

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



29 November 2023

Retired Christchurch Family Court Judge Mr Rob Murfitt

Rob was originally from the North Island and practised as a solicitor in Taranaki for many years covering a mixture of criminal and more recently family court matters. He was approached to join the Family Court and was formally appointed by Margaret Wilson, the Attorney General at the time.

Rob acknowledged the Family Court had a very big work load, which has been steadily increasing in recent years, which put increasing pressure on facilities and staff. We note a story in December 2016 when it was noted that Rob Murfitt as a Christchurch Family Court Judge slammed the Government over a “breach of the UN convention”. The comments came after the Judge was forced to keep a 15 year old boy in solitary confinement because of a lack of facilities. In fact, the boy spent 6 days in solitary confinement in Christchurch because there was nowhere else he could be remanded in custody. The Judge noted that a wing of Christchurch Youth Justice facility had been mothballed by the Government. His criticisms were also echoed by Judge Andrew Becroft, the Nation’s Children’s Commissioner.

Rob also recounted a case where he had to consider a defendant who was about to join the army but was before the Judge for a misdemeanour – that he did not qualify. Rob offered him the opportunity to run an errand and be back at the Court House before close of business, at which time he saw fit to discharge the defendant without conviction. From all accounts, his approach as a Family Court Judge demonstrated a very human approach, sadly often lacking in other jurisdictions.

Amongst other responsibilities, he was Chairman of the organisation known as “One Mother To Another” and, whilst he retired as Chairman last year, he still remains a Trustee.

Rob has kept his sanity under the high work load in the Family Court by writing children’s books under the name of Robert James. In fact, he handed out examples of those books at our meeting and a number of our members saw fit to purchase them at the meeting.

In summary, his address was of a high quality and, as noted, he demonstrated a capacity for compassion in his role as a local Family Court Judge. We can only commend him for his efforts in the Family Court arena.



Thank you Alan Stewart for the report and Viv for the photograph

Upcoming Meetings

6 December – Paul Burns, President of Hornby Rotary Club
Hornby's Hydrotherapy Pool project

13 December – Club Christmas Party

20 December – Traditional "Christmas Cake and Port"

Upcoming Events

Club Christmas Party Details

Wednesday 13 December 6pm – 9pm

Come along and wear a Christmas Hat and celebrate another festive season with your Rotary Family at the Cashmere Club – in our usual meeting room

**Christmas Cuisine \$45 per head. Pay online or at the door
A/C 03 1599 008 1963 00**

Bring your partner.

A small donation of a food item for the City Mission would be appreciated.

We all look forward to our celebration

Notices

HARMONY WAITAHA
PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS

SCAN FOR TICKETS



FEATURING

BINZ MENS
CHAMPION CHORUS

The
PLAINSMEN
CHRISTCHURCH NZ

6TH PLACE INTERNATIONAL
NEXTGEN VARSITY QUARTET

Promenade

PAN PACIFIC
SECOND PLACE CHORUS

Quantum Acoustics

7PM SATURDAY DEC 9TH

TICKETS \$30
SENIORS/COMMUNITY CARD HOLDERS \$25
STUDENTS \$20
CHILDREN UNDER 14 FREE

**CHRISTCHURCH
TRANSITIONAL
CATHEDRAL**

S10 OFF EACH TICKET ORDERED BEFORE DEC 1ST

TICKETS AT EVENTS.HUMANITYX.COM CHRISTMAS STARS
OR CALL 022 428 0207

Templeton (N.Z) Community & Residents page

John Moore

HELP Marshals Urgently Required

We require 13 Marshals for next Sunday's Canterbury Half Marathon at Pegasus Town. If you are part of a group looking at fundraising please be in touch, we require 13 marshals on the day. These are generally directional, pointing the runner in the right direction.

If you can help please contact John at 027 226 7769 HELP

WANTED

Marshals needed!

John Moore

Good morning, Club President / Secretary

This is a final reminder to participate in our Christmas GIFT PACKS

Excellent for rewarding staff, tenants, friends, and family.

