

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Ian Thomas—Athletics Canterbury

Tonight, Ian Thomas General Manager of Athletics Canterbury addressed us.

Ian, an Englishman from Kent who has a background in IT, and was an international sprinter for three years, heads up the body that organises and coordinates athletics in Canterbury. His area stretches from North Canterbury to Waimate in the south to the West Coast.

Ian is based at Nga Puna Wai, Christchurch's premier outdoor sports facility which combines community playing fields and recreation opportunities with international standard sports facilities.

Nga Puna Wai features athletics track and field, hockey pitches, rugby league fields, tennis courts, a centralized sports hub, boulevard and two grass multi-purpose fields.

It is owned by the Christchurch City Council and established five years ago, after the loss of facilities due to the earthquakes of 2010 and 2011. The afore mentioned sports bodies all have headquarters at this arena.

Athletics is a most inclusive sport—for able bodied, handicapped, young and old, serious competitors and recreational participants.

Athletics is basically run, jump and throw which is the initial content for all other sports. Athletics takes many forms all of which Ian manages:

Track and Field Ian runs regular interclub meetings. He needs 88 volunteers to get through a four hour childrens meet. Every year in excess of 1800 primary aged children attend finals day for the Canterbury zone. Over 4000 spectators attend

Cross Country this is the biggest contingent of participants—mostly 50-60 year olds

Road Running similar to marathon running, one of their races (the Takehe to Akaroa race) was the longest relay race in the world

Trail Running the Crater Run of 83km takes never less than 10 hours to complete

To run all these activities requires over 200,000 volunteer hours by people of average age 60 plus

Outstanding athletes in our Canterbury zone include:

Tom Walsh—shot put
Hamish Kerr—high jump
Tiaan Whelpton—sprinter
Rosie Elliot—sprinter
Keely O'Hagan—high jump
Loran Bruce—hammer throw
Sarah James—wheelchair racer
William Stedman—para Olympian

Ian believes his organization provides opportunities for the sport of Athletics but also for leadership and for local volunteering

Thank you to Lew for the report and Viv for the photo



Upcoming Meetings

1 March

Sue Martin

Home & Family—Protecting Childhood since 1898

8 March

Club Assembly

15 March

Deborah Bush

The Pink Painted Door—a NZ journey with endometriosis

Upcoming Events

8 March

Club Assembly

16 March

Walking Group

19 March

Flying Doctors Fundraiser BBQ

5 and 6 May

Aviva Street Appeal (St Martins)

13 May

Mother of all Cleanups

Notices

Our Club's Youth Service focuses on Pride of Workmanship and Young Totara Awards, this half year: Members are asked for nominations

Pride of Workmanship Award: acknowledges persons who display outstanding qualities of approach, attitude, dedication & commitment to their job or the community. No restrictions of age nor number of Awards.

Young Totara Award: made to people under the age of 21 years who demonstrate strength of character, courage of conviction, care of the community, and pursuit of excellence to provide sound role models for other young people. Normally, one Award per club.

Mud Kitchens

Beckenham School are looking for skilled individuals, or a group, that may want to take on the challenge of building three wooden mud kitchens, for outdoor use at their school. They also have one existing smaller mud kitchen that needs some TLC.

They are a full primary school and are in the process of redeveloping their outdoor spaces. Mud kitchens have been highlighted as much-desired and fun outdoor toys for our tamariki.

The school is currently looking to source some treated timber for this project from donations in the community.

Measurements (approximately) 940mm(h) x 1300(w) x 420(d)

2x stainless steel bowls, 2x taps (basic, not a swivel/mixer)

Please contact Gayle—gayle.mcnaughton@beckenham.school.nz

An Edwardian Garden Party – Friends of the Botanic Gardens Fundraiser

3-6pm Sunday 12 March 2023
at Mona Vale Homestead

Tickets available here <https://friendschbotanicgardens.org.nz/>

We invite you to enjoy bubbles, canapés, music and croquet on the lawn. Proceeds to help restore the historic Bathhouse to its former glory. Dress for the occasion. Edwardian-inspired fashion encouraged. \$120 per person

Save the Dates

Aviva Street Appeal, 5 and 6 May, St Martins New World

Mother of all Cleanups, 13 May, 10am to 12pm, meet at Beckenham Scout Den by the Brickworks on Centaurus Road

Flying Doctors Fundraiser BBQ, 19 March, 9am to 1pm, Rawhiti Domain New Brighton

Duties

Duty	1 March	8 March
Cash Desk	G Bailey	M Bruce
Cash Desk	D Peterson	G Fowler
Reception	A Kim	L Brown
Speaker Host	A McKinnon	N/A
Grace	A McKinnon	A McCully
International Toast	A Kim	L Brown
Thanks to Speaker	S Mackenzie	N/A
Quote	G Bailey	M Bruce
Speaker Reporter	G Fowler	M Opie
Sergeant	A Stewart	G Dockrill

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

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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 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

