



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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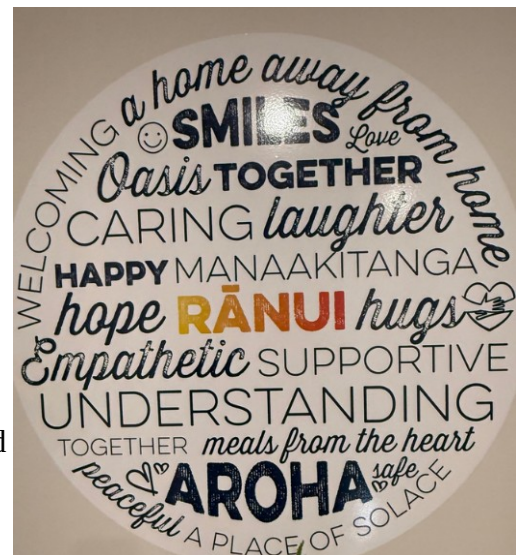


Bulletin

#14 for 01 October 2025

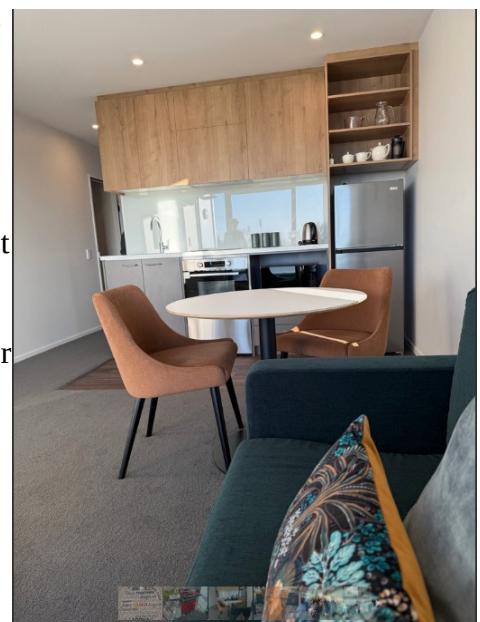
Speaker Report Wed 1 October

Tonight about 13 members and partners/friends visited the new Ranui House which was officially opened on 24th November 2024. The three-storied building is in Selwyn Street near where it meets Hagley Avenue with lovely views over Hagley Park and most importantly, in close proximity to the hospital. Ranui House is owned and operated by the Bone Marrow Cancer Trust which is “committed to providing a home-away-from home at Rānui for patients and their whānau while they are undergoing lifesaving treatment for cancer, accidents and life-threatening illnesses”.



An expressive, welcoming wall hanging

Our visit to this wonderful facility was hosted by Jodie Gill who is their Development and Relationship Manager. We were first shown into the lounge area which contains a common space for families to meet up while preparing food in the impressive kitchen, or watching TV, playing games, borrowing books or just relaxing. This is a key part of the Ranui philosophy where the people staying are encouraged to interact and provide support for each other while they are away from their usual communities



and undergoing what in some cases prolonged medical treatment. Outside the lounge area is a barbecue donated by Christchurch South Rotary.



On our way to see one of the accommodation suites, we passed a restful garden area including art murals and an impressive sculpture depicting two pillars leaning in with “arms” wrapped round each other – espousing the Ranui philosophy. The accommodation suites are like very nice motels with full kitchen facilities. They come in various sizes from studio to 3-bedroom units with, in some cases, the ability to make units bigger or smaller by opening adjoining doors. Every two units have their own laundry facilities and there is also a central laundry service for towels and bed linen.



People who stay at Ranui are mostly referred by the National Travel Assistance Fund which is a government agency set up to provide support for patients who need to travel more than 100km to get medical treatment. The fund pays \$140 per night as an accommodation allowance, and in the case of people staying at Ranui that money is paid as a contribution to the cost of running the organization. Some people stay just a few days, whereas other families have stayed for a year or more. In such cases there are other issues such as schooling for children, but that is catered for by Cathedral Grammar School who take such children under their wing including the provision of uniforms.



Hostess, Jodie, at extreme right.

Jodie expressed gratitude for the many donors from large commercial organisations such as Meridian who provided solar power, to the smaller groups such as Rotary who had made construction and fit-out of the facility possible. Occupancy is often 80-90%, clearly indicating the importance of this facility in the lives of people who occupy its rooms. They come from all over the country, but especially the West Coast, Nelson, Chatham Islands and Central Otago. The Bone Marrow Cancer Trust is to be congratulated for their caring work.

After this interesting visit we repaired to the Sugar Horse on Moorehouse Avenue for an enjoyable social time over a meal.

Thanks to Alan McK for the report and Viv for the photos.

Upcoming meetings:

8/10/2025	David Chambers, Trustee	Ngaio Marsh House & Heritage Trust - Discover the private world of Dame Ngaio Marsh – Friends & Partners Night
15/10/2025	Jenny Harper MNZM	Jenny Harper: “A career in art (but not an artist)” - New Zealand academic and museum professional
22/10/2025	SET Scholarship Recipient 2025 (Coral Peat)	SET Scholarship Recipient 2025 (Coral Peat) - Organised my Athol McCully (Athol to remind Coral Peat closer to the time)

Street Appeals:

Pink Ribbon Appeal – Christchurch Airport



Friday
October
17th 2025



Time	Person A	Person B
8:00-10:00am	Athol McCully	Diane Peterson
10:00-12:00pm	Vayomi Gunasekara	Alan McKinnon
12:00-2:00pm	Malcolm Rickerby	Jeanie Rickyby
2:00-4:00pm	Kathryn Dalziel	Lynda
4:00-5:30pm	Viv Ellis	Mel Opie

- **Dementia St Martins New World Appeal – Friday November 7th**

Thanks to those that have confirmed to help so far, please see the Roster (below), five more slots remaining to be filled. Please advise Graham if you can help.

Regards Graham

Dementia Canterbury

St Martins New World

Friday November 7th 2025



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Time	Person A	Person B
9:00-11:00am	Alan Mckinnon	Kim Moss
11:00-1:00pm	Viv Ellis	
1:00-3:00pm		
3:00pm-5:00pm		

Notices:

- **Members and Friends should procure their tomato plants this year, from an alternative supplier. The Club will be receiving a donation to Polio Plus, reflecting the cost of materials that would normally be involved in growing the supply of plants.**

- **OCTOBER WALK/LUNCH THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER**

DUTIES:

Duty	8-Oct-25	15-Oct-25	22-Oct-25
Cash Desk	A Airay	D Buist	M Bruce
Cash Desk	M Soares	H Garlick	A McKinnon
Reception	L Bougen	S Mackenzie	M Soares
Speaker's Host	A Stewart	L Bougen	A McCully
Grace	A Stewart	L Bougen	A McCully
International Toast	L Bougen	S Mackenzie	M Soares
Thanks to Speaker	M Soares	D Buist	M Bruce
Quote for the Week	A Airay	H Garlick	A McKinnon
Speaker Reporter	V Ellis	A McCully	M Opie
Sergeant	M Bruce	A McCully	S Mackenzie

LEAVE:

**The link for the club web pages is
www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz**

**The link to club Facebook pages is
<https://www.facebook.com/ChristchurchSouthRotary/>**

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.