

# Rotary Club of Christchurch South



## Zooming Towards Reconnection

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### **Sarita and Alan Stewart:**

Tonight we had Bruce McKessar, David and Robin McKinney join Alan and I on our group chat. Alan A and Susan sent in their apologies. Susan has been celebrating her birthday in style by exploring parts of the South Island. She was spotted in an Ashburton café by Alan. This is a timely reminder that we really cannot get up to any mischief as Rotarians are everywhere! David has been busy in his vegetable garden. He and a friend re-engineered kit-set garden beds to make them more user-friendly and they both wheelbarrowed top soil from the new subdivision next door. He is looking forward to welcoming new neighbours to his hood! Bruce was “just boxing on” as per his words and confirmed that he does know his way around the kitchen when Helen has a rare day off cooking. Robin meanwhile, admitted to never cooking preferring Marianne’s. But in his defence he does clean up and seems to be a dab gardener. Alan regaled us with stories of his recent travels around the McKenzie and South Canterbury districts. In addition to his North Canterbury vineyard tour, Alan is also offering a bus tour of the McKenzie district. We also thought a local tour of Halswell stopping to admire David’s vegetable garden with Fruit Cake at Bruce and Helen’s may just be a goer!

### **Alan McKinnon:**

Chris, Athol, Kim, Andrew and I enjoyed our Zoom discussion on Wednesday. It was great to hold it at a time that fitted in with Kim’s busy schedule with her children and it was lovely to see Ali and Jack looking so bonny. Inevitably our discussion turned to when our Rotary club might meet together face to face, but it was pointed out that currently the Cashmere Club is open only to members and their immediate families. Perhaps some special arrangement might be negotiated for Rotary but the overall cap of 100 in the building presents another problem. If we continue with very low or zero virus cases nationally then hopefully we’ll see further relaxation of the rules that have stood us in pretty good stead so far. I got the impression that there was definitely some interest in having changeover as a face to face event. Hopefully we can.

Beyond that we talked about the effect of the pandemic on employment and community groups and on sport. Mel could not understand why rugby league, particularly the Warriors, was getting so much attention in the media compared to other sports. The Warriors plans are certainly fairly ambitious.

## Notices

### Club Fundraiser

New season's walnuts in shell. Mixed sizes, much as they came off the tree.

Bread bag [Molenburg] quantities = \$7.00 for 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> kg.

[NB. Current Trade Me

prices, \$9.00 (one at \$8.00 per kg]

Order from Mel /Beverley at ph.384 1306. If answerphone, leave your name, address and order. Delivery will then occur in the next few days. You do not have to be home, the package will be left appropriately. Payment at time of delivery is not necessary, as this is a fundraiser and payment can be made when club meetings get under way once more. If you live far out of town, then you might have to get your delivery at our next meeting time(s) at the Cashmere Club.

Regards,

Mel.



## Rotary, COVID-19 and Polio

In every corner of the world, it seems that not a single person or community is unaffected by COVID-19. You may be wondering how to stay focused on our work eradicating polio when we are dealing with a pandemic caused by a virus for which there is not yet a vaccine — a situation similar to what the world faced with the poliovirus not so long ago.

The COVID-19 pandemic response requires worldwide solidarity and an urgent global effort. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), with thousands of polio workers and an extensive laboratory and surveillance network, has a moral imperative to ensure that these resources are used to support countries in their preparedness and response.

We can be proud that in the ever-connected world of global health, the polio infrastructure that Rotarians have helped build is already being used to address — and stop the spread of — the new coronavirus, in addition to serving countless other health needs. In Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, where polio personnel and assets have a significant presence, workers from all GPEI partners are engaged in surveillance, health worker training, contact tracing, and more. In 13 countries, polio volunteers have been deployed to address COVID-19 preparations and response.

We recognize that the COVID-19 emergency means that some aspects of the polio eradication program will be affected. While addressing the new challenges of today, the most important thing that Rotary members can do to continue the fight to end polio is to sustain our commitment. We are aiming to reach our fundraising goal of \$50 million this year so we can work to safely reach all children with the polio vaccine. In the midst of a global pandemic, we understand that attention to polio eradication will be temporarily diverted, and this makes it all the more vital for Rotarians to remain strongly committed to fighting polio and not let our progress be eroded.

*It is imperative that we remain committed to our work eradicating polio. **Learn more** about how our work fighting polio is supporting the COVID-19 response and consider **making a contribution** to PolioPlus.*

## Next Week

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## Upcoming Rotary Events

### POSTPONED

### CHCH South Awards Evening

### Leave

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

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