

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



17 January 2024

Guest Speaker: Kathryn Dalziel (Senior Barrister)

**Coronial Inquiry into the Terrorist Attack in Christchurch on March 15 2019.
Al Noor Mosque- Riccarton, Christchurch**

The Rotary Club of Christchurch South held their first meeting of the year jointly with the Rotary Club of Cashmere (as is the tradition), on Wednesday 17 January. Our guest speaker for the night was our previous fellow Rotarian of 15 years and forever friend, Kathryn Dalziel. Kathryn came to talk to us about her involvement in the Coronial Inquiry into the Christchurch Masjidain Attacks and how the experience had made her reflect on what an extraordinary country we live in; how peaceful and trusting we are as a people and how in that moment during this horrendous criminal act, the 'terrorist' tried to take this away from us all.

The Christchurch Masjidain Attack Coronial Inquiry was: "the largest Coronial Investigation New Zealand has seen and is nationally and internationally significant. In New Zealand, a Coronial Inquiry is a collaborative process to establish the truth of what occurred, with a view to making findings and recommendations to prevent deaths in similar circumstances in the future. It cannot impose penalties or award compensation. This Coronial Inquiry follows criminal proceedings and a Royal Commission of Inquiry. The Royal Commission, in particular, was considered closely in setting the scope of the Coronial Inquiry" Christchurch masjidain attack inquiry | Coronial Services of New Zealand (justice.govt.nz)

Kathryn explained to us that the Royal Commission covered everything that occurred up until the minute of the attack, whereas the Coronial Inquiry reviewed everything that happened to each individual killed by this terrible event on the day. Commissions like this are important for families to understand what truly happened to their loved ones during such a tragic event, as well as clear up any misrepresentations or untruths that might have been made public at the time. The other benefit of this type of Inquiry is it offers significant learning opportunities for support groups in the future when responding to tragic events within our community.

Kathryn provided us with a humanised account of some of the events on the day – a couple of examples being -those that died came from 21 different countries and spoke 15 different languages; the two policemen who caught the terrorist were rural and this amazingly occurred in just 19 minutes after the first attack.

Whilst this tragedy occurred in our city, Kathryn left us with the reminder that this atrocity was in fact a crime against all of humanity with global lessons for all.





Thank you Shirley for the report and Viv for the photographs

Upcoming Meetings

24 January 2024 Nicky and Bob Parr

Glimmering Sea – Rowing 3000 Miles across the Atlantic Ocean. The World’s toughest row for charity

31 January 2024 Renee Jones

Life Education Trust – Learning with Harold the Giraffe

7 February 2024 Club AGM

Election of Officers. Presentation of Audited Accounts

14 February 2024 Jeremy Nurse

The 180 Degrees Trust - utilising the natural environment, challenging youth to achieve their potential

Upcoming Events

To be announced

Notices

A promotional banner for a 'Walk for Dementia' event. The left side has a red background with white text: 'Walk for Dementia' in a large, elegant font, followed by 'Sunday, 3 March, 2024. 10.30am - 12 noon' in a smaller font, and a white button with the text 'REGISTER NOW'. The right side of the banner is a photograph of several people, including some wearing red vests, walking on a blue track.

Christchurch South 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 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	24-Jan-24	31-Jan-24	7-Feb-24
Cash Desk	A McCully	P Mears	G Bailey
Cash Desk	D Peterson	A Stewart	D Buist
Reception	A Airay	M Bruce	A Kim
Speaker's Host	S McLean	V Ellis	#N/A
Grace	S McLean	V Ellis	H Garlick
International Toast	A Airay	M Bruce	A Kim
Thanks to Speaker	A McCully	A Stewart	#N/A
Quote for the Week	D Peterson	P Mears	G Bailey
Speaker Reporter	G Bailey	A McKinnon	A Airay
Sergeant	D Buist	G Dockrill	V Ellis

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
E Birmingham	1/1/23	TBA
A Kim	9/8/23	18/1/24
R McKinney	16/9/23	30/4/24

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Website

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: 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.