



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Bulletin

#08 for 19 August 2026

### SPEAKER REPORT – 19 AUGUST 2026



There were a number of components to our Forum Meeting tonight.

**Chicken Manure Project.** Alan Airay give an update on the chicken manure project - particularly the problem of our not being able to use our A & P Show Ground depot on 22nd August for home deliveries because the ponies involved in the event occurring at the same time would be spooked by the large mass of white shiny bags. The bags will be covered for the day and our deliveries rescheduled for 4th September. Street sales will still be held on 29th August as advertised. There

was also some discussion about the preparation of the health and safety flier to be given to each customer. Alan reported that bagging is going well and will likely all be done by 22nd August.

**The Big Sleepout.** Members who participated gave a brief report on the Big Sleepout where 6 people representing Christchurch South Rotary spent a night sleeping on a sheet of cardboard on the concrete at Te Kaha, raising \$5,403 to help the Central Methodist Mission give support to those who sleep rough. The overall total raised is about \$127,000.

**Community Service Team.** Diane reported that the team was considering giving support to groups such as Pohatu Penguins, Orana Park and Supergrans as they had last year. They were also considering ways in which they could support the District Governor's aim to help those whose lives are affected by family violence. It was proposed that a couple of people take on the job of liaising with District regarding this. It will be promoted in the bulletin. Project Esther, a local group originally set up under the auspices of the then Spreydon Baptist Church, was suggested as a possible avenue for providing support. A visitor at our meeting reported that he will soon be participating in a fundraiser supporting Project Esther.

**International Team.** Alan McKinnon reported that the team was considering a number of possible projects for support in addition to the water project for Takuilau College in Tonga where we are associated with a District Grant application submitted by Blenheim South Rotary. These include Beyond Water promoted by a couple who live in Nairobi but are members of the Pohutakawa Rotary Club and are raising funds to build toilets for a primary school in Kenya, earthquake appeals for Colombia and Indonesia, support for Ukraine people, support for Rotarians against Malaria in Vanuatu, Emergency Response Kits, Tanzania Vulnerable Children and Women and the Campus of Hope solar power project in Samoa. There followed a general discussion about the extent to which we should focus primarily on supporting projects in the Pacific area. Members did seem to support that approach, but did not want to absolutely exclude other projects

**Youth Team.** Mel reported that there are a number of proposals on the table but no formal recommendations were ready at this stage. These include The Boyle River leaders programme for year 10 students, support for girls attending the Guide Jamboree, the Kids Immune Deficiency Foundation, the Champion Centre and the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum. Club members are asked to consider recommending people they know to attend RYLA.

**River Projects.** Sara reported on activities related to the Cashmere Stream Esplanade where Christchurch South has been involved in tree planting and maintenance over the last few years and the Heathcote River where we have helped with the annual river cleanup. Cashmere Rotary Club is planning work in this area and inviting us to be involved. Members supported the idea that we participate in networking with the various groups involved.

**Vocational Team.** Linda reported on the very successful tour of Te Kaha and outlined a proposed upcoming visit to a hydroponic lettuce grower.

All in all our Club is very busy and it was good to hear about all that is being planned

*Thanks to Alan McK. for the report and Viv for the photo.*

## Upcoming meetings:

- **26 August**

**Tayla Neal - Full Bellies - providing children with nutritional food delivered into schools for families in need.**

- **2 September**

**Joe Potter Butler - QEII National Trust – Ngā Kairauhī Papa**

- **9 September**

**Grant Ryan – The Cacophony Project. Predator management, and restoring native bird populations**

## Notices:

- **Your editor's new email address:**  
**melvilleopie@gmail.com**

*This address and the [exti419@uclive.ac.nz](mailto:exti419@uclive.ac.nz) are now both valid until 12 September, when only the gmail address will be valid. Best to update your address book now.*

- **Dear Christchurch South Rotary Team ,**

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all of you for participating in the CMM Big Sleepout 2026! We are so grateful to you for stepping up to support this inaugural event and fundraise for our homelessness services. Your team did an incredible job raising over \$5000 – thank you so much for your efforts. If Peter Mears was still with us, he would be so pleased to see us still working together in this way!

