



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Speaker Report for 15 April 2026

The Ferrymead Heritage Park – Stepping Back In Time

Michael Campbell is one of the Directors of Te Pai Nui which means The Greater Good.

This business works with clients for fundraising, to ensure that organisations are able to continue. Ferrymead Heritage Park is one of them.

Ferrymead Heritage Park creates life in the early 1900's in Christchurch. It features an

Edwardian township with restored cottages, a schoolhouse, church and businesses such as a

Blacksmith. There are also various trams and Heritage steam railway rides. There is a range of exhibits such as fire engines, model railways, aircrafts, telecommunications and a jail. All depict the daily life of the early settlers over 100 years ago. It is considered a living and working museum.

Originally ferry crossing and the Bridle Path were the trade routes until 1863 when the first railway line in New Zealand was opened, running from Ferrymead into central Christchurch.

This was the inspiration for Ferrymead Heritage Park and the restored railway line. The Park was founded in 1964 by local societies.

The key goals for the Park are: establish good governance, protect and upgrade the Park infrastructure, provide professional guardianship and Heritage Resources, incorporate Te Ao Maori into the Park experience and create an environmentally sustainable environment.

Government funding has been cut so it's important that funds be increased. Michael spoke



about Survive: increase income, Revive: new income streams and increased engagement with customers and lastly Thrive: adding new products and services. Revenue is a mix of money from admissions, venue hire, one-off gifts, recurring gifts and events.

Michael also spoke about A Resilient Model where supporters and sponsors are increased and campaigns such as events to include weddings, education programmes, and projects are advertised to enhance public awareness of the Park. Visitors may be encouraged to become a supporter and member by becoming an annual sponsor. It is important that we ‘amplify the message’ that this Park is important and needs to continue well into the future to enable many generations to continue to learn and enjoy while there. The past needs to be preserved and Ferrymead Heritage Park is a wonderful example of just that. It is stepping back in time as the title of this report suggests.

With 45,000 visitors, 400 volunteers and 6000 students who involve themselves in an education programme each year, this Park is a treasure amongst others in Christchurch.

Let’s work together to promote its existence and importance.

What can we do to ensure this Park continues?

We can:

- Visit the park ourselves and bring friends and family visiting Christchurch
- Promote it so that others, their family and friends will to visit
- Talk to customers, businesses and organisations about visiting and supporting
- Talk to others about Sponsorship
- Consider volunteering

We look forward to seeing Ferrymead Heritage Park continue for many years so that generations to follow can both enjoy and learn.

Thanks to Viv for the report and photo

Upcoming meetings:

22/04/ 2026	Author Deb Donnell	Christchurch Then and Now Volume 4 – New Book Release by Christchurch Author Deb Donnell **Friends & Family Night – Books for Purchase***
29/04/ 2026	Club Night – Committees Updates	Club Night – Committees Updates

6/05/2026	Community Awards Evening	Social Committee/Sarita
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- **2026 Community Awards Evening**

Date: Wednesday 6th May 2026

Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

Venue: Rata Lounge, Cashmere Presbyterian Church, cnr McMillan Ave and Dyers Pass Road, Cashmere

Caterer: Who's the Caterer

Cost: \$35 per person

RSVP and any dietary restrictions: 24 April 2026

Payment can be made to the Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc account (03-1599-0081963-000)

Thank you

Sarita

- **Friends and Family Nights - Rotary 2026**

Graham Dockrill - Citrus Tree Consultants<graham@citrustreeconsultants.com>

22/04/2026	Author Deb Donnell	Christchurch Then and Now Volume 4 – New Book Release by Christchurch Author Deb Donnell **Friends & Family Night – Books for Purchase***
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15/07/2026	Chris Lynch	Chris Lynch – Broadcaster, Journalist and Puppeteer (Friends and Family Night)
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22/07/2026	Captain Phillip Sweetman	"From Ocean Horizons to Harbour Lights: A Sea Pilot's Journey". (Friends and Family Night)
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2/09/2026	Joe Potter Butler - QEII National Trust – Ngā Kairauhī Papa	Queen Elizabeth II National Trust - working in partnership with landowners to protect native biodiversity on their properties, forever (Friends and Family Night)
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16/09/2026	Dr Rueben Woods - 'Watch This Space' Exploring Christchurch through urban art	Writings on the Wall – “Sea Signals” A Street Art Festival (Friends and Family Night)
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4/11/2026	Hamish Fairburn	Conservation Volunteers New Zealand - A world where people and nature flourish together. (Friends and Family Night)
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- **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.\

- 3. Cashmere Stream Esplanade**

WINTER PLANTING DAY

Saturday 18th July

10-12 with a shared lunch to follow.

Notices:

- **River Clean Up (Mother of all Clean Up's)**

Date: Saturday 9 May

Start time: 10am by the Scout Den, Centaurus Road next to The Brickworks

It would be great to \support this again this year as we have done over the last many years.

- **Duties:**

Duty	22-Apr-26	29-Apr-26	6-May-26
Cash Desk	A McKinnon	G Bailey	A McKinnon
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Reception	D Buist	V Ellis	#N/A
Speaker's Host	G Bailey	#N/A	#N/A
Grace	G Bailey	D Buist	A McCully
International Toast	D Buist	V Ellis	#N/A
Thanks to Speaker	M Opie	#N/A	#N/A
Quote for the Week	A McKinnon	G Bailey	#N/A
Speaker Reporter	A McCully	A McKinnon	#N/A
Sergeant	A Airay	S Mackenzie	#N/A

Leave:

	from	to
S Haye	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
M Soares	22/04/2026	21/10/2026

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.