

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Melissa Ronayne—"Te Pae", The Christchurch Convention Centre

The Club was privileged to have an address from Melissa Ronayne who is the Operations Manager for the Christchurch Convention Centre, contracted through Atakaro Ltd.

She explained the origins of Atakaro Ltd which is a Crown owned company established 2016 and in fact took over the role of CERA. It recently had 90 staff, but has 60 at present. They are also managing the building of the Metro Centre which is going to be the largest in the country with a completion date at the end of 2021. Other activities include: the Terraces, Margaret Mahy Centre, the Christchurch Earthquake Memorial Wall, and the East Frame Residential with buildings constructed by Fletchers and ultimately to have 900 homes in that area.

As the co-ordinator for "Te Pae", Christchurch Convention Centre, Melissa confirmed that the building started in September 2017 and had various hold ups because of the Covid 19 challenges.

"Te Pae Tangata" means a place to meet and converse and that in fact is what Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre is all about. The outside spectacular 3D tiling represents the braided rivers and the names of many of these rivers in fact have taken the names of different parts of the building.

Internally the building is to include: 24 meeting rooms, 1,400 seat auditorium which can be split in half, 200 booth exhibition hall, and a 1,000 seat banquet hall. They are currently completing the landscaping and some building completion work, with still 500-550 workers on site. It is anticipated that the building will open next year, but the exact date is not yet known.

The Covid 19 exacerbated delays of materials including the seismic joints which still have to be fitted and are coming from overseas, and the fitout of the auditorium requiring some specialist overseas staff from Italy.

In terms of events happening, Melissa confirmed the following: 60 confirmed events for the next 3 years (50,000 delegates), with a further 120 events in the pipeline. It is anticipated that 60 confirmed events will represent 200,000 hotel nights, and they have budgeted that national visitors staying for 3 days will spend of the order of \$1,600 each, and international visitors staying for 7 days will spend closer to \$2,400 each. Melissa confirmed that international events take 3-4 years to confirm and plan.

Melissa finished with the observation that they need the building open and of course the country needs the borders open. We congratulate Melissa on a very informative and entertaining address.

Val Nossiter, 15 March 1936—11 October 2020

Val joined Rotary 1970 and took part in every aspect of Rotary as much as looking after his two small supermarkets would allow with Saturday trading as Sunday trading hadn't started.

Old Rotary photos show him supervising Hensh bagging, working on the John Taylor walkway, at the YMCA at Wainui building hub, and fundraising for George Manning Memorial Home—the club gave a cheque in today's money for \$134,000 and also the Archer Memorial home. Huge projects the club and Val were involved with, the grants and donations given to worthy causes would fill 2 pages in his 50 years of the club.

Val was awarded a Paul Harris fellowship in 2003 and Paul Harris fellowship sapphire in 2010 and was Club President in 1991-1992.

Val was a gentleman of Rotary, held in high regard with great knowledge of all things Rotary having served on all club committees. His other great love was deep sea fishing, he was involved with it for 50 years, but in his last active years made it a club project plus as he called them a few hangers on.

Many club members shared his love of fishing and a few felt the effects of the sea.

We had many successful trips, plus Val's excellent catering and fish to take home, and a lot of fun and laughter



Val's fisherman's/50 years in Rotary get together



Upcoming Meetings

28/10	Vocational/Social Polio fundraiser Movie “I am a Woman”
04/11	Committee Meetings
11/11	Averil Stevenson Recycling in CHCH
18/11	Club Members This is My Life

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 28th October

I Am A Woman—Polio Fundraiser

6.30pm, Hoyts Riccarton, \$20pp

Contact Alan McKinnon

Friday 30th October

Pink Ribbon Appeal—CHCH Airport

Wednesday 25th November

Tricky Tray Auction—Polio Fundraiser

5.30 for 6pm start

Sydenham Lounge, Cashmere Club

\$30pp for meal and 12 \$1 auction tickets
(you can purchase more)

Rotary family and friends are welcome

Notices

Rotary District Polio Fundraiser Movie

Is on Wednesday 28th October at 6.30pm at Hoyts Riccarton. The movie is a pre-release of The Helen Reddy story *I am Woman*. Most people will have arranged their tickets by now, but if you missed out for some reason, then it still may be possible to get tickets. To do so contact Alan McKinnon 337 6202, or 021 142 7668 or alan.barbara.mckinnon@gmail.com

Christchurch South Polio Fundraiser

Our own polio fundraiser, the tricky tray auction, has been moved to Wednesday 25th November. So please put that date in your diary and invite your friends and family to be part of this fun night

Fundraiser

The Fundraising Committee have asked a member to grow tomato plants. The plants will be ready at club meeting Wed 4 Nov so that gives home gardeners the next couple of weekends to prepare the ground aerate and allow the sunlight to warm the black soil.

There are two varieties:

- standard fruit size, ‘Moneymaker’ (tagged on Mr Fothergill’s seed-packet as “heavy crops of exception flavour” and
- Larger fruit size, ‘Grosse Lise’ (“Great Flavour—a reliable old favourite”)

Packs of 10 plants will have 5 of each variety. An auction of the first pack will set the price, but likely \$1 per plant; \$10 per pack

Please support this fundraiser

Pink Ribbon

Pink Ribbon Appeal is Friday 30th October at CHCH Airport, please contact Kim if you can help with the following slots:

10-12 (one slot to fill)

2 to 4 (one slots to fill)

Important Dates

Here are two important end of the year dates:

9th December Christmas Party

16th December Cake and Port

Please note these dates are different to those shown in the blue book

Duties

Duty	28 Oct	4 Nov
Cash Desk	N/A	A Airay
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Reception	N/A	D Buist
Speaker Host	N/A	N/A
Grace	N/A	C Ayrey
International Toast	N/A	D Buist
Thanks to Speaker	N/A	N/A
Quote	N/A	A Airay
Speaker Reporter	S McLean	S Harris
Sergeant	N/A	G Dockrill

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
R McKinney	20/09/20	31/03/21
K Moss	04/07/19	31/12/20
C McCarthy	17/06/20	31/12/20
S Hays	11/08/20	TBA
K Dalziel	21/10/20	18/11/20

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Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11am on that Wednesday
- Emergency apologies to Mike Bruce on 022 540 1251

- 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