

# Rotary Club of Christchurch South



## Michelle Polglase - The Success of the UC - Centre for Entrepreneurship

Tonight we had Michelle Polglase from the University of Canterbury's Centre for Entrepreneurship (UCE) come to talk to us about her organization.

It is part of the University of Canterbury's Business School and Michelle was well qualified to be part of the administration. Her background included being a co-founder of the Arjee Bhajee Indian restaurants, working for software companies such as SLI Systems, Practiceplus, and Linewise.

Michelle who is Entrepreneur Manager, told us that the UC's Centre for Entrepreneurship (UCE) provides students with opportunities to build capabilities in entrepreneurship and innovation. All of their activities are connected with external organisations, enabling their students to gain real world hands-on experience. UCE's programmes and events are open to all UC students regardless of the degree of year. No prior experience is required.



Michelle Polglase

The UCE community of founders, mentors, experts and advisors fosters innovation and creativity where students are challenged in a supportive environment and are encouraged to take risks, explore new concepts, and make things happen. They want to equip their students to have a real positive impact on society.

More recently, UCE has taken a leadership role in the startup ecosystem in Christchurch with establishing the Founder Incubator, ThincLab. It's personal are founder-based, meaning people with experience, 'who have been there and done that'. Through this Incubator they support the growth of the next generation of exciting global tech companies based here in Christchurch. It also provides an avenue for students to gain experience working with growing startups so they can see what it really takes to grow business globally.

*Thanks to Lew for this weeks report and Viv for the photos*

## Upcoming Meetings

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### 24 August

Awards Night, Cashmere Club

### 31 August

Partners night

Deborah McCormick

SCAPE—Public Art in our City

## Upcoming Events

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### Wednesday 24 August

Community Awards Evening

### Saturday 27 August

BIG SELLING DAY

### Saturday 3 September

Hence reserve date for street sales

## Notices

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### Inner Wheel Invitation

Christchurch West Inner Wheel members wish to invite you to join us for coffee at Oddfellows Café, 5 Disreali Street, at 10am Thursday 25 August.

Please let Barbara McKinnon on 021 126 3801 know if you will be attending.

Thank you, Barbara

### John Wanty

John Wanty spoke to our Club about the Rotary Regionalisation Project



## Duties

Duty	24 August	31 August
Cash Desk	G Fowler	A McCully
Cash Desk	D Peterson	A Stewart
Reception	N/A	P Mears
Speaker Host	N/A	L Brown
Grace	H Garlick	L Brown
International Toast	N/A	A McCully
Thanks to Speaker	N/A	P Mears
Quote	N/A	A Stewart
Speaker Reporter	L Bermingham	G Fowler
Sergeant	N/A	M Opie

## Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Haye	11/08/20	TBA
S McLean	01/07/22	01/10/22
J Chamberlain	17/08/22	TBA

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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 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

