

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Annabel Holland—The Successes of the New Zealand Opera over the last 21 years

Annabel Holland is the Chairperson for New Zealand Opera having been involved in NZ Opera since 2016 after a career in Architectural Design.

The ambition of NZ Opera is to lead opera from Aotearoa in a way that reimagines the art form; embraces the cultural and social identities of our diverse communities; and ensures a vibrant and sustainable presence for opera in New Zealand.

Annabel said that opera is the most inclusive of the performing arts, combining music, drama, movement and visual spectacle to deliver an emotionally rich live arts experience.

NZ Opera have a staff of 17 covering all aspects from ticket sales, artistic planning and involvement in performances at schools.

Annabel spoke about many operas and the changing contexts in which some are performed.

An example was an opera performed in a hotel room to an audience of 20. In such ways new audiences of varying age groups are encouraged and beginning to attend. Over the past few years there has been a rise in the 30+ age group attending performances. This is a shift from the traditional opera supporters, Annabel said, who were seen as higher income, urban, older professional decision makers with a strong female following.

Opera shows have been performed in Primary and Intermediate schools. These are a series of known operas (45 minute adaptations) specially devised for New Zealand children. Singers perform in English using a set that is designed to be easily transported and able to fit into the constraints of a school hall.

Workshops are held to inspire, educate and encourage aspiring artists. School groups can also attend dress rehearsals introducing them to the world of professional theatre and opera.

The Lullaby Project is working in parts of the world as well as New Zealand, with parents alongside professional artists writing personalised lullabies for their new born children.

NZ Opera is on track with their goals that include broadening their reach, site-specific work to attract new audiences, investing in New Zealand works and commissions to tell our own stories, supporting talent as well as engaging with Māori and Pasifika arts and artists.

We can help promote opera by becoming a benefactor, signing up to receive newsletters, sponsoring NZ Opera and buying tickets to performances.

NZ Opera 2023 Season and further information about NZ Opera can be viewed on their website nzopera.com.



Thanks to Viv for the report and photo

Upcoming Meetings

23 November

Dr Graham Sattler

An update from the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra—CSO

30 November

Partners Night

Court Theatre Visit

7 December

Hatesa Seumanutafa (Partners Night)

Canterbury Museum—Local early settlement

14 December

Partners Night

Christmas Function

Upcoming Events

23 November

Social Committee Meeting (5pm)

24 November

Walking Group (10.30am)

Clock Tower, Worcester Boulevard

14 December

Christmas Function (6.30pm)

Notices

Walking Group

SCAPE—Guided Art Walk around the city with Deborah McCormick

Thursday 24 November

Meet at 10.30am by the Clock Tower Worcester Boulevard

Lunch at 12pm Jimmys Smokehouse opposite Riverside Market (previously known as Tiffanys)

Interested friends are welcome to join us

Please let Viv know (vivmellis@gmail.com) if you can join the walk and lunch, or just lunch

Imagine What's Next in Melbourne, Australia

Take advantage of the reduced rate by registering now for the 2023 Rotary International Convention, 27-31 May in Melbourne, Australia. This opportunity to connect with Rotarians from around the world doesn't come too often (last time we had an international convention was in Sydney in 2013)

The convention promises to be an inspirational event, with distinguished speakers, energizing breakout sessions, and abundant opportunities to brainstorm ideas for Doing Good in the World with Rotary and Rotaract members from around the globe. Join us in Melbourne, the cultural capital of Australia, to Imagine What's Next as we form and strengthen connections and learn from one another.

The reduced rate expires 15 December. Registration link below
[2023 Rotary International Convention Melbourne](#)

Christmas Party

14 December 6.30pm to 9pm

The Christmas function will be themed this year—wear a Christmas hat! It can be a favourite hat decorated, or a Christmas themed hat. We will also bring a gift for each other—a bottle of something up to \$10—it can be pickles, jam, bath oil etc. These will be exchanged through the evening.

Price is not yet available for the meal—we are waiting for the Cashmere Club to provide this

Social Committee

The next meeting of the Social Committee will be the 23rd November at 5pm prior to our normal meeting

Notices Continued

Rotary Otautahi Passport

Christmas Putt Putt function

Date: Monday 12th December

Time: 5.30pm arrival, gold at 6pm—takes around one hour

Cost: \$14

RSVP: By 30th November to deb.gimblett@gmail.com

Drinks available (pay for your own) and pre-ordered platters to be enjoyed after a round of golf

Pink Ribbon

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped out with the annual Pink Ribbon Appeal this year. We raised a total of \$658.60 this year.

The money raised will help fund breast cancer education, research, advocacy, and patient support—helping to keep their nurse advice line running and helping fund ground breaking research programmes across the country.

Tariq Habibyar

"May I share with you a link to the website of Mentors Across Borders (MAB) in case any of your members might be interested in helping the families we are evacuating out of Afghanistan and those we have evacuated and are currently in the neighboring countries. As mentioned, our organization, registered with the Charities Services in NZ, has zero administrative and zero overhead costs. All of us working at MAB, working voluntarily. This means, any amount contributed to MAB, will go to the families we help, one hundred percent.

Here is a link to our website. Please note that we are still updating our stories on the website as it's new. However we have a secure Paypal account for donations.

[Donate here—Mentors Across Borders](#)

Further notice on the next page

- Christchurch Liedertafel Male Voice Choir



**CHRISTCHURCH'S OWN
MALE VOICE CHOIR
IN CONCERT...**

PRESENTS

**HERE WE
COME
A-CAROLING**



ENTERTAINING CHRISTCHURCH SINCE 1885...

2:15PM SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022

PROGRAMME INCLUDES

Riu Riu Chiu

The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy

O Holy Night

Mistletoe & Wine

In the Bleak Midwinter

Stars I Shall Find

Mele Kalinkimaka

Let there be Peace on Earth

Calypso Carol

Carol of the Bells

Jingle Bells

Silver Bells

\$20

**programme
entry**

**eftpos is
available**

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
Thomas Woodfield

ACCOMPANIST
Julia Cassels

GUEST ARTIST
**Alexandra
Hope Watson**

St Andrew's College Chapel, Normans Road
138th Season, 573rd Concert

Duties

Duty	23 November	30 November
Cash Desk	G Bailey	N/A
Cash Desk	G Dockrill	N/A
Reception	D Peterson	N/A
Speaker Host	H Garlick	N/A
Grace	H Garlick	N/A
International Toast	D Peterson	N/A
Thanks to Speaker	G Bailey	N/A
Quote	G Dockrill	N/A
Speaker Reporter	A McKinnon	L Brown
Sergeant	M Bruce	N/A

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Haye	11/08/20	TBA
R McKinney	28/09/22	14/04/23
L Bermingham	17/10/22	31/12/22
J Chamberlain	17/08/22	13/12/22
G Fowler	02/11/22	30/11/22

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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 Shirley Harris on 021 198 2234 or Viv Ellis on 027 490 3161
- 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
- Leave of absence requests (three weeks or more) must be in writing to the Secretary

