

EastCoaster

The Bulletin of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays

Tuesday 18 May 2010

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

Preserve the planet

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 25th May

The Governor General

His Excellency the

Hon Sir Anand

Satyanand.

6.00pm for 6.30pm

**Partner's night at
Pupuke Golf Club.**

Presidential Musings

“Don't bring your problems to work” was often a phrase I heard while serving in the Air Force. I suspect all of us have either said it or had it said to us.

Most often the statement is fair enough. And when things in our lives are going well it is easy to concentrate on the issue immediately at hand and not be distracted by other aspects of our lives.

But, when there is disharmony resulting in worry and stress it is a different story. Whether problems being experienced are health-related, family, finance, work performance, or something else, try as we might to concentrate on the matters at hand our minds wander; mistakes and poor performance result. We discover that we are an ‘integrated circuit’, and do matter the urging by ‘those on high,’ we cannot departmentalise our lives as being suggested by the opening statement.

Dr Morgan Williams brought home to us this truth as far as the environment, economics, and national and individual well-being is concerned. We ignore the balance at our peril.

That balance is the challenge for Rotary as it seeks to serve its fellow men and women throughout the world, and develop this month's theme: “Preserve the Planet”.

I suspect that we think it is a good idea, and are supportive of the principal but are suspicious of anything that is likely to disturb our ways of thinking and standards of living. I hope I am wrong.

Next Tuesday promises to be a great night as we share the evening with Milford RC and enjoy the company of the Governor General His Excellency the Hon Sir Anand Satyanand. It is a jacket and tie evening with PHF pins but not medallions.

Don't forget Club Forum 31 May, where the current Directors let you know what has been done and what has been spent in the name of the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays.

Give some thought as to how we can celebrate getting rid of the current lot and welcome the new bunch at Changeover 28 June – *Parson to Pearson*.

Don



If you cannot do your duty. It is your responsibility to arrange for a stand-in and to advise the President			
DUTY	Tuesday 25th May	31st May	7th June
Reception	Alistair New & A N Other (MC)	Peter Garnett	
Attendance	Inge Jenkins & Eric Gibson (MC)	Inge Jenkins	
Cash Desk	Lynette Miller		NO MEETING
Fellowship	Don Pratt & Derrick Evennett (MC)	John Pritchard	
	Warwick Moulton	Warwick Moulton	QUEENS
	John Pritchard	Alan Astrop	BIRTHDAY
Stewards	Bob Baird & Derrick Evennett (MC)	Martin Reiss	
	Sean Harris	Beverley Lea	
	Doris Helm	Graham Lea	
Grace	Karel Lorier (MC)	Sherida Penman-Walters	
3 Minute Talk	Jane Hunter	Warwick Moulton	
Into Speaker	Peter Garnett		
Thanks Speaker	Alison Waugh (MC)		
Parting thought	Bruce Westbrooke	Peter Garnett	
Host Student	Warren Patterson	Warwick Moulton	
Rotaract	Invocation: Henry Hurbuz (MC)		
Guest Speaker/Event	The Governor General His Excellency The Honorable Sir Anand Satyanand. Combined meeting with Milford Rotary Club. Partner's night.	Club Forum	

[CLUB MEETING - May 17th our reporter Gary writes:-](#)

President Don welcomed us all to the meeting and especially our guest speaker Dr Morgan Williams.

Sergeant Dirk started off with the raffle won by yours truly, followed by the traditional birthdays (Helen Dunlop, Carol, Judi Astrop) and Club anniversaries. He then continued his theme of blanket fines, touching on all over 65's who participate in golf, gym/fitness, tennis, cycling, fishing, motor sport, skiing, on the basis that these pastimes cost the country the most due to injuries suffered! Then it was sport – Crusaders, England's 20/20 world cup win, Chelsea FC, Hurricanes and commiserations to the White Caps.

Random fines were then issued to the bar staff and Stewart Cowie, Carol was fined for being late to her own Committee meeting (fortunately nobody else turned up either!). Pres. Don was fined for the article in the NS Times. Pres. Don then had a sad \$ for his fall when leaving the Club rooms late last Monday, and Barry Perrow had a happy \$ for his new granddaughter. Bruce Dunlop paid a dollar for the Club's Quiz team coming 9th out of 16 teams and returning with \$1,000 for Club funds. Jack Mann had a happy \$ for his granddaughter visiting from the UK and Sergeant Dirk had a happy \$ for the imminent return of his family from S.A. Dirk's Sergeant's session raised \$85 for the Sunshine fund.

[CLUB NOTICES:](#)

President Don stated that the Club had received a letter of thanks from [Heather Hyland](#) of the [Melanoma Foundation](#) for the \$10,000 donated on 3rd May. She once again made mention of their gratitude and of the wonderful day they enjoyed on Regatta day.

President Don then reminded us that the next meeting will be on **Tuesday 25th** (same venue) being a combined Partner's night with Milford Club. **Jacket and Tie for the men and PHF pins only (no medallions please)**. The cost is \$18 pp (\$3 for Club members, \$18 for partners), **please pay Steve Jenkins at Club Forum on 31st May**.

President Don also reminded us that it is Club Forum on 31st May and changeover at the Club rooms on 28th June.

Sean Harris announced that he was still looking for an outward bound student for IYE.

