



**Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.**

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## # 29 for 12 February 2025

SPEAKER REPORT 12 FEBRUARY 2025

### **Club Forum.**



It will have been obvious to everyone that Christchurch South Rotary has a problem of declining active membership. It was therefore appropriate for the forum to start with a discussion led by Geoff arising from the Fit For Purpose programme that he has been participating in on behalf of the Club. He presented a chart listing a series of headings, each listing an aspect of membership development. These were things such as Membership Growth, Member Retention, Corporate Membership, Service Projects, Improvement in Inclusivity etc. Alongside each was a series of actions that we could consider carrying out.

Clearly Geoff has given this a lot of thought aided by Karen Purdue from Invercargill Sunrise Club, who is the mentor overseeing our Fit for Purpose participation. This created a quite lively discussion related to membership which included the following comments:



*Geoff presenting*

1. Perhaps a “bring a friend to Rotary” event might result in one or two additional members.
2. People are looking not just for another group to join, but they want to be involved in project activities. Coming to a weekly meeting is not enough. Although we do have a few projects both fund-raising and community service, these are only spasmodic throughout the year, and not enough to appeal to people who are really keen to get stuck in and do stuff. We just don’t have the resources to mount more projects.
3. Perhaps we could approach various community organisations or local politicians to get their views on what projects we could become involved in that would have a community impact and involve our working with people outside Rotary. Geoff had a very good example from an Australian Club who are doing this in the family violence area.
4. Should we consider amalgamation with another club?

Geoff is to be congratulated for his work with the Fit for Purpose programme which is ongoing. If we fail to build on this opportunity our future as a club is not very promising!

Some other matters were also covered in the forum:

1. Youth Committee chair Mike Bruce reported on the very positive reports from our two RYLA candidates. One of them has been invited to join the World Youth Choir in Madrid later this year. This is a remarkable opportunity for a very talented young person. She would like Rotary to help arrange a support person for her in Madrid. The plan is to do that as soon as it is known where in the city she will be based. This also highlighted the opportunity to involve businesses in RYLA sponsorship as this person was an employee of Miles Motor Group.
2. Community Committee chair Sara McKenzie reported that City Council approval had been obtained to construct a bench and picnic table at the Cashmere Stream esplanade although it will take some time for that to happen. In the meantime we have maintenance work planned there and at the John Taylor walkway.
3. In her capacity as chair of the International Committee, Sara also outlined plans to assist with funding of water filters for villagers in Bali and also possibly provide more emergency response kits for use in the Pacific region.
4. Mike Bruce informed us that the search for a President for the 2025/2026 Rotary year had so far been unsuccessful. He asked members to consider the possibility of some sort of joint presidency where 2 or 3 people committed to taking part of the year each.

This was a useful forum, highlighting a few issues that the club needs to address. It behooves us all to play our part in helping to resolve them.

*Thanks to Alan McKinno for the report and Viv for the photographs.*

## Upcoming Meetings

19/02/2025	Joanne Saunders	The Rejuvenation & Beatification of the Central City Gardens & Landscape – CCC Ranger Joanna Saunders. <b>**Partners Night**</b>
26/02/2025	Kim Steetskamp, Louisa Stewart and Board Chair, Abhinav Keswani	Clothed in Love - helps Christchurch families in need by blessing them with free good quality preloved or new clothing for their children.

5/03/2025	Jamie Hanton	Toi Ōtautahi – bringing together the city's creative stories
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- **FIRST WALK AND LUNCH FOR 2025 – THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

**Come join us on our walk and/or lunch on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**Date:** Thursday 20 February  
**Park/Meet:** Te Kuru Carpark. 600 Cashmere Road (See below)  
**Time:** 10.30am  
**Walk:** The 100-hectare wetlands  
**Lunch:** 12 noon at Urban Eatery, Oderings, Cashmere Road  
**Organiser:** David

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Drive west on Cashmere Road and once past Westmoreland, turn left at the Halswell Quarry sign.
2. Drive south on Hendersons Road, road veers left, then turn first right into Cashmere Road.
3. Drive down Kennedys Bush Road, turn left at the Halswell Quarry into Cashmere Road

**If you are unable to join the walk, then come and have lunch with us.**

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](mailto:david.buist@xtra.co.nz)) know if you are walking, lunching or both.

