



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Bulletin

#46 for 10 June 2026

Club Meeting Report for 10 June 2026

Speaker Report

10th June – **Josh Gardiner.**

Josh Gardiner and two of his team attended our meeting. Josh represents Christchurch City Mission

Outreach to the Homeless:

Josh has “ been there and done that” and is now dedicated and passionate about assisting the many people in our City who are homeless. His experiences have enabled him to help and empower many people.

His regular outreach keeps in touch with 300-400 homeless people from all walks of life and all age groups and cultures. He describes homelessness as being epidemic. He said numbers are increasing by 1-2 per day, and estimates the total number living rough in Christchurch to be in the thousands.

Human connection, compassion and trust being built with these people is his aim, and to eventually encourage them into housing. He doesn't judge. There are many reasons that people become homeless. Some by choice for the freedom lifestyle and others due to financial hardship, drug and alcohol problems, mental issues, bad experiences when living with others, unemployment, lack of suitable housing and social housing (1250 people on the waiting list for suitable housing) are some of these.

One of our members asked how is best to deal with the people who sit outside businesses and on the street who have “Help” signs. He said giving them money is not recommended. We can assist more by giving money to the Mission who in turn see that each \$1 is going to the right place. A friendly smile or acknowledgement of their existence is enough when we pass them.

Josh and his team are true humanitarians and have to be greatly admired for the services they provide. It is certainly a hard job to do, and our community appreciates greatly their work. Thank you for sharing from the heart Josh.

Thanks to Dtane for the report and Viv for the photo.



Upcoming meetings:

- 17 June

No guest speaker. Instead, regular agenda, but at speaker slot, a 'Midwinter Christmas' Port and Cake: tables rearranged for seating both sides and a social half hour. An opportunity to catch up with members that you don't regularly sit with.

- 24 June

Change-over Night - the year past and the year ahead.

- 1 July

Natalie Wiki Arapeta - SuperGrans SuperSkills Network: working alongside individuals and whanau to build and develop basic life skills

UPCOMING ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

1. John Taylor Walkway

Saturday 8th August '26 (this is an amended date!)>

10-12 for maintenance Followed by a BBQ.

2. Cashmere Stream Esplanade

WINTER PLANTING DAY

Saturday 18th July

10-12 with a shared lunch to follow.

Notices:

- **Christchurch South Rotary: Annual Club Changeover Evening 24 June 2026**

Event: Annual Club Changeover Dinner

Date: Wednesday 24th June 2026

Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

Venue: Rata Lounge, Cashmere Presbyterian Church, cnr McMillan Ave and Dyers Pass Road, Cashmere

Caterer: Who's the Caterer

Cost: \$35 per person. BYO drinks (glasses will be supplied)

*RSVP: Please **RSVP to Diane** (027 433 7509) by **20 June 2026**, including any dietary requirements. Payment can be made to the Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc account (03-1599-0081963-000)*

- **June Walk**

• ***Come join us on our walk and/or lunch on Saturday 20 June***

Details:

Date: **Saturday 20 June 2026**

Park **Fitzgerald Ave (east side) near Avonside Drive**

Meet **On Fitzgerald Avenue River Bridge**

Time: **10.30am**

Walk: **Eastward on City to Sea Walkway**

Lunch: **Little Poms Café, 294 Kilmore Street**

12 noon

Leader: **David**


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) know if you are walking, lunching or both.

Next Walk - Thursday 16 July

Duties:

	17-Jun-26	24-Jun-26	1-Jul-26
 Desk	A Airay	A McKinnon	M Opie
Cash Desk	M Bruce	#N/A	D Peterson
Reception	A McKinnon	#N/A	A Stewart
Speaker's Host	V Ellis	#N/A	L Bougen
Grace	V Ellis	H Garlick	L Bougen
International Toast	A McKinnon	#N/A	A Stewart
Thanks to Speaker	M Bruce	#N/A	D Peterson
Quote for the Week	A Airay	#N/A	M Opie
Speaker Reporter	M Opie	V Ellis	A McCully
Sergeant	L Bougen	#N/A	G Dockrill

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
M Soares	01/05/2026	04/11/2026

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

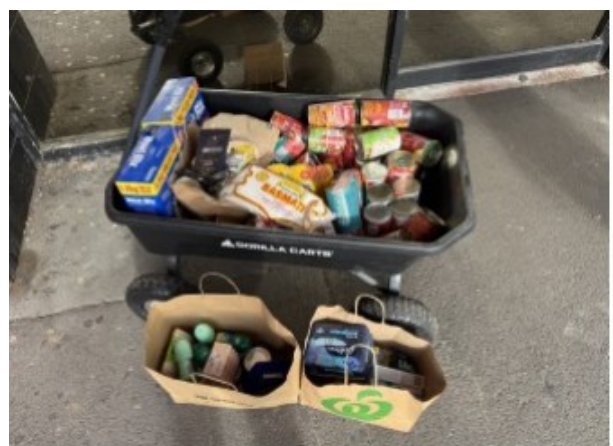
The link to club Facebook pages is
<https://www.facebook.com/ChristchurchSouthRotary>

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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

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