Please promote these to your members and ask them to order

online NOW at sales@sunrisemarket.co.nz

Thank your clients...
and support our community
with a *Rotary Gift Pack*

\$135

Here's a great way to show your appreciation... Give a Rotary Gift Pack. Foodie treats to thrill clients, family and friends from Barker's of Geraldine - plus a bottle of premium Pinot Noir. All profits go back into Rotary's Community Projects. Closing date for orders 22 Nov '23

For commercial enquiries please contact sales@sunrisemarket.co.nz or Helge Burton 020 950 2677

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Member Since
Rotary
International Service
www.rotary.org.nz

Thank your clients...
and support our community with a

Rotary Port Gift Pack

\$120

inc GST
plus shipping



Here's a great way to show your appreciation...
Give a Rotary Gift Pack. Foodie treats to thrill
clients, family and friends - plus a bottle of
Tawny Port. All profits go back into Rotary's
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or Nigel Burson 021 990 397

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Another Rotary Project

Rotary

Christchurch Sunrise

www.sunriserotary.org.nz



Walk for Dementia

Sunday, 3 March, 2024. 10.30am - 12 noon

REGISTER NOW



Christchurch South Community Garden

Every Wednesday 1pm to 2pm, 188 Strickland Street, come along and lend a hand.

Hydrotherapy Pool at the new Matatiki: Hornby Centre in Kyle Park

The Rotary Club of Hornby and the Greater Hornby Residents Association have joined together in a major campaign to fundraise for the Hydrotherapy Pool at the new Matatiki: Hornby Centre in Kyle Park. The Council has included the Hydrotherapy Pool in this development, with the expectation that the community provides \$1.4million towards the cost. This is fantastic to see how embedded Rotary clubs are in their local communities.

Hydrotherapy is a recognised physical and mental health treatment as the water pressure and movement as a form of physiotherapy for body and joint pain. This relieves symptoms of many things such as arthritis, osteoporosis, cerebral palsy, and recovery from accidents and sporting injuries. The pool would be accessible to anyone in our community, and will provide a great service to those in the community with disabilities, health conditions or physical rehabilitation.

As part of fundraising efforts, a Splash for Cash event is to be held on Friday 10 November and the aim is to get the community fundraising for the pool.

The club may consider purchasing a table or a couple of seats at the event to come along for a great night (email Kim to arrange a purchase). Another way you may wish to consider supporting our fundraising efforts is the purchase of a "Bubble". The CCC has kindly given us a wall to place our bubbles which can have your name or logo. There are three options of sizes based on donations of \$250, \$500 and \$1000. The bubble wall will be located on one of the busiest corridors at Matatiki: Hornby Centre, and visitors will see these for years to come. You can do this at: <https://buyabubble.nz>

If you want to find out more about the hydrotherapy pool, you can here: <https://hornbyhydrotherapy.nz>

Paul Burns, President, Hornby Rotary

Kim Moss, Chair, Greater Hornby Residents Association (and Christchurch South Rotary member)

Archives

We are now at the point of collecting photos from members, past members, honorary members and friends of Rotary for our archives.

Please contact Kim at tanner.kimberley@gmail.com if you have any photos from the year **2000 onwards** of **significant events**. We are hoping to have this project completed by the end of this year

Duties

Duty	6-Dec-23	13-Dec-23
Cash Desk	G Bailey	M Bruce
Cash Desk	P Mears	A McKinnon
Reception	M Bruce	M Opie
Speaker's Host	S McLean	
Grace	S McLean	P Mears
International Toast	M Bruce	
Thanks to Speaker	P Mears	
Quote for the Week	G Bailey	
Speaker Reporter	S Harris	A McCully
Sergeant	A Airay	

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	9/9/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Hays	11/8/20	TBA
K Moss	24/6/23	TBA

Robin McKinney 16 September - end of April 2024.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Website

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

APOLOGIES

- Record your apology at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting OR
- Email: chcsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11.00am on the Wednesday; you will get a reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising and to advise if bringing guests.
- 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 (three or more weeks) to the Secretary by email or in writing.