

Report on Club Meeting 29 July 2026

Wednesday's meeting was certainly one of variety.

Firstly, Gabby Brown spoke to us about her experiences at RYLA to include many inspirational presentations.

Mark Inglis gave a speech about his life in the face of many challenges.

Promenade Quartet, a youth Barbershop group, sang. Gabby was inspired by their passion. They said it was a way to connect, grow, and make lifelong friends.

Riki Tahere, Head Rugby Coach at Christchurch Football Club and Coach Developer, also spoke. Again, a motivational speaker who mentioned the importance of teamwork, resilience and discipline.

The 22 year old adventure racer and multisport athlete from Canterbury, Molly Spark, spoke about taking part in grueling expedition events as part of the Youth Fear Team.

The RYLA group also had activities to perform which highlighted the need for clear communication.

The Adventure Park provided challenging activities although Gabby stayed with the easier levels.

Gabby enjoyed the experience and learnt lots about herself.

Helen Richards from Rangiora Rotary Club spoke to us about Interact.

'It is a programme in which people aged 12 – 18 come together in clubs to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of service and international understanding. Each Interact Club is sponsored by at least one Rotary Club'.

She spoke about Insurance, Police Vetting, developing as Charter, Health and Safety as well as many other aspects that would have to be considered when setting up an Interact Club at a Secondary School.

A booklet of important information was given to President Geoff along with her contact details.

'The spirit of youth is the heartbeat of progress and change'.

Lastly, David Drake, a member of Lincoln Rotary Club and Awards Chair presented our Club with The Rotary Foundation Trophy. Each year it is presented to the Club with the highest per capita contribution to The Rotary Foundation. With David, Geoff and Alan McKinnon

(Foundation Chair) were presented with the trophy while a photograph was taken.

Time for the 2025 - 2026 accounts to be presented to The Club by Treasurer, Alan McKinnon.

Move that 'the Club Accounts be adopted subject to a review'.

Alan McK / Mel

They are to be reviewed by Athol, and this was approved at the last Board meeting.

Move that ' the Budget 2026 – 2027 be approved as well as an Annual Subscription of \$250'.

Alan McK / Athol

Many thanks Alan for your continued work as Treasurer. It is certainly appreciated by all Club Members.