



THE BULLETIN

Rotary Club of Christchurch South
District 9970
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Attendance Wed 05 May 2017				Total Membership: 45 Active, 4 Honorary.			
Members and Associates	24	Apologies	09	Visitors	03	On Leave	12



Roanna Dalziel

Tonight we were blessed with the presence of Roanna Dalziel, youngest sister of our member, Katherine. No doubt there could have been a little arm twisting, but Roanna proved to be a worthy foil for Katherine. You might wonder where to place your bets for any contest between these two sisters, for a replacement mayor for sister Leanne.

Roanna who was formally a lawyer, is Literary Manager for the Court Theatre. One of her roles is to read all of the plays and in consultation decide which plays should be programmed and performed. Other job descriptions would include Front of House Liaison.

The Court Theatre was founded by Yvette Bromley and Mervyn Thompson in 1971, who served as Co-artistic Directors for the first three years. The theatre's name was chosen by Bromley out of affection for the Royal Court Theatre in London. The first venue for the Court Theatre was the Stone Chamber of the Canterbury Provincial Council Chambers, where the debut production *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* was staged. The venue was impractical for a theatre company, as there was little room for an audience and there was a lack of toilets.

Following an interim year at the Durham Street Art Gallery, and some three years at the Orange Hall on Worcester Street, the company moved in 1976 to the Christchurch Arts Centre complex, in the buildings that were formerly the Engineering School of Canterbury College. Elric Hooper was appointed Artistic Director in 1979, and served in that position for two decades. He had declared his intent to balance the theatre's repertoire with three main thrusts –the classics, the contemporary, and the indigenous.

Within the Arts Centre, the court operated two auditoria. Court One seated 291 persons in a broad "semi-thrust" stage, with some eight productions each season totalling some 270 performances annually. The Forge (formerly Court Two), seated 123 persons with the audience seated on both sides of the stage.

The Court Theatre was forced to close activities in the Art Centre due to the Christchurch earthquakes in February 2011. Within four months, the Court was up and running. Under the stewardship of CEO Phillip Aldridge, and thanks to the sponsorship of supporters and businesses, The Court has established in The Shed in Addington.

The success of the Court Theatre in re-emerging so decisively following the earthquakes, was a statement from the community that they wished to have normality restored to their mental health and well-being, following the turbulence over an extended period.

Phillip Aldridge has said;

"We think of ourselves as an earthy people and a pioneering people and a sporty people, but when describing the nation we wouldn't always put arts in there. But the first thing people paid for with their own money, that they said that they wanted, was the theatre, which is art and music and laughter and poetry. That's what people wanted".

Phillip Aldridge has stated; 'By its very nature, the theatre is a ridiculous business model. You find something that works and you put that in the bin and start all over again doing something entirely different'

Presently there are some 60 full time staff, 360 volunteer ushers, with actors being on contract. 160,000 tickets are sold each year, with revenue of \$6 million. The longer term goal of the theatre is to relocate back to the city centre.

Thank you Roanna, for sharing your enthusiasm for the Court Theatre which has become embedded in our community.

Roanna's talk was interspersed with humorous repartee with her sister, club member Kathryn.

Thanks to Graham Fowler. Pics, Doug and Anne Johns



THE OPTIMIST

Daunting somewhat, becoming Emergency Bulletin Editor on the very day that all props had just been gathered in readiness for a mock-up parade at the presidential podium for that very evening.

Daunting, not because of being editor, nor of the parade, but because the emergency editor is the star turn in the photographs of the parade and is in a quandary deciding which photograph to select from those received from photographer extraordinaire, Doug Johns.

Parade ... at the behest of one member during the recent 'Club Night' social, 'Charlie Chaplin' became a possibility. Subsequently and with The Court Theatre being represented at this week's club meeting and so, a possible talent scout! one president was not about to let opportunity pass by ... enter 'The Little Tramp'.

All and sundry take note - the seeds have been sown!

And so ... with overwhelming modesty, but recognising even more opportunity, the photographs are laid out in entirety, in 'Photo Gallery', elsewhere in this edition.

