

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



20 March 2024

Tonight our Guest Speaker was Aspiring Leaders attendee Alessandra Ward.

Introduced to the Club by David Buist Alessandra gave an insightful talk on her 3 days in Wellington as organised by NZ Leaders Trust.

The Aspiring Leaders' Forum on faith and values is an annual event that brings together a diverse group of committed young leaders from across New Zealand.

Guided by facilitators and national leaders, selected young people discuss leadership from a narrative point of view throughout a carefully planned and varied three day programme.

With around 100 in attendance groups of 8 or 9 are formed.

A trip to Parliament produced a photo opportunity on the steps of Parliament House. This was followed by sitting in on Question Time.

At this point Alessandra had her eyes opened to the spirited interactions of the nations leaders. Enough said perhaps. A highlight was meeting Governor General Dame Cindy Kiro.

Alessandra enjoyed a day of volunteering for community work. Coming from a farming family she found pitching in came naturally to her. Tree planting in a reserve was an experience she enjoyed. "Service is important to me. My goal is to deliver through service".

Speakers at the Forum included John Elliot formerly with McDonalds Corporation. A quote that he left his audience thinking about was "A desk is a dangerous place from which to view the world".

A highlight for another attendee was hearing Rt Hon Jim Bolger speak and being inspired by his experiences as a former Prime Minister. After his talk, she felt empowered, realising that she was already equipped to be a catalyst for change. "I can have an impact and bring restoration" was this young persons conclusion.

It is six months since Alessandra attended the Aspiring Leaders Forum

but it has taken at least part of that time for her to absorb and appreciate all the various aspects of what she learnt in her time in Wellington. Being nominated by her peers from RYLA to attend was in itself an honour she explained.

The vote of thanks on behalf of our Club was proposed by Sara.



Thank you Alan for the report and Viv for the photograph

Upcoming Meetings

27 March 2024

REWI ALLEY – An Extraordinary Ordinary New Zealander

Eric Livingstone will give a talk of Rewi's life <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/people/rewi-alley>

3 April 2024

Nathan Hawke

“The Animals Went in Two by Two, the Elephant and the Kangaroo” - An update from the Orana Wildlife Park

10 April 2024

Author **Jan Wells**

‘Taming the Wild Grape’ – A fictional account of the State of Ohio in the 1800s

17 April 2024

Carl Davidson

Loneliness in Christchurch – Researching the Facts

24 April 2024

Club Forum

Upcoming Events

South Island Rotary Conference 2024

Creating Hope

Te Pae, Christchurch
20 April 2024

Note: All Ticket prices revert to \$150 from Saturday 2 March

Notices

Christchurch South Community Garden

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

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

John Taylor Walkway

Maintenance work is scheduled for Saturday 6th April from 10 - 12, followed by a BBQ. Looking forward to seeing you there.

AVIVA STREET APPEAL

FRIDAY 17th May and
SATURDAY 18th May
From 9-6pm in 2 hour slots
At New World St. Martin's.
Please keep these days free to help.

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'WORKING BEE'

Cashmere Stream Esplanade
Sunday 10-12 28th April
Shared lunch to follow.

CANCER SOCIETY

Relay For Life CHRISTCHURCH

Let's do something remarkable together!
Sat 6th April 2024, 10am - 10pm Lancaster Park
relayforlife.org.nz

Duties

Duty	27-Mar-24	3-Apr-24	10-Apr-24
Cash Desk	G Bailey	A Airay	L Brown
Cash Desk	H Garlick	R Palmer	P Mears
Reception	G Dockrill	H Garlick	M Bruce
Speaker's Host	S Harris	A Kim	H Garlick
Grace	S Harris	A Kim	H Garlick
International Toast	G Dockrill	H Garlick	M Bruce
Thanks to Speaker	H Garlick	A Airay	L Brown
Quote for the Week	G Bailey	R Palmer	P Mears
Speaker Reporter	V Ellis	A McKinnon	S Harris
Sergeant	A Stewart	D Peterson	A McCully

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	9/9/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Hays	11/8/20	TBA
K Moss	24/6/23	30/6/24
E Bermingham	1/1/23	TBA
R McKinney	16/9/23	30/4/24
S McLean	20/3/24	1/5/24

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.