



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Bulletin

#29 for 11 February 2026



**Students Hannah Watson and Es Pitts – Our Boyle River Experience.**

Two Cashmere High students, whom, as last year's Year 11 (Form 5) students, we sponsored to attend the 5 day Boyle River Youth Leadership Course. These two girls spoke fluently and confidently and as Club member Alan Airay commented to them, he wouldn't have had that confidence to speak at their age [~ 14]. They obviously benefited from the social and leadership opportunities and expressed their immense gratitude for their sponsorship. What is next towards their greater personal developments – RYLA? They expressed a keen interest.



Holly Evans, New Zealand up and coming soprano opera singer, graced our meeting tonight. And with a beautiful rendition of an aria. the title of which escapes your editor. Apologies.

Holly is scheduled as our guest speaker at our next Friends and Family night:

25/02/2026	Holly Evans	25 Year old Holly - New Zealand's up & Coming Soprano Opera Singer <b>(Friends &amp; Family Night)</b>
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*Thanks Sara, for the photos.*

### Upcoming meetings:

18/02/2026	Captain Phillip Sweetman	"From Ocean Horizons to Harbour Lights: A Sea Pilot's Journey". <b>(Friends and Family Night)</b>
25/02/2026	Holly Evans	25 Year old Holly - NZ's up & Coming Soprano Opera Singer <b>(Friends and Family Night)</b>
4/03/2026	Club Night – Committees Updates	Club Night – Committees Updates

### Notices:

- Celebration service for Peter is to be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February @ 2 pm @ St Albans United Parish, 36 Nancy Ave, Mairehau.

- new email address:

[atholmccully01@gmail.com](mailto:atholmccully01@gmail.com)

- JR McKenzie Youth Education Trust. Letter of appreciation:

[jrmckenzierotaryuppertsouth@gmail.com](mailto:jrmckenzierotaryuppertsouth@gmail.com)

Hi Everyone

I thought that you would like to know some details from the uniform grants paid out for the 2026 school year.

The application form was sent to 35 Rotary clubs from Motueka to Timaru including the West Coast. Applications were received from 14 clubs and one support agency.

Grants were paid out towards the uniform costs for 481 children (2025 399 children). This has assisted 303 families.

The basic grants were paid at the rate of \$200 for primary school, \$270 for intermediate school, \$350 for secondary school and \$500 for families. Larger grants were paid where the circumstances warranted them.

A total of \$114,350 was paid out in grants.

Thank you for your contribution to this process.

Regards

Christine

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Christine Arnold

Secretary

JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund

Upper South Island

- **From Pillars**



**Ngā Mihi Nui!**



Dear Graham,

On behalf of Pillars Ka Pou Whakahou, I would like to thank you for your kindness and generous donation of \$250.00. We are so grateful that you have assisted Pillars to continue to support the children and whānau of people in prison.

Thanks to you a family and their children will receive social work support; through parenting programmes, goal setting, or support with housing, income and navigating the justice system. Your gift will also see a child paired with a reliable mentor, who gives them opportunities outside of their horizons.

You have allowed children of people in prison to be supported in all aspects of life, so they can stride into the future with confidence. A copy of your tax receipt is attached.

Thank you again for your support towards our mahi.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tuhi Leef  
Chief Executive Officer / Tumu Whakarae

- Invitation to Pillars Kai and Korero, attached to this Bulletin email.

## Duties:

Duty	18-Feb-26	25-Feb-26	4-Mar-26
Cash Desk	G Bailey	G Dockrill	A McCully
Cash Desk	M Bruce	M Soares	D Peterson
Reception	H Garlick	G Bailey	A McKinnon
Speaker's Host	M Soares	M Opie	#N/A
Grace	M Soares	M Opie	H Garlick
International Toast	H Garlick	G Bailey	A McKinnon
Thanks to Speaker	G Bailey	G Dockrill	#N/A
Quote for the Week	M Bruce	M Soares	D Peterson
Speaker Reporter	A McKinnon	D Peterson	V Ellis
Sergeant	S Mackenzie	V Ellis	M Opie

## Leave:

	from	to
S Hays	11/08/2020	TBA
E Bermingham	01/01/2023	TBA
SMcLean	20/03/2024	TBA
A Kim	30/06/2025	TBA
A Airay	12 Feb – 26 Mar	

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](mailto: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.**