

# Rotary

## Christchurch South



### JOHN DEGARNHAM – TOUR AOTEAROA

Club had another successful Zoom session speaker presentation tonight and three members linked into the meeting.

John De Garnham, 67, has a successful local and overseas competitive cycling background. Tonight however, he presented on the casual, *Tour Aotearoa – NZ Cycle Trail - Southern Leg*, a 1410km cycling route created by Kennett Brothers, exploring as it offers, the length of the South Island from Picton to Bluff, riding on as many off-road cycle trails and quiet back roads as possible. An important front for the NZ tourist industry!

A non- competitive event then, with plenty of quirky extras, stop-overs and special places, in true Escape Adventures' style. Riders can follow their progress on phone, GPS and route cue-notes, whilst riding at their own pace, stopping when they like 'to smell the roses' and to grab a coffee when the opportunity presents, while always knowing that there is backup if needed. 'Dot-watchers' along the roads, provide cheers and waves, friendly private refreshment stalls, conversations, proudly displayed artwork on front lawns ...

Some entrants of course, go flat out and complete in under 10 days, but at a cost - their non-entry in the 'achievers' book. Strange?! It is expected that riders will finish within 30 days. The popularity of the adventure creates for 'fields' of entrants that are spread out to a maximum 100 entrants/day.



But this is not an adventure for the faint hearted. Preparation is the key – bike, gear (attire), training, food, budget, travel, planning accommodation where to camp/hotel. And along the route - weather. slips, floods, washouts ... One hardy soul has done it on a unicycle!!! Now, there's the challenge!

Graham's time in the saddle took 8 days, 5 hours, 11 minutes. He got wet just one day of a brief cyclone and "arrived Bluff before the oyster season". Question time was highly active.

*Huge thanks to Mel Opie – Meeting Reporter*

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

**Date:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Time:** 6.00 pm – 7.30pm

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6411133984?pwd=TLkzbGpPWU9wZFhUcUxVVFJQZjJkdz09>

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

## SAVE THE DATE - JOHN TAYLOR WALKWAY TREE PLANTING

**When:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
**Where:** John Taylor Walkway  
**Time:** 10am – 1pm (BBQ Lunch included)  
**Bring:** Gardening gloves, Rotary hi-vis jacket if you have one.

*Further details to follow*



Guess  
**WHO'S**  
coming  
to Dinner

### SAVE THE DATE

**When:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
**Where:** TBA on the day  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Cost:** Something to drink and \$25 per person

All money raised will be donated to the Rotary Community Breast Milk Bank

<https://canterburywestcoast.midwife.org.nz/community/rotary-community-breast-milk-bank/>

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold." - Aristotle

## Upcoming Meetings

25/5/22 - Rachel Philipson (2022 RYLA Candidate)  
1/6/22 - Liz Courtney (Rotary Community Breast Milk Bank)

	Duties			Leave	
	25 <sup>th</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> June	Who	From	To
Cash Desk	D Buist	D Peterson	M Whitehead	09/09/2015	TBA
Cash Desk	M Opie	A Stewart	J Wylie		TBA
Reception	V Ellis	R McKinney	S Hays	11/08/2020	TBA
Speaker Host	S Mackenzie	S McLean	K Moss	04/07/2019	30/06/2022
Grace	S Mackenzie	S McLean			
International Toast	V Ellis	R McKinney			
Thanks to Speaker	D Buist	D Peterson			
Quote	M Opie	A Stewart			
Meeting Reporter	S Harris	V Ellis			
Sergeant	A Airay	G Dockrill			

## Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email alan.barbara.mckinnon@gmail.com before 11am on that Wednesday
- Emergency apologies to Liz Birmingham 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