Guest Speaker – Dr Morgan Williams Our Bulletin Reporter Doug writes:-

Bruce Dunlop introduced Dr Williams. He was brought up on a dairy farm near Kaiapoi and later moved to Christchurch. He currently lectures at Canterbury University and the University of Queensland.

Dr Williams gave us a very interesting lecture accompanied by great visuals. A member of the Port Nicholson Rotary Club he asked us 'What are the opportunities for NZ in a world with 9 million to feed'? He started life on a farm and has been part of Food Futures, the World Economic Forum, and sustainability. His current interest is the health of natural capital (sources and sinks). The challenge is to grow more food more rapidly with less land, less water and less fertiliser.

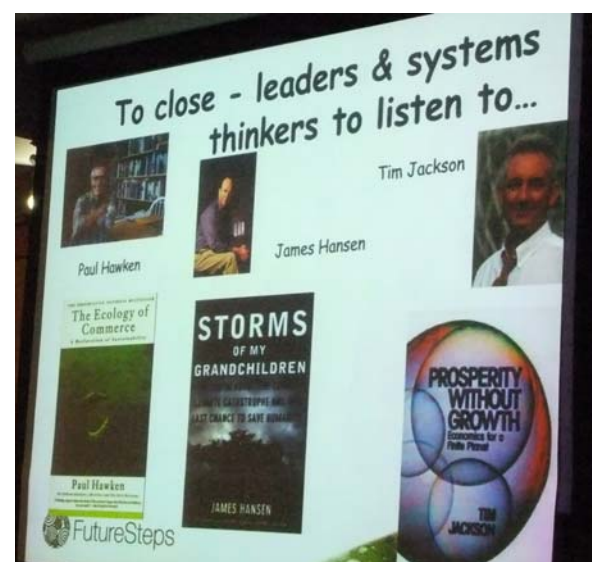


- Biodiversity and nitrogen are both out of sync.
- China has moved from being a net producer of soy and wheat to net importer.
- Underground fossil water will run out in 10 years.
- It takes 20000 litres of water to grow 1 kilo of coffee.
- Supermarket chains in the UK and NZ have made food too cheap.

In NZ we are in the business of pampering the palates and passions. In the end we need to work on a revolution in stock production, innovation and to reduce ecosystem impacts.

He mentioned three authors worth reading:-

- Paul Hawken- The Evolution of Commerce
- James Hansen-Storms of my Grandchildren
- Tim Jackson-Prosperity without growth.



Alan Astrop thanked Morgan for his address on Future Steps, saying we had to produce more with less.

Other Club Notices

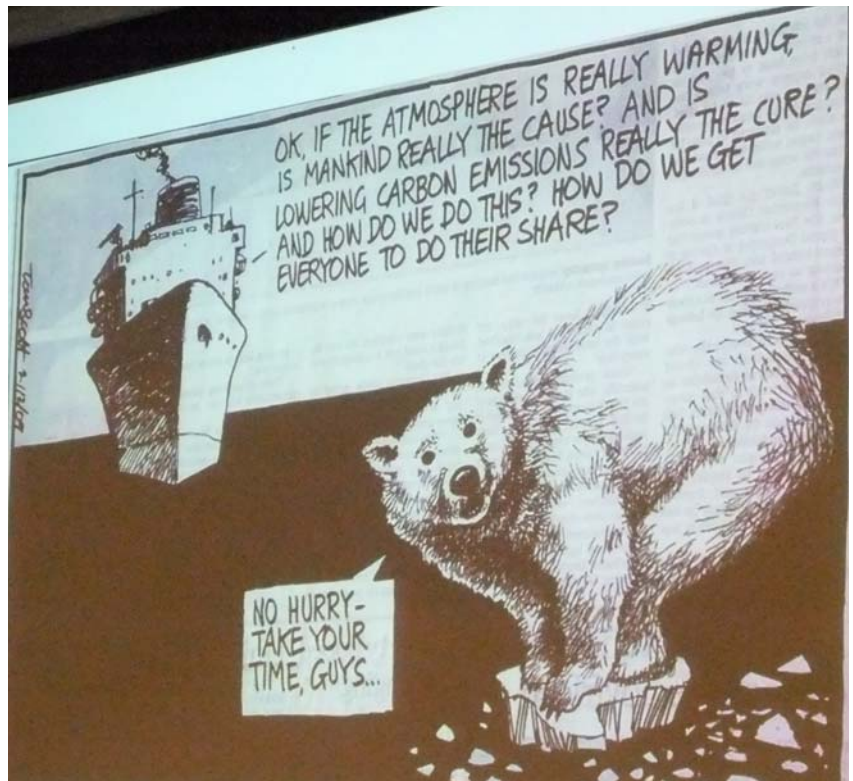
John Webb – Family of Rotary - It is sometimes not easy to keep up to date with health or other problems relating to Members and their Families, and we do rely for information from other members and sources. Please do let Family of Rotary know about problems that may occur so that the Club are able to assist in these cases. It only needs a brief contact to John Webb, Jack Mann, or any other committee member.

Many Thanks - Family of Rotary.

LOA - Just a reminder that Bruce Westbrooke and Lynette Miller have been granted Leave of Absence from 31st May to 5th July inclusive.

Rodger would like to remind those that pre-ordered **Entertainment Books** that he requires **payment** for same ASAP please.

President Don then thanked us all for attending.



Parting Thoughts from President Don

“History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon.”
“Life is like a taxi. The meter just keeps a-ticking whether you are getting somewhere or just standing still.”

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