



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF



34 for 19 March 2025

The Animals Went In Two By Two

The animals went in two by two,
Hurrah! Hurrah!
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The animals went in two by two,
The elephant and the kangaroo.
And they all went into the ark
For to get out of the rain.

Today though: No rain. No ark. Just a mild zephyr on an ideal 18°C sunny day.

It's 10.30 am and we're being welcomed by Cas, Park Ranger at Orana Wildlife Park, New Zealand's only open range zoo. Our group of 13 includes five of Club friends and spouses.

Cas has handed us map brochures that have the feeding times for various wildlife.

First up are the Meerkats. What a fascinating display, all four lined up shoulder to shoulder, pawing excitedly at the glass barrier, in anticipation of their meals, Their meals are in flat 'boxmeal' type cardboard cartons, which are thrown into the enclosure for the animals to worry at and work at, interspersed with frequent visits to the drinking trough.

We aren't going to get to see all of the day's 12 feeding events but presently we are at the NZ Birds, watching the endangered kakariki and woodpigeon attracted to their sweet-syrup feeding trough. We are up close, a metre or two and they don't show concern.



Along the path now and we are at the spider monkeys, our own Club-sponsored project and the particular reason for us being at the Park today, courtesy of an hugely generously discounted admission fee.



The otters are busybodies: “Five boisterous brothers are new to the zoo! Ikan, Bajak, Tiga (aged 3), Siak and Tuk (2) are Asian small-clawed otters and were transferred from Perth Zoo to Orana as part of the managed conservation breeding programme for these cheeky creatures”.

Now we are at the porcupines. These rodents with their quills look impenetrable. Their quills are not poisonous but are dirty and infect their aggressors. Some species quills have barbs which break off in their aggressors and are difficult to remove. Quills have several traditional uses, eg decorating articles of clothing and bags, knife sheaths, baskets, wooden handles and pipe stems. Even for carrying gold dust.

Some of us had walked further on and are saying that they saw the emus and the giraffes, but the latter are also for visiting after lunch.

Lunch then at the very pleasant and well patronised café. Good food and variety. Some of our group have chosen to sit outside for the sunshine and where they can eat their own brought lunches.



Lunchtime up and we are being met by Park Rangers, Nathan and Cas, to be taken by minibuses for a tour of the park and to be dropped off for the giraffes' feeding time. What an experience. A queue of perhaps 40 visitors of all ages, including beautiful, excited children and a few weeks old, lovely twins in their buggy, both as bald as badgers. No pun! Orana Park is for everyone!

Sprigs of leaves are being handed out to everyone. One little boy is gleefully showing his mother his denuded twig and his delight to receive an old visitor's sprig for a repeat feeding, was something to be seen.

On now and we are at the gorillas. Massive! Bulging! Pitch black! Hairy! Meditating beasts. Fascinating to view and meditate with.

Back at the carpark and alighting from the minibuses, some are going to continue their walking tour but that's it from me, as I'm off to visit Lew in 'Burwood' and anyhow, this report has more than used up its word-count allocation.

That then, is a sense of the day.

The animals went in ten by ten,
And Noah said, 'Let's start again!'

- a sentiment expressed by more than one of our group.

Thanks to Sara for the photos.



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Upcoming Meetings

26/03/2025	Robin Palmer - Professor of Law	An Overview of the University of Canterbury Forensic Brainwave Analysis Project (2016 to 2022)
2/04/2025	Lesley Davidson- Hurst – Social Enterprise Bee Awesome	Bee Awesome – Educating our youth, why Bees are so important to our Ecosystem **Bring some extra cash – Honey will be available for sale**
9/04/2025	Mary Fulton – Partners & Friends Night	The Sogetsu School of Ikebana – Traditional Japanese Flower Arranging Encouraging Creativity and Individuality **Partners Night & Friends Night**

- **John Taylor Walkway**
Saturday 03 May 2025
10 -12pm BBQ lunch afterwards.

