

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Jenny May ONZM —Heritage in the City and the Rebuild of the Cathedral

Jenny May, an Architectural Historian, presented a pictorial talk of the history of Christ Church Cathedral and the works being undertaken to reinstate the cathedral, following the significant damage in the February 2011 earthquakes.

The project to erect the cathedral, was approved in 1858, and the initial plans prepared by George Gilbert Scott, showed the building to be constructed in kauri timber. James Edward Fitzgerald, the superintendent of Canterbury, recommended that the building be constructed in steel and timber, while the Cathedral Commission wanted stone. Scott furnished plans of the building in stone in 1862, and construction commenced in 1864. Due to lack of funds, the building work stalled until recommenced in 1878, with the building consecrated as Christ Church Cathedral in 1881. It was not until 1904 that the original Victorian design was completed. The stone cathedral had a Halswell basalt outer, an Oamaru limestone inner, with rubble between the walls.



The first earthquake was in 1881, one month after completion of the Cathedral, when many metres of the stone wall fell. The second earthquake was in 1888, and the third in 1901 when the original stone spire fell away, and replaced with a timber and copper clad spire.

The Christ Church Cathedral was significantly damaged in the February 2011 earthquake and again in the June 2011 quake, when the rose window collapsed. The cathedral's fate was subject to intense debate and protest until the Anglican Synod finally voted in September 2017 to restore it. The Reinstatement Project started in 2018, with physical work commencing in May 2020, with Stage 1 of the stabilisation work completed in 2022. This involved the removal of 247 tonnes of material being removed from the Nave via unmanned re-remote operated digger. All of the chattels, stone and glasswork recovered, has been separately identified and numbered, with the intention that the reconstruction will mirror what was lost.

Christ Church Cathedral is scheduled in the Christchurch District Plan as a Highly Significant (Group 1) heritage item and listed as a category 1 Historic Place by Heritage New Zealand, thus recognising the Cathedral at the highest level of national cultural heritage significance.

The Cathedral's interior will be reinstated and restored to make it a more functional, flexible and comfortable 21st century space. With underfloor heating, lighting and audio-visual systems, improved acoustics, and base-isolation system, it will be fit for purpose well into the future.

The vision is to complete the Cathedral in 2027. To achieve the vision, there will be a requirement for future fund-raising.

Thanks to Graham F the report and Andrew for the photo

Upcoming Meetings

8 February

Club Assembly/AGM

15 February

Healthy Heroes Launch

22 February (partners night)

Ian Thomas

Athletics Canterbury

1 March

Sue Martin

Home & Family—Protecting Childhood since 1898

Upcoming Events

15 February

Healthy Heroes launch

16 February

Walking Group

Notices

Shellie Collins 22.01.1952—29.11.2022

It is with sadness we were notified of the passing of past Rotarian Shellie Collins.

Shellie joined Rotary on 12 August 2015 and provided our club with much fun and laughter. Part of her service to our club included being active within our Vocational Committee.

Healthy Heroes

On Wednesday 15 February 2023 our Club will be holding a Special meeting to celebrate the launch of the new Healthy Heroes website. The launch will commence at 6.30pm and will mean some changes to our usual meeting format.

Our Club was chosen given that we host the Healthy Heroes Charitable Trust. This means we will have guests and people zooming in from around the country.

You should have received information about this in the Friday mailout and a personal invitation (separately). The information under the heading **TO ATTEND THE LAUNCH** does not apply to us—we will use the attendance email sent out by Alan McKinnon to notify apologies

Walking Group

Thursday 16 February at 10.30am

Meet in the public carpark by Paris for the Weekend Café (57 Charles Street, Kaiapoi)

RSVP to David: David.buist@xtra.co.nz

Duties

Duty	8 Feb	15 Feb
Cash Desk	L Brown	M Bruce
Cash Desk	H Garlick	A McKinnon
Reception	V Ellis	D Peterson
Speaker Host	N/A	N/A
Grace	A Stewart	D Buist
International Toast	V Ellis	D Peterson
Thanks to Speaker	N/A	M Bruce
Quote	L Brown	A McKinnon
Speaker Reporter	M Opie	V Ellis
Sergeant	A McKinnon	N/A

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Hays	11/08/20	TBA
R McKinney	28/09/22	14/04/23

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Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email chcsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11am on that Wednesday
- Emergency apologies to Shirley Harris on 021 198 2234 or Viv Ellis on 027 490 3161

- You will receive an email reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising or bringing a guest
- If you are unable to do your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange a substitute and advise the President
- Leave of absence requests (three weeks or more) must be in writing to the Secretary

