



THE BULLETIN

Rotary Club of Christchurch South
 District 9970
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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Attendance Wed 01 Mar. 2017			Total Membership: 49 (45 Active, 4 Honorary)				
Members and Associates	23	Apologies	08	Visitors	0	On Leave	10

Tonight was members' night with the Club AGM and Club Forum meetings on the agenda. It was a lively and enjoyable gathering. Secretary Shirley's minutes of both of these meetings have already been circulated to the membership and so the purpose of this article is as a **summary of facts, impressions and understandings** from the reporters notes. No apologies therefore, for its length - the good health of the club is being reflected.

AGM:

- There is a delay to later in March, in nominating and electing the Directors for the 2017-18 year.
- Youth exchange hosting for an incoming student for 2018 was promoted by Youth Service Committee Chairman, Malcom Rickerby. It will be 4 years since we have hosted and Malcolm says to let him or Tony Blackler know if you are willing to host.
 It is important that we tie this up as quickly as possible, as that will allow us to decide upon and state our preference of student – first in, first choice.

- President Mel proposed having a discretionary fund for each President that could be distributed as they see fit, as long as it was for charitable purposes. Mel cited a couple of occasions this year, where a couple of hundred dollars or so, would not have been out of the way towards charitable giving that otherwise fell outside of our service committees' gifting parameters.

It would be a budget that would not carry over into the next Rotary year and so, would be spent ultimately into a charity of the President's choice. A motion approving the fund be instated, was passed unanimously. It was agreed that the President is to keep the Directors informed at Board meetings, of any distribution of the Presidential Fund.



Chairing the meeting

CLUB FORUM:

- Acknowledgement was made of all of the work that Mike Bruce does without a title, as compiler of weekly spreadsheets for Club meetings carrying all of: pending fortnightly duties lists; apologies; meals numbers; dietary requirements; leaves of absence; pending guest speakers; guests/visitors; special events nights e.g. 'Partners'. Liz suggested his role be called **Attendance Facilitator**. Mike pointed out that he was simply(!) easing the load of the Sergeant, as a carry-over from the time that he was in that role. However, if things revert to the Sergeant, the Sergeant's name can be set alongside this important title.
- Tony Blackler outlined the proposal from RI for reducing the number of Districts worldwide. This seems to be largely an RI money saving proposal with fewer DG's each year being ferried off to San Diego for a week's training purposes. We would see just one South Island District. Tony identified major practicalities' problems, particularly for ADG's who would have greater travel and greater commitments, as the DG couldn't possibly visit every club in his district in the year.



Tony Blackler

- President Mel asked about the food and reported that he had received good feedback with most people thinking that the food had improved. A list of advantages and disadvantages of holding club meetings at the Cashmere Club was also shared.
- President Mel 'asked', "is anyone up for a new name for the Club"? The matter was not particularly taken up.
- Bruce McKessar asked members to consider a major project (over \$2000.00) that the club could become known for. He suggested a project visible to the community needs to be considered.
Harold suggested something to do with medical research.



Bruce McKessar

- Matters for the Board to consider were identified:
 - A later start to club meetings to accommodate for, in particular, those having to travel across town in the homeward bound traffic.
 - Better club marketing of itself to attract new members. Suggestions:
 - Use Marketing Signs to lift our profile.
 - Put a Board outside the club with meeting times on it.
 - More articles published in local newspapers.

Much then traversed, the meetings closed at 7.36pm.

Our thanks to Doug and Anne Johns for tonight's photographs.

Notices

- Next week's 8th of March club meeting is **Partners Night**. It will be held in the Cashmere Club Garden Room in conjunction with Cashmere Rotary. Guest speaker is Jono Scott, around the world cyclist*. Usual charges apply.
 - **Meeting time 5.30 pm for 6 o'clock**. Note earlier time to accommodate for bar service.
 - Be aware that we have an international speaker and he has an extended time slot for the meeting. His CV is impressive*.
 - The meeting is in the hands of Cashmere Rotary.
 - Please notify Mike Bruce, 022 540 1251 or Val Nossiter (339 8441) or Mel Opie 3841306 if you are bringing a partner. By Tuesday would be preferable for this, but late notifications before 11.00 on the Wednesday are OK too.

