

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope you all had a great break over Christmas and got a chance to connect with family and friends. It is always a lovely having Cashmere Rotary join us start to the year, huge thanks to Viv Ellis and Alan McKinnon for helping to organise everything to ensure the evening ran smoothly. It was the perfect opportunity to thank Gordon Hooper (in person) for stepping in to rally support for the Children's Christmas Party last year so that some of us were able to also attend Mass for Chris Airey.

This year has had a challenging start with the devastating event in Tonga and the arrival of Omicron. The move throughout the traffic light system will likely bring some challenges for fundraising, sharing meals and larger group events. I'm looking forward to working with you all to do our very best to stay safe and continue doing the amazing work we do.

Nga mihi nui, Liz

CHRISTCHURCH FOUNDATION

Hannah Duder from the Christchurch Foundation spoke to us on Wednesday evening. The Christchurch Foundation is a registered charity established after the Christchurch earthquakes and has sister charities in the UK. Its role is to make greater Otautahi / Christchurch better, by growing through smarter philanthropy.

In 2019 through a survey of Christchurch residents many projects were established. These included: Earthquake Memorial Fund, Women is Sport Fund, Kate Shepard Women's Fund, Pride Fund (Rainbows in Cashel Mall), Lantern Fund, Sports Inclusivity Fund, Governors Bay Jetty Restoration, Our People, Our City Education Fund, and The Tui Corridor Project which Hannah admitted is her favourite.





The Tui Corridor project with funds provided by Meridian, plans to reintroduce Tui back into our community with a habitat restoration project. This will include planting mini forests of Tui Tucker, plants that produce nectar or fruit. People are encouraged to plant Camelias, Feijoas etc in their backyards to encourage the return of the Tui, a precious native bird to New Zealand. In this way the iconic sound of the Tui song will be brought back.

Meridian and The Christchurch Foundation will be planting islands of Tui vegetation in Christchurch twice a year in consultation with local communities. This is a project that The Southern Environmental Trust could get behind and challenge other Rotary Clubs to do the same. In

this way we move forward to creating a greener, more livable, sustainable future.

After the 15 March 2019 Mosque Attack, The Our People Our City (OPOC) fund was set up by The Christchurch Foundation and funds donated were allocated where needed in the Muslim community.

The Christchurch Foundation is supported and sponsored by The Christchurch City Council, Meridian, Spark and TSB to name a few. Individuals can also donate to a specific project or to a pool of funds that can be distributed if and when needed. The Foundation will give to other charities, disaster recovery, social enterprises and community events. It does not receive Government help. Soon this foundation will become self-sustaining.

A way to stay connected with The Christchurch Foundation is to sign up to receive their newsletter.



Many thanks to Hannah for giving us a wonderful insight into the involvement of The Christchurch Foundation in our community.

Huge thanks to our speaker reporter Viv Ellis

Upcoming Meetings	Notices
2 nd Feb – Fiona Kendall (Gut Health) 9 th Feb – Lew Brown (Lymphedema)	Hello, Wishing you all the very best for 2022 from Christchurch West Inner Wheel. We would like to invite you to join us at Café
16th Feb – Issy Whitticase (Education Co-ordinator for Trade Aid)	Mosaic on the 25 th January at 10am. Please either text me 021 126 3801 or email to let me know if you can attend as I do need to give the café numbers. Thankyou, Barbara

	Duties			Leave	
	26 th January	2 nd February	Who	From	То
Cash Desk	G Dockrill	G Fowler	M Whitehead	09/09/2015	ТВА
Cash Desk	A Stewart	K Gunasekara	J Wylie		TBA
Reception	H Garlic	L Brown	S Haye	11/08/2020	ТВА
Speaker Host	S Harris	S Mackenzie	K Moss	04/07/2019	30/06/2022
Grace	S Harris	S Mackenzie	R McKinney	03/11/2021	31/03/2022
International Toast	H Garlic	L Brown			
Thanks to Speaker	A Stewart	G Fowler			
Quote	G Dockrill	K Gunasekara			
Speaker Reporter	A McKinnon	M Opie			
Sergeant	G Bailey	M Bruce			

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