



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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SPEAKER REPORT – 12 AUGUST 2026

This week's guest speakers were **Caleb Ryder** and **Jackson Meecham**, from Fish and Game New Zealand.

Fish & Game New Zealand manages, maintains, and enhances sports fish and game birds. The organisation doesn't receive any Government funding – all funding comes from the sale of licences each year.

In NZ, there are 12 Regional Fish & Game Councils, and one NZ Council.

The North Canterbury Council covers the area from the Rakaia River in the south, to the Clarence and Conway River in the north, covering sports fish species of brown trout, rainbow trout, Chinook salmon and sockeye salmon, as well as tench, perch and rudd.

With game birds, the species covered are Mallard ducks, Paradise shelducks, waterfowls, shovellers, pukekos and black swans. Upland species include pheasants, Californian quails, and chukar.



Protected bird species include brown teal, grey teal, scaup and blue ducks.

The licence fees revenue received is spent as follows:

26% - habitat protection

22% - species management

11% - access and participation

Salmon spawning areas are developed and returned to mature states – for example the McIntyre wetland in the upper Rakaia River area. Helicopter monitoring of streams is undertaken to assess salmon numbers, and drones are used for nesting surveys to gain game bird population counts.

In addition, drift diving is done where people float down rivers and count the fish populations.

Angler and hunter surveys are also done, along with duck banding and trout tagging.

Fish & Game NZ also promote high country season opening competitions, usually at Lake Coleridge on the first Saturday of October each year.

Fish & Game NZ publish annual fishing and hunting magazines which licence holders receive, and also show people how to set up fishing rigs (Caleb & Jackson showed a video on this). There are differing licence options – annual, short-term, and non-resident.

Regulation pamphlets are produced for each Fish & Game region, specifying bag limits, etc.

Salmon fisheries on the East Coast of the South Island have declined significantly over recent years. Several former salmon fisheries have closed, with only one remaining, on the Rangitata River. There is clearly still a lot which can be done to revive the fisheries.

Thank you, Caleb and Jackson, for coming and sharing details of NZ Fish & Game activities with the Club – your presentation was interesting and much appreciated.

Thanks to Athol for the report and Viv for the photo.

Upcoming meetings:

- **19 August**

Club project updates

- **26 August**

Tayla Neal - Full Bellies - providing children with nutritional food delivered into schools for families in need.

- **2 September**

Joe Potter Butler - QEII National Trust – Ngā Kairauhī Papa

- **9 September**

Grant Ryan – The Cacophony Project. Predator management, and restoring native bird populations

The Big Sleepout South



So it's all over. Here are the Christchurch South Rotary participants: **L to R : Alison – Linda's friend, Linda, Martin – Linda's student, Mike O, Alan McK. and President Geoff**). It wasn't too cold, but cardboard on concrete does not make a comfortable bed. Nevertheless, we learnt a lot from our experience and from the presentations about the problems faced by the homeless in Christchurch. The event was very well organised, and we are very grateful to everyone who sponsored us. With your help the 6 of us raised \$5,197 and the overall total was over \$120,000. Jill Hawkey, the CEO of Central Methodist Mission (Peter Mear's step-daughter) told us how proud Peter would have been of his Rotary Club for this support. .

Report from Alan McK. Photo, variously.

Notices:

- **Your editor's new email address:**
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This address and the exti419@uclive.ac.nz are now both valid until 12 September, when only the gmail address will be valid. Best to update your address book now.

Duties:

Duty	19-Aug-26	26-Aug-26	2-Sept-26
Cash Desk	A Airay	H Garlick	D Buist
Cash Desk	M Osselton	M Opie	G Dockrill
Reception	S Mackenzie	M Osselton	A Airay
Speaker's Host	#N/A	G Dockrill	A McKinnon
Grace	D Buist	G Dockrill	A McKinnon
International Toast	S Mackenzie	M Osselton	A Airay
Thanks to Speaker	#N/A	M Opie	D Buist
Quote for the Week	M Osselton	H Garlick	G Dockrill
Speaker Reporter	A McKinnon	V Ellis	M Opie
Sergeant	L Bougen	S Mackenzie	A Stewart

Leave:

	from	to
S Haye	11/08/2020	TBA
E Bermingham	01/01/2023	TBA
S McLean	20/03/2024	TBA
A Kim	30/06/2025	TBA
M Bruce	15 July 2026	09 Sept. 2026

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The link to club 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.

Please advise all leave of absence of 3 or more weeks to the Secretary, by email or in writing.