



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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#24 for 15 January 2025

Speaker Report 15 January 2025

At this week's combined meeting of our Club and the Cashmere Rotary Club at the Old Stone House, Cracroft, we were addressed by two representatives of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, Sophie Hartnell, and Emma Newman.

The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) was established in 2001 and is the largest community-led conservation partnership in Canterbury. Their shared goal is to create a sustainable, biodiverse future for the Banks Peninsula region, through supporting people to take action by volunteering, protecting their land, removing pests and predators, creating habitats, and developing a deep love for this special place.

Sophie spoke first, to advise that BPCT is involved in:

10 ecological goals

Habitat protection

Biodiversity farm programmes

The Tui programme – bringing back these taonga

A pest-free Banks Peninsula

A volunteer programme

Te Kakahu Kahukura – an aspirational collaborative vision for regenerating vegetation on Banks Peninsula. Strategies include a podocarp enrichment programme aiming to plant 10,000 podocarps (totaras, kahikateas, etc) to provide some areas with native cover (as in pre-European days). 4,665 have been planted to date and 2,250 are planned to be planted in 2025. A success rate of 85 – 90% has been achieved from the plantings to date.

Emma spoke to us about volunteers, Christchurch City Council staff, and working groups undertaking the planting, pointing out the need for fire mitigation with formed fire breaks, etc. These groups also get involved in seed collecting, and in guided nature walks.

In recognition of the support provided to BPCT by the Cashmere Rotary Club, Emma presented President Alan Morgan (on behalf of the Club) with the late Gordon Ogilvie's book, Place Names of Banks Peninsula and the Port Hills.

In answers to questions, Emma was able to advise that predator control had been effective, with opossums almost eradicated from the area, and numbers of other pests

also coming down (e.g. hedgehogs on Kaitorete Spit, as well as numbers of wild pigs and deer). BPCT is also aware of the potential threat of wallabies to the area, and are working to ensure that they don't get established.

The work of BPCT is certainly impressive, and we thank Sophie and Emma for coming to share the Trust's story with us, and also for Cashmere Rotary Club hosting us at this joint meeting.

Thanks to Athol for the re

Upcoming Meetings



22/01/2025	Orana Park Visit	CLUB MEETING CANCELLED!
29/01/2025	Hans Wouters	The New Zealand Spinal Trust - Our mission is to empower people with spinal cord impairments and their whānau to embrace positive futures
5/02/2025	Mike Beer & Dave the Photographer	Ghosts on Every Corner - recreating miniature iconic Christchurch buildings – Artist Mike Beer

- **Email by President Alan, as circulated this Rotary week to members and friends:**

Dear Members,

As you will have seen from Mike's email, the visit to Orana park, scheduled for next Wednesday [22/01] has been postponed.

Given that postponement & that we have no speaker booked for next Wednesday [22/01], I propose that we cancel our meeting for next Wednesday 22nd.

I look forward to meeting the following Wednesday 29th.

Kind regards,

Alan

- **FIRST WALK AND LUNCH FOR 2025 – THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

- **Street Appeal Dates:**

Aviva

May 16th and 17th

Or

May 23rd and 24th.

New World, St. Martin's.

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

Notices:

- **Nominations for President Elect. [Closing 26/01/2025]**

Due to personal reasons, the President Elect position for 2025 – 2026 [so next] Rotary year, has become vacant. Nominations for this key club position are once again, open. Nominations from active club members should be forwarded *as soon as possible* to any one member of the President Elect Nominations Committee (i.e. President Alan, IPP Mel., Mike Bruce).

- **Duties:**

	22-Jan-25	29-Jan-25	5-Feb-25
Cash Desk	#N/A	G Dockrill	A Kim
Cash Desk	#N/A	H Garlick	D Peterson
Reception	#N/A	M Bruce	D Buist
Speaker's Host	#N/A	P Mears	V Ellis
Grace	#N/A	P Mears	V Ellis
International Toast	#N/A	M Bruce	D Buist
Thanks to Speaker	#N/A	H Garlick	D Peterson
Quote for the Week	#N/A	G Dockrill	A Kim
Speaker Reporter	#N/A	M Opie	G Bailey
Sergeant	#N/A	G Bailey	P Mears

- **Leave:**

WHO	FROM	TO
J Wylie		TBA
S Hays	11/08/20	TBA
E Bermingham	01/01/23	TBA
S McLean	20/03/24	TBA
L Brown	01/05/24	TBA
R McKinney	13/09/24	mid- April
R Palmer	03/11/24	TBA
K Gunsekara	04/12/24	TBA

The link for the club web pages is www.churchsouthrotary.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 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