



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Bulletin

#06 for 05 August 2026

SPEAKER REPORT – 05 August 2026

We were delighted to welcome Aurora Collier-Lowe and her Mum to our weekly dinner and meeting. We sponsored Aurora to go to the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum 2026. Aurora was one of 160-170 students chosen to attend this forum which is held annually.

She spoke very competently about her experience. The course ran for 2 weeks, during which time Aurora was exposed to many subjects presented by 3 Universities.

The subjects included Biological science Physics Chemistry Bio engineering and Bio medical science Robotics Built Environmental Science Sports Science Digital Construction and Applied Mathematics. These subjects were discussed and students were given an overview of each subject.



A surprise visit from Nanogirl – Dr Michelle Dickinson who received a “Woman of Influence Award” and who has over 20 years of engineering experience added to Aurora’s experience. Michelle is a nanotechnologist and science educator renowned for delivering powerful and engaging presentations to audiences around the world.

Tech visits:

Brain Research Centre (Leading neurologists were met and brain disease trials discussed) PHF Science (crime scene examination, DNA, Toxicology, forensics and Judicial system) and Liggins Institute (genome sequencing, optical and electron microscopy)

Aurora said she enjoyed these visits and the chance to ask questions and discover knowledge about the subjects.

The most exciting result of attending the forum was that she was able to see a direction to follow her passions. She intends to move forward to Achieve a Bachelor of Radiation Therapy or Bachelor of Medical Imaging.

Thank you Aurora for a wonderful overview of your experience and we wish you all the best for your future studies and vocation.

Thanks to Diane for the report and Viv for the photos.

Upcoming meetings:

- **12 August**

Caleb Ryder & Jackson Meecham - Fish & Game NZ

- **19 August**

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

- **26 August**

Club project updates

- **2 September**

Joe Potter Butler - QEII National Trust – Ngā Kairauhī Papa

UPCOMING ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

1. John Taylor Walkway

**Saturday
10-12 for**

**8th August '26 (this is an amended date!)>
maintenance Followed by a BBQ.**

CANCELED
To be held at another date.

Notices:

- **The Big Sleepout Fundraiser for Christchurch Methodist Mission**

As many readers will know, some members and others connected with Christchurch South Rotary are participating in the Big Sleepout Fundraiser,

where they will be sponsored to sleep rough on the grass at Te Kaha (the new stadium) on the night of Thursday 13th August.

Those participating are: Mike Osselton, Geoff Bailey, Linda Bougen, Alison MacDonald and Martin T (friends of Linda's), and Alan McKinnon.

Thank you for the generous sponsorship received so far which as at 9.00pm on 09 Aug (time of this Bulletin preparation) has amounted to \$4831. We are keen to raise as much as we can to help Christchurch Methodist Mission help those for whom sleeping out is their norm. So, if you wish to contribute please follow the link:

<https://bigsleepoutsouth.nz/t/christchurch-south-rotary>

and donate to one of the people listed there. Any questions to Alan McKinnon (alan.barbara.mckinnon@gmail.com or 021 142 7668)

- **AUGUST WALK/LUNCH THURSDAY 20th.**

Duties:

Duty	12-Aug-26	19-Aug-26	26-Aug-26
Cash Desk	L Bougen	A Airay	H Garlick
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Reception	A McKinnon	S Mackenzie	M Osselton
Speaker's Host	M Opie	D Buist	#N/A
Grace	M Opie	D Buist	G Dockrill
International Toast	A McKinnon	S Mackenzie	M Osselton
Thanks to Speaker	H Garlick	A Airay	#N/A
Quote for the Week	L Bougen	M Osselton	H Garlick
Speaker Reporter	A McCully	A McKinnon	V Ellis
Sergeant	V Ellis	L Bougen	S Mackenzie

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

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 11.00am 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.

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

