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# Rotary Club of Christchurch South



27 September 2023

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This evening Helen Hills addressed the Club: 'Forest and Bird in Canterbury – Giving Nature an Voice'



*Thank you Sarita for the Photograph*

4 October 2023

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### **Steph Walker – Word Christchurch**

Our speaker tonight, Steph Walker, was introduced to the club by Mike Bruce. Steph explained to the club that “WORD” as an organisation is about bringing together people who celebrate words in all forms of communication. “We develop and present events, programs and projects about books, storytelling and ideas that excite, inform, entertain and inspire”.

Steph joined WORD in 2022 after being Auckland Arts Festival’s Head of Programming for the past 2 years, returning home to that Festival after 6 years in Australia. While away Steph worked at the Adelaide Festival, produced the OzAsia Festival amongst other events for the Adelaide Festival Centre; Sydney Festival; the City of Sydney’s Art & About programme and was Executive Director at Performance Space, Sydney. Prior to this she held leadership positions at Christchurch Arts Festival during the city’s period of seismic activity (a professional and personal turning point); and at Wellington’s iconic BATS Theatre.

Steph received a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre & Media Studies and a graduate diploma in marketing from Victoria University of Wellington, before moving again to the UK where she completed a Masters in Arts Management with Distinction from the University of Greenwich. Steph is also a freelance arts management consultant, and has completed a Level 3&4 certificate in te reo Māori at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

WORD Christchurch Chair Vicki Blyth says, “We’re just thrilled that we have been able to entice Steph back to Christchurch to lead the WORD team. Steph has spent the past decade away from the city building vast networks and a wealth of experience in arts and culture leadership”.

Steph says she’s excited to build on Marianne Hargreaves legacy and to work alongside Programme Director Nic Low (Ngāi Tahu).

“It’s been a little over a decade since I left Christchurch and I’m so ready to return with a kete full of energy and ideas”.

“I’m thrilled to lead WORD and celebrate the power of storytelling in all forms, along with the best writers from Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world. We share an exciting vision of growth for the annual festival, already one of the city’s best events, and for developing an ongoing programme of word-related events and activities.”

Asked about funding Steph explained that only 20% of their budget comes from Council and Creative NZ with the balance needing to be raised by way of donations. Steph is the first to admit that words in all their various forms are not her primary strength. For her it is festivals and festival organising. She has found her niche in Christchurch.

Next year we will be seeing a variety of exciting wordsmiths at Word Festival 2024. Watch this space.

Thanks from our Club was proposed by Athol McCully and carried by acclamation.

*Thank You Alan Airay for the report*

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## Upcoming Meetings

18 October

Josie Ogden Schroeder – YMCA in Christchurch and our new building

25 October

Dr Rod Carr, the New Zealand Climate Commissioner is confirmed as our speaker on Wednesday 25/10/2023.

Rod is a high profile speaker, having taken 18 months for Graham to confirm his engagement at our club. We need a good showing, this is a partners, friends, neighbours, relations and strays off the street night. Can I please encourage you to invite guests.

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## Upcoming Events

Most of you will be aware having read the bulletin a month or so back that your Vocational Services Committee are organising an evening with Malcolm Rickerby at his newly established venue at

**70 Langdons Road, Papanui, Christchurch 8053**

### **The Braintree Wellness Centre**

Malcolm and members of staff would like to welcome us from 4.45 to 7.30 on November 8th. We are invited to bring our own refreshments (Drinks) and Pizza will be our main course. Malcolm feels that not everyone is a Pizza fan so would like some feedback on this and attending numbers of course.

This will be a unique opportunity for us to see first hand this asset to Christchurch's health and wellness, with our own Malcolm as tour guide. So please extend the invitation to friends, family and significant others.

#### **Walking Group**

**When: 10:30 am Thursday 19 October**

**Where: Walk around the lower Heathcote Valley (includes coffee stop)**

**Meet: 10:30 park along Station Road, Heathcote, (alongside railway line), near the Heathcote Valley Inn**

**Lunch: At the Heathcote Valley Inn at 12:00**

Please let Susan Haye know whether you're coming and/or joining us for lunch (Mob: 027 3000 300 or Email: [susan.haye@xtra.co.nz](mailto:susan.haye@xtra.co.nz))

**Friday 10th November & Saturday 11th November**  
Dementia Appeal 2023

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## **Notices**

Sara MacKenzie reports:

The Rotary quiz night fundraiser was a great success. Geoff, Robin and his wife Shellyn and I represented our club in the quiz, we also had 'Steve' a regular patron of 'Bailies' who was quite happy to join our team.

We won one round and came joint sixth overall. It was a fun evening and a great Rotary social night.

### **Christchurch South Community Garden**

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

### **Rotary District 9800's Walk with Us Polio fundraiser**

For the month of October (and to highlight Polio) Sarita has registered with Rotary District 9800's Walk with Us Polio fundraiser. Her challenge is rather small seeing that Sarita is getting back into walking ; it is to walk a minimum of 150km for the month. If members can please support her that will be most wonderful. Contact Sarita for the link.

### **Hydrotherapy Pool at the new Matatiki: Hornby Centre in Kyle Park**

The Rotary Club of Hornby and the Greater Hornby Residents Association have joined together in a major campaign to fundraise for the Hydrotherapy Pool at the new Matatiki: Hornby Centre in Kyle Park. The Council has included the Hydrotherapy Pool in this development, with the expectation that the community provides \$1.4million towards the cost. This is fantastic to see how embedded Rotary clubs are in their local communities.

Hydrotherapy is a recognised physical and mental health treatment as the water pressure and movement as a form of physiotherapy for body and joint pain. This relieves symptoms of many things such as arthritis, osteoporosis, cerebral palsy, and recovery from accidents and sporting injuries. The pool would be accessible to anyone in our community, and will provide a great service to those in the community with disabilities, health conditions or physical rehabilitation.

As part of fundraising efforts, a Splash for Cash event is to be held on Friday 10 November and the aim is to get the community fundraising for the pool.

The club may consider purchasing a table or a couple of seats at the event to come along for a great night (email Kim to arrange a purchase). Another way you may wish to consider supporting our fundraising efforts is the purchase of a "Bubble". The CCC has kindly given us a wall to place our bubbles which can have your name or logo. There are three options of sizes based on donations of \$250, \$500 and \$1000. The bubble wall will be located on one of the busiest corridors at Matatiki: Hornby Centre,

and visitors will see these for years to come. You can do this at: <https://buyabubble.nz>

If you want to find out more about the hydrotherapy pool, you can here: <https://hornbyhydrotherapy.nz>

Paul Burns, President, Hornby Rotary

Kim Moss, Chair, Greater Hornby Residents Association (and Christchurch South Rotary member)

## 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

## Duties

Duty	11-Oct-23	18-Oct-23	25-Oct-23
Cash Desk	A McCully	G Dockrill	A Airay
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Reception	A McKinnon	L Brown	V Ellis
Speaker's Host	M Bruce	G Bailey	G Dockrill
Grace	M Bruce	G Bailey	G Dockrill
International Toast	A McKinnon	L Brown	V Ellis
Thanks to Speaker	A McCully	G Dockrill	A Airay
Quote for the Week	P Mears	S Mackenzie	A McKinnon
Speaker Reporter	A Airay	A Stewart	A McCully
Sergeant	R Palmer	D Peterson	M Bruce

## Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	9/9/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Hays	11/8/20	TBA
K Moss	24/6/23	TBA

## Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Website

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: [chcsouthrotary@gmail.com](mailto:chcsouthrotary@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.**