Notices

Notice of General Meeting

Business: Adoption of a revised Club Constitution

Notice is hereby given of a General Meeting to be held as adjunct to the regular club meeting Wed. May 17, 2017, for the adoption of a revised club constitution.

(Refer Friday 28 April email from President Mel for copy and background of the revised constitution).

Apologies for Rotary Meetings

Just to remind you, the new system involves an email that is sent to all members who are not on leave or who have not already apologised on the Monday before the Rotary meeting. A simple reply to that email can be used to notify an apology for the upcoming meeting or future ones if you happen to know you will be away. The same email can also be used to notify about visitors that you may be bringing. Of course, if you plan to attend the meeting then you should not reply. Any reply sent will go to the person who sent the emails out and he or she will then record the apologies.

It is still fine to notify apologies as indicated in the Directory as follows:

1. Recording it at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting.
2. Email to chchsouthrotary@gmail.com by 11am on the day of the meeting.
3. Phone call of emergency apologies to Mike (022 540 1251) or Val (03 339 8441). Use this mechanism if you don't have access to email.

We hope for everyone's cooperation in achieving the objective of more accurate notification of the number of meals required.

Previous Notices

Just a reminder..

Our Club now has its own web site thanks to a number of members but in particular Alan McKinnon. Alan has put many hours into building this outstanding advertisement for Christchurch South. You can access the site from:

www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

Spend some time exploring the site and familiarise yourself with what members of the public will be able to see when they look for us via Google.



Walkers Group.... If you are unable to join the walk, then come and have lunch with us!

Date: Thursday 18 May. 1030am **Meet:** Barnett Park (Main Road on right just past Redcliffs New World)

Walk: To Mulgans Track, follow sealed track to Kinsey Terrace, on to Clifton Terrace, then Coastal Pathway back to cars. **Spectacular Views.** Drive to lunch.

Lunch: Café, Mount Pleasant Community Centre.

Please let David Buist know if you will walking or for lunch on or before WED 17 May.

Inner Wheel District 297 will be collecting goods for Foster Hope at our change over meeting on the 25th June. When young folk are too old to be in foster care Foster Hope Charity supports them into flats. They are asking for donations of crockery, cutlery, cooking utensils, jugs, irons, linen, blankets etc. Please be certain that any electrical goods are safe. Foster Hope does not want you to buy new goods, but to 'Shop Your Homes ' for good sound used items that you would be proud to be made into 'Flat Packs'.

Many of you may like to take this opportunity to declutter, and at the same time support young folk take this big step in their lives. Alan (McKinnon) is happy to collect items at Rotary meetings or I could collect them.

Thank you very much,
Barbara McKinnon.

Photo Gallery:

Addressing the meeting.



Next Meeting

May 17 Andrea Lord Living dangerously in the library

“Duties”

“On Leave”

Duty	10 May	17 May		FROM	TO
Cash Desk	A McKinnon	S Harris	L Kelly	23/02/12	TBA
Cash Desk	L Bermingham	D Johns	G Dockrill	21/06/16	TBA
Reception	M Bruce	H Garlick	B Blyth	13/04/16	TBA
Speaker's Host	K Gunasekara	M Rickerby	M Whitehead	02/08/15	TBA
Grace	J Chamberlain	J Wylie	M Ireland	01/01/17	28/06/17
International Toast	L Brown	V Nossiter	B Lawrence	02/08/15	TBA
Thanks to Speaker	K Dalziel	K Tanner	E Musson	01/01'17	TBA
Quote for the Week	D Buist	J Woodward	B SoutheyJensen	15/03/17	TBA
Closure	S Collins	B Wales	T Blackler	05/04/17	19/04/17
Speaker Reporter	G Fowler	A Stewart			

Looking Ahead



May 24 Ginny le Bas Player advisor to Crusaders
- Lockups to Lineouts
May 31 Kate Woodward Life in Shanghai

A TWIST IN THE TAIL

The ALCOHOL TEST.

It has come to our attention that you are reporting for duty while under the influence of alcohol. To clear the air, you are required to answer the question below.

In which direction is this car going..?



Our Club is on "Facebook"! and the internet! You will find us at:-

<http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfChristchurchSouth>

Web site: www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

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 substitute and advise the President.

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

