

Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Speaker report for Wed. 29 October 2025

Tonight was a Club night where we discussed the project proposals under the various avenues of service as put forward by the team leaders of Community, International, Youth and Vocational. There was also some discussion about the process for approving such proposals. It was finally agreed that where there was no obvious consensus relating to a proposal, a vote would be taken. Below is a summary of proposals put forward.



Community

1. Payment of \$250 to Wandersearch – done

- 2. Payment of \$250 to Citizens Advice Bureau done
- 3. Dementia Canterbury collection at St Martins New World on 7 November may need some more volunteers.
- 4. Working bee at Cashmere Stream Esplanade arranged for 10-12 on Saturday 8th December.

International

- 1. Support for the Riccarton Rotary initiative to apply for a Global Grant for solar power facilities for the Samoa Campus of Hope. This is an organisation which provides accommodation and support for people who are victims of abuse. A NZ\$500 payment was agreed to, although this cannot be enacted until the bank account for the Global Grant has been set up.
- 2. Support for the Bangalore Heart Care Global Grant to provide funding which will be used for free heart surgery for children from poorer families. This initiative arose out of the visit to our club by Ramesh Rao earlier this year. The suggestion of a contribution of NZ\$1000-\$2000 was accepted although we await further information from the Bangalore Rotary Club as to how the grant is being managed.
- 3. Grant of NZ\$1726 to the Rotary Club of Raratonga for them to buy a portable hi/lo bed for the clinical nurses' surgery to replace the previous one which was broken. This was agreed to.
- 4. Grant of NZ\$1000 to the School for the Deaf in Bali paid through the Bali Rotary Club as a contribution towards building a new classroom. This was agreed to.

Youth

- 1. Support for a Cashmere High student to attend the NZ Rotary National Science & Technology Forum in Auckland in 2026 has been arranged with Youth paying half the cost.
- 2. Looking for RYLA candidates none so far. An approach may be made to Cashmere High School.
- 3. A family of two pupils from Waltham School to be recommended to the JR McKenzie Trust for support for school uniform purchase no cost to Rotary.
- 4. Cashmere High to be approached re possibly forming an Interact Club
- 5. Waltham School has been contacted re a tree planting project there.
- 6. Beckenham School discussions being held re funding to help create a chicken coup and also for some benches.

Vocational

- 1. Two people have been identified to potentially receive Young Totara Awards. Linda and Mike meeting with them on Saturday 1 November.
- 2. Tour of new stadium (Te Kaha) being arranged for after the opening in April. This would involve members from other Rotary Clubs in our cluster.
- 3. Club visit to Turanga being arranged.
- 4. A group visit to the Banksy exhibition on 11th January being arranged.

Thanks to Alan McK. for the report and Viv for the photo

Upcoming meetings:

5/11/2025	Matthew McDonald	Le Bons Bay Conservation Trust
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		biodiversity in our area
12/11/2025	Chris Selbie	Epilepsy New Zealand - The leading national
		epilepsy association
19/11/2025	Shelley Washington (Trust Manager)	Ron Donald Banks Peninsula Trust –
	& Jenn Chowaniec (Chair)	Environmental Guardians of the Future
	. Jenn Chowaniec (Chan)	Friends & Partners Night
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FINAL WALK/LUNCH FOR 2025 – 20TH NOVEMBER

Street Appeals:

Dementia Canterbury
St Martins New World

Friday November 7th 2025





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Pink Ribbon – Beast Cancer:

Kia ora Viv,

Firstly, thank you so much for stepping into the role of area coordinator while Graham was away.

You did a fantastic job, and we were very grateful to have you with us.

We really appreciate any and all feedback from the appeal as well, we definitely have some improvements to make for next year! Next year I will be getting in contact with Christchurch Airport a few weeks earlier - hopefully the Airport is more familiar with their parking system, so it is much easier.

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Lara Craigie | Marketing and Fundraising Assistant Breast Cancer Foundation NZ

Notices:

• Members and Friends should procure their tomato plants this year, from an alternative supplier. The Club will be receiving a donation to Polio Plus, reflecting the cost of materials that would normally be involved in growing the supply of plants.

DUTIES:

Duty	5-Nov-25	12-Nov-25	19-Nov-25
Cash Desk	D Peterson	G Dockrill	M Bruce
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Reception	D Buist	S Mackenzie	M Soares
Speaker's Host	M Bruce	A Airay	G Dockrill
Grace	M Bruce	A Airay	G Dockrill
International Toast	D Buist	S Mackenzie	M Soares
Thanks to Speaker	D Peterson	A McKinnon	A McCully
Quote for the Week	M Soares	G Dockrill	M Bruce
Speaker Reporter	V Ellis	A McCully	A Airay
Sergeant	A Stewart	G Bailey	D Peterson

LEAVE: N/A

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: chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11.00amWednesday.

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 asubstitute.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Please advise all leave of absence of 3 or more weeks to the Secretary, by email or in writin