



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Bulletin

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Spaeker report for 25 February 2026



Holly Evans is a classical soprano. She loves and performs both Opera and Musical Theatre. Holly sang for us and “she was amazing”. Both talented and beautiful, this 25 year old has the promise of an outstanding career in front of her.

Holly has achieved her Master of Music (with 1st class honours) as a result of studying at the University of Auckland. Prior to that she achieved her Bachelor of Music (Vocal performance) and Commerce at the University of Canterbury.

Holly is also a skilled percussionist.

In September she will do a Post Graduate Course at the Royal College of Music in Manchester.

Holly spoke to us about the preparation required for auditions. It is a very tough market with a lot of competition. In particular she spoke of Auditioning in Melbourne for the Phantom of the Opera. She achieved a 2nd round callback and didn’t get the result – a

rejection – until 2 months later.

Holly performed with the Philharmonia Orchestra in 2024 and featured in Toi Toi Opera’s 2025 production of Riders to the Sea.

To raise funds for her overseas study she will be performing at the Piano on Sunday 26th July at 6.30pm

It would be great to get a group of us together to attend that and support her in her journey.

Holly then sang “I Could Have Danced All Night” from My Fair Lady. What an absolutely stunning performance.

We wish Holly all the best for her future, and a big thanks for coming to our Rotary meeting.

Thanks to Diane for the report and Viv for the photo.

Upcoming meetings:

4/03/2026	Club Night – Committees Updates	Club Night
11/03/2026		
18/03/2026	Vocational Visit to Turanga 1745	Cathedral Square

- **UPCOMING ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**

1. Cashmere Stream Esplanade

Saturday 2nd May '26.

10-12 for maintenance followed by a shared lunch.

2. John Taylor Walkway

Saturday 13th June '26

10-12 for maintenance

Followed by a BBQ.

Notices:

- Just an early reminder that Alan McKinnon needs to give meal numbers to the Cashmere Club by 11:30 each Tuesday.

It's important that if you're not attending Rotary on the Wednesday that you let Alan know by Tuesday 11:30am.

Also - meals will not be served to individuals - there will be a system where we collect our own. Cutlery etc will be in boxes on each table. Help yourself. This is supposed to start this week.

Regards

Viv

- Author Deb Donnell will be speaking on 22/04/26. A friends and family night. Books will be available for Purchase, Credit/Debit Cards & Cash. A new volume documenting Christchurch's post earthquake transformation has offered a powerful reflection on loss, recovery, and renewal, with author Deb Donnell saying the project continues to evoke mixed emotions.

<https://debdonnell.info/christchurch/>

<https://youtu.be/CtMhtPzVEgo>

More information attached to this Bulletin e-mail.

Duties:

Duty	4-Mar-26	11-Mar-26	18-Mar-26
Cash Desk	A McCully	H Garlick	#N/A
Cash Desk	D Peterson	M Soares	#N/A
Reception	A McKinnon	G Dockrill	#N/A
Speaker's Host	#N/A	L Bougen	#N/A
Grace	H Garlick	L Bougen	#N/A
International Toast	A McKinnon	G Dockrill	#N/A
Thanks to Speaker	#N/A	M Soares	#N/A
Quote for the Week	D Peterson	H Garlick	#N/A
Speaker Reporter	V Ellis	M Opie	A McCully
Sergeant	M Opie	G Bailey	#N/A

Leave:

	from	to
S Hays	11/08/2020	TBA
E Bermingham	01/01/2023	TBA
SMcLean	20/03/2024	TBA
A Kim	30/06/2025	TBA
R McKinney		mid April
A Airay	1 2 Feb	26 Mar

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:

**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 of 3 or more weeks to the
Secretary, by email or in writing.**

