

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Awards Evening

What an amazing evening organised by our Awards Committee to celebrate outstanding achievements from the 21-22 Rotary year.

We were joined by wives, husbands and partners along with the District Governors (past and present), Rotary International's Regional Membership Officer, Barbara Mifsud and Simon Forsyth who kindly took the photographs for the evening.

What a privilege to have Joy Reid as our guest speaker. Joy is the CEO and co-founder of the "From One Mother to Another" charity following her personal experiences of having infant children who required time in an intensive care unit in hospital. Knowing the stress that this imposes on mothers, carers and families, Joy and her co-founder commenced providing care packages to mothers, fathers and caregivers of children in neonatal ICU at Christchurch Hospital.

The work involves sourcing products to put in the care packages, setting up teams to put the care packages together and, most importantly, writing the hand written letters of care and support for each care package. While the mothers, fathers and caregivers express gratitude for the girls in each package, it is the hand written letter of support that people say was the thing that lifted their day and gave them energy.

The charity has expanded to other hospitals beyond Christchurch and the need to seek sponsorship and funding have become integral to its operation.

Christchurch South Rotary initially provided people to support as an advisory committee and two of our club members (Athol McCully and Graham Dockrill) are not active board members today, it is wonderful to see how far From One Mother to Another has grown.

Joy's work has been recognised by other organisations such as the Christchurch Foundation Kate Sheppard Women's Fund Award; the Minister of Health's 2022 "Community of NGO Health Service Team of the Year" and Volunteering Canterbury Volunteer Recognition Award.

It was a real pleasure to recognise Joy at our Awards Night as Rotary Paul Harris fellow. In addition, sixteen of our members were recognised for 20 to 50 years of service to Rotary, they have collectively built the foundation of our club and what it stands for today, it is such a privilege to be able to celebrate them all. Mel Opie was the deserving recipient of the Jack McKessar—Service Above Self Award for his outstanding contribution to our club, the community and commitment to Polio and Geoff Bailey was recognised for his contribution and commitment to Rotary, receiving the Club Member Appreciation Award.

Thanks to Liz for this weeks report and Viv for the photos



Here are some photos of our Awards evening. Keep an eye out for our special mailout of photos taken by our photographer Simon Forsyth

Upcoming Meetings

31 August

Partners night

Deborah McCormick

SCAPE—Public Art in our City

7 September

Philip Aldridge

Arts Centre Update

Upcoming Events

Saturday 10 September

Rotary Day of Action

If you are available on the 10th September please come along and join the Otautahi Rotary Passport Club in a working bee at the Refugee and Migrant Centre. Please see the attached flyer.

Notices

298 Youth Health Car Reveal

On Wednesday 24 August at 298 Youth Health, their newly purchased car was revealed. Nineteen Rotary Clubs contributed including Christchurch South



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Great news—we sold out!!!



Duties

Duty	31 August	7 September
Cash Desk	A McCully	G Bailey
Cash Desk	A Stewart	D Buist
Reception	P Mears	R McKinney
Speaker Host	V Ellis	M Rickerby
Grace	V Ellis	M Rickerby
International Toast	A McCully	R McKinney
Thanks to Speaker	P Mears	D Buist
Quote	A Stewart	S Mackenzie
Speaker Reporter	G Fowler	A McKinnon
Sergeant	M Opie	L Bermingham

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Haye	11/08/20	TBA
S McLean	01/07/22	01/10/22
J Chamberlain	17/08/22	TBA
K Moss	29/08/22	31/10/22

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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

