

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Lynleigh Ashcroft - Senior Move Managers

Tonight, we were told about a most unlikely business regime. Well it was so, when set up from scratch 3 years ago. Set up by a couple of guys who saw the opportunity. There was no existing such business from which to style, but the opportunity presented itself to the one and together they got it up and running. Lynleigh Ashcroft told us all about 'Senior Move Managers'. This is what their Google hit tells us:

We help seniors with the whole moving process. Open 7 days a week and personalised service. We remove the emotional and physical aspects of moving, your personal moving assistant. Downsizing. Decluttering. Moving. Packing. Destinations: Auckland, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Hamilton.

Lynleigh was engaging and eloquent. The members responded to her accordingly. "Here", she said, "were two St Bede's guys who started, one move at a time, moving elderly/seniors to their new abodes". Not as a removal trucking company, but as managers of the process of relocation, so dealing on behalf of the client with e.g. real estate agents; arranging for truckies and for packing and helping with client emotions The breakthrough came when a retirement village began to engage with the guys, allowing the company to move forward. Currently the company has expanded into Auckland and Wellington and are looking at Nelson and Dunedin and ultimately, at completing the 'golden triangle' of Auckland, Tauranga and Hamilton. Their charge out rate is \$81/hr and they engage any contractors they may need.

So this is what they offer:

- a written step by step programme
- an operations calendar
- downsizing assistance in selling, donating, disposal, of chattels and furnishings
- assistance with Trade me and auction houses, but not garage sales
- a visit to the new abode to see where to put the furniture (clients to arrive x 2hrs later).

There is a long list of companies that take goods e.g. men's sheds for [outdated wire-base type] oak beds.

Clients putting off leaving until health diagnosis necessitates, makes the move much harder. Some clients are in touch as much as 6 months earlier; others have forced a short window e.g. 3 days to move and downsize.

But the service's goal is for client's peace of mind, recognising that the process is right up there with the most stressful of life experiences. To that end, clients are visited 10 days later.

And of decluttering:

- typically, decluttering will not have been given enough time
- the amount of accumulated stuff is not realised
- 'danger rooms' – garage and kitchen – usually require a couple of goes at dealing with their clutter
- sentimentally attached to, heirlooms and heritage items, must oft continue along the family chain or be otherwise disposed of
- client dementia is challenging

Much food for thought then, including for the writer. Start today!

Thanks Mel, for this weeks report



John Woodward and Lynleigh Ashcroft

Next Week

Lucy Anderson
Problem Solving

Upcoming Events

29 July

Young Singers

4 August

Around the World in 80 Minutes

Papanui Rotary Quiz Night

For information/registration on the below , please check out the Regeneration newsletter [here](#)

18 September

Gala Peace Dinner

19 September

Rotary Lunch to celebrate the Kahikatea Common built by Sunrise and Hornby

20 - 22 September

Rotary Regeneration NZ/Aus
Conference hosted by Christchurch



Young Singers in Harmony Local Contest at The Piano,
7.30pm Monday 29th July

The Rotary Clubs of Christchurch South and
Avonhead are Major Sponsors of this event

Come along and experience Christchurch High School
barbershop singing at its best

Door sales \$20 adult and \$10 unwaged

The poster features the Christchurch Liedertafel logo at the top left, which includes a lyre and the text 'CHRISTCHURCH Liedertafel MALE VOICE CHOIR established 1885'. The main title 'Around the World in 80 Minutes' is prominently displayed in the center, with a large globe in the background. Below the title, a group of men in suits are shown singing from a book. The event details '2:15pm Sunday 4 August 2019' are listed in a dark banner. A section titled 'Programme includes' lists various songs and pieces, such as 'Those Magnificent Men', 'Mad Dogs and Englishment', and 'Some Enchanted Evening'. A dark heart-shaped graphic on the right contains the text '\$20 programme entry' and 'eftpos is available'. At the bottom, the names of the Musical Director, Daniel Cooper, and Accompanist, Gabriel Baird, are listed. The venue, St Andrew's College Chapel Normans Road, is mentioned at the very bottom.

