

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Mayor Lianne Dalziel

On Wednesday night we were privileged to have our esteemed Mayor Lianne Dalziel speak to us, introduced by her possibly erstwhile friend Graham Dockrill who proceeded to immediately dump her in it as only good friends can do. Lianne proved that like her sister, she has a talent for words, and for using a lot of them, and I was fascinated, entertained and educated over the course of the evening.

Lianne started the evening with an uplifting precis of why she was passionate about Christchurch and how we were the perfect size and location to lead the world in how to pro-actively deal with climate change which I thought was a nice mix of positivity and pragmatism ie recognising the seriousness of the situation but looking for ways in which to create genuine opportunities to improve & lead the way. Question time followed!

Many topics were discussed over the course of the evening, including:

Light Rail? Not in the immediate plan as there are issues across technology/scale of population/NZTA vs council etc however in an ideal world our two key satellite towns of Rolleston and Rangiora would have a more robust rail or light rail transit option in the near future.

Merge with Selwyn Council? No – but raises an interesting point re the costs to a council (and ratepayers) such as Christchurch when an immediate neighbour is able to keep overheads low and therefore offer low cost land/lifestyle but relies on the larger neighbour to provide many of the amenities. When Banks Peninsula Council was merged into Christchurch the costs of the Akaroa waste water were significant, an ongoing issue for smaller areas with less population to fund expensive projects. Is this something Christchurch ratepayers should have to fund? On the other hand the Banks Peninsula could be seen as the jewel in our crown so it's a difficult one to debate!

Chlorine in our water? Lianne noted that many complaints arise from the comparison between us “giving away” our free and beautiful water to overseas bottling companies and then chlorinating the heck out of our own water. She made the point that they are quite different issues as a) the chlorination is due to our aged and damaged infrastructure and was in fact pretty much an edict from central government as a reaction to the Havelock issue (an over-reaction in many people's opinion as that was a perfect storm of issues which would be very very unlikely to occur here) and that they are down to .2% (I think I have that right) now so hoping the effect has been very minimised for most people and b) the water resource consents are an ECAN purview and are for existing consents that are being bought up and in many cases brought back into commission as an entirely new purpose – for example the consent in Belfast was for a wool scourer back in the day.

I could continue at length but really to hear the energy and enthusiasm from Lianne you had to be there!

As a final story, I'll share Lianne's final story, as prompted by Graham – “The Mother of the Tampa”. For those unaware of the story, you can read about it here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tampa_affair - in essence the Tampa was a Norwegian ship carrying rescued refugees from Afghanistan in 2001. They were predominantly the Hazara people, persecuted by a succession of Afghani leaders, and were refused entry to Australia. New Zealand stepped up and welcomed 150 to our shores and they have proven to be an immense asset to our populace. Lianne's affiliation and work with them goes back to the beginning, and at the recent Waitangi Day celebrations she was catching up with one of the families who told her she was known as “The Mother of the Tampa”, which really grabbed her (and us) by the heart.

Thank you Lianne for taking time out of your incredibly busy schedule, we loved hearing from you.

Thanks Chantal for this weeks report.

Next Week

Riki Foulsham and Rhonda
Wicksteed—E Bikes

Upcoming Rotary Events

Wednesday 4 March

CHCH South Club Members Meeting

Wednesday 20 May

CHCH South Awards Evening

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

Notices

CHCH South Awards Evening

Please note a change in venue from previous bulletins, this is now at the Rata Lounge, Cashmere Presbyterian Centre, 2 Macmillan Avenue, Cashmere

Leave of Absences

You no longer need to request leave, however you must still advise the Secretary of leave in writing or email of three weeks or more

Notices

Walking Group Luncheon

Our first activity for this year will be a luncheon to be held as follows:

Under the Red Veranda

Cnr Worcester & Tancred Streets, Linwood

Thursday 20 February at 12 noon

Anyone who would like to join us will be most welcome whether you plan to walk with us this year or not

Please let Tony Blackler know if you will be attending the luncheon—blacklers@xtar.co.nz, 3320554 or 0274347670 by Wednesday

Club Meeting

CHCH South Rotary Club Meeting on 4th March to discuss and vote on the proposal for our Rotary District 9970 to merge with the Lower South Island District 9980

Reflecting the reduced membership across the District, a group of previous current and future District Governors has developed a proposal for Districts 9970 and 9980 to merge. This is in anticipation of the fact that if District membership drops below 1100, Rotary International will actually require such a merger to take place. Because we don't have to merge right now, every club gets to vote on whether to accept this proposal.

The CHCH South Rotary Club will discuss the matter and vote on it at our regular meeting on Wednesday 4th March

The full proposal is being sent out along with this bulletin

- Alan McKinnon on behalf of the CHCH South Board

Duties

| Duty | 19 Feb | 26 Feb |
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| Cash Desk | S Mackenzie | C Ayrey |
| Cash Desk | A Stewart | M Opie |
| Reception | D Johns | B McKessar |
| Speaker Host | P Mears | S Haye |
| Grace | S Harris | K Gunasekara |
| International Toast | H Garlick | S Harris |
| Thanks to Speaker | S Harris | A McKinnon |
| Quote | D Christophers | G Fowler |
| Speaker Reporter | J Chamberlain | L Bermingham |
| Sergeant | M Rickerby | D Buist |
| Deputy Sergeant | B Wales | V Ellis |

Leave

| Who | From | To |
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| R Blyth | 08/04/15 | TBA |
| M Whitehead | 09/09/15 | TBA |
| V Nossiter | | TBA |
| J Wylie | | TBA |
| K Tanner | 04/07/19 | 31/12/20 |
| R McKinney | 01/11/19 | 20/04/20 |
| A Airay | 19/02/20 | 01/04/20 |
| S McLean | 16/01/20 | 04/03/20 |

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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