



Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.

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Bulletin

#13 for 23 September 2026

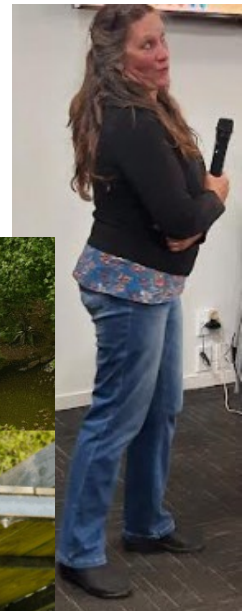
SPEAKER REPORT – 23 September 2026

Tonight, we were privileged to have as guest speaker, Glenda Goatley, an owner of Glenlothian Farm, a unique animal farm park with over 20 rare breeds of animals and wallabies and kiwis. Glenda introduced the topic with an enlightening video of the farm showing breeds and visitors interacting with the animals.

Glenda was brought to farming, the youngest of a farming family. She loved the lifestyle and studied in areas related to farming e.g. vet nursing.

Glenlothian Farm at 52 Lawford Road, West Melton, is readily accessible via main roads, an important feature for visitors - individuals, families and groups.

Tucked away between Rolleston and West Melton, Glenlothian Farm retains a beautiful rural setting, while being easily accessible from the growing Selwyn area and Christchurch City.



Unique Animal Farm Park

Glenlothian Farm is a unique animal farm park with over 20 rare breeds of animals, Wallabies and popular kiwi favourites.

Some significant features:

- There are over 20 breeds, not including bird life.
- Licence is needed for some breeds.
- Canterbury has a dedicated rare breeds group.
- Glenlothian Farm is a completely self funded, privately run business, receiving nil government funding for its animal conservation efforts. It is closely associated with Willowbank Wildlife Reserve but is entirely reliant on gate sales and admission fees for funds, sufficient to make wages and sometimes a bit more.
- Expansion? ... looking to an aquarium. Other adjacent lands becoming available.

Footnote: Writer can't wait for grand and great grand children to come visiting from Australia.
Perhaps too, a Club visit by way of Social/Vocational services?

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Thanks to Mike for the photograph

Upcoming meetings:

- **30 September**
Club Forum Night – Committee Updates
- **7 October**
Mark Atherton - San Francisco, The Underbelly, A collection of short essays about unexpected adventures during the 90's
- **14 October**
TBA
- **21 October**
Dr Richard Gibbs, Soil Science and Sports Surface Specialist - Growing grass indoors; the science and technology behind Christchurch's new Te Kaha stadium
- **28 October**
Club Forum Night – Committee Updates

Community Service project:

- **John Taylor Walkway**
A new date has been confirmed with the Park Ranger Nigel.
Saturday 17th October 2026
10-12am Work details to be confirmed nearer the time and BBQ to follow.

Notices:

- **OCTOBER WALK/LUNCH THURSDAY 15**

- **Project Rotary – Say No to Domestic and Family Violence**

This is a nationwide initiative to raise awareness of domestic and family violence. Australia has already raised the campaign across the country.

The organising team have been communicating with Police, Social Welfare, Rape Crisis, White Ribbon, Salvation Army etc.

The initiative will focus on two key activities:

1. Purple Fridays – wear a purple Rotary t-shirt
2. A District purple walk in November – bringing our communities together.

At the moment the organisers are gauging interest and wish that those clubs wanting to participate register their interest. They wish to have this project ready to launch on 1 October if there is enough interest.

The next step is to register our interest.

- Viv

Duties:

Duty	30-Sept-26	7-Oct-26	14-Oct-26
Cash Desk	A Airay	M Bruce	A Airay
Cash Desk	H Garlick	A Stewart	G Dockrill
Reception	S Mackenzie	A Airay	H Garlick
Speaker's Host	#N/A	G Dockrill	L Bougen
Grace	L Bougen	G Dockrill	L Bougen
International Toast	S Mackenzie	A Airay	H Garlick
Thanks to Speaker	#N/A	A Stewart	A Airay
Quote for the Week	H Garlick	M Bruce	G Dockrill
Speaker Reporter	D Peterson	A McKinnon	A McCully
Sergeant	M Bruce	D Peterson	S Mackenzie

Leave:

	from	to
S Haye	11/08/2020	TBA
E Bermingham	01/01/2023	TBA
A Kim	30/06/2025	TBA
M Bruce	15 July 2026	09 Sept. 2026
M Soares	01/05/2026	04/11/2026

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

Record your apology at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting, OR email: chchsouthrotary@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.

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

