from the equator and runs in a 19-year cycle. Thus for weather to come check what happened 19 and 38 years ago.



Ken's predictions:-

- Cold this winter and longer
- Hot second week of December and 3 or 4 days of rain before Christmas.
- August very wet.
- 16 December -19 January best weather this coming summer.
- He does not believe in global warming

For more information visit <https://www.predictweather.co.nz/#/home/>

Mike Pinkney was in awe of the presentation and thanked Ken very much. Ross was the raffle winner. A short auction resulted in the sale of two flight simulator packages.

Ross McKenzie then spoke about shelter boxes. They were disaster boxes containing a tent. Sleeping bags, mosquito nets, a stove, cutlery etc. They are an RI project and cost \$1500 each. Ross helped set up 120 tents in the Philippines.

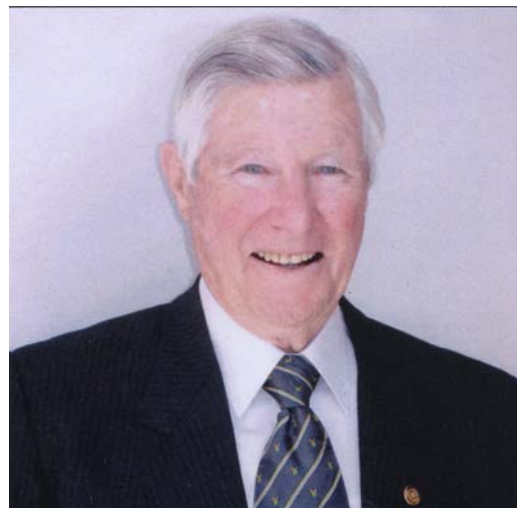
The oldest member of the Browns Bay club cut the cake with support from charter members. Banners from a South African and a Scottish Club were exchanged. All were then thanked for their attendance

### Other Club Notices

**The late Dr Grattan O'Connell** – by our Bulletin reporter Glen.

The recent death of well known and respected Rotarian Grattan O'Connell brought together a very large group of mourners, including family, medical patients and associates and Rotarians to celebrate his outstanding life.

As one of several speakers at the funeral, Rotary International Past World President Bill Boyd summarised the extent of Grattans' Rotary services over the years, and particularly his contributions toward World Health and the eradication of Polio through Polio Plus. Representing our Club were Bob Baird as a fellow Past District Governor with Judy, and Glen Buckley who had the guidance and friendship of Grattan as District Governor in his 1976-77 Club Presidency year.



W. Grattan O'Connell  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 1925 – 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2009

Grattan is survived by his wife Verna, three daughters and their families.

**ECB Rotary Club Christmas party Monday 14th Dec** Bob Baird reminds us that our Christmas party is 6.00pm for 6.30 pm at Duders of Devonport. Costs - Rotarians \$25.00, Partners \$40.00 The bus (if required) is an extra \$5.00 per person. Bus leaves Golf Club at 5.45pm SHARP Our Fellowship Committee will be collecting money at the Takapuna North meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Does anyone need a house sitter? (request via President Don)**

Larry and Verna Cain (known to President Don) have asked if anyone needs a house sitter next year. They are free the first 3 weeks in February and then from the middle of March to the middle of June. To contact them ring 021 02786677

**Rotary Websites for your information:-**

ECBRC's own website <http://www.rotaryclubofeastcoastbays.co.nz/>  
The Rotary E Club (for make up and general interest) [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)  
District website [www.rotary.org.nz/district.cfm?ID=10](http://www.rotary.org.nz/district.cfm?ID=10)  
Latest club and RI news and projects [www.rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?district=10](http://www.rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?district=10)  
Administration Manager for information [www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180](http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180)  
Etcetera for the latest club and RI news [www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364](http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364)



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