CHRISTCHURCH Liedertafel MALE VOICE CHOIR
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PRESENTS

Around the World in 80 Minutes

2:15pm Sunday 4 August 2019

Programme includes

Those Magnificent Men	Mad Dogs and Englishment
Gumboot Song	Scotland the Brave
America	Guide Me, O Thou Great
Oklahoma	Jehovah
Swing Low Sweet Chariot	Toreador Song
New York, New York	Gendarmes' Duet
The Girl from Ipanema	Kalinka
My Heart will go on	Some Enchanted Evening
E Te Atua/Kum-bay-yah	Walzing Matilda
Thank you for the Music	One Moment in Time

Guest Soloist
Yumeka Hildreth (soprano)

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Musical Director
Daniel Cooper

Accompanist
Gabriel Baird

St Andrew's College Chapel Normans Road

David Thornley

It is with sadness, to report the passing of David Thornley., Honorary member. David passed away, Tuesday, July 16.

David joined our club 09/08/1989 and was a director on the Board at a time when chairmen of committees were automatically directors. He served continuously for many years, as foundation committee member for the Southern Environmental Trust and in keeping with his membership designation of Design Consultant, had



responsibility for the club's modern banner. His business, Thornley Design was of occasion, a full-page advertiser in our club directory. For many years, he was part of the teams that had the unenviable task of arranging the speaker programmes.

In his professional capacity, David's work included set designs for the Court Theatre; design for the well-known Christchurch buses and more recently, a bridge design for the controversial bridge design competition for crossing the Avon adjacent to the Margaret Mahy playground.

In 2015, when, due to ill health, David felt that he could no-longer honour his commitment to attendance at club meetings, he was accorded honorary membership.

Lasting memories of David, for this writer, are his commitment to Christchurch heritage (as reflected in his one-time residential and business addresses: 2/2 Cranmer Square (the old teachers college building, restyled residential and since demolished, consequence of the earthquakes) and c/- The Arts Centre, Rolleston Ave (vacated, post the earthquakes). David maintained that the demolition of 2 Cranmer Square was a tragedy that need not to have happened; that the building was repairable in the same sense as the Arts Centre.

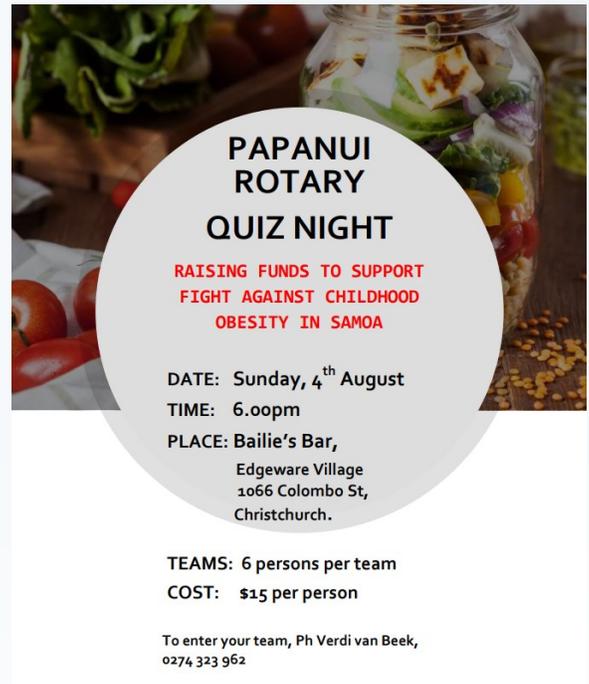
And of David the Rotarian: reserved with a distinct charm; dapper; black bereted upon a generous coiffed hair; a regular club meeting attendee with a distinct seating area preference. And always welcoming and friendly.

Duties

Duty	31 July	7 August
Cash Desk	G Fowler	K Gunasekara
Cash Desk	H Garlick	R McKinney
Reception	B McKessar	D Johns
Speaker Host	L Bermingham	A McKinnon
Grace	A McKinnon	C Ayrey
International Toast	K Tanner	D Buist
Thanks to Speaker	S Mackenzie	D Peterson
Quote	D Peterson	A Airay
Speaker Reporter	J Chamberlain	C McCarthy
Sergeant	K Dalziel	A Stewart
Deputy Sergeant	C McCarthy	V Ellis

Notices

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**PAPANUI
ROTARY
QUIZ NIGHT**

**RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT
FIGHT AGAINST CHILDHOOD
OBESITY IN SAMOA**

DATE: Sunday, 4th August
TIME: 6.00pm
PLACE: Bailie's Bar,
Edgeware Village
1066 Colombo St,
Christchurch.

TEAMS: 6 persons per team
COST: \$15 per person

To enter your team, Ph Verdi van Beek,
0274 323 962

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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