



**Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.**

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

**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**



Bulletin

#14 for 02 October 2024

### Speaker Report Wed 2 October 2024

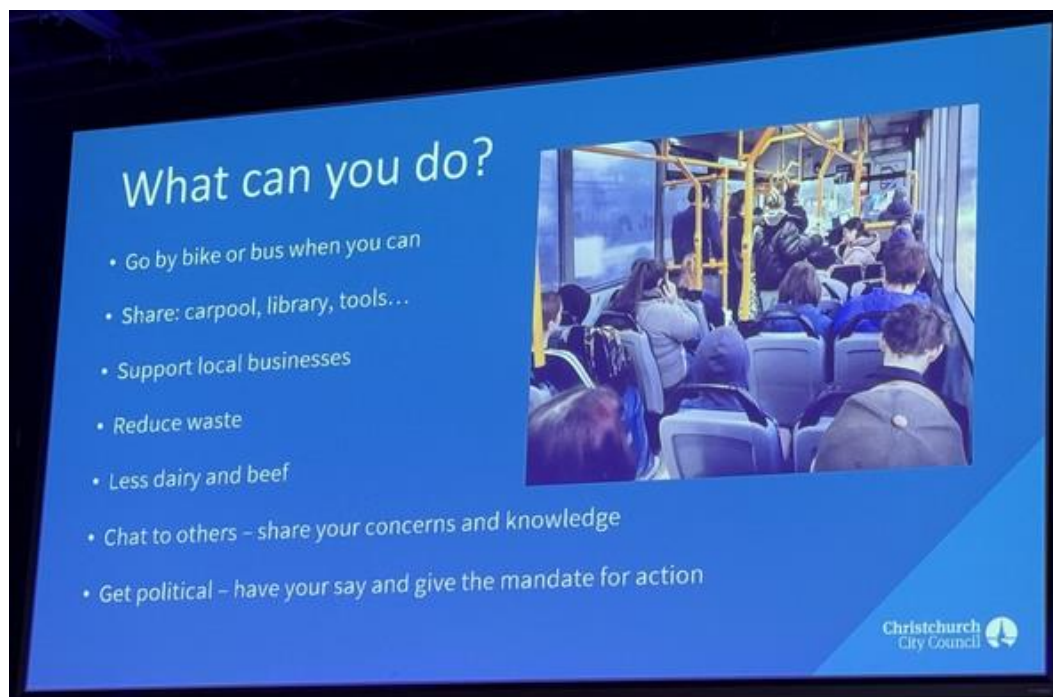
“Close your eyes and picture a 20-something person you know and envisage them in 26 years’ time – i.e. in 2050.” This was opening line of the talk by City Councillor Sara Templeton at the Southern Environmental Trust Forum entitled “Climate Change – Why Should I Care”. That set the scene for the whole evening because although we are experiencing more adverse weather events now, the big deal is about the future. *Me ara ake mō ā mua* “the future is in our hands”



Sara went on to talk about the local risks we confront in Christchurch including the effect of sea level rise on our low-lying areas - exacerbated by a gradual drop in land levels, storm flooding and droughts/wildfires. She described the Council's role in this is part mitigation (doing things to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions) and part adaptation (doing things to protect our residents from the impact of what's coming). For mitigation, the Council's main areas of influence are in transport (the cause of about 54% of Christchurch's emissions) and waste management (methane from buried waste contributes about 5%). The Council has a procurement policy which has a sustainability emphasis and it is trying to reduce waste. Transport is proving difficult because of the lack of funding to provide more cycleways and better public transport. Some important work in relation to sea level rise is the formation of Coastal Adaptation Planning Groups. The first of these, covering the Lyttelton and Port Levy areas is already operating.



Our second speaker, Ecan Chief Scientist Fiona Shanhun, gave us the background science related to climate change in our region. The messages are very clear; the NZ average temperature has risen 1.1°C since 1909; the sea level round the country has risen by 21cm in the same period and is accelerating. It is indisputable that human activity is the primary cause of these increases. World-wide 230 million people currently live within 1m of the current sea level so any small change has a significant impact on them. For many of Aotearoa's cities things are worse because the land is naturally subsiding. If our current emissions persist, temperature projections for Canterbury show a 1 to 1.5 °C increase by 2040 and a massive 2 to 3°C increase by 2090. Another way of looking at the latter is if we consider that in 1995 we had 30 "hot" days per year, by 2090 we can expect 70 hot days. Hot days (> 25°C) cause significant stress for younger and older people as well as livestock. Severe weather events of all types will occur more often. Ecan has been working with all the other local bodies in the region to develop *It's time, Canterbury. Our climate change conversation*. The web site [www.itstimecanterbury.co.nz](http://www.itstimecanterbury.co.nz) contains information and resources about the impact of climate change and practical suggestions for the things we can do to reduce our personal emissions.



