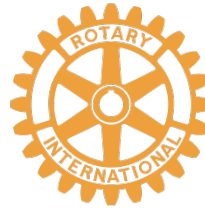


Rotary

Christchurch South



HELPING CHILDREN IN CRISIS FIND THEIR FEET

Robyn Wallace – The General Manager of Cholmondeley Children's Home was our guest speaker on Wednesday night.

Only new to the position, she is already introducing new initiatives to support the children in Canterbury.



Cholmondeley
Value Our Children

HISTORY

Hugh Cholmondeley built and opened the children's home in Governor's Bay in 1925. Hugh and his wife Margaret were both very fond of children, but had been unable to have their own, and so Hugh built the children's home in her memory after she died. It was gifted to Canterbury as a place of respite for children and originally some children stayed for years at a time. The homestead was destroyed in the 2011 Christchurch Earthquake and a new centre was opened in 2015.

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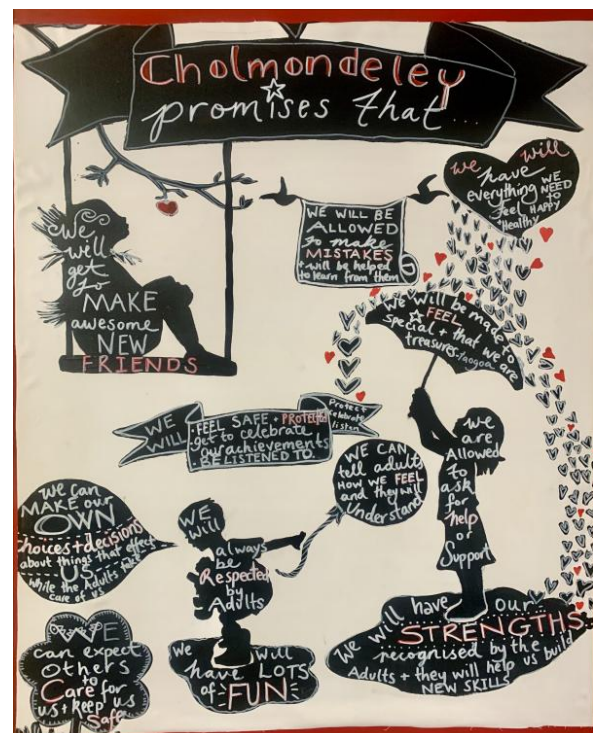
Cholmondeley's vision is to Value Our Children:

A Canterbury haven, creating a meaningful & enduring difference for every child and their whanau.

Nowadays children stay from 3 to 5 days, with bi-weekly intakes of 15 children. It is available to children from 3 to 12 years and often 2 to 3 children come from the same family. It has not been unusual until recently for the same children to attend every 6 weeks for 6 to 7 years.

Robyn has introduced a new Outreach Programme in an effort to gain greater understanding and support for families. During lockdown they made deliveries to families, which gave them new insights into what is happening in the homes of these children. It became evident that the behavioural issues they were witnessing in the children were due to lack of parenting skills.

Cholmondeley Home has 40 staff and is only partially government funded with them needing to raise 70% of their funding from the community. They offer 4,000 bed nights a year supporting 193 families and 318 children. Referrals come from the families themselves, schools and Oranga Tamariki. Visitors are most welcome.



Huge thanks to Shirley Harris – meeting reporter



WALKER/ LUNCHEON GROUP

Come join us on our next walk and/or lunch.

Date: Thursday 21st October

Meet: Travis Wetlands Carpark, Beach Road

Time: 10.30 am

Walk: Exploring the wetlands

Lunch: Burwood Hospital Cafe

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

RSVP to David B on 027 2900 946 or by email david.buist@xtra.co.nz by Tues 19th October

COME AND JOIN US FOR COFFEE

Date: Each Friday

Meet: Urban Eatery, Oderings, Stourbridge Street, Barrington

Time: 10.30 am

Walk: Optional afterwards, only if you feel like it.

No need to RSVP just turn up and connect. Every other week of Level 2 when we are not walking, partners and friends welcome. We will not be making a booking so whoever gets there first can choose a table.



Upcoming Meetings

20th October – Gavin Bishop - Author

27th October - Speech Comp winners Year 7 & 8

3rd November - Forum

Notices

29th October **Pink Ribbon Christchurch Airport** (*Contact Kim if you would like to help*)

Duties

	20 October	27 October	Who
Cash Desk	A McKinnon	A Airay	M Whitehead
Cash Desk	P Mears	D Conroy	J Wylie
Reception	H Garlic	K Gunasekara	S Hays
Speaker Host	L Brown	S McLean	K Moss
Grace	L Brown	S McLean	
International Toast	H Garlic	K Gunasekara	
Thanks to Speaker	A McKinnon	A Airay	
Quote	P Mears	D Conroy	
Speaker Reporter	J Chamberlain	J Chamberlain	
Sergeant	S Mackenzie	A Stewart	

Leave

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

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