

GROWING ROTARY

Our very own Club President presented tonight, regarding a Club Strategic Plan. As Chair of our District's Club Development Committee and formerly on the District's Membership Committee, Liz was well qualified and well prepared. Had she learnt the need for these qualities as an 8 year old, as a consequence of falling out of her dinghy in the Grey River and being rescued at the river mouth, courtesy of a fishing vessel and its crew??!

Liz is also part of the District Transition Management Team that is working in synergy with District 9980, towards the amalgamation of the two Districts.

Facts:

- Rotary is not great at keeping members.
- Recruiting members is steady.
- Too many new members leave in their first 2 or 3 years.

Is the essence of this, club culture? What does the community actually want?

What are our strengths (the reasons for joining Rotary)? - fellowship; community service; projects that break boundaries And our weaknesses? - polarising views; competing for money; personal \$ and time expense; ageing membership; resistance to change

How then, to build a strong, healthy club? It is important to realise that there are new clubs forming - Passport Club; Rolleston; Riverton. Our District's RYLA alumni had their first reunion last Saturday and now want to start their own club. Some clubs are growing significantly – Lincoln.



Liz identified several key items towards a healthy club:

- strong leadership
- clubs and boards with holistic views of club health
- range of ways people can connect and be involved.
- clear on-boarding process

- strong on-line presence
- time-worthy strategic plan
- focus on marginal increases (every little bit helps)
- positive atmosphere celebrating success and contribution

A useful exercise involving our dining-table groups, in identifying ways of finding and attracting new members, closed Liz's presentation.

Thanks to Mel Opie for the speaker report this week

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

Join us for our Tricky Tray Auction to raise money for Polio on the 25th of August. Please make your payment of \$30 into the Christchurch South Rotary account 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 flyer attached).

Thanks Viv and Mel for all the great work and keeping us informed, looking forward to a great night!

SINGING THROUGH THE AGES

Singing through the Ages is a feast of barbershop singing involving the Plainsmen Chorus, our new youth chorus Quantum Acoustics and associated quartets. An a-capella concert where The Plainsmen Harmony Singers – The Plainsmen, Quantum Acoustics, and our best quartets – as well as our special guests, The Vocal Network, celebrate the power of music to bring together people of different generations with varying musical tastes and backgrounds. Performers will range in age from 14 to 83, music will span over 150 years and cover a range of styles, including jazz, pop, folk and show tunes. (please see flyer attached).



Proudly sponsored by the Rātā Foundation and Young Singers In Harmony South. One night only! The concert will be held at the fabulous Aldersgate Auditorium 309 Durham St at 7:30pm on Saturday 14thAugust. To obtain tickets go to:

https://events.humanitix.com/singing-through-the-ages

JOIN US ON OUR WALK (and or lunch)

Date: Thursday 19 August 2021

Meet: Armagh Street/Rolleston Avenue Car Park (by

the kiosk over the bridge)

Time: 10.30am

Walk: A Botanic Garden Amble

Lunch: Fox & Ferret, 28 Rotherham Street, Riccarton If you are unable to join the walk, then come and

have lunch

Pre-orders to <u>David.conroy1944@gmail.com</u> by Tuesday 17th August. **An early response would be appreciated.**



Upcoming Meetings 18th August: Club Forum – Our Strategic Plan 25th August: Jessie Snowden: Polio and the effects on people P

28th August HENSH Sales Day

| Duties | | | Leave | | |
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| | 18th August | 25th August | Who | From | То |
| Cash Desk | L Brown | S Mackenzie | M Whitehead | 09/09/2015 | TBA |
| Cash Desk | A McKinnon | D Peterson | J Wylie | | TBA |
| Reception | G Dockrill | S McLean | S Haye | 11/08/2020 | TBA |
| Speaker Host | N/A | M Opie | K Moss | 04/07/2019 | 30/06/2022 |
| Grace | J Woodward | K Gunasekara | J Chaimberlain | 01/07/2019 | 31/08/2021 |
| International Toast | G Dockrill | N/A | | | |
| Thanks to Speaker | N/A | D Conroy | | | |
| Quote | L Brown | N/A | | | |
| Speaker Reporter | S Harris | V Ellis | | | |
| Sergeant | G Bailey | N/A | | | |

Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email 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