



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Bulletin

#35 for 25 March 2026

Club Forum Report Wednesday 26th March 2026

Our monthly forum started with a report by Alan McKinnon on behalf of the International Team. Although there were no new expenditure proposals to discuss, payments already made were reviewed. Sara was able to report very favourably on the donation of NZ\$1200 to the Bali School for the Deaf. Sara has recently visited the school who were very appreciative of the donation.

Under Youth, Mel Opie raised the possibility of giving a donation to the Seabrook McKenzie Centre which provides assistance for children with learning disabilities such as dyslexia. One Rotarian spoke warmly of personal experience with the organisation, describing it as “absolutely wonderful” and highly impactful. After discussion, members agreed to provide financial support of \$700 even though this almost depletes the Youth budget. If further worthy requests for Youth funding arise, an increase in budget may be sought.

The meeting also included a broader reflection on funding priorities. It was noted that many Rotary clubs allocate a significant proportion of their resources—often up to two-thirds—toward youth-focused initiatives. This prompted discussion about how the Club might strengthen its own youth engagement, particularly through the possible establishment of an Interact Club at Cashmere High School.

Members acknowledged the considerable benefits of an Interact Club, including leadership development, community service experience, and stronger connections between Rotary and local schools. However, concerns were raised about the level of commitment required.

Drawing on experience from similar initiatives, one member highlighted the need for consistent involvement from both Rotary representatives and school staff, noting that sustained success depends on regular attendance and active mentoring.

Despite these challenges, there was clear support for exploring the idea further. A potential pathway forward was agreed, including making contact with experienced Interactcoordinators and engaging with Cashmere High School leadership. Geoff

Bailey volunteered to take on a leadership role in progressing discussions, with others offering support as needed. It was suggested that early planning would position the Club well for a possible launch at the beginning of the next school year.

Graham Dockrill reviewed the Club's remaining Community funding, estimated at approximately \$2,500. Plans are underway to actively identify and approach suitable recipient organisations, including some that have been supported in the past. Members expressed a desire to both maintain existing relationships and explore new opportunities for impact.

Graham also celebrated the Club's ongoing support of local conservation efforts through our support of Pohatu Penguins and renewal of our adoption of spider monkeys and lemurs at Orana Wildlife Park. The latter initiative not only contributes to animal welfare and conservation but also enhances the Club's community profile. Complimentary passes received as part of the adoption will be auctioned at the club's Community Awards night on the 6th of May, the proceeds used to support the Rotary Foundation's Polio Eradication programme.

Further discussion led by Linda Bougen and Mike Brce covered upcoming vocational visits (perhaps to Te Kaha, some hydroponic gardens and Orana Park), guest speakers, and social activities, all contributing to a vibrant and engaged Club programme.

*Thanks to Alan McK. for the report.*

**Welcome to our  
new member, Mike  
Osselton.**

**OSSELTON, M.**

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## Upcoming meetings:

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1/04/2026	Tracey Hawkes & Susan Gee	The Burwood Therapeutic Garden - Our vision is to create a wheelchair-accessible and dementia-friendly therapeutic outdoor area
8/04/2026	Paul Gardner	An update from the Sydenham Corps of the Salvation Army – Major Paul Gardner
15/04/2026	Michael Campbell	The <u>Ferrymead</u> Heritage Park – Stepping Back in Time

- **April Walk - SATURDAY 17 APRIL**  
**Rotary April Walk / Lunch**

**Date:** SATURDAY 18 April

**Park / Meet:** Te Kura Wetlands Area. 600 Cashmere Rd. It's on the right hand side when driving from Cashmere along Cashmere Road. Not far passed Hendersons Road.

**Walk:** Through the Wetlands Area. Cashmere Stream Track and Hoon Hay Track

**Lunch:** 12:00 at Urban Eatery, Oderings, Stourbridge Street.

**Leader:** Viv

If you are unable to join the walk, you are welcome to join the group for lunch.

If the weather is unsuitable for walking then we will just meet for lunch.

Please let David ( [david.buist@xtra.co.nz](mailto:david.buist@xtra.co.nz)) if you are walking, lunching or both.

- **UPCOMING ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**

- 1. Cashmere Stream Esplanade**

**Saturday 2nd May '26.**

**10-12 for maintenance followed by a shared lunch.**

- 2. John Taylor Walkway**

**Saturday 13th June '26**

**10-12 for maintenance Followed by a BBQ.**

- 3. Cashmere Stream Esplanade**

**WINTER PLANTING DAY**

**Saturday 18th July**

**10-12 with a shared lunch to follow.**

## Notices:

- **River Clean Up (Mother of all Clean Up's)**

**Date: Saturday 9 May**

**Start time: 10am by the Scout Den, Centaurus Road next to The Brickworks**

**It would be great to support this again this year as we have over the last many years.**

- **The picnic table and seats have finally been installed at the Cashmere Stream Esplanade!!! New grass seed has been laid around the concrete pad. Enjoy sitting around this on Saturday May 2nd.**



- **Orana Wildlife Park Donation Certificate**





- **Bali Deaf School**

These are the tables that were paid for by our club. They were made using recycled materials and the school children love and appreciate them

## Duties:

Duty	1-Apr-26	8-Apr-26	15-Apr-26
Cash Desk	A McKinnon	A Airay	G Dockrill
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Reception	H Garlick	S Mackenzie	G Bailey
Speaker's Host	A Airay	M Soares	M Bruce
Grace	A Airay	M Soares	M Bruce
International Toast	H Garlick	S Mackenzie	G Bailey
Thanks to Speaker	A McKinnon	A Airay	G Dockrill
Quote for the Week	M Opie	A McCully	M Osselton
Speaker Reporter	D Peterson	M Opie	V Ellis
Sergeant	A McKinnon	M Bruce	L Bougen

## **Leave:**

	from	to
S Haye	11/08/2020	TBA
E Bermingham	01/01/2023	TBA
SMcLean	20/03/2024	TBA
A Kim	30/06/2025	TBA
R McKinney		mid April

**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.**