

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



03 July 2024

Tonight, our guest speaker Ross Haggart was introduced to members by Graham Dockrill.

Ross has over 30 years' experience in social work clinical and management roles within government.



Prior to joining Family Help Trust in 2019 he was the Children's Team Director in Oranga Tamariki and was previously the Canterbury Regional Manager within Child Youth and Family.

"Most of my career has been spent in the New Zealand public service where I have held several clinical as well as managerial and senior leadership roles in the field of human services and statutory social work. I am currently employed as the Director of Family Help Trust and prior to that I worked as the Children's Team Director and Regional Manager within Oranga Tamariki" Ross explained.

"I have also worked internationally, training practitioners in restorative youth justice practice and legislative reform. I attended Canterbury University completing a double major in Sociology and Education. I took a year's leave from study in 1980 and spent a year travelling and working".

Ross went on to explain the workings of the HelpTrust:

Family Help Trust has operated child abuse-prevention services for high-risk families since 1990. We set out to confront the causes of family harm and provide client families with the skills they need to improve their lives, and those of their children.

This first service was a pilot named **New Start** and targeted a group of recidivist offenders, focusing on their children, and providing intensive home-visiting family support and mentorship. The pilot achieved encouragingly low levels of re-offending and measurable improvements in child health outcomes and family functioning. This programme expanded and continued through until 2020 when it was decided that the needs of these children and families could be incorporated within the aims of the Safer Families Service.

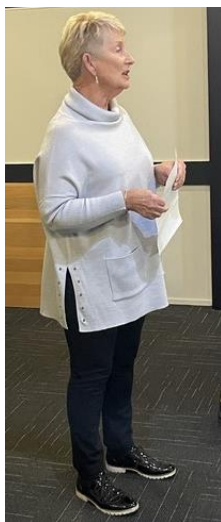
In 2001 Family Help Trust with the help of a three-year grant from the Rata Foundation established the **Safer Families Service**. It was developed as a joint venture between the FHT and the Christchurch Women's Hospital Community Midwifery Team.

Safer Families is Family Help Trust's early-intervention service which is intensive, home-based, long-term, whānau and tamariki centred. It focuses on parents who have multiple challenges in raising their children. This service operates in Christchurch and Mid Canterbury.

Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow provides support for tamariki aged from 5 to 12 years across Canterbury. Mana Ake kaimahi work with schools to support teachers, families and whanau, when children are experiencing ongoing issues that impact their wellbeing such as anxiety, social isolation, parental separation, grief and loss and managing emotions.

Ross's address closed with several questions from Club members completing the evening. The vote of thanks on behalf of our Club was proposed by Geoff and carried by acclamation.

Thanks to Alan A. for the report and Viv for the photographs.



Our Susan, updating our meeting group about Healthy Heroes.

Cashmere Stream Esplanade

A group from Christchurch South Rotary and Cracroft Residents Association worked at The Cashmere Stream Esplanade on Saturday morning. There was lots of weeding, clearing ground and the spreading of mulch.

The finished area looks great and enhances a wonderful space that is definitely an asset to the area. Great to see Graham Fowler and Helen McKessar there to give a hand.

Thanks to Sara for her organisation and to everyone for a job well done!



Upcoming Meetings

10/07/2024	Ryan Astle	Betterman – Improving Men's Wellbeing & Mental Health
17/07/2024	Gwenda Kendrew	An update from Aviva - Everyone deserves to live free from violence
24/07/2024	Michael Flatman	The Maia Health Foundation – Lasting impact on Healthcare in Canterbury

Upcoming Events

- **Walker/Luncheon Group:**

July Walk and Luncheon

Date: Thursday 18th July

Park: Park in the Adventure Park Carpark

Meet: 10.30am in

Walk: An Adventure Park track

Lunch: 12:00

Urban Eatery, Oderings Garden Centre, Cashmere Rd. **Organiser:** Geoff

If you are unable to join the walk, then feel welcome to join the walkers for lunch.

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 **BY Monday 15 July**

david.buist@xtra.co.nz or 0272900 946

An early response would be appreciated.

- **AUGUST WALK** – Thursday, 15th
- **Community Garden**

Every Wednesday 1pm - 2pm, 188 Strickland St., come along and lend a hand.

Notices:

- **Murray Ireland**

Celebration of Murray's life
John Rhind Chapel
London Whitmore Streets
Monday 8 July
10am.

- **Partners Night:**

31.07.2024	Raconteur Ken Lord (Partners Night)	Raconteur Ken Lord – William Shakespeare, an unauthorised Biography
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- **JOHN TAYLOR WALKWAY**

Saturday 27th July 2024.
10-12 followed by a BBQ.

- **CASHMERE STREAM ESPLANADE**

Saturday 21st September.
10-12 followed by a shared lunch. Please bring a wheelbarrow, spade and pitchfork if you have them and garden gloves.

- **New season's walnuts:** 'Molenberg' bread bag quantities, approximating 1½kg. \$7.00 for Polio Plus: End Polio Now. Will be available next club meeting (Wed 10th) or 'phone Beverley/Mel. 3841306

Duties

Duty	10-Jul-24	17-Jul-24	24-Jul-24
Cash Desk	A Airay	G Dockrill	M Bruce
Cash Desk	A McKinnon	R McKinney	D Buist
Reception	P Mears	G Bailey	D Peterson
Speaker's Host	M Bruce	S Mackenzie	A McCully
Grace	M Bruce	S Mackenzie	A McCully
International Toast	P Mears	G Bailey	D Peterson
Thanks to Speaker	A McKinnon	R McKinney	D Buist
Quote for the Week	A Airay	G Dockrill	M Bruce
Speaker Reporter	A McCully	V Ellis	M Opie
Sergeant	D Buist	M Opie	A Airay

Leave

WHO	From	To
M Whitehead	9/9/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Haye	11/8/20	TBA
E Bermingham	1/1/23	TBA
S McLean	20/3/24	19/6/24
L Brown	01/05/24	TBA
A Kim	15/06/24	15/11/24

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: chchsouthrotary@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