An early response would be appreciated.

**MARCH WALK/LUNCCH – THURSDAY 20 MARCH**

- **Community Service Projects**

**Cashmere Stream Esplanade**

Saturday 22nd February 2025

10 - 12pm Bring a plate for a shared lunch.

**John Taylor Walkway**

Saturday 12th April 2025

10 -12pm BBQ lunch afterwards.

- **Street Appeal Dates:**

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May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

**Or**

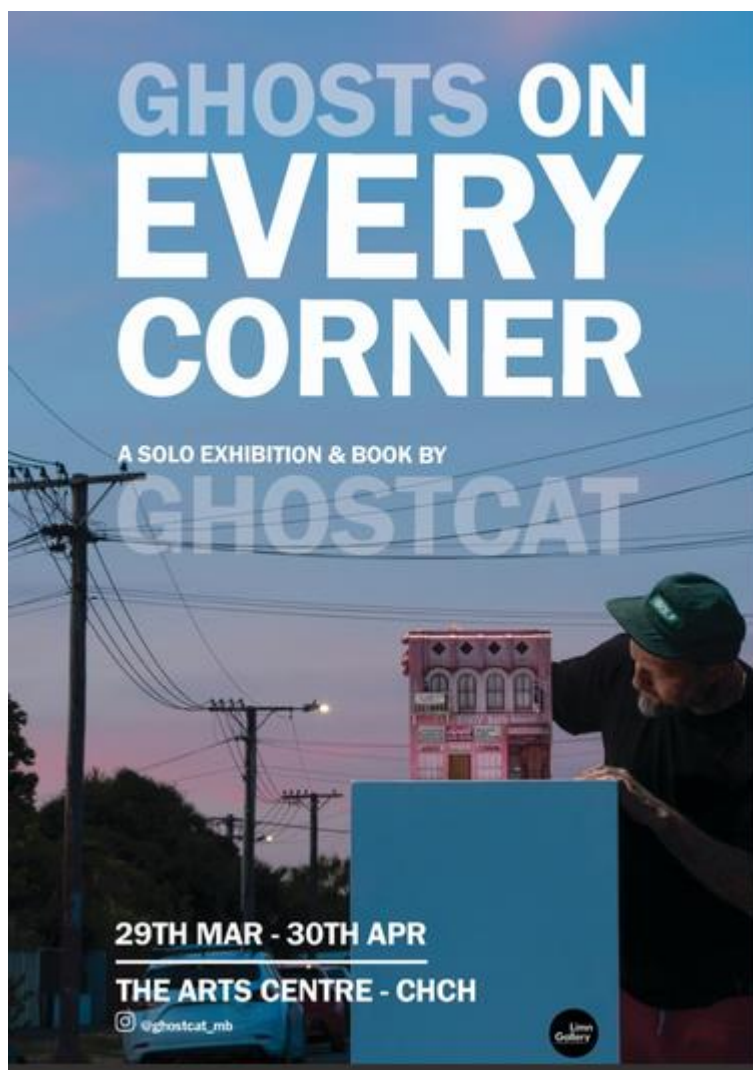
May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

New World, St. Martin's.

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

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

## Notices:



## Duties:

Duty	19-Feb-25	26-Feb-25	5-Mar-25
Cash Desk	A Airay	D Buist	M Bruce
Cash Desk	A McKinnon	D Peterson	H Garlick
Reception	H Garlick	G Bailey	A Kim
Speaker's Host	A McCully	S Mackenzie	G Dockrill
Grace	A McCully	S Mackenzie	G Dockrill
Internat'l Toast	H Garlick	G Bailey	A Kim
Thanks to Speaker	A Airay	D Buist	M Bruce
Quote for the Week	A McKinnon	D Peterson	H Garlick
Speaker Reporter	G Bailey	V Ellis	A Airay
Sergeant	D Buist	A McKinnon	M Opie

## 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
P Mears	15/02/25	TBA

The link for the club web pages is [www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz](http://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: [chchsouthrotary@gmail.com](mailto: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.