



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Bulletin

#13 for 25 September 2024

Club Forum

As President Alan wrote, tonight we have the opportunity to review the current and future position of our Club. He urged everyone to take the opportunity to have their say. There were only 12 Club Members present however, there was lots of discussion.



Two matters were identified at Changeover, matters that need to be addressed to ensure our Club continues to thrive.

Firstly, membership. Retention and growth. Geoff and Mel spoke about the Fit for Purpose programme that Geoff is to attend for 2 days in Sydney. He is getting the early flight from Christchurch so a one night stopover in Sydney. 80+ clubs are participating each allocated a coach for 2 years. Most of our members completed a Health form regarding the health of our club. Opinions were varied. Athol talked about membership and the need to keep an eye out for anyone who might be interested.

Amalgamation with another Club was touched on.

U3A (University of the Third Age) was discussed. A meeting with a speaker and nothing to do beyond that. There is no community work or projects but little social interaction as happens at Rotary. Some U3A groups do have sub groups,

for example a walking group, art group or dinner groups. Is this what people want? U3A is thriving and there are many groups in Christchurch. Diane and I attend U3A at The Christchurch Art Gallery and there is a waiting list. Maybe this tells us something. Another important factor is there is very little cost. Rotary is costly and maybe off-putting to many from that point of view.

Discussion also focused around projects. One opinion was - if you want to plant trees there are many groups who organise that in our neighborhood, an example The Friends of Farnley Reserve who have a working bee once a month. There is social interaction, a feeling of community spirit and this comes at no cost, just a couple of hours of time a month. You don't have to join a group such as Rotary to participate in such community projects was the comment.

Secondly, The Boulder Bay fun walk as a new fundraiser initiative. A committee last year completed background planning for this event. It is now planned for March 2025. This group is going to meet again soon to review the plans. A case of watch this space.

Thirdly, we talked about projects. The Speech Competition for Years 7 and 8 for schools in our area; working bees; fundraising events and support of organisations for collections.

The Fit for Purpose programme will give us guidance and ideas as to how we can encourage new members. Thanks Geoff for putting your hand up to attend this event.

Thanks to Viv for the report and photo

Upcoming Meetings

2/10/2024	SET	Southern Environmental Trust Forum. Athol McCully leading & co-ordinating this night.
9/10/2024	Dave McKissock – Rotary DG Update	Dave McKissock – Rotary DG Update
16/10/2024	Jasmine White & Rihannar Gaskell	Arthritis NZ in Christchurch – Supporting our community

- **Southern Environmental Trust Forum “Climate Change: How will I be affected – why should I care?”**

**7-9 pm Wednesday 2nd October
Harmony Church Auditorium 220 Antigua Street.**

This is in place of our Rotary meeting for the night and we hope for a great turnout of club members, partners and friends to support this event and hear the excellent speakers that have been arranged. Indeed, there will be a number of jobs for club members to make the night run smoothly.

- **OCTOBER WALK – THURSDAY 17TH**

Come join us on our walk and/or lunch on Thurs. 17th October.

Date: Thursday 17th October
Park: Botanic Gardens car park (entry from Rolleston Ave/Park Tce over bridge opp end of Armagh St.)
Meet: By the footbridge at the entry to the Gardens
Time: 10.30am
Walk: Hagley Park and Botanic Gardens
Lunch: 12 noon at The Boatshed Café
Organiser: Susan

If you are unable to join the walk, then come and have lunch with us.

If the weather is unsuitable for walking, we will still meet for lunch at 12:00 noon

Please let David (david.buist@xtra.co.nz) know if you are walking, lunching or both **ASAP**

An early response would be appreciated.

- **November Walk and Luncheon Thursday 21st**

- **Community Garden**

Every Wed. 1pm – 2pm, 188 Strickland St., come along and lend a hand.

- Street Appeal Dates**

Pink Ribbon 🎀

October 18th

9-5pm

Christchurch Airport

Dementia Canterbury

November 8th and 9th

9-5pm

New World, St. Martin's

Aviva

May 16th and 17th

Or

May 23rd and 24th.

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These dates will all be confirmed nearer the time of the appeals.

Notices:

- Hensh Non Rotarian helpers**
Can you please let me know the names and email addresses of anyone, who is not a Rotary member, who helped in any way with Hensh.
I will write them a letter of thanks from the Club.

Regards

Viv

Duties:

Duty	2-Oct-24	9-Oct-24	16-Oct-24
Cash Desk	#N/A	A Airay	M Bruce
Cash Desk	#N/A	P Mears	G Dockrill
Reception	#N/A	G Dockrill	H Garlick
Speaker's Host	#N/A	M Opie	A McCully
Grace	#N/A	M Opie	A McCully
International Toast	#N/A	G Dockrill	H Garlick
Thanks to Speaker	#N/A	A Airay	G Dockrill
Quote for the Week	#N/A	P Mears	M Bruce
Speaker Reporter	A McKinnon	A McCully	A Airay
Sergeant	#N/A	M Bruce	D Peterson

Leave:

	FROM	TO
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Hays	11/08/20	TBA
E Bermingham	01/01/23	TBA
S McLean	20/03/24	TBA
L Brown	01/05/24	TBA
A Kim	15/06/24	15/11/24
S Mackenzie	07/08/24	TBA
R McKinney	13/09/24	mid- April

The link for the club web pages is www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

The link to club Facebook pages is

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristchurchSouthRotary/>

Reminders:**APOLOGIES**

Record your apology at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting, OR email: chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11.00am Wednesday. You will get a reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising and to advise if bringing a guest.

Emergency apologies to Alan McKinnon (021 142 7668)

OR Club Secretary Viv Ellis (027 490 3161)

DUTIES If you are unable to carry out your allocated duty, it is YOUR responsibility to arrange a substitute.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Please advise all leave of absence (three or more weeks) to the Secretary by email or in writing