

Rotary

Christchurch South



SAVING LIVES EVERY DAY - NEW ZEALAND FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

Our very own Club member, Graham Dockrill, ambassador and benefactor to the New Zealand Flying Doctor Service (NZFD), was instrumental in arranging for tonight's presentation by Kathryn Marshall, Development Director of the service ... "Kathryn is a highly experienced fundraiser with over 25 years in income generation, strategy and donor-centric communications [...] with world-leading hospitals, universities, and charities both in the UK and NZ."

The need for the flying doctor service might never touch our lives, viz,

- We are a flying intensive care unit with highly trained medical staff and specialist equipment
- Our patients receive a seamless level of care from bed to bed
- We operate 24/7 transfer services for
 - critical care burn victims
 - spinal injury patients
 - neonatal transfers
 - trauma victims
 - surgery transfers
 - organ delivery
 - blood and equipment supplies
- We save lives each and every day



It is a national service, providing critical care patient transfer services between hospitals. In 2020. It flew 1,212 missions with over 2,000 flight hours.

It was established 26 years ago to primarily support the medical services on the West Coast and other remote and isolated areas of the South Island. Unpredictable calls come in at the last minute. Children are much stressed, so family support them in their flights. We were graced with two anecdotal events. Many of the South Island medical services are remote and the distance is vast to access better medical services in the appropriate specialist hospitals. All medical transfers are critical.

An Intensive Care Consultant oversees all transfers and provides clinical support 24/7.

One of the first high profile missions was to transfer medical teams from Christchurch to Greymouth to assist staff at Greymouth Hospital following the Cave Creek disaster on 27 April 1995.

The Service's base is in Christchurch with 10 planes and there is a branch in Nelson with four planes. Specialist doctors are on-call. There are a total of 17 experienced nurses and four casual nurses who currently work in the Christchurch Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) who are scheduled on a 24 hour roster as part of the Air Ambulance Retrieval Team. When required, a senior doctor can be drawn from the ICU to provide timely emergency care. The service also takes speciality staff on board such as paediatric doctors or midwives as required.

There is an annual funding shortfall of \$3m to sustain this critical air ambulance service. Pilot headsets alone, must be replaced every year and nurses' every two years. Our club, through the Community Service Committee's budget, has provided for this year with \$3,086.00 for headsets, one of pilot and 2 of nurses.

This 'air ambulance' service, works in harmony with the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. St John paramedics are also an important part of the team when a mission integrates with the rescue helicopters. Lacking the commercial profile of the helicopter service, the NZFD Service flies under the radar somewhat, most people not being aware that it exists.

Huge thanks to Mel Opie – Meeting Reporter

PLANES, HELICOPTERS & AUTOMOBILES

A special invitation to support The New Zealand Flying Doctors Service for a one of a kind showcase. Featuring rare and highly collectible cars and aircraft, including one of the last De Havilland D.H.115 Vampire Mk 35k jets in NZ!

For one night only this exclusive collection of unique, luxury cars and aircraft will be able to be experienced up close and in person.

<https://www.nzflyingdoctors.co.nz/planesandautos/>

Tickets cost \$150 (plus administration fee) per person

Thursday 21st July 2022 5pm to 7pm



UPCOMING MEETING LINK *(if you are unable to attend in person)*

Date: Wednesday 22nd June 2022

Time: 6.00 pm – 7.30pm *(please feel free to dial in at 6.30 if you didn't want to join in during the meal)*

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6411133984?pwd=TIkzbGpPWU9wZFawUCtxVVFjQzBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 641 113 3984 **Passcode:** 428301

SAVE THE DATE - CHANGEOVER

When: Wednesday 29th June

Where: Cashmere Lounge

Caterer: GT Catering

Time: 6pm for a 6.30pm start

Cost: \$35 per person

RSVP: 24th June 20-22



It will be lovely to see you and your wife/husband/ partner/ significant other to celebrate our incoming President. Please also do let us know if you have any dietary requirements. We will be charged for all meals ordered. We will have a cash desk on the night but if you wanted to make payment beforehand (into the club account) that will be most appreciated.

Upcoming Meetings

22/6/22 – Roslyn Teirney (Ogden's End Polio Now Campaign Adventure)

29/6/22 – Changeover

6/7/22 – Kirk Schimanski (Making and Updating your Will)

	Duties			Leave	
	22 nd June	29 th June	Who	From	To
Cash Desk	G Bailey	A McKinnon	M Whitehead	09/09/2015	TBA
Cash Desk	M Rickerby	D Peterson	J Wylie		TBA
Reception	A Airay	L Bermingham	S Hays	11/08/2020	TBA
Speaker Host	L Brown	N/A			
Grace	L Brown	H Garlick			
International Toast	A Airay	N/A			
Thanks to Speaker	M Rickerby	N/A			
Quote	G Bailey	N/A			
Meeting Reporter	S Harris	V Ellis			
Sergeant	G Fowler	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