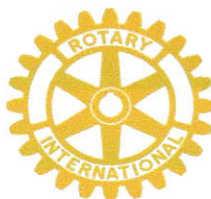


Rotary Club of Christchurch South



11 October 2023

Our speaker tonight, Steph Walker, was introduced to the club by Mike Bruce. Steph explained to the club that "WORD" as an organisation is about bringing together people who celebrate words in all forms of communication. "We develop and present events, programs and projects about books, storytelling and ideas that excite, inform, entertain and inspire".

Steph joined WORD in 2022 after being Auckland Arts Festival's Head of Programming for the past 2 years, returning home to that Festival after 6 years in Australia. While away Steph worked at the Adelaide Festival, produced the OzAsia Festival amongst other events for the Adelaide Festival Centre; Sydney Festival; the City of Sydney's Art & About programme and was Executive Director at Performance Space, Sydney. Prior to this she held leadership positions at Christchurch Arts Festival during the city's period of seismic activity (a professional and personal turning point); and at Wellington's iconic BATS Theatre.

Steph received a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre & Media Studies and a graduate diploma in marketing from Victoria University of Wellington, before moving again to the UK where she completed a Masters in Arts Management with Distinction from the University of Greenwich. Steph is also a freelance arts management consultant, and has completed a Level 3&4 certificate in te reo Māori at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

WORD Christchurch Chair Vicki Blyth says, "We're just thrilled that we have been able to entice Steph back to Christchurch to lead the WORD team. Steph has spent the past decade away from the city building vast networks and a wealth of experience in arts and culture leadership". Steph says she's excited to build on Marianne Hargreaves legacy and to work alongside Programme Director Nic Low (Ngāi Tahu). "It's been a little over a decade since I left Christchurch and I'm so ready to return with a kete full of energy and ideas".

"I'm thrilled to lead WORD and celebrate the power of storytelling in all forms, along with the best writers from Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world. We share an exciting vision of growth for the annual festival, already one of the city's best events, and for developing an ongoing programme of word-related events and activities."

Asked about funding Steph explained that only 20% of their budget comes from Council and Creative NZ with the balance needing to be raised by way of donations. Steph is the first to admit that words in all their various forms are not her primary strength. For her it is festivals and festival organising. She has found her niche is Christchurch.

Next year we will be seeing a variety of exciting wordsmiths at Word Festival 2024. Watch this space.

Thanks from our Club was proposed by Athol McCully and carried by acclamation.

Thank you Alan Airay for the report

18 October 2023

Our guest speaker was Josie Ogdenschroeder who is the Chief Executive of WMCA Christchurch. They employ some 200 staff at their various institutions and have almost completed a new build next to the existing building off Park Terrace called "Hotel Give". She reiterated that WMCA NZ has a history of 161 years and each of the regions operate autonomously.

She is a graduate of Canterbury University with an Art and Law Degree, and has three children and her husband is the owner of Akaroa Salmon based in Akaroa Harbour. She had various careers including: head of Christchurch City Council Planning, a role at the City Council focussing on young people, a Police Officer, and a Manager of the Wainui Holiday Camp for 8 years.

She has been Chief Executive of WMCA Christchurch beginning 2009 prior to the earthquakes.

The existing Christchurch WMCA building was built in the 1980's and was somewhat dated. She arranged a loan to refurbish the existing building in 2009 with ASB, but then the earthquakes arrived and the loan pre-approval lapsed.

After considerable effort post earthquakes, she approach Crown Infrastructure Partners through the regional fund and was granted an advance of \$51M to build the new building, half as a loan and half as a grant. The new building is due for opening next month.

A big part of Josie's activity of late, apart from managing the new build, has been to address the relevance of the YMCA brand in Christchurch. The local WMCA is run by a Trust Board and, after very considerable consultation and discussion, they have rebranded themselves as "The Kind Foundation".

Josie demonstrated her passion for her job and the community and provided us with a very entertaining and enlightened address. I would regard this as one of the top presentations we have had to the Club and commend Josie on her amazing drive and contribution to the community at large.

Thank You Alan Stewart for the report

Upcoming Meetings

25 October

Dr Rod Carr, the New Zealand Climate Commissioner is confirmed as our speaker on Wednesday 25/10/2023.

Rod is a high profile speaker, having taken 18 months for Graham to confirm his engagement at our club. We need a good showing, this is a partners, friends, neighbours, relations and strays off the street night. Can I please encourage you to invite guests.

