

EastCoaster

The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

Tuesday 12 April 2011

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

NEXT MEETING:

18 APRIL 2011

5.30 for 6 pm

Fay Weatherly

**U3A - University of the
Third Age**

PEARSON'S PROGRESS

CONFERENCE

Pleased to report that our small but well performed team enjoyed the conference at the Waitakere Trusts Stadium. My first conference and all new for me but a great experience. Some excellent speakers and a real focus and explanation of some of the projects and activities that our district has been up to over the past year. Congratulations to DG Maxine.

We did not come away empty handed and won the Attendance Cup. Thanks to Bob & Judy, Steve & Inge, Carol & Karen, Sean, Beverly & Graham, Peter, Kumar and Claire.



Some of the Team and Oh Love the Head Gear

PLANS

Plans are well in hand for Change Over and I can say is that it will not be at the Club and watch this space for more details. Dust off your glad rags book the baby sitter (Sean) and prepare for a great night.

TRAFFIC

Well if you are in to watching traffic on a multitude of screens the Traffic Centre is the place. Sort of like train spotting on steroids. So many screens so many cars so many traffic lights. Now if the screens were all on sport that would be worth watching. A very informative evening. Thank you Gary and your Team.

That's it from me

John

[Theatre Night at Rose Theatre is 19th May](#). We have booked for 44 persons. Stuart Cowie/Paul Asquith will be collecting payment next Monday 18th April \$20 pp

If you cannot do your duty, it is your responsibility to arrange for a stand-in and to advise the President.

	18th April	25th April	2nd May
DUTY Reception	Graeme Lea		Beverley Lea
Attendance	Inge Jenkins		Inge Jenkins
Cash Desk			
Club Raffle			Paul Asquith
Fellowship	Ian Collard Dick Daniells Warren Patterson	ANZAC DAY	Jim Mayo Ian Collard Lynette Miller
Stewards	Murray Thoms Paul Asquith Warren Sanderson	AND	George Wyman John Webb David Aickin
Grace	Bruce Westbrooke		John Webb
3 Minute Talk	Guest Speaker	EASTER	Martin Reiss
Intro Speaker	Sean Harris		Don Hall
Thanks Speaker	John Webb	MONDAY	Sue Yi
Parting thought	Graeme Lea		Beverley Lea
Host Student	Steve Jenkins		Jim Mayo
Rotaract			
Guest Speaker Event	Fay Weatherly U3A - University of the Third Age		Chris Hotchkiss ex British Army Officer who served in Afghanistan

[Rotarians](#) were shown the main control room of the traffic management unit at Smales Farm. Rosemary explained each of the different screens which filled a whole wall. She

said they look after the Auckland region motorways and Waikato and Wellington out of normal hours. If traffic lights are not working then you should ring the Auckland Council who would then refer it to TMU. They are able to set up Greenway Systems (no red lights) for VIPs like Prince William or the PM or for parades in Queen Street. If there is a power cut lights return to the standard setting or to the flashing amber system. They are very involved with planning for the Rugby World Cup and have just taken over the bus ways. They have a coloured system green, yellow, red, and black when traffic has stopped. Their aim is to keep Auckland moving.



They hope that nowadays the Auckland Council is looking at the big picture to avoid multiple road works. Their system is kept up to date and the tunnel management is top of the line. Currently ramp signals are only monitored because it is a trial but she did explain that if there is an incident lights on the motorway immediately change the ramp signals. They have a staff of 40 with 16 in the operations room four per shift. The 12-hour shifts run day and night 5.30 to 5.30. New operatives have 6 to 8 weeks on-site training and then three months on shift. All operators are reassessed regularly. Gary thanked Rosemary for her very informative and interesting talk.

Our meeting of 11th April was brief after visiting the transport centre and returning to our meeting venue for a meal.

President John thanked Gary M. for organizing our evening outing.

Paul A. confirmed the club's booking for "Crazy Ladies" for the 19 May with details above and Directors were looking forward to their monthly meeting.



Parting thought by Jack Mann, "Life is a coin you can spend it anyway you wish but you can only spend it once". Anon.

Please remember to e-mail any notices or editorial to both Barry and Doug. As always your input is very much appreciated. Any changes to the roster, please contact George Wyman.