

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



05 June 2024

This week our Rotary team of 14 were welcomed to Ranui House, operated by the Bone Marrow Cancer Trust, by CEO Mandy Kennedy, and COO Yvonne.

Rānui House is owned and managed by the Bone Marrow Cancer Trust. The Trust was established to raise \$1.1 million to establish New Zealand's first Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at Christchurch Hospital which opened in 1990, but the Trustees knew the challenge was greater than that. They had to provide patients and their families somewhere to stay for the intense and ongoing treatments they were facing. They knew that if families can stay together, they can heal faster.

Rānui House opened on 12 February 1993 with six apartments, which was increased to nine apartments two years later. Demand soon outstripped supply and in 2010 the House was extended by the opening of Big Rānui to offer a total of 26 semi or fully self-contained apartments that are there today.

Rānui House supports patients and their families no matter their age or medical treatment type, providing accommodation, support, and meals, where required. Patients can be hospital inpatients or outpatients and can stay at Rānui House as long as they need.

Typically, the patients/families Ranui serves come from the South Island - Canterbury 31%, West Coast 24%, Otago 14%, Southland 10%, Nelson 7%, Marlborough 4%, Tasman 1% and 8% from the North Island with 1% from the Chatham Islands.



Treatment types lean heavily to that of supporting bone marrow and cancer patients; Haematology comprises 31% of patients, followed by Oncology 16%, Orthopaedics 8%, Nephrology 7%, Cardiology and General Surgery 6%, Neurology 5%, ICU and Gastro 4% and other 13% (CHOC, NICU, Urology, Hyperbaric, Woman's, Nuclear Medicine).

For the year ended May 2024 Ranui House has been in the unfortunate position of having to decline 584 families accommodation, simply because the facility is full (2,731 bed nights), and the demand for services is expected to continue to grow. This is why the Trust again chose to fundraise and build a new House. With the support of the NZ Government Shovel Ready Fund and generous donors Rānui Apartments, a purpose-built facility, located at 508 Selwyn Street, will open on 1 September 2024 with 43 one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments, bringing the total number of apartments to 69. This will hopefully ensure that Ranui House will no longer be in the position of having to turn a family away simply because they are full.

The Trust also funds life-saving and world-class cancer research through its annual grants programme via the Bone Marrow Cancer Research Trust.

The location is so close to Christchurch Public Hospital where the patients receive treatment, and provides a "home away from home" for families. We were shown a larger meeting room, ideal for groups of around 30 people, the boardroom, and then

taken to a kitchen-dining area where we were treated to fruit juice, and snacks (cheeses, etc.) while Mandy spoke to us. We were shown a two-bedroom apartment in the "Big Ranui" complex, and were impressed by the size, facilities, and views (even at night-time) from this very well-presented apartment.

Well done to Mandy, Yvonne, and the Bone Marrow Cancer Trust for the work they do to make other people's lives better in what can be trying times.

Following the Ranui House Visit, 13 Rotarians and guests enjoyed a meal at the Pegasus Arms Hotel in nearby Oxford Terrace.



The crew with Yvonne (left) and Mandy (right)

Thanks to Athol for the report and Athol and Alan Airay for the photographs.

Upcoming Meetings

12 June 2024

Kylie Malin

National Fundraising Manager – Hagar New Zealand

Hagar International - fighting to end slavery, human trafficking and violence against women and children, across the world since 1994.

19 June 2024

Student Kate Copland. My Journey so far – Student Kate Copland and her acceptance into Vienna University of Economics and Business

26 June 2024

Changeover and Awards Night (details in Notices, below).

Upcoming Events

- **June Walk and Luncheon**

Date: Thursday 20 June

Park: Park in the Adventure Park Carpark

Meet: 10.30am in carpark

Walk: An Adventure Park track

Lunch: 12:00 Urban Eatery, Oderings Garden Centre, Cashmere Road

Organiser: Geoff

If you are unable to join the walk, then feel welcome to join the walkers for lunch.

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 **BY Monday 17 June**

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An early response would be appreciated. **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.

Notices.

- **Changeover and Awards Night**

Come along and celebrate - bring your partners

To be held Wednesday 26th June 2024 at the Cashmere Club in our normal meeting area

Buffet meal \$38 per head

Payment can be made on- line

03 1599 0081963- 00 or on the night

Drinks 5.30pm and meal at 6.30pm

We look forward to a great night together

- We record the death of our esteemed Honorary Member, Robin Redpath. Robin joined our Club, 02 December, 1998, and was President 2008-09. Our prayers and condolences are with Robin's family.
- This from our Ranui House Bone Marrow Cancer Treatment host, Mandy Kennedy:

Subject: Starry Night Fundraising Event - Secure your tickets now. (Ctrl+click the Ranui House icon, below).



Kia ora Viv,

The days are getting shorter, the nights are getting darker. This means one thing. It's nearly time for Starry Night.

So gather your friends, family or colleagues and join us for an unforgettable evening in support of the Bone Marrow Cancer Trust and Rānui House.

This event is more than lovely nibbles and fancy drinks (although we'll be having some of those too!). It promises to take you on a degustation journey like no other, with a canape-style menu that explores the themes of light and dark, expertly crafted by seven of Christchurch's finest chefs.

You will also enjoy live music, mixing and mingling with friends new and old, and a not-to-be-missed live auction.

If you haven't got your ticket yet, now is the time. Ctrl+click the Ranui House icon, above

Starry Night is being held on Thursday 27 June at the Black Box Theatre in central Christchurch. Your presence at Starry Night will play a crucial role in supporting the completion of Rānui Apartments – a 43-apartment complex on Selwyn Street that will provide a home-away-from-home for even more patients and families travelling to Christchurch for medical treatment.

Ngā mihi nui

Mandy

Mandy Kennedy
CEO - Bone Marrow Cancer Trust

- **Extract: Letter of appreciation: Mandy Kennedy, Ranui House CEO.**

Dear Sara and Athol

What a treat and a pleasure to meet you and your Rotary group yesterday evening. Both Yvonne and I enjoyed our time with you all immensely, it was such a pleasure to show you our special place, share our exciting news of our new House Rānui Apartments and have a chat around the dining table with you all.

[...] any of your club members who may have missed the visit, they are welcome to get in touch as we would love to show them around.

Duties

Duty	12-Jun-24	19-Jun-24	26-Jun-24
Cash Desk	M Bruce	A Airay	M Bruce
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Reception	A Kim	A McKinnon	M Opie
Speaker's Host	A Airay	H Garlick	#N/A
Grace	A Airay	H Garlick	P Mears
International Toast	A Kim	A McKinnon	#N/A
Thanks to Speaker	M Bruce	G Dockrill	#N/A
Quote for the Week	A Stewart	A Airay	#N/A
Speaker Reporter	G Bailey	S Mackenzie	A McKinnon
Sergeant	S Harris	D Peterson	#N/A

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	9/9/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Hays	11/8/20	TBA
E Bermingham	1/1/23	TBA
S McLean	20/3/24	19/6/24
L Brown	01/05/24	TBA
V Ellis	15/05/24	05/06/24
E B McKessar	22/05/24	TBA

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