



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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#28 for 04 February 2026



Speaker Report 4 January 2026

Our speaker this week was Rose Challies, who was the Founder, and now CEO of the Terra Nova Foundation, a non-profit organisation which is seeking a more sustainable future for our global environment. Rose is a sister of Simon Challies, who is a former Managing Director of Ryman Healthcare.

As background, Rose said that she has grown up just outside Christchurch, and took up the role of a High School teacher.

She moved to London, where she commenced working on large-scale change, which she continued to do in subsequent shifts to Edinburgh and France, before returning to New Zealand, where she is now growing a global prototype for a new world, right from here in NZ.

Rose pointed out that the Environment is not the problem, but human behaviour is, especially the extraction exploitive way of living.

Rose notes that older people are concerned about the world they're leaving to their children and grandchildren. Younger people (up to 35 years old), are concerned that they are inheriting doom, and as a result are striving for change.

In today's society, the current energy and resource supply are not matching the high consumption rate. It was noted that during the Covid pandemic, the downturn in manufacturing and consumption suddenly resulted in significant environmental improvements.

The Terra Nova initiative proposes changing to a regenerative economy. The Foundation also promotes an Earth Mark of Excellence, aimed at recognising top and good practice with systems subject to independent reviews.

Terra Nova Foundation is promoting a school for changemakers, looking to attract young people (aged up to 35 years), and to bring together regenerative leaders and organisations. The project aims to focus on small to medium businesses (which make up the majority of NZ businesses).

Elders need to step forward and lead with wisdom, to share their expertise and experience to provide guidance to people on how to live without the massive consumption we currently see. The Terra Nova Foundation is seeking funding for scholarships to attend the school for changemakers, on the basis of \$1,500 per scholarship.

The Foundation is also seeking the best contributions from individuals by asking the following four questions:

- What are your talents?
- What are your experiences?
- What are your dreams?
- What is stopping you?

Thank you, Rose, for bringing the Terra Nova Foundation ethos to us – your message has certainly made us think!

Thanks Athol, for the report and Diane for the photo.

Upcoming meetings:

11/02/2026	Boyle River Experience – Hannah Watson & Susan Gee & Es Pitts	Students Hannah Watson and Es Pitts – Our Boyle River Experience
18/02/2026	Captain Phillip Sweetman	"From Ocean Horizons to Harbour Lights: A Sea Pilot's Journey". (Friends and Family Night)
25/02/2026	Holly Evans	25 Year old Holly - New Zealand's up & Coming Soprano Opera Singer (Friends and Family Night)

Notices: Celebration service for Peter is to be held on Tuesday 17th February @ 2 pm @ St Albans United Parish, 36 Nancy Ave, Mairehau. **Walker/Lunch Group**

- **Come join us on our walk and/or lunch on Thursday 19 February**

Date: Thursday 19 February

Park/Meet Near Brickworks, 69 Cashmere Road

Time: 10.30am

Walk: Part of Farnley Reserve Walk, Ernle Clark Track, and The Donkey Track

Lunch: Brickworks

Leader: David

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) know if you are walking, lunching or both.

- **2026 Walk/Lunch Dates**

Add the following dates to your diary.

Walk/Lunch Dates 2026		Coordinator
Thursday	Saturday	
19 February		David
19 March		
	17 April	
21 May		
18 June		
	16 July	
20 August		
17 September		
15 October		
	21 November	

- We donated \$250.00 for the <https://www.pillars.org.nz/> Children's Christmas Party. Letter of appreciation below:

Kia o Graham,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas period and a great start to the year so far.

As previously spoken about, please see attached the Mentoring Coordinator's success report from our Christmas event. Hopefully this gives you a bit of an insight to the types of events we hold throughout the year, and what your club's generous donation went towards supporting! It was a great day which was enjoyed by all. Thanks again so much for your support.

All the best.

Nga mihi,

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Duties:

Duty	11-Feb-26	18-Feb-26	25-Feb-26
Cash Desk	L Bougen	G Bailey	G Dockrill
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Reception	S Mackenzie	H Garlick	G Bailey
Speaker's Host	M Opie	M Soares	M Opie
Grace	M Opie	M Soares	M Opie
International Toast	S Mackenzie	H Garlick	G Bailey
Thanks to Speaker	L Bougen	G Bailey	G Dockrill
Quote for the Week	G Dockrill	M Bruce	M Soares
Speaker Reporter	D Peterson	A McKinnon	D Peterson
Sergeant	A McCully	S Mackenzie	V Ellis

Leave:

	from	to
S Haye	11/08/2020	TBA
E Bermingham	01/01/2023	TBA
SMcLean	20/03/2024	TBA
A Kim	30/06/2025	TBA
R McKinney	01/09/2025	Mid-April
G Bailey		18 Feb.2026
A Airay	12 Feb - 26 Mar	

The link for the club web pages is
www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

The link to club Facebook pages is
<https://www.facebook.com/ChristchurchSouthRotary/>

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.