



**Rotary Club of Christchurch South Inc.**

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Speaker Report 30 Oct 2024

It all started with a meeting in mid-2019 to gauge interest amongst local residents of St Martins and surrounding suburbs about developing a MENZSHED. Just over 18 months later, there was the official opening of the woodworking and electrical workshops.



Our speaker tonight, Richard Millett, is the current secretary of St Martins Menzshed which has now grown to about 60 members and expanded to include a metal workshop. Richard was clearly enthusiastic about what they have achieved and rightly so. There are about 120 Menzsheds in NZ, the idea originating in Australia in the early 1990s. The objective is to enhance men's mental health by providing an environment where they can socialise in the context of doing practical projects for themselves or the community. Richard's reports of the chatter in the workshops and tea-room show how well that is being achieved at St Martins.

The local group is extremely grateful to the St Martins Presbyterian Church who made land available for the sheds and also some seed funding to help things get underway. One of the sheds was donated and a great deal of the equipment used in the sheds has also been donated by other organisations or individuals who are downsizing.

The projects worked on in the shed are many and varied. They have built shelves and planter boxes for schools, boxes and shelves for libraries, stools, picnic tables, equipment for a special needs school, and restored an old chess board. One lengthy project was the refurbishing of an old rowing boat.

All of this is done by volunteers. The MenzShed doesn't charge labour for the projects it undertakes – just the cost of any materials. This is totally consistent with the ethos of the Menzshed. It exists primarily for the mental health and wellbeing of the members who come from all walks of life and clearly benefit enormously by belonging and working and interacting together. Richard and his colleagues should be congratulated for their work in setting up and running this facility.

*Thanks to Alan Mck. for the report and Diane for the photos*

## Upcoming Meetings



6/11/2024	Steve Clarke	A fun night of Participation – Fencing – Touche! Partners, Friends & Family Night An extended night of fun 6:00pm-8:30ish
13/11/2024	Nicholas Alcock	The psychology of money – how I help clients who suffer from addictions and money disorders
20/11/2024	Matthew Steans	The Yarns Men - creating opportunities for men to experience life through good conversation

- **November Walk and Luncheon Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**
- **Touche - Fencing Contest! Save the Date - Wednesday November 6th 2024 - Cashmere Club**

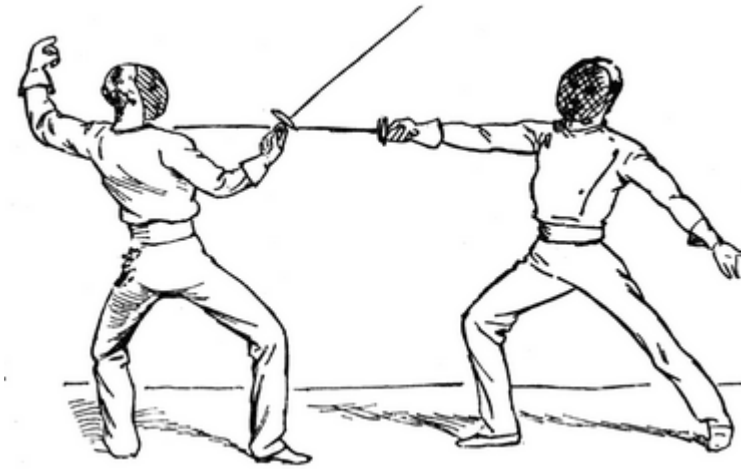
Hello All,

Does your Neighbour play their music a little too loud? Is there that Rotarian in the Club that just constantly annoys you? Does Alan Airey get annoyed that people still spell his last name wrong? Does that Pace Maker need testing?

Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> is the night to even some scores! Prizes on the Night.

A brief presentation by the Fencing Institute, before you're masked up and let loose on each other with real swords and real scoring! We will also have a couple of ex Cashmere High pupils helping on the night.

