

# Rotary Club of Christchurch South



## Speech Finalists - This is my Life

A 'multi-speeches' night, tonight.

And a wonderful fun night too, carried in particular by a somewhat silvering red-haired honorary Sergeant 'Much Have I Travelled in the Realms of God'.

Our speakers? ... five took the floor, in a complexity of topics...

... Two young gems gave superb renditions of their speeches which had won them first places in our allocated schools speech competition. Three club members outlined by way of multi-choice questions, "This is [Their] Life".

Well! ... Young Isla Balantine, Year 7 (11 to 12 years), St Martins School, with great gusto, aplomb and conviction, took to the theme '*Human Rights Need to be Respected*', presenting arguments around racism, sexism and gay rights, and appropriately closing with "the answer is to be kind, to be sure to make their day".

Maddi McIvor, year 8 ('Standard 6'), Beckenham School, was equally enthusiastic, capturing her audience with '*The World is Unfair*', supporting the theme with observations of disparities in earnings between males and females, particularly in sport.

But these two youngsters could just about have presented to us in another language, so confident, eloquent and articulate they were in displaying the qualities that carried the day for them in their competitions. And all at such a young age!

Athol McC., Alan A., and David B., tanatalized their audience with multichoice questions, within a 'This is Your Life' format. Each speaker it seems, was tasked with preparing 12 such questions which covered their lives' events (for one speaker, from 'womb to soon', with an ultimate final answer of 'residence at Woodlands Memorial Garden'). You might glean then, that there was much humour injected into the questions and particularly the 'blind' (optional) answers and of course, the general chatter as all was rolled out. Who had shaken hands with a president of the United States? Who had a 'Green Thumb'? And often, what seemed like the most unlikely/outrageous option was correct.

In all of this, there was too, the seriousness of topic and so we learned that two of our speakers were born in Temuka; that omahanui means 'a place of great happiness' and we heard of amazing anecdotes of patients' mental health issues – individual; family, marriage, anxiety, health.

Schoolings, studies, families and work experiences were filled out.

Our 3 speakers had obviously put great time and effort into their preparations, for which we are all hugely grateful.

A fascinating programme!

Thank you Mel for this weeks report



*Rotarians Alan Airay, David Buist and Athol McCully*

## Next Week

Nick Tuitasi - Family First

## Upcoming Rotary Events

### 19 October

Cashmere Residents Association BBQ

### Wednesday 23 October

Club fundraiser for World Polio Day

### Friday 25 October

CHCH South Burgers and Beers Social Event

Belgian Beer Café, 20 Durham Street, 6pm

### 3 November

Annual Avonhead Rotary Charity Golf Tournament

avonheadrotary@gmail.com

### Friday 29 November

CHCH South Burgers and Beers Social Event

Belgian Beer Café, 20 Durham Street, 6pm

## Notices

Christchurch South Polio Fundraiser – Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Because 24<sup>th</sup> of October is World Polio Day, at our next Rotary meeting we will be having a “tricky tray auction” to raise some money to help get this important task completed. A “tricky tray auction” is a cross between an auction and a raffle. So, please come to the meeting with:

1. An item (value \$10 or more) that you think others might like to buy through the tricky tray process. It could be a bottle of nice wine or sauce you have at home, some plants, an item you no longer need that is in good condition or perhaps a bag of fruit/vegetables from the garden – there’s plenty of scope. If you are not in a position to bring something of course that’s fine.
  2. Lots of cash in your purse/wallet/pocket that you are prepared to be relieved of through what should be a fun activity!
- Any questions, please contact Alan McKinnon (03 337 6202 or 021 142 7668)

On the last Friday of each month we are having Burgers and Beers, if beer is not your thing, feel free to order a vino. This is an awesome opportunity to catch up, have a laugh, bring a friend.

<b>Venue</b>	Belgian Beer Café
<b>Address</b>	20 Durham Street (heaps of parking outside, behind The Colombo)
<b>Time</b>	6pm onwards



Ali Mau

Pegasus Bay

Parnell Heritage

Hayley Westerina

Ronald McDonald House South Island

**Geraldine's Roses**  
\$25 each

Sarita is helping her friend Geraldine Hassall again with her roses fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House South Island. This time the funds are going towards the refurbishment of the Children's Haematology and Oncology Clinic (CHOC) family room at Christchurch Hospital. These roses are \$25 each and to order please click on the link below

<https://forms.gle/m2mYZUzf2QdtbFx77>

## Duties

Duty	23 October	30 October
Cash Desk	G Fowler	S Mackenzie
Cash Desk	A McCully	A McKinnon
Reception	A Airay	R McKinney
Speaker Host	P Mears	A McCully
Grace	B McKessar	A Stewart
International Toast	A McKinnon	D Peterson
Thanks to Speaker	M Opie	C McCarthy
Quote	H Garlick	K Gunasekara
Speaker Reporter	L Bermingham	J Chamberlain
Sergeant	J Chamberlain	J Woodward
Deputy Sergeant	S Mackenzie	B Wales

## Leave

Who	From	To
R Blyth	08/04/15	TBA
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
G Dockrill	21/06/16	TBA
J McKessar		TBA
V Nossiter		TBA
J Wylie		TBA
M Rickerby	01/01/19	01/01/20
S Harris		31/12/19
K Tanner	04/07/19	12/12/19
J Woodward	05/11/19	05/12/19
V Ellis	23/10/19	27/11/19

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## Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email [chchsouthrotary@gmail.com](mailto: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
- Leave of absence requests (three weeks or more) must be in writing to the Secretary