



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

P O Box 12-243, Christchurch 8023, NZ.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



28 for 05 February 2025

SPEAKER REPORT 5 FEBRUARY 2025

Tonight's speaker was Mike Beer, also known as Ghostcat, an artist whose current project is creating miniature models of lost iconic Christchurch buildings/businesses from pre-earthquake days. These include:

The Repertory Theatre
 Smith's Bookshop
 The Police Kiosk
 (Cathedral Square)
 The Doghouse
 (Cathedral Square)
 Canterbury Saleyards
 Atami Bath House
 Java Café
 Echo Records
 Cosmic Corner
 Digger Tattoo Studio
 Delarno's Magic Shop
 Victoria Square



(L/R.) Dave and Mike

Mike is recreating the models from photos, and Dave, the photographer, was also present at our meeting. Mike uses all sorts of materials in making his models – they are not made to scale, as he has no plans or measurements of the buildings. Mike brought one model – the Police Kiosk – to display at the meeting. It even had a light inside which switched on and off!

This was a nostalgic evening remembering many of the icons Mike spoke about. He is presenting a solo exhibition of the models (and the associated book) at the Christchurch Arts Centre from Saturday 29 March to Wednesday 30 April.

Thank you, Mike, for coming and sharing your work with us – you created a lot of interest and memories.

Thanks to Athol for the report and Viv for the photograph.

Upcoming Meetings



12/02/2025	Election of officers. Club Forum	Election of officers for 2025/2026. Club Assembly. AGM.
19/02/2025	Joanne Saunders	The Rejuvenation & Beatification of the Central City Gardens & Landscape – CCC Ranger Joanna Saunders. **Partners Night**
26/02/2025	Kim Steetskamp, Louisa Stewart and Board Chair, Abhinav Keswani	Clothed in Love - helps Christchurch families in need by blessing them with free good quality preloved or new clothing for their children.

● **FIRST WALK AND LUNCH FOR 2025 – THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

Come join us on our walk and/or lunch on Thursday 20th February

Date: Thursday 20 February
Park/Meet: Te Kuru Carpark. 600 Cashmere Road (See below)
Time: 10.30am
Walk: The 100-hectare wetlands
Lunch: 12 noon at Urban Eatery, Oderings, Cashmere Road
Organiser: David

DIRECTIONS:

1. Drive west on Cashmere Road and once past Westmoreland, turn left at the Halswell Quarry sign.
2. Drive south on Hendersons Road, road veers left, then turn first right into Cashmere Road.
3. Drive down Kennedys Bush Road, turn left at the Halswell Quarry into Cashmere Road

If you are unable to join the walk, then come and have lunch with us.

If the weather is unsuitable for walking, we will still meet for lunch at 12:00 noon

Please let David (david.buist@xtra.co.nz) know if you are walking, lunching or both.

An early response would be appreciated.

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- **Street Appeal Dates:**

Aviva

May 16th and 17th

Or

May 23rd and 24th.

New World, St. Martin's.

This date will all be confirmed nearer the time of the appeals.

Notices:

- Club Board meeting this Wednesday (12 Feb.).
- If you are growing outdoor tomatoes, now is the time to remove their growing heads, so that all the energy of the plant is directed into the fruits. (Any fruit set from now on, will, and before Jack Frost gets them, result in small, generally unripe berries. Some gardeners, of course, pick and ripen such fruits by placing them on a sunny windowsill).

Duties:

Duty	12-Feb-25	19-Feb-25	26-Feb-25
Cash Desk	M Bruce	A Airay	D Buist
Cash Desk	A McCully	A McKinnon	D Peterson
Reception	M Opie	H Garlick	G Bailey
Speaker's Host	#N/A	A McCully	S Mackenzie
Grace	S Mackenzie	A McCully	S Mackenzie
International Toast	M Opie	H Garlick	G Bailey
Thanks to Speaker	#N/A	A Airay	D Buist
Quote for the Week	A McCully	A McKinnon	D Peterson
Speaker Reporter	A McKinnon	G Bailey	V Ellis
Sergeant	D Peterson	D Buist	A McKinnon

Leave:

WHO	FROM	TO
J Wylie		TBA
S Hays	11/08/20	TBA
E Bermingham	01/01/23	TBA
S McLean	20/03/24	TBA
L Brown	01/05/24	TBA
R McKinney	13/09/24	mid- April
R Palmer	03/11/24	TBA
K Gunsekara	04/12/24	TBA

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:

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 writing.