



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Bulletin

#39 for 22 April 2026

Speaker Report for 22 April 2026

Our speaker tonight was a very enthusiastic and articulate, **Deb Donnell**; Topic: '*Christchurch Then and Now. Volume 4*'. Deb is daughter of Dick Donnell of one-time, Donnell Jewellers in High Street before the 'quakes and where she worked for a time. Dick was an ex-officio of our Club's fishing group.

Deb's latest book ('Volume 4') captures just how far the city has come. What do you like about the new city. This is captured in a media guru, Chris Lynch, 4½ minute video interview: [Christchurch then and now with auth | Chris Lynch](#) (embellished with photographs of the city). (Well worth the Ctrl+click).



Deb is described as the author of publications that document and inspire transformative journeys. The 'Then and Now' series certainly reflects that and is complemented by her first earthquake book, '*Responders: The New Zealand Volunteer Response Teams Christchurch Earthquake Deployments*', specifically documenting the 2011 earthquake deployments; a time at which NZ response team community's skills were needed at one event. ['Responders' has sold out. Deb brought along the very last copy of the print run, for our members to negotiate the purchase thereof].

Deb's presentation tonight was embellished with a sea of then-and now-photographs that took her audience down memory lane and to what has replaced what is estimated at 80% of the old Christchurch. Lamentably, some of the true heritage buildings did not escape the wrecking ball.

The last major remaining restoration building project is the Christ Church Cathedral.

One of Debs websites is **Deb Donnell – Helping You Tell Your Story**

Don't die with your life story trapped inside! Release your story now as part of your legacy.

Deb is most certainly practising that.

Thanks to Diane for the photo.

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Upcoming meetings:

29/04/2026	Club Night – Committees Updates	Club Night – Committees Updates	Club Night – Committees Updates
6/05/2026	Community Awards Evening	Social Committee/Sarita	Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm start Venue: Rata Lounge, Cashmere Presbyterian Church, opp McMillan Ave and Dyers Pass Road, Cashmere Caterer: Who's the Caterer Cost: \$35 per person RSVP: 24 April 2026
13/05/2026	Rachel Haydon	New Chief Executive Rachel Haydon – <u>Orana</u> Park	An Update from <u>Orana</u> Park and the new CEO Rachel Haydon – Checking in on our Monkeys! Phone: 021745084 rachel.haydon@oranawildlifepark.co.nz

• 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:

• HEALTHY HEROES

Susan Haye and I attended the April Board meeting to outline the Heathy Heroes journey and to discuss the challenges ahead. The Board requested that we ask a teacher to speak at an upcoming Service Project Night meeting on their views of Healthy Heroes. Jan Thompson, Acting Principal, Pareawa Banks Avenue School, will join us at this Wednesday's meeting. Healthy Heroes has been used by many schools around the world facilitated by their ability to have the programme translated into to their own language by one or two clicks of the mouse. Our website – www.healthyheroes.org.nz

David

- **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.

Duties:

Duty	29-Apr-26	6-May-26	13-May-26
Cash Desk	G Bailey	A McKinnon	M Bruce
Cash Desk	H Garlick	#N/A	H Garlick
Reception	V Ellis	#N/A	A Airay
Speaker's Host	#N/A	#N/A	S Mackenzie
Grace	D Buist	A McCully	S Mackenzie
International Toast	V Ellis	#N/A	A Airay
Thanks to Speaker	#N/A	#N/A	M Bruce
Quote for the Week	G Bailey	#N/A	H Garlick
Speaker Reporter	A McKinnon	#N/A	D Peterson
Sergeant	S Mackenzie	#N/A	D Buist

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

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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