



THE BULLETIN

Rotary Club of Christchurch South
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SERVICE ABOVE SELF



This week's speaker was Janelle Mackie (pictured below) from NZ Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) speaking about her role and the use of search dogs.

USAR is required for earthquake response, tsunami, cyclones, landslides, terrorism, industrial and construction accidents, and the like. USAR is a national taskforce which is part of the NZ Fire Service. In the past USAR has been involved in the Cashel Chambers fire in 2005, Greymouth tornadoes, Gisborne earthquakes, a South Auckland marae collapse, the Canterbury earthquakes, earthquakes in Japan, and climatic emergencies in Vanuatu and Fiji.

Dogs are an integral part of USAR, and most of the dogs trained and used have come to the service as rescue dogs from SPCA. Currently USAR has 15 dogs nationally, which is the lowest number it has had in service for many years.

Janelle's dog over the earthquake period and ensuing years was named Cairo. Dogs need to be fit, non-aggressive and driven. The handlers also need to pass fitness tests, and it is interesting to note that the majority of NZ's USAR dog handlers are women. The handlers need to be trained in animal first aid abilities, so that they can ensure the welfare of their dogs.

As part of the search training of the dogs they are taught to locate strips of plaited polar-fleece in rubble. Dogs are very capable searchers, finding things that humans may not, and also having ability to go into places and dangerous situations where the handlers can't readily or safely enter. In Christchurch training has been carried out in rubble piles at Isaac Construction, and at Fulton Hogan.

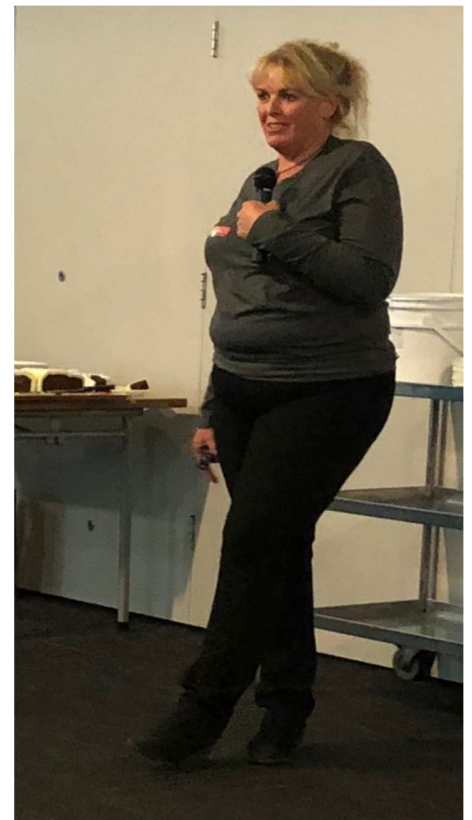
Janelle's dog Cairo retired at 11 years old, and currently enjoys hydrotherapy, massage therapy, etc. in his retirement – hardly a dog's life!

After the February 2011 Christchurch earthquake Australian and Japanese USAR teams and their dogs came to Christchurch (the Australians within 24 hours) to assist local USAR teams. USAR personnel from UK and USA also came to assist, although they didn't bring their dogs because of the distance of travel.

Janelle illustrated her talk with photographs of dogs in action in searches, particularly after the Christchurch earthquakes.

This was a fascinating insight into an area of activity which most Club members would have been previously unaware of. Thanks must go to Janelle for informing us about this in such an interesting manner.

Thanks to Athol McCully for this weeks report.





This week we had a double celebration! Our eldest member Jack McKessar attained an amazing 98 years of age! In addition Susan Haye became a New Zealand citizen! Helen McKessar.. as only Helen can do..made a cake well worthy of this auspicious occasion. Pictured above are Susan and Jack cutting their respective halves of Helen's outstanding creation! Congratulations to both Jack and Susan!

FREE PUBLIC FORUM

southern environmental trust Rotary Christchurch South

CLIMATE CHANGE AND US
Effects on Christchurch/Canterbury

Chair: Athol McCully, Southern Environmental Trust

Speakers:
Bill Bayfield, Environment Canterbury
Adrian McDonald, University of Canterbury
Andy Sturman Prof Emeritus, University of Canterbury
Helen Rouse, National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research

Salvation Army Auditorium
853 Colombo Street
Tues 8th May
7pm

Sponsors:

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 9 MAY – Catherine Parkes - Enviro Education at Wairakei School

COMING SOON

Wed 16 May Mim Syme - Circus Community Initiatives

Duty	9-May-18	16-May-18
Cash Desk	A McKinnon	A Airay
Cash Desk	J Wylie	B Wales
Reception	R Mackie	J Woodward
Speaker's Host	P Mears	L Hay
Grace	S Hays	J McKessar
International Toast	B Southey-Jensen	A Stewart
Thanks to Speaker	A McCully	M Opie
Quote for the Week	C Ayrey	D Buist
Closure	L Brown	S Tatterson
Speaker Reporter	G Fowler	L Bermingham
Notices Reporter	A Airay	S Harris

Notice Board

Club Meals

A one month trial beginning 2nd May that for the same price (\$16 meal plus \$2 meeting charge), we will be having one main course, and no dessert.

Dinner will be a buffet style meal and dessert available from the main menu if desired.

Southern Environmental Trust

The Southern Environmental Trust and Rotary Club of Christchurch South invite you to attend this free public forum on Climate Change - Effects on Christchurch/Canterbury

Tuesday 8 May, 7pm at the Salvation Army Auditorium, 853 Colombo Street

Our speakers consist of Bill Bayfield (Environment Canterbury), Adrian McDonald (University of Canterbury), Andy Sturman Prof Emeritus (University of Canterbury) and Helen Rouse (National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research)

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Our Club is on "Facebook" And the internet! You will find us at –

www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

or <http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfChristchurchSouth>

APOLOGIES – Record your apology at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting

OR

Email: chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11.00 on the Wednesday - you will get a reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising and to advise if bringing a guest.

EMERGENCY APOLOGIES to Mike Bruce, 022 540 1251 or Val Nossiter, 339 8441

DUTIES - If you are unable to do an allocated duty, it is YOUR responsibility to arrange a substituent AND to advise the President.

LEAVE of ABSENCE (three weeks or more) advise the Secretary by email or in writing.

