



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Bulletin

#14 for 30 September 2026

SPEAKER REPORT – 30 September 2026

Tonight it was Club Forum night, and time to discuss each group's activity for the month.

COMMUNITY

1. At present there has been two written applications for funding. The first one is from Ranui House, who we have supported in the past - Bone Marrow Cancer Trust. They need donations to support their work.
2. We have also received a written application from CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau). They have had reduced funding this year, and require money to complete their new office in Brighton. They need funds for signage and for window block-out as they are in a pedestrian area and privacy is important for both the Clients and Volunteers alike. It is an exceptionally busy office.
3. In the past we have supported Orana Park and many other organisations. Graham and Diane will meet and discuss this further and report back at next month's forum.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Tonga Safe Drinking Water project. This project is organised by Blenheim South Rotary. It was suggested that \$500 be given towards this project. Approved subject to checking with S Batty RNZWCS who handle our overseas donations.
2. Samoa Campus of Hope – Solar feasibility study is complete. Check with S Batty on the progress of this project. Suggested that \$500 be given to this very worthwhile project.
3. Nepal flooding disaster - \$2000 is the amount suggested to aid Nepal to recover from this disaster. S Batty to be consulted – RNZWCS – to obtain the most authentic way to send the funding.

Thanks to Mike O for presenting this report in Alan McKinnon's absence.

YOUTH Report from Youth Leader Alan Stewart.

1. New applicant for attendance at the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum which will be held in January 2027.

Our Applicant is Isobel Whitaker. Isobel was interviewed by me, and her documentation has been submitted to the co-ordinator namely, Tayla Lumsden. She advises that they should be able to confirm if Isobel has been accepted to the forum by 6 th October. She was very impressive in her interview. You will remember we asked a recent meeting under notices if the club was happy to advance \$1500 if her application was successful and we got a positive response from members.

2. Girl Guides Jamboree at Mystery Creek in January 2027.

I have had contact with Marg Walsh, Team Leader at Rapaki Guides. You will note we provided \$750 for 3 Guides to attend that Jamboree in last year's budget.. Marg now advises that 11 of her Guides are now going from her unit and could we provide further funding out of this year's budget.

I told Marg we would give a response by late September but no figure has yet been promised.

I feel funding of a further \$1000 for 4 Guides is appropriate in this case for this year

Thanks Alan for your report and to Linda for presenting it.

Approval from the members was given.

VOCATIONAL

It was decided that we will not have any more outings organised by Vocational until next year due to the busyness of the Rotary Club Agenda for the remainder of 2026.

Thanks Linda and we are looking forward to the Pakiore evening on 14 th October.

Thanks to President Geoff for a smooth running and successful Forum

Thanks to Diane for the report.

Upcoming meetings:

- 7 October

Mark Atherton - San Francisco, The Underbelly, A collection of short essays about unexpected adventures during the 90's

- **14 October**

TBA

- **21 October**

Dr Richard Gibbs, Soil Science and Sports Surface Specialist - Growing grass indoors; the science and technology behind Christchurch's new Te Kaha stadium

- **28 October**

Club Forum Night – Committee Updates

Community Service project:

- **John Taylor Walkway**

A new date has been confirmed with the Park Ranger Nigel.

Saturday 17th October 2026

10-12am Work details to be confirmed nearer the time and BBQ to follow.

Notices:

- **OCTOBER WALK/LUNCH THURSDAY 15**

Duties:

Duty	7-Oct-26	14-Oct-26	21-Oct-26
Cash Desk	M Bruce	A Airay	L Bougen
Cash Desk	A Stewart	G Dockrill	A McKinnon
Reception	A Airay	H Garlick	M Bruce
Speaker's Host	G Dockrill	L Bougen	A McCully
Grace	G Dockrill	L Bougen	A McCully
International Toast	A Airay	H Garlick	M Bruce
Thanks to Speaker	A Stewart	A Airay	A McKinnon
Quote for the Week	M Bruce	G Dockrill	L Bougen
Speaker Reporter	A McKinnon	A McCully	D Peterson
Sergeant	D Peterson	S Mackenzie	A Stewart

Leave:

	from	to
S Haye	11/08/2020	TBA
E Bermingham	01/01/2023	TBA
A Kim	30/06/2025	TBA
M Bruce	15 July 2026	09 Sept. 2026
M Soares	01/05/2026	04/11/2026

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

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.

