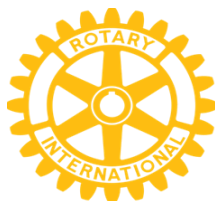


Rotary Club of Christchurch South



22 November 2023

Our speaker this evening was Mike Steenson, Ranger at Riccarton Bush.

Mike, a former fisherman and earth moving contractor holds a degree in both science and geography. One of 140 applicants for the role Mike won through to claim the position.

Mike has played a pivotal role in the preservation and management of this unique environment. His commitment to environmental education and conservation efforts has made him a well-respected figure in the community and a driving force behind the protection of the 7.8 hectares making up Riccarton Bush.

As a ranger, Mike has been instrumental in implementing various conservation initiatives within the Bush. He has overseen habitat restoration projects, including the reintroduction of native plant species and the removal of invasive plants to promote biodiversity and ecosystem health. Additionally, Mike has been actively involved in pest control programs to safeguard the native wildlife within the reserve. Each month has seen 3 or 4 rats trapped and numerous pigeons shot. 600 in 3 hours being his best effort.

Furthermore, Mike has been a passionate advocate for environmental education and community engagement. He has regularly organised guided tours and educational programs for visitors, schools, and local groups, aiming to raise awareness about the importance of conservation and the rich biodiversity found within Riccarton Bush. Through his efforts, he has inspired numerous individuals to develop a deeper appreciation for nature and become active stewards of the environment. Mike's dedication and expertise have not only contributed to the preservation of Riccarton Bush but have also fostered a sense of environmental stewardship within the community. His collaborative approach and unwavering commitment to conservation have set a remarkable example for others to follow. As a result, Riccarton Bush continues to thrive as a haven for native flora and fauna, providing a valuable opportunity for people to connect with nature and learn about the significance of preserving our natural heritage.

In conclusion, Mike's role as a ranger at Riccarton Bush has been integral to the ongoing conservation efforts and the promotion of environmental awareness. His unwavering dedication, coupled with his passion for nature, has made a lasting impact on the preservation of this unique ecosystem, ensuring that future generations can continue to benefit from its ecological richness.

Sara proposed the vote of thanks that was carried by acclamation.



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

Upcoming Meetings

29 November – Judge Robert Murfitt
Stories from a Family Court Judge

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

Remember: Club Christmas Party Details next Bulletin

Notices

**HARMONY WAITAHA
PRESENTS**

CHRISTMAS

SCAN FOR TICKETS



STARS

FEATURING

<p>BHNZ MENS CHAMPION CHORUS</p> <p>The PLAINSMEN --- CHRISTCHURCH NZ ---</p>	<p>6TH PLACE INTERNATIONAL NEXTGEN VARSITY QUARTET</p> <p>Promenade</p>	<p>PAN PACIFIC SECOND PLACE CHORUS</p> <p>Quantum  Acoustics</p>
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7PM SATURDAY DEC 9TH

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

KEVIN BURNAN

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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	29-Nov-23	6-Dec-23	13-Dec-23
Cash Desk	S Harris	G Bailey	M Bruce
Cash Desk	D Peterson	P Mears	A McKinnon
Reception	D Buist	M Bruce	M Opie
Speaker's Host	R Palmer	S McLean	
Grace	R Palmer	S McLean	
International Toast	D Buist	M Bruce	
Thanks to Speaker	S Harris	P Mears	
Quote for the Week	D Peterson	G Bailey	
Speaker Reporter	A Stewart	S Harris	A McCully
Sergeant	A McKinnon	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

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.