



THE BULLETIN

Rotary Club of Christchurch South
District 9970
P O Box 12-243, Christchurch 8242



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Attendance Wed 21 June 2017			Total Membership: 44 Active, 4 Honorary.				
Members and Associates	21	Apologies	12	Visitors	2	On Leave	11



This week’s speaker was Ashley Campbell, Founder and Co-Chair of Greening the Red Zone, a group who are campaigning to return the Red zone to nature. This group is comprised of ex Red zone residents and many others.

The decision on what happens to the Red zone is in the hands of Regenerate Christchurch which is a combined Government and Christchurch City Council organisation. Greening the Red Zone is using social media and mainstream media to assist in their campaign.

Ashley Campbell: “Greening the Red Zone” - returning swampy lands adjoining the Avon to nature, by planting a forest park and native wetlands.

Historically, Christchurch was largely wetland with some lowland forest. Maori inhabitants had burned down some of the lowland forest and when Europeans arrived, they drained areas of the wetland to provide land which they could utilise. When the 2010 and 2011 Canterbury earthquake sequence occurred, some of the worst damage was in areas around Christchurch’s rivers.

Greening the Red Zone group propose that 428ha of the current Red zone down the Avon River, east of the city centre, be returned to lowland forest and wetland, which they propose would lend itself to many environmentally-friendly activities, including walks, bike trails, tree-top walks, bird-watching, and many others.

Ashley stressed the multiple benefits of having lowland forest and wetlands re-established, including enhanced air quality, and better physical and mental health. She advised that a CDHB study had shown an increased need for mental health improvement, and that every 1% increase in green space in the city resulted in a 4% decrease in anxiety and mental issues. Those on lower incomes, and younger people, benefit most. More green space also leads to reduced child obesity, as children had more space for outdoor recreation. The forest also has the ability to remove air pollution, which is usually worse in winter in Christchurch, and evergreen trees work best to achieve this.

Wetlands are not just swamps, but have the ability to clean up rivers, store flood water, and prevent erosion. Economic value to the city would come from carbon storage, flood and drought protection, and biodiversity – with examples given of the return of native birds, and whitebait. The cost of planting was estimated as being around \$2.5m over a 5-year period, with \$250,000 per annum for maintenance costs. Nature is starting to take over the area with native tree seedlings already growing.

Payment for the project will be in the hands of Regenerate Christchurch. However, the Greening the red Zone group see financial opportunities in events and functions, membership of a users’ group, advertising / corporate sponsorship, charitable donations, sustainable forest management, concessions and direct

commercial activity. Tourism would be expected to grow as a result, with more people staying additional nights in Christchurch to visit the area.

Once Greening the Red Zone has been completed a governance structure for ongoing administration of the area would need to be determined. The Greening the Red Zone group see their vision as a major turning point for Christchurch, which as a city, has one chance to do the job properly.

The Greening the Red Zone appear to be very focused on their vision, to the extent that they don't seem to wish to encompass other options which they could partner with to provide further diversity and gain additional support. However, this was a thought-provoking address which we were fortunate to have had the opportunity to have presented to the Club.

Thanks for report to Athol McCully. Pics, Doug and Anne Johns

Notices

**Club Changeover is on Wed 28 June 2017 at College House,
100 Waimairi Rd., Ilam.
6.00 for 6.30pm.
\$35 pp. Payment at the cash desk
Cash bar is available.**

Our very own District Governor Sarita's Changeover is Thursday 6th July.

NOTE: The regular club meeting for July 5th is cancelled in favour of District Changeover, Thurs July 6.

Time: 6 for 6:30pm. Place: Showgate Lounge, Riccarton Racecourse. \$35 pp. Clipboard going around.
Cash Bar is available.

Please make every endeavour to support this, Sarita's evening.

Previous Notices

Just a reminder.

The next two notices will run until Changeover, after which time their information will be accessible in the new Club Directory

Apologies for Rotary Meetings

Just to remind you, the new system involves an email that is sent to all members who are not on leave or who have not already apologised on the Monday before the Rotary meeting. A simple reply to that email can be used to notify an apology for the upcoming meeting or future ones if you happen to know you will be away. The same email can also be used to notify about visitors that you may be bringing. Of course, if you plan to attend the meeting then you should not reply. Any reply sent will go to the person who sent the emails out and he or she will then record the apologies. (*con'd p3*)

It is still fine to notify apologies as indicated in the Directory as follows:

1. Recording it at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting.
2. Email to chchsouthrotary@gmail.com by 11am on the day of the meeting.
3. Phone call of emergency apologies to Mike (022 540 1251) or Val (03 339 8441). Use this mechanism if you don't have access to email.

We hope for everyone's cooperation in achieving the objective of more accurate notification of the number of meals required.

Our Club now has its own web site thanks to a number of members but in particular Alan McKinnon. Alan has put many hours into building this outstanding advertisement for Christchurch South. You can access the site from:

www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

Spend some time exploring the site and familiarise yourself with what members of the public will be able to see when they look for us via Google.

Next Meeting

June 28 CHANGEOVER

“Duties”

“On Leave”

Duty	28 June	05 July		FROM	TO
Cash Desk	Val Nossiter	No meeting	D Christophers	14/06/17	TBA
Cash Desk	Susan Haye	”	G Dockrill	21/06/16	TBA
Reception		”	B Blyth	13/04/16	TBA
Speaker's Host		”	M Whitehead	02/08/15	TBA
Grace	Bridget SoutheyJensen	”	M Ireland	01/01/17	28/06/17
International Toast		”	B Lawrence	02/08/15	TBA
Thanks to Speaker		”	E Musson	01/01'17	TBA
Quote for the Week		”	B SoutheyJensen	15/03/17	TBA
Closure		”	A Kim	05/04/17	31/08/17
Speaker Reporter		”	K Dalziel	24/05/17	21/06/17
			G Foulds		TBA
			T Shuker		TBA



Looking Ahead

July 05 Club meeting cancelled.

(Thurs) July 06 Sarita's Changeover (see above for details)

July 12 TBA

A TWIST IN THE TAIL

I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU



BUT THE BIRD FEEDER IS EMPTY



Not quite sure what to
do right now...



TELLING YOUR
TWINS APART



Our Club is on "Facebook" AND the internet! You will find us at:-

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

Web site: www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

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

E mail: chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11.00 on the Wednesday.

Last minute apologies to Mike Bruce, 022 540 1251 or Val Nossiter, 339 8441.

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

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