

# Rotary Club of Christchurch South



## Sue Martin—Home and Family

Home and Family (Te Whare Manaaki Tangata) is the longest-standing non faith-based charity in New Zealand having been formed in 1898. We were fortunate to have their Business Development Manager, Sue Martin, to talk at our Rotary meeting tonight. Sue herself has a background in architectural design and business but a change in direction took her to Home and Family about 3 years ago.

The organization was originally the Society for the Protection of Women and Children and its history has included extensive lobbying which resulted in the inclusion of incest in the Crimes Act, raising the age of consent, appointment of female detectives and prison guards and the payment of maintenance to women and children. The organization is still predominantly child-focused. As Dame Whina Cooper said “Take care of our children. Take care of what they hear, take care of what they see, take care of what they feel.”

But, of course, taking care of children also means taking care of the environment in which they live. As well as running heavily subsidized child therapy sessions, Home and Family run programmes for parents and families. In Christchurch they support 1300 children and their families every year with 20% of the children being raised by grandparents. The parenting course is called Safe-Care and is run in partnership with Georgia State University. It involves an 18-week programme where staff visit homes on a regular basis and teach basic parenting skills. The cost is \$3,500 but unfortunately Oranga Tamariki has recently reduced their funding. Another of their programmes is called Te Hononga which is specifically for young people who are the product of family violence. The purpose is to break the “hurt people—hurt people” cycle.

It was sobering to learn that the Christchurch police handle 250 family-violence callouts every week. These are from right across the city. Home and Family is involved with the police, Oranga Tamariki, Corrections and other agencies in a Safety Assessment Meeting (SAM), where representatives meet daily and discuss the recent family violence callouts and initiate the actions to give all of those involved appropriate wrap-around support. Sue was very positive about the impact of SAM and lamented the fact that it is not happening all around the country.

Obviously we can support Home and Family with money, but there are also opportunities to give practical help with their property maintenance or to patronize their social enterprise café called Good Habit, or perhaps hold a function in their delightful 19th century “Little Chapel”. There is no doubt that this organization deserves as much support as it can get.

*Thank you to Alan M for the report*



**Home & Family**  
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*Te Whare Manaaki Tangata*

## Upcoming Meetings

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### 8 March

Club Assembly

### 15 March

Deborah Bush

The Pink Painted Door—a NZ journey with endometriosis

### 22 March (partners night)

Paulien Martens

Canterbury Museum—the Barker family collection

## Upcoming Events

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### 8 March

Club Assembly

### 16 March

Walking Group

### 19 March

Flying Doctors Fundraiser BBQ

### 5 and 6 May

Aviva Street Appeal (St Martins)

### 13 May

Mother of all Cleanups

## Notices

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**Our Club's Youth Service focuses on Pride of Workmanship and Young Totara Awards, this half year: Members are asked for nominations**

Pride of Workmanship Award: acknowledges persons who display outstanding qualities of approach, attitude, dedication & commitment to their job or the community.

No restrictions

of age nor number of Awards.

Young Totara Award: made to people under the age of 21 years who demonstrate strength of character, courage of conviction, care of the community, and pursuit of excellence to provide sound role models for other young people. Normally, one Award per club.

### **Walking Group**

Come join us on our walk and/or lunch

Date: Thursday 16 March

Meet: The Brickworks, 69 Centaurus Road

Time: 10.30am

Walk: Part of Farnley Reserve Walk, Ernle Clark Track and The Donkey Track from Malcolm Ave back to Centaurus Road

Lunch: The Brickworks

If you are unable to join the walk, then come and have lunch with us. If the weather is unsuitable for walking, we will still meet for lunch

Please let Viv know if you are walking or just meeting for lunch:

vivmellis@gmail.com

### **Flying Doctors Fundraiser**

Flying Doctors Fundraiser BBQ, 19 March, 9am to 1pm, Rawhiti Domain New Brighton

**Graham D will be asking for names on Wednesday at the time you're available (one hour commitment), please get behind this worthy cause**

## Duties

Duty	8 March	15 March
Cash Desk	M Bruce	H Garlick
Cash Desk	G Fowler	P Mears
Reception	L Brown	A Airay
Speaker Host	N/A	D Peterson
Grace	A McCully	D Peterson
International Toast	L Brown	A Airay
Thanks to Speaker	N/A	P Mears
Quote	M Bruce	H Garlick
Speaker Reporter	M Opie	L Brown
Sergeant	G Dockrill	G Bailey

## 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](mailto: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