- **Street Appeal Dates:**

Aviva

Saturday

May 24th.

New World, St. Martin's.

This date will all be confirmed nearer the time of the appeals.

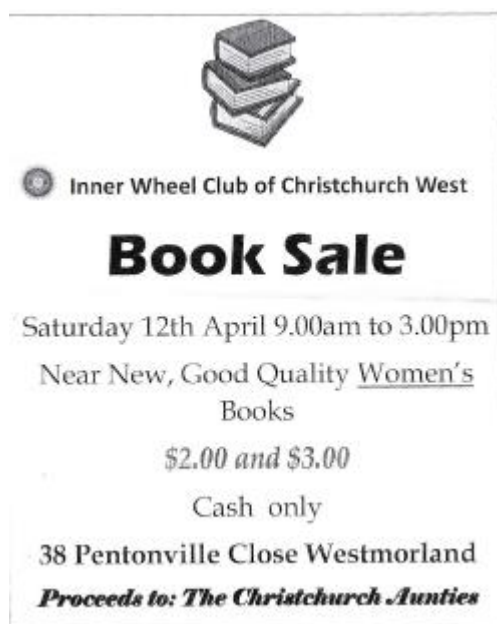
Ranui House- Vocational visit

Wednesday 1st October

@ 6pm for a tour of the new apartments and then the Sugar Horse Pub for dinner afterwards.

- **Dates for the Pink Ribbon Street Appeal for 2025** – 17-18 October 2025.

Notices:



Inner Wheel Club of Christchurch West

Book Sale

Saturday 12th April 9.00am to 3.00pm

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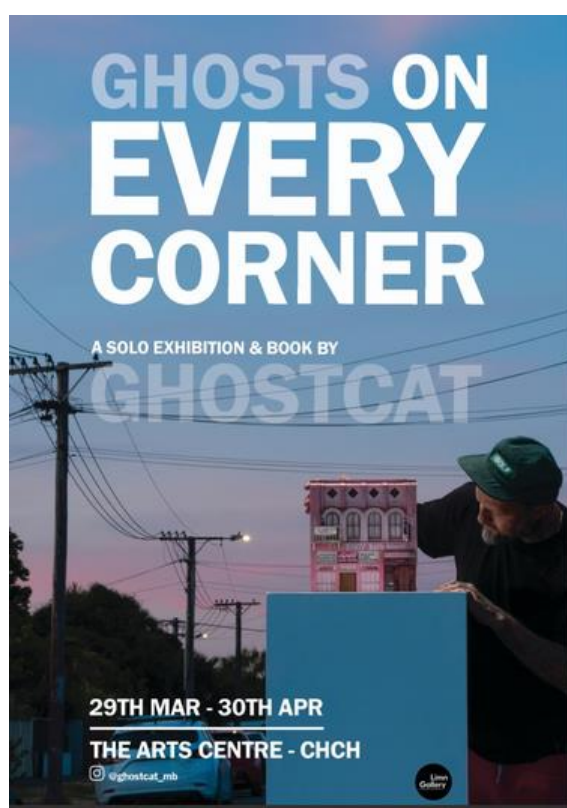
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Duties:

Duty	26-Mar-25	2-Apr-25	9-Apr-25
Cash Desk	G Dockrill	L Bougen	G Bailey
Cash Desk	H Garlick	A McKinnon	D Buist
Reception	S Mackenzie	A Kim	A McCully
Speaker's Host	V Ellis	S Mackenzie	H Garlick
Grace	V Ellis	S Mackenzie	H Garlick
International Toast	S Mackenzie	A Kim	A McCully
Thanks to Speaker	G Dockrill	L Bougen	D Buist
Quote for the Week	H Garlick	A McKinnon	G Bailey
Speaker Reporter	A McCully	G Bailey	A McKinnon
Sergeant	D Buist	V Ellis	G Dockrill

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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: 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.