1 November

Brett Anderson CEO Christchurch Casino – 30 Years in Christchurch

8 November

Partners Evening - Vocational Committee Evening – Visit to the Braintree Wellness Centre hosted by Malcolm Rickerby

15 November

Michael Milne – Whiskey Galore – History and Guide to Whiskey

22 November – Mike Steenson – Park Ranger

Riccarton Bush – Major Enhancement Project

Upcoming Events

Most of you will be aware having read the bulletin a month or so back that your Vocational Services Committee are organising an evening with Malcolm Rickerby at his newly established venue at

70 Langdons Road, Papanui, Christchurch 8053

The Braintree Wellness Centre

Malcolm and members of staff would like to welcome us from 4.45 to 7.30 on November 8th. We are invited to bring our own refreshments (Drinks) and Pizza will be our main course. Malcolm feels that not everyone is a Pizza fan so would like some feedback on this and attending numbers of course.

This will be a unique opportunity for us to see first hand this asset to Christchurch's health and wellness, with our own Malcolm as tour guide. So please extend the invitation to friends, family and significant others.

Friday 10th November & Saturday 11th November

Dementia Appeal 2023

Notices

Christchurch South Community Garden

Every Wednesday 1pm to 2pm, 188 Strickland Street, come along and lend a hand.

Rotary District 9800's Walk with Us Polio fundraiser

For the month of October (and to highlight Polio) Sarita has registered with Rotary District 9800's Walk with Us Polio fundraiser. Her challenge is rather small seeing that Sarita is getting back into walking ; it is to walk a minimum of 150km for the month. If members can be please support her that will be most wonderful. Contact Sarita for the link.

Hydrotherapy Pool at the new Matatiki: Hornby Centre in Kyle Park

The Rotary Club of Hornby and the Greater Hornby Residents Association have joined together in a major campaign to fundraise for the Hydrotherapy Pool at the new Matatiki: Hornby Centre in Kyle Park. The Council has included the Hydrotherapy Pool in this development, with the expectation that the community provides \$1.4million towards the cost. This is fantastic to see how embedded Rotary clubs are in their local communities.

Hydrotherapy is a recognised physical and mental health treatment as the water pressure and movement as a form of physiotherapy for body and joint pain. This relieves symptoms of many things such as arthritis, osteoporosis, cerebral palsy, and recovery from accidents and sporting injuries. The pool would be accessible to anyone in our community, and will provide a great service to those in the community with disabilities, health conditions or physical rehabilitation.

As part of fundraising efforts, a Splash for Cash event is to be held on Friday 10 November and the aim is to get the community fundraising for the pool.

The club may consider purchasing a table or a couple of seats at the event to come along for a great night (email Kim to arrange a purchase). Another way you may wish to consider supporting our fundraising efforts is the purchase of a "Bubble". The CCC has kindly given us a wall to place our bubbles which can have your name or logo. There are three options of sizes based on donations of \$250, \$500 and \$1000. The bubble wall will be located on one of the busiest corridors at Matatiki: Hornby Centre, and visitors will see these for years to come. You can do this at: <https://buyabubble.nz>

If you want to find out more about the hydrotherapy pool, you can here: <https://hornbyhydrotherapy.nz>

Paul Burns, President, Hornby Rotary

Kim Moss, Chair, Greater Hornby Residents Association (and Christchurch South Rotary member)

Archives

We are now at the point of collecting photos from members, past members, honorary members and friends of Rotary for our archives.

Please contact Kim at tanner.kimberley@gmail.com if you have any photos from the year **2000 onwards** of **significant events**. We are hoping to have this project completed by the end of this year

Duties

Duty	25-Oct-23	1-Nov-23	8-Nov-23
Cash Desk	A Airay	L Brown	#N/A
Cash Desk	A McKinnon	D Buist	#N/A
Reception	V Ellis	S Mackenzie	#N/A
Speaker's Host	G Dockrill	R Palmer	#N/A
Grace	G Dockrill	R Palmer	#N/A
International Toast	V Ellis	S Mackenzie	#N/A
Thanks to Speaker	A Airay	D Buist	#N/A
Quote for the Week	A McKinnon	L Brown	#N/A
Speaker Reporter	A McCully	V Ellis	G Bailey
Sergeant	M Bruce	A McKinnon	#N

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	9/9/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Haye	11/8/20	TBA
K Moss	24/6/23	TBA

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Website

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

APOLOGIES

- Record your apology at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting OR
- Email: chcsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11.00am on the Wednesday; you will get a reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising and to advise if bringing guests.
- 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.