

# Rotary Club of Christchurch South



## Bevan Killick—The Defence Employer Support Council (DESC) - Bridging the gap between the Defence Force and Civvy Street

Our speaker was Bevan Killick, Board Chairman of Defence Employer Support Council (DESC). The Council was appointed by the Minister of Defence and is independent of the New Zealand Defence Force.

The mission statement is:

*To increase awareness and engagement between New Zealand Defence Force, Civilian Employers and the wider Business Community.*

The focus of the DESC is for members to use their knowledge, networks and experience to:

- Engage with employers of Reserve Force members and NZ Cadet Force officers
- Open doors to civilian employment opportunities for members
- Foster relationships with employers to identify potential NZDF opportunities

Reservists are part-time members of the NZDF who, in addition to their civilian employment, have a parallel career as a member of the Army, Navy or Air Force. Reservists supplement the regular force and often bring specialist civilian skills in areas such as engineering, information and technology, and healthcare. They are a valued strategic asset and an integral part of the NZDF. The commitment of the reservists is 20 days per year.

The Limited Service Program is a 6 week program run in conjunction with NZ Police, Social Welfare and Work & Income. The program is targeted to 18 to 24 year olds and each course with an intake of 120 persons, costs \$1million. It provides a fresh start to increase competence and an understanding of what employers are looking for. The transformation of the attendees is often remarkable, and when given a challenge, young people do respond.

A third facet of the DEFC, is Taskforce Kiwi, and is a voluntary program. The mission is:

*To utilise the skills and experience of military and emergency services, and veterans to help communities across New Zealand to recover from natural disasters.*

Taskforce Kiwi is not designed to be first responders but works alongside existing emergency management agencies and communities, providing skilled volunteer resources. It consists of defence and emergency service veterans and provides a sense of purpose, identity and community to those who have served our country and communities.

The benefits of the resources that DEFC have been able to supply, was highlighted during the Christchurch earthquakes, and overseas in the Haiti earthquake, and the Lismore floods in New South Wales.

*Thanks to Graham F for the report and Viv for the photos.*



**Rotary Club of London banner presented by Bevan—his wife was a member of this Club when they lived in London**

## Upcoming Meetings

### 26 October (Partners Night)

Yuriy Roytman

The Ukraine War—How our club is helping

### 2 November

Jan Boustead

The new District—District 9999

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday 25 October

Inner Wheel morning tea

### Thursday 27 October

Speech Competition

### Friday 28 October

Pink Ribbon

### 24 November

Walking Group

### 14 December

Christmas Function

## Notices

### Inner Wheel

Christchurch West Inner Wheel invite you to join them for coffee at 10am Tuesday 25th October, at the Urban Café, Oderings, Barrington Street.

### 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

### Christmas Function

Wednesday 14th December

6.30pm

Further details will follow, please mark this in your calendar

### Thanks Graham!

Thanks to Graham Dockrill for supplying the After Dinner Mint Chocolate biscuits—much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone



## Duties

Duty	26 October	2 November
Cash Desk	M Bruce	M Bruce
Cash Desk	A Stewart	D Peterson
Reception	S Mackenzie	G Bailey
Speaker Host	L Brown	S McLean
Grace	L Brown	S McLean
International Toast	S Mackenzie	G Bailey
Thanks to Speaker	M Bruce	M Bruce
Quote	A Stewart	D Peterson
Speaker Reporter	A McCully	L Brown
Sergeant	A Airay	M Rickerby

## 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
K Moss	29/08/22	31/10/22

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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

