



THE BULLETIN

Rotary Club of Christchurch South
District 9970
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Attendance Wed 25 Dec Jan 2017			Total Membership: 49 Active, 4 Honorary.				
Members and Associates	28	Apologies	7	Visitors	83	On Leave	13

This week's speaker was Sharon Cooke, General Manager Training at Airways New Zealand, who shared with us the activities undertaken by Airways New Zealand. Sharon is responsible for Airways' global training business, with campuses in Christchurch and Palmerston North in New Zealand, Dubai, Beijing and San Juan (Puerto Rico).



Sharon (pictured left) outlined the importance of Air Traffic Control, the main function of which is to provide separation of aircraft in airspace. Globally there are approximately 1 million aircraft in the air at any one time. New Zealand air traffic control takes charge of 7% of the World's airspace (37m square kilometres of airspace), with over 1 million take-offs and landings in NZ each year, controlled through 17 control towers, and two radar centres (Christchurch and Auckland). The Christchurch centre covers all flights within NZ, while the Auckland centre covers all flights coming into NZ.

New Zealand's busiest airport is Auckland, with Tauranga being the busiest domestic airport. The more difficult airports for take-offs and landings in NZ are Hamilton (because of its proximity to Auckland) and Queenstown (because of the terrain and radar "blind spots"). Globally, aviation is growing by 3% per annum, but in the Asia-Pacific region growth is 10% per annum.

Airways provides air traffic control for both civil and military aircraft, and also provides clearances for the use of drones (6,471 clearances issued in 2016). Airways has a total of 800 staff.

Training is a major function for Airways NZ. Over 1,000 people were trained last year. The NZ training is provided in Christchurch and Palmerston North, with the international training undertaken in Puerto Rico aimed at trainees from Spain. The other areas of focus of Airways International are the Middle East (Dubai) and China (Beijing). Airways derives income from training and from charges from the use of airspace (termed "Flight-yield"). Training technologies are being constantly improved by harnessing technology from gaming and virtual reality technologies, and applying these in simulators.

Those seeking a career in Air Traffic Control need to commence before the age of 25. Only 10% of the population have the range of attributes required to fulfil the role – attributes such as decisiveness, accuracy, etc. Of 3,000 people who may initially apply for a position in air traffic control, only approximately 15 get through the screening process, after which it takes 13 – 15 months to complete an academy course and training. Those who qualify are well recognised globally, and need to undergo regular competency tests through their working career.

A newly trained recruit can expect to work 36 hours per week, have 3 months' holiday a year, and a commencing salary of \$90,000. While many of our Rotarians liked the sound of this, most are a little over the preferred commencing age!

Sharon's address left us in no doubt that our air traffic control systems and airspace are in good hands, providing us with real confidence when flying.

Thanks to Athol McCully for this week's report. Pics Doug Johns.

Notices



President Mel advised the meeting that he will be looking for confirmation, at our next meeting, from those who wish to attend the up coming production of Mikado. He also advised that funding has been approved for President Elect Keith and President Elect Nominee Kim to attend the next Rotary Learning seminar.

President Mel had the honour of inducting a new member while witnessed by 49 Rylarians. Liz Birmingham (**pictured left with President Mel**) is the world's newest Rotarian and addition to our Club. We welcome you Liz and look forward to your time in Christchurch South Rotary while enjoying the fellowship and service of our Club.

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Liz's details above please put on page 20 of your Rotary Directory,

Chef Allan at Cashmere Club has proposed the following:

Hello Mel. After many thoughts (and our discussions) here is what I would like to put in place...

1st Wednesday of the month, a self-serve Buffet.

The other three Wednesdays nights we allow 40min to serve meal and start serving at 6.05/10 through to 6.45

2nd week Roast meat

3rd Fish chips Salad

4th at our discretion

Your Price has been at \$15 for a period i would like to increase it by \$1 to \$16

I look forward to serving you all on the 2nd February starting off with a buffet

Footnote: There will be the odd month (this calendar year: March, May, August, November) for which there are 5 Wednesdays. We will see how the meals programme pans out and possibly request a roast for that 5th Wednesday and/or possibly take time out at, for example, Beck's? *Mel*.

New Costs at Cash Desk.

In the light of the understanding with Chef Allan for the coming new meals regime, the new charges to our regular evenings are, starting this Wednesday (01 February):

- Including the club surcharge of \$2, **we will pay \$18 for our meals.**
- the charge for associate members will increase by \$1 also.

Bruce Wales advised the meeting that the International committee has allocated \$1000 to assist with funding several containers of cloths and school equipment to be sent to Fiji and Vanuatu.

Tania Fellows has asked members if anyone knows of a parking space in the vicinity of the University. This would help Tania as she undertakes her studies. Can we help Tania? Please let her know by return e-mail if possible.

Feedback from our meeting at Becks Alehouse has been such that a repeat visit could be considered sometime in the future.

Previous Notices

Just a reminder...

Treasurer Bruce McKessar was happy to advise that 18 members have paid their subs. However that does mean that around 30 subs are still to come in! Let's make our Treasurer even happier!

The Rotary Club of Christchurch South Gilbert and Sullivan Light Opera Theatregoers and Appreciation Society (TRCCSGSLOTAS) : NZ Opera Summer Season: 'The Mikado', Isaac Theatre Royal. Tues. to Sat. 7 – 11 March. Opportunity to dine prior to the show within close walking distance to the theatre. Mark in your calendar for Fri. 10 March. (*Clip board going around*)

Announcing Club family picnic WHITECLIFFS DOMAIN 2nd Sunday in February (12 Feb.) 2017. (*Backup 19 Feb.*) See separate e-mail from President Mel.

Next Meeting

Feb 01

Keith Gunasekara.

Dubai.

“Duties”

“On Leave”

Duty	1 February 2017	8 February 2017		FROM	TO
Cash Desk	P Mears	J Cardin	L Kelly	23/02/12	TBA
Cash Desk	V Nossiter	D Buist	G Dockrill	21/06/16	TBA
Reception	M Rickerby	D Christophers	B Blyth	13/04/16	TBA
Speaker's Host	J Woodward	A McKinnon	M Whitehead	02/08/15	TBA
Grace	J Wylie	H Garlick	B Lawrence	02/08/15	TBA
International Toast	A Stewart	K Dalziel	M Ireland	48/01/17	30/06/17
Thanks to Speaker	B Wales	A Kim			
Quote for the Week	B Southey-Jensen	S Collins			
Closure	K Tanner	G Foulds			
Speaker Reporter	Q Moss	J Woodward			

Looking Ahead



Feb 08 Dr Patricia Champion , Lauren Porter. Neo-natal .

Feb 15 TBA

A TWIST IN THE TAIL

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of Canterbury, "...and what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$100,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks paid leave, full medical and dental, company matching retirement plan, and a company car say, a red Ford Kuga?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it!"

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<http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfChristchurchSouth>

APOLOGIES – Record your apology at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting or Email chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11.00 on the Wednesday. Last minute apologies to Mike Bruce, 022 540 1251 or Val Nossiter (339 8441).

DUTIES If you are unable to do allocated duty, it is YOUR responsibility to arrange a substitute and advise the President.

LEAVE of ABSENCE (three weeks or more) advise the Secretary by email or in writing.

