

# Rotary Club of Christchurch South



**26 June 2024**

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## Change Over

It was wonderful to gather with Rotary colleagues, partners, friends and guests to celebrate another year in the life of Christchurch South Rotary, to remember with fondness those who have died or were not well enough to celebrate with us, and to make awards to those from both the community and our club who have made significant contributions.

As well as members' partners, our special guests were Troy Knox with his parents Wendy and Bruce as well as Alan Stewart's son and daughter, James and Claire.

It was particularly special to have Helen McKessar with us to receive Bruce's 50-year service award, presented by President Mel. What a remarkable legacy of service.

Troy Knox was present to receive a Young Totara award for his work assisting the Rangers at Halswell Quarry with maintenance of the Park. As well as the award certificate he was presented with a very healthy-looking totara tree which he intends to have planted somewhere in the Halswell Quarry Park.

After an excellent main course, Barbara McKinnon gave us a summary of the work done by the Christchurch West Inner Wheel Club during the year. It was wonderful to hear that the club is thriving and as a result of its fund-raising activities has been able to make significant contributions to various charitable groups and also support others such as Child Cancer with their own fund-raising activities.

Following dessert President Mel gave a summary of our Rotary Club's activities for the year. It was an impressive list reflecting a significant contribution by members of the club. Notable, of course, was the excellent Hensh fundraiser grossing just on \$30,000. This created funds that enabled donations to a wide range of causes both local and international as listed in the document distributed with this bulletin. However, members of the Club did much more than that with working bees to tidy up and plant trees at the John Taylor walkway in Halswell Quarry and at the Cashmere Stream Esplanade, work at the Beckenham Community Gardens, support of AVIVA, Pink Ribbon and Parkinsons and MS street collections as well as visits to BrainTree and Ranui House. All in all, an impressive year of activity.

It was very pleasing when President Mel announced the award of a Paul Harris sapphire to Sara McKenzie reflecting her excellent work as chair of the Community and International Committees as well chair of the Trust. Equally deserving was the presentation of the Jack McKessar award to Bruce Wales for his dedicated work for the club over many years.

Then we moved to the quai ceremony to hand over the presidential office. This was ably supervised by Alan Airay following the process given to us by our revered former member Bob Blyth. Thus we ushered in Alan Stewart's year as President. Appropriately he thanked Mel for his excellent work as over the past year and then outlined his objectives for the year focused on membership, broadening our fundraising and most importantly having fun doing it all!

Our thanks to Diane and her helpers for organizing the evening and to Sarita, who was an excellent MC. We look forward to our next Rotary year.

*Thanks to Alan McK. for the report and Viv and Sara for the photographs.*



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Barbara McKunnon/IW presentation

. Helen McKessar receiving Bruce's 50 yrs of service pin



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Vocational Service Committee Chair, Mike Bruce, pinning Troy Knox's Young Totara badge and with Troy's parents, Wendy and Bruce.



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Sara, our newest PHF Sapphire awardee



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Bruce Wales,  
our Jack McKessar 'Service Above Self' awardee.



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Presidency proven safe. by way of the quaich traditional ceremony.



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President Alan Stewart outlining his objectives for the year ahead

## Upcoming Meetings

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### 03 July 2024

Ross Hagart. Family Help Trust - Helping Children & Families achieve wellbeing.

### 10 July 2024

Ryan Astle. Betterman – Improving Men's Wellbeing & Mental Health.

17/07/2024	Gwenda Kendrew	An update from Aviva - Everyone deserves to live free from violence
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## Upcoming Events

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- **Community Garden**

Every Wednesday 1pm to 2pm, 188 Strickland Street, come along and lend a hand.

- **Archives**

We are now at the point of collecting photos from members, past members, honorary members and friends of Rotary for our archives.

Please contact Kim at [tanner.kimberley@gmail.com](mailto:tanner.kimberley@gmail.com) if you have any photos from the year **2000 onwards** of **significant events**. We are hoping to have this project completed by the end of this year.

## Notices.

- **Partners Night**

31/07/2024	Raconteur Ken Lord (Partners Night)	Raconteur Ken Lord – William Shakespeare, an unauthorised Biography	Ken Lord Notary Public Notarius Christchurch Limited
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- **Rotary Trust Donations, 2023-24, are attached to this Bulletin email.**



## Duties

Cash Desk	G Bailey	A Airay	G Dockrill
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Reception	V Ellis	P Mears	G Bailey
Speaker's Host	G Dockrill	M Bruce	S Mackenzie
Grace	G Dockrill	M Bruce	S Mackenzie
International Toast	V Ellis	P Mears	G Bailey
Thanks to Speaker	G Bailey	A McKinnon	R McKinney
Quote for the Week	S Harris	A Airay	G Dockrill
Speaker Reporter	A Airay	A McCully	V Ellis
Sergeant	A McCully	D Buist	M Opie

## Leave

WHO	From	To
M Whitehead	9/9/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Hays	11/8/20	TBA
E Bermingham	1/1/23	TBA
S McLean	20/3/24	19/6/24
L Brown	01/05/24	TBA
A Kim	15/06/24	15/11/24

The link for the club web pages is: [www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz](http://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](mailto:chchsouthrotary@gmail.com) before 11.00am on the Wednesday; you will get a reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising and to advise if bringing guests.
- 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