Professor Bronwyn Hayward was our third speaker standing in for Dr Rod Carr who was not available. Her focus was on coming generations, particularly given the UN Declaration on Future Generations which was approved in September this year. For example, heat is associated with higher rates of pre-term birth, low birthweight, stillbirth and adverse child health. Current 55 year olds won't experience much of the impact of these temperature increases in their lifetime, but for those currently aged 10 or under it's a totally different story. Even things like the impact of severe weather events on school attendance are factors of significance and of course it's the marginalized communities, particularly those living in cities that will be most affected and where adaptation is too slow. Bronwyn sees climate change adaptation and mitigation as political issues and for that reason sees hope in things such as the school strike movement. *Mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei* "For us and our children after us".

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

## Upcoming Meetings

<b>9/10/2024</b>	Dave McKissock – Rotary DG Update	Dave McKissock – Rotary DG Update
<b>16/10/2024</b>	Jasmine White & Rihannar Gaskell	Arthritis NZ in Christchurch – Supporting our community
<b>23/10/2024</b>	Jo Blair	The Arts Foundation of NZ – Backing Artists to make their Mark since 1998

- **OCTOBER WALK – THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**Come join us on our walk and/or lunch on Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Date:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
**Park:** Botanic Gardens car park (entry from Rolleston Ave/Park Tce over bridge opp end of Armagh St.)  
**Meet:** By the footbridge at the entry to the Gardens  
**Time:** 10.30am  
**Walk:** Hagley Park and Botanic Gardens  
**Lunch:** 12 noon at The Boatshed Café  
**Organiser:** Susan

**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](mailto:david.buist@xtra.co.nz)) know if you are walking, lunching or both **ASAP**

An early response would be appreciated.

- **November Walk and Luncheon Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

- **Community Garden**

Every Wed. 1pm – 2pm, 188 Strickland St., come along and lend a hand

- **Street Appeal Dates**

Pink Ribbon 🎗️

October 18<sup>th</sup>

9-5pm

Christchurch Airport

Dementia Canterbury

November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

9-5pm

New World, St. Martin's

Aviva

May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

**Or**

May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

New World, St. Martin's.

These dates will all be confirmed nearer the time of the appeals.

---

## Notices:

- Hensh Non Rotarian helpers  
Can you please let me know the names and email addresses of anyone, who is not a Rotary member, who helped in any way with Hensh.  
I will write them a letter of thanks from the Club.

Regards

Viv

- **From:** Fundraising - The Youth Hub <fundraising@youthhubchch.org.nz>  
**Date:** 19 September 2024 at 8:36:04 AM NZST  
**Subject: Youth Hub opening event for Rotary club**

Mōrena,

On behalf of the Youth Hub Trust, we wanted to invite all of the Rotary clubs that have contributed to the Youth Hub's development to come and see the Hub before it officially opens to the public.

We will make the Hub available for your club members to drop in at your convenience between 5-7pm on Thursday 7 November.

Please share this invitation with your club members.

The Hub has everything young people need to improve and maintain their mental health, from supported housing and health and support services to opportunities for recreation and creativity and we can't wait to share it with you!

**Please note no parking is available on site or on Gracefield Ave. There nearest paid parking option is the Casino.**

Nibbles and refreshments will be available.

If you have any questions, please email [fundraising@youthhubchch.org.nz](mailto:fundraising@youthhubchch.org.nz)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ngā mihi,

**Rachael Cox**

**Communications and Fundraising**

**Ph: 022 698 2244 | [www.youthhubchch.org.nz](http://www.youthhubchch.org.nz)**

## Duties:

Duty	9-Oct-24	16-Oct-24	23-Oct-24
Cash Desk	A Airay	M Bruce	A McCully
Cash Desk	P Mears	G Dockrill	D Peterson
Reception	G Dockrill	H Garlick	M Bruce
Speaker's Host	M Opie	A McCully	H Garlick
Grace	M Opie	A McCully	H Garlick
International Toast	G Dockrill	H Garlick	M Bruce
Thanks to Speaker	A Airay	G Dockrill	D Peterson
Quote for the Week	P Mears	M Bruce	A McCully
Speaker Reporter	A McCully	A Airay	M Opie
Sergeant	M Bruce	D Peterson	A McKinnon

**Leave:**

	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
<b>M Whitehead</b>	09/09/15	TBA
<b>J Wylie</b>		TBA
<b>S Hays</b>	11/08/20	TBA
<b>E Bermingham</b>	01/01/23	TBA
<b>S McLean</b>	20/03/24	TBA
<b>L Brown</b>	01/05/24	TBA
<b>A Kim</b>	15/06/24	15/11/24
<b>S Mackenzie</b>	07/08/24	TBA
<b>R McKinney</b>	13/09/24	mid- April
<b>V Ellis</b>	23/10/24	06/11/24

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 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 (three or more weeks) to the Secretary by email or in writing**