We've now raised over **\$127,000** – \$86,000 has been raised in Christchurch and over \$41,000 in Blenheim. When we first starting planning this year's Big Sleepout we set ourselves a fundraising goal of \$50,000, so to have raised more than double this amount has been incredible – we've been overwhelmed by people's generosity.

[...]

We hope you found Thursday evening's event informative and enjoyed participating in this collective action towards ending homelessness in our country.

Thank you again and we look forward to continuing to work together,  
Warmest regards

Jill

Jill Hawkey

**Executive Director**

Christchurch Methodist Mission

- **GET READY FOR RYLA 2027!**  
**Empowering Future Leaders Since 1959**

Applications are open! This is your Club's chance to sponsor the next generation of changemakers.

Our District is fortunate to offer 2 RYLA Courses. Your candidate can select from either Queenstown or Christchurch. Factors that might effect their choice is location, their age or date suitability.

#### **RYLA Queenstown 31st January – 5th February**

Age: 20-30 years

\$1,175pp for Clubs and non-profits (add GST for Corporate applicants)

#### **RYLA Christchurch 17th – 21st January**

Age: 18-25 years

\$1,175pp or Clubs and non-profits (add GST for Corporate applicants)

### **RYLA Overview**

The RYLA Leadership Programme is a transformative 4-5 day live-in experience designed to develop leadership, self-awareness, and a sense of community in young leaders aged from 18-30. It's not just about learning leadership — it's about living it. Participants are immersed in a dynamic, supportive environment where they are challenged, inspired, and empowered.

Applications will be considered from clubs, corporates and other community groups who wish to sponsor their rising stars within their business or organisation. A **flyer** is attached for each course for you to email to your networks/contacts/local business owners.

Head to the District website [HERE](#) for all info

### • **Project Rotary – Say No to Domestic and Family Violence**

This is a nationwide initiative to raise awareness of domestic and family violence. Australia has already raised the campaign across the country.

The organising team have been communicating with Police, Social Welfare, Rape Crisis, White Ribbon, Salvation Army etc.

The initiative will focus on two key activities:

1. Purple Fridays – wear a purple Rotary t-shirt
2. A District purple walk in November – bringing our communities together.

At the moment the organisers are gauging interest and wish that those clubs wanting to participate register their interest. They wish to have this project ready to launch on 1 October if there is enough interest.

The next step is to register our interest.

Viv

## Duties:

| Duty                | 26-Aug-26   | 2-Sept-26  | 9-Sept-26  |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Cash Desk           | H Garlick   | D Buist    | A Airay    |
| Cash Desk           | M Opie      | G Dockrill | A McCully  |
| Reception           | M Osselton  | A Airay    | M Opie     |
| Speaker's Host      | G Dockrill  | A McKinnon | L Bougen   |
| Grace               | G Dockrill  | A McKinnon | L Bougen   |
| International Toast | M Osselton  | A Airay    | M Opie     |
| Thanks to Speaker   | M Opie      | D Buist    | A McCully  |
| Quote for the Week  | H Garlick   | G Dockrill | A Airay    |
| Speaker Reporter    | V Ellis     | M Opie     | D Peterson |
| Sergeant            | S Mackenzie | A Stewart  | D Buist    |

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## Leave:

|              | from         | to            |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| S Haye       | 11/08/2020   | TBA           |
| E Bermingham | 01/01/2023   | TBA           |
| S McLean     | 20/03/2024   | TBA           |
| A Kim        | 30/06/2025   | TBA           |
| M Bruce      | 15 July 2026 | 09 Sept. 2026 |
| M Soares     | 01/05/2026   | 04/11/2026    |

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:

**Record your apology at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting, OR email: chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11.00amWednesday.**

**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.**

**Please advise all leave of absence of 3 or more weeks to the Secretary, by email or in writing.**