

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Pip Stewart and Laura Coleman

Brackenridge
Supporting People to Create Great Lives

This week we enjoyed and were inspired by Pip Stewart (CEO) and Laura Coleman (Grants and Engagement Co-Ordinator) from Brackenridge. Brackenridge is a charitable organisation that provides support to children, young people and adults with intellectual disabilities and autism in

Canterbury. Brackenridge supports people with disabilities to be equal citizens, belong to their communities, and become more able to live the life they choose.

Pip told us about herself and her family and showed us why the story of Brackenridge was also a story about people and families.

Pip reminded us of the time Brackenridge was first established which was when Templeton Hospital was closed. Some of us members remember that time well and the controversy around having people with intellectual disability moving into our communities and doing what they wanted to do!

Brackenridge started with 90 people in 14 homes and 21 years later 218 people and their families are supported with 43 homes running 24/7. They support people from 0 – 70 years with most in the 21-30 year age bracket. They offer respite and family services, children services, young adult and adult community living and supported independent living. Support for the intellectually disabled is about inclusion, choice & control and having a voice. Brackenridge follows the Enabling Good Lives Programme with principles supporting enablement (see <https://www.odi.govt.nz/nz-disability-strategy/other-initiatives/enabling-good-lives/>)

Funding comes from the Ministries of Health and Social Development as well as ACC and Oranga Tamariki. Pip emphasised how good it was to work with Oranga Tamariki as a counterpoint to any negative perceptions about this agency.

How can we help? they have fundraising initiatives and always happy to receive donations. They are always looking for employment opportunities for people with intellectual disability and help with garden maintenance.

Pip and Laura showed us some video's of the people they support under the heading people's stories. You can see them on the Brackenridge website here: <https://brackenridge.org.nz/people>

It was an excellent presentation and great to hear these people's stories. Pip's final challenge was for us to support people with disabilities into Rotary. We agreed we could do that.



Pip Stewart, Ruth Mackie and Laura Coleman

Thanks Kathryn for this weeks report and President Joey for the photo

Next Week

Vocational/Social

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 5 August

Community Awards Evening

Register [here](#) (RSVP by TOMORROW)

Wednesday 19 August

Hensh delivery to A&P and bagging commencement

Saturday 22 August

Home deliveries

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 August

Street sales

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 September

Reserve dates street sales

Notices

Bulletin

Please have all Bulletin notices, photos and speaker report to Kim **before the weekend** each week at either

tanner.kimberley@gmail.com

chchsouthrotary@gmail.com

Community Awards Evening

Date: Wednesday 5th August

Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Venue: Rata Lounge, Cashmere Presbyterian Church, 2 McMillan Avenue, Cashmere

Cost: \$30 per person (BYO drinks)

RSVP URGENTLY BY TOMORROW (Sunday)

AVIVA Collection

Date: Friday 18 September, New World Ferry Road

Shifts: 9.00-10.30

10.30-12.00

12.00-2.00

2.00-4.00

Contact Chantal if you can help

Our newest Honorary Member, Bob, doing the COVID-19 handshake with Past President Mike



Duties

Duty	29 July	5 August
Cash Desk	K Gunasekara	D Peterson
Cash Desk	P Mears	A Stewart
Reception	A Kim	J Chamberlain
Speaker Host	S Mackenzie	N/A
Grace	S Mackenzie	N/A
International Toast	A Kim	N/A
Thanks to Speaker	K Gunasekara	V Ellis
Quote	P Mears	N/A
Speaker Reporter	G Fowler	S Harris
Sergeant	G Dockrill	N/A

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
V Nossiter		TBA
J Wylie		TBA
K Tanner	04/07/19	31/12/20
C McCarthy	17/06/20	31/10/20

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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