

# Rotary

## Christchurch South



### JOHN SCOTT - VOLUNTEERING IN SAMOA

John Scott spoke to us about his time volunteering in Samoa and the setting up of the Ramp-Up Ministries Trust.

John first went to Samoa in 2010 after the tsunami that devastated the southern coast of Samoa and over the last 8 years has returned 17 times. He describes himself as a 'Jack of all trades and master of not much'. However after listening to him speak, I doubt that there is any truth in the last part of that statement.

Through the St Albans Baptist Church that John is involved with, he joined the assistance effort run by Habitat for Humanity to help the people of Samoa. 30 people each week were sent over and often there were 60 people on site at any one time to help rebuild the villages.



Over the years he has been involved with building houses, closing up open buildings and building canoes. After the tsunami there was a need to repair and build more houses as well as the need for canoes to enable the people to go fishing again. 98 houses were built in 9 months.

John designed a canoe prototype using 2 sheets of plywood to include the traditional outrigger. He initially built two canoes while teaching the locals the necessary skills. This included a few days of Maths tuition, for example how to use a tape measure. They are now self-sufficient and can carry on with the task while teaching others. A construction course has also been run where many have learnt the skills of building construction to NZ standards.

John also spoke about the Ramp-Up Ministries Trust. The Trust looks for opportunities to give training to people to help them learn practical skills, promote self-confidence and develop a vision for themselves and their communities.

Thank you John for providing us with an insight into the work you and many others have completed, making a huge difference to the lives of many in Samoa.

***Huge thanks to Viv Ellis – meeting reporter***

## JOIN OUR NEXT ROTARY WALK/LUNCHEON

**Date:** Thursday 18 November  
**Time:** 10:30 am  
**Park:** Station Road, Heathcote (road alongside the railway)  
**Walk:** Heathcote Valley and Estuary  
**Lunch:** 12:00 at The Heathcote Valley Inn

If you are unable to walk then come and have lunch with us. Please let Susan Haye know ([Susan.haye@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Susan.haye@xtra.co.nz)) if you will be walking and, if not, if you are joining us for lunch. Please reply asap and by Tuesday 16 November.



## LETS SUPPORT POLIO, INVITE A FRIEND, BRING YOUR PARTNER

Join us for our Tricky Tray Auction to raise money for Polio on the 17 Nov (next week). Please make your payment of \$30 into the Christchurch South Rotary account 031599 0081963 00 and include the names of those attending. It would be great to see partners, family and friends too. If possible, please organise something to bring along that can be auctioned on the night. Please see attached flyer.

## Upcoming Meetings

**17<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Jess Snowdon (Polio Fundraiser)  
**24<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Mel Opie (1860's A family diaspora to Lyttleton and beyond)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Dec** - Paige Sullivan (Polio and the effects on people now)  
**8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – AGM (2020-2021 Accounts)  
**15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Function

## Notices

Christchurch West Inner Wheel  
 We would like to invite you to join us for coffee and a chat at the Birdwood Cafe Thursday 25th November at 10am. Please let me know if you can attend as they require numbers.  
 Barbara McKinnon 337 6202  
 or 0211263801  
[barbara.mckinnon.47@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.mckinnon.47@gmail.com)

## Duties

	17 November	24 November	Who
Cash Desk	S McLean	C Ayrey	M Whitehead
Cash Desk	D Peterson	L Brown	J Wylie
Reception	C Ayrey	M Opie	S Haye
Speaker Host	V Ellis	G Bailey	K Moss
Grace	V Ellis	G Bailey	R McKinney
International Toast	C Ayrey	M Opie	
Thanks to Speaker	D Peterson	L Brown	
Quote	S Mackenzie	C Ayrey	
Speaker Reporter	M Opie	J Chaimberlain	
Sergeant	N/A	A McCully	

## Leave

From	To
09/09/2015	TBA
11/08/2020	TBA
04/07/2019	30/06/2022
03/11/2021	31/03/2022

*(apologies for last weeks error, Robyn McKinney is on leave)*

## Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email [alan.barbara.mckinnon@gmail.com](mailto:alan.barbara.mckinnon@gmail.com) before 11am on that Wednesday
- Emergency apologies to Liz Bermingham on 021 2456875
- 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
- Please advise all leave of absence (three or more weeks) to the Secretary by email or in writing