*see accompanying attachment

- 29 March is **'Bring a Friend to Rotary'** night.

- **Committee meetings notified to the Editor for after club this coming Wednesday:** nil
- Vocational Service Committee is seeking candidate/s for Pride of Workmanship Award. Nominations from our members should be directed to Dan Christophers (Chairman) or Doug Johns.

- **WalkerGroup**



Come join us for our next walk and or lunch.

Date: Thursday 16 March

Meet: Port Hills Road & Chapmans Road Cnr (near French Bakery) for bus trip to Lyttelton – bring your Gold Card

Time: **Bus Departs 10.00am – Ferry Departs 10.50am**

Walk: Around Diamond Harbour

Lunch: Diamond Harbour

If you are unable to join the walk, then come and have lunch

Please let Harold know if you will be joining the walkers for lunch on or before WEDNESDAY 15 March.

- Reminder to remove Cc's when using Bulletin contacts for 'Reply all' personal messages.
- Just a handful of member subscriptions remain outstanding. Almost all of the subscription goes to RI and District dues and so outstanding subscriptions are drawn down on the club account. Treasurer Bruce's job is made easier by prompt payments.

Previous Notices

- Robin McKinney announced that 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner' evening is likely to be for Sat. 25 March. Please consider the possibility of being a host. Guests \$20 pp. Proceeds going to the Club Charitable Trust. Clipboard going around.
- **New Meals regime for club night:**
 1st Wednesday of the month, a self-serve Buffet.
 2nd week - Roast meat
 3rd - Fish chips Salad
 4th - Kitchen's discretion
 The new charge to our regular evening meal is \$18 (includes the club surcharge of \$2).
- In the absence of the Editor, up to and including 22 March, all Bulletin matters should be forwarded to Mel.

Next Meeting

Mar 08 Around the world cyclist – Jono Scott Partners night. Joint with Cashmere

“Duties”

“On Leave”

Duty	08/03/17	15/03/17		Inclusive	
				FROM	TO
Cash Desk	R Mackie	L Brown	L Kelly	23/02/12	TBA
Cash Desk	V Nossiter	D Buist	G Dockrill	21/06/16	TBA
Reception	TBA	J Chamberlain	B Blyth	13/04/16	TBA
Speaker's Host	N/A	S Collins	M Whitehead	02/08/15	TBA
Grace	N/A	S Harris	M Ireland	01/01/17	28/06/17
International Toast	N/A	M Bruce	B Lawrence	02/08/15	TBA
Thanks to Speaker	N/A	D Johns	E Musson	01/01'17	TBA
Quote for the Week	N/A	H Garlick	A Airay	08/01/17	18/03/17
Closure	N/A	K Tanner	S Hays		08/03/17
Speaker Reporter	J Woodward	A McCully	J Carden	08/02/17	22/02/15



Looking Ahead

Mar 15 Paula Harborne Southern Environmental Trust Scholar
Mar 22 Ashley Stuart Internship in Thailand

A TWIST IN THE TAIL



Harvest Festival Fundraiser, Birthday Boy and Proud Community Garden Organiser..
Our very own P.M. (politics aside).

If you are going to be absent from a meeting would you please advise on the contacts below and if you have a duty, please arrange a substitute

APOLOGIES – Record your apology at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting
 OR Email: chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11.00 on the Wednesday.

Last minute apologies to Mike Bruce, 022 540 1251 or Val Nossiter (339 8441).

DUTIES - If you are unable to do allocated duty, it is YOUR responsibility to arrange a substituent AND advise the President.

LEAVE of ABSENCE (three weeks or more) advise the Secretary by email or in writing.

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