

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Simon Forsyth—Photography

Tonight we were educated on the ins and outs of professional photography by fellow Rotarian Simon Forsyth. Simon initially belonged to Waikanae Club (approx. 15 years) and then after returning to Christchurch he now belongs to the Papanui Club.

It was clear from the outset what Simon would do as a profession as he discovered his love of photography at the age of 12 and then joined the school camera club. Apparently an intense interest in reading photography magazines instead of studying does not lead one to achieve great scholastic heights (unless photography is the subject) so after school Simon did a one year diploma in Christchurch which synthesized all the theory he had been studying and gave him the practical base from which to launch his career.

In 1991 the North Island beckoned and he ended up spending several years as a photographer in Marton, then Waikanae. His work consists primarily of portraits and he has utilised our lovely landscape—particularly the Kapiti Coast—as a scenic backdrop for many family portraits. Personally he prefers to take landscape photos and tried to be prepared by having his camera with him most of the time to capture those moments that grab his attention.

Top tips from Simon are:

- A) As a professional photographer it is 5-10% technique and equipment, 5-10% inspiration and the balance is all psychology—i.e., how to get people to do what you want
- B) When taking portraits colours such as white or pastels, and plain clothes are best as bright colours can really stand out and take over the photo
- C) Black and white is a favourite however you need to consider the textures and interest in the shot when you have taken away the distraction of colour
- D) Working with animals or children—try to engage them (and probably try to get the owners/parents out of the room!) - be funny, remember they have short attention spans and do the unexpected such as meowing at the dogs

Simon's biggest learning curve was the advent of digital as it was a hugely different medium to work with and all processing was then on a computer—because existing photographers were all used to film it was very much an on-the-job learning experience and very frustrating for the first couple of years. Simon initially thought it would come to nothing and is constantly reminded by his Waikanae Club members about his “no I'll never go digital” stance!

We were treated to some beautiful photos with great variety, thank you Simon for an interesting evening.

Thank you Chantal for this weeks report



Guest Speaker, Simon Forsyth

Next Week

Pip Stewart—Brackenridge,
supporting people to realise their
goals

Upcoming Rotary Events

Saturday 14 March

Rotary Learning Information Seminar

Barbara—021 966 631

Friday 27 March

Burgers and Beers (Venue TBC)

Friday 24 April

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Wednesday 20 May

CHCH South Awards Evening

Rata Lounge, Cashmere Presbyterian
Centre, 2 Macmillan Avenue, Cashmere

Notices

New Member

We extend a very warm welcome to our new member Linda Bougen. Please enter Linda's details on page 18 of your Club Directory.

Linda Bougen

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Notices

Young Totara Award 2020

Members are requested to nominate a candidate for our Young Totara Award 2020.

The person will be a high-achieving role model in the Community, aged under 21 years.

Please contact Doug Johns 033597350 Dougals72@xtra.co.nz

Pride of Workmanship Award 2020

Members are requested to nominate a candidate for our Pride of Workmanship Award 2020.

The objectives of the Award is to promote Vocational Service and encourage Pride of Workmanship in all vocations.

Please contact Doug Johns 033597350 Dougals72@xtra.co.nz

Daffodil Bulbs

Lyttelton Rotary is once again selling quality Hadstock Daffodil bulbs. A choice of 2 types: Daffodils and Jonquils \$10 for 10. If club members would like to support this project please contact Barry Toomey at batoomey57@gmail.com or 027 479 9678

Bulletin Editor

Any Bulletin related information is to be sent to Joey for Rotary from next week onwards. When this changes back to Kim, we will let you know. Thank you

Lyttelton Tug Boat

Shellie joined Susan, her husband Galen and Ruth for the trip in the Steam Tug Lyttelton. Built in 1907, Mike Bruce was working in the shop selling paraphernalia (Susan and I bought a t-shirt each). It was an amazing experience with the history of the harbour and surrounding land and islands being broadcast through the loudspeaker as we sailed to Lyttelton Heads. The weather was kind and the views breath-taking. A great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

\$25pp or \$60 a family - bargain!!



Duties

Duty	18 March	25 March
Cash Desk	L Bermingham	V Ellis
Cash Desk	L Brown	A McKinnon
Reception	M Opie	C Ayrey
Speaker Host	D Buist	G Dockrill
Grace	S McLean	M Opie
International Toast	B McKessar	B Wales
Thanks to Speaker	S Harris	M Rickerby
Quote	R Mackie	J Woodward
Speaker Reporter	J Chamberlain	L Bermingham
Sergeant	B Wales	A Stewart
Deputy Sergeant	M Rickerby	P Mears

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
V Nossiter		TBA
J Wylie		TBA
K Tanner	04/07/19	31/12/20
C Ayrey	01/04/20	22/04/20
R McKinney	01/11/19	20/04/20
A Airay	19/02/20	01/04/20
K Dalziel		24/03/20

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Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11am on that Wednesday
- Emergency apologies to Mike Bruce on 022 540 1251

- 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 weeks or more) to the **SECRETARY** by email or writing