



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Bulletin

39 for 23 April 2025

Our Guest Speaker this evening was Mark Christensen from the New Zealand Nature Fund. Mark was introduced to the club by Athol McCully.



New Zealand nature fund is leading the fight against the extinction of our most endangered species. “We raise funds for the effective protection and restoration of an Aotearoa New Zealand diversity at scale in the wild for generations to come” explained Mark.

Nature is quietly disappearing. Aotearoa New Zealand is at eminent risk of losing thousands of our native species never to be seen again the statistics are sobering. The indigenous species threatened with or at risk of extinct extinction include 46% of our native plants and the following native animals.. Reptiles 84% freshwater fish 76% seabirds 90% terrestrial birds 74%.

Projects include:



“We raise funds for projects that attempt to halt the decline, protect and fully restore Aotearoa New Zealand’s wild places. Strategically establishing wilderness full of diverse and thriving ecosystems for generations to come is our aim” An independent charitable trust, their goal is to raise \$30 million over the next five years. “Bringing together conservation donors and investors with understanding of the urgency and who are committed to achieving this turn around, will go a long way to saving our wildlife”.

A robust series of questions and answers followed Marks address that was enjoyed by all our members and those of our visitors, the Rotary Club of Hornby.

The official vote of thanks was proposed by Harold Garlick.

Thanks to Alan A. for the report and Viv for the photograph.

Visitors Night: Hornby Rotary Club and partners and friends in attendance:



Upcoming Meetings

30/04/2025	Kase Craig – Partners & Friends Night	A life of Ballet – From Christchurch to Ballet de l’Opera National de Bordeaux, France **Partners Night & Friends Night**
7/05/2025	Melissa Thompson	Emergency Cards – Saving Lives & Connecting Loved Ones
14/05/2025	Jane Rollings – Hospice Palliative Care Services Manager & Jo Dowling (Rotarian)	The Nurse Maude Foundation – Our Story – Hospice Awareness Week

- **Mother of all Clean Ups – River Clean Up, Saturday 10 May**

Meet 10am beside the Beckenham Scout Den Centaurus Rd (by the Brickworks)
Finish by 12:00 and meet at The Brickworks for a drink or lunch.

Thanks to those who indicated that they could help.

Viv

- **Save the Date**

4 June we are visiting Hornby Rotary Club. Meal is \$25 with a choice of 3 mains.
Speaker: Geoff Butler, Horologist - Ilam Watchmakers More details nearer the time.

- **John Taylor Walkway**

Saturday 03 May 2025

10 -12pm BBQ lunch afterwards.

Street Appeal Dates:

- **Aviva**
Saturday
May 24th.
New World, St. Martin's.
This date will all be confirmed nearer the time of the appeals.
- **Ranui House- Vocational visit**
Wednesday 1st October
@ 6pm for a tour of the new apartments and then the Sugar Horse Pub for dinner afterward.
- **Dates for the Pink Ribbon Street Appeal for 2025 – 17-18 October 2025.**

Notices:

- **As our end of Rotary year is rapidly approaching it is way past time to consider who this year we can award Young Totara and Pride of Workmanship to.**

Please get your thinking caps on and lets start getting names together

Duties

Duty	30-Apr-25	7 May-25	14-May-25
Cash Desk	A Airay	D Buist	L Bougen
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Reception	M Opie	A Kim	H Garlick
Speaker's Host	S Mackenzie	A McKinnon	V Ellis
Grace	S Mackenzie	A McKinnon	V Ellis
International Toast	M Opie	A Kim	H Garlick
Thanks to Speaker	D Peterson	A McCully	L Bougen
Quote	A Airay	D Buist	G Dockrill
Speaker Reporter	V Ellis	G Bailey	A McCully
Sergeant	M Bruce	M Opie	A McKinnon

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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 of 3 or more weeks to the Secretary, by email or in writin