## The 2024 Rotary Club of Christchurch South Fencing Contest



**Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**6:00pm – 8:30pm (note slightly longer night)**

**Cashmere Club**

All friends, family, children, grandchildren people you've always wanted to fight with and poke in the chest welcome! Don't forget to advise Alan McKinnon of numbers.

*Graham Dockrill*

- **Street Appeal Dates**

Dementia Canterbury  
November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
9-5pm  
New World, St. Martin's

Aviva  
May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

**Or**

May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.  
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These dates will all be confirmed nearer the time of the appeals.

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## Notices:

- **Message from Mike:**

As agreed on Wednesday evening I attended the unveiling ceremony for the relocated Christchurch Plain Table – a project undertaken by The Rotary Club of Christchurch, as there previous planting around the plain table’s original site obscured its view of the plains.

The site, its memory and future fortune, received a blessing from a local Maori elder and many speeches were made. On what is a very exposed outcropping of rock, on an exposed rise on one of Victoria Park’s many walkways.



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Near the main car park and playground, very close to the Christchurch Souths well established picnic table area overlooking the dog park.

Afterwards a friendly chat with fellow Rotarians with cups of tea from thermos flasks barely lifted the chill of what was a particularly cold morning

Mike

- **The Youth Hub**

An invitation from The Youth Hub to all Rotary Clubs that have contributed to The Youth Hub’s development, to see The Hub before it officially opens.

- Thursday 7 November 5-7pm
- Nibbles and refreshments provided.
- 109 Salisbury Street

- **Tomato plants:**

Available Club meeting (Wed. of Cup week) 13 Nov. \$1.00 a plant.

Bundles of 10 - Moneymaker (dessert), 6; Beefsteak (large) 4.

**OR**, let Mel know your preferred order.

Proceeds to Polio Plus.

- **A message, supported by Rotorua North Rotary Club**

[ A ] **concert tour** of the Beethoven Septet and Schubert Octet by a group of 7 French musicians. In Christchurch this is on the 23rd Nov, at the Transitional Cathedral , 8pm.

**Press release (precis):**

*After the Olympics, a French Cultural Marathon:*

*Not to be outshone by the Olympian sportspeople, a group of Parisian musicians are embarking on a marathon tour around New Zealand: 14 concerts in just 18 days. A delightfully classical programme from the early 19th century, featuring the Beethoven Septet (7 players) and the Schubert Octet, (8 players) rarely presented together, and featuring instruments that almost make a mini orchestra, with violin, viola, cello, double bass, horn, bassoon and clarinet.*

*Tickets will be on sale at the door if there are any left, otherwise, head now to Eventfinda.*

## Duties:

Duty	6-Nov-24	13-Nov-24	20-Nov-24
Cash Desk	G Dockrill	A Airay	M Bruce
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Reception	D Peterson	M Bruce	M Opie
Speaker's Host	M Bruce	D Peterson	H Garlick
Grace	M Bruce	D Peterson	H Garlick
International Toast	D Peterson	M Bruce	M Opie
Thanks to Speaker	G Dockrill	A McKinnon	M Bruce
Quote for the Week	P Mears	A Airay	P Mears
Speaker Reporter	A Airay	A McCully	V Ellis
Sergeant	A McCully	M Opie	G Dockrill

## Leave

	FROM	TO
<b>M Whitehead</b>	09/09/15	TBA
<b>J Wylie</b>		TBA
<b>S Haye</b>	11/08/20	TBA
<b>E Bermingham</b>	01/01/23	TBA
<b>S McLean</b>	20/03/24	TBA
<b>L Brown</b>	01/05/24	TBA
<b>A Kim</b>	15/06/24	15/11/24
<b>S Mackenzie</b>	23/10/24	30/11/24
<b>R McKinney</b>	13/09/24	mid- April
<b>V Ellis</b>	23/10/24	06/11/24
<b>G Bailey</b>	16/10/24	13/11/24
<b>R Palmer</b>	03/11/24	TBA

The link for the club web pages is [www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz](http://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](mailto: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 (three or more weeks) to the Secretary by email or in writing**