

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Zooming Towards Reconnection

Mel:

Let's have a meeting theme. "Please wear one of your favourite hats and be ready to share the story of where it came from". Liz wore her Hanmer purchase, a very becoming, 'bunny boilers' (movie, Fatal Attraction, rejected woman boils her lover's daughter's pet rabbit) creation - a full fitting rabbits fur skull cap, eminently suitable against allergy to wool. Dianne wore her bright red woollen beanie, lovingly knitted by her mother. Shirley - a reindeer ensemble ... let's have some [xmas] cheer. Mel - a natty felt trilby, bought for him by his mother some 50 years ago. Graham, detained on business in South Canterbury and an apology from our meeting, was of angler's attire. Beverley was welcomed into the meeting and appeared in Mel's crocheted raffia hort. spray hat. Post the lengthy fashion parade, chat was how we were getting on now, at Level 3. Not too different from L4, was the consensus. All of a mind though, being unhappy with social distance busters. Trump got a round up ... let your imagination run on that! Finally, re club meetings come lower levels Covid19 ... social distancing; meals served by rostered members; meetings without meals; Zoom meetings of full membership etc. The major consensus was we are likely to be guided by when the Cashmere Club Restaurant sees fit to open; that they will have assessed the risks. Our club meetings ceased at Level 2, at a time when little was known about the coronavirus. So much more is known now and today (Wednesday), there are 41 active cases in Canterbury. That is hugely sparse and set to fall much further by the time we need to assess our meetings' risks.

Alan McKinnon:

David Buist, Robin McKinney, John Wiley, Viv Ellis, Ruth MacKie, Peter Mears and Harold Garlick (by phone) joined Chris Ayrey and me in a very enjoyable Zoom session on this beautiful Wednesday afternoon. We talked about a wide range of topics including the damage to the roof of John's house caused by the earthquake last week, gardening, Harold's bugling prowess on ANZAC Day as well as other ANZAC Day experiences and the health of people known to us including Pauline Garlick and Doug Johns. We learned that Ruth has resumed writing her book - a project she started about 20 years ago. Well done Ruth. David and Sheryn are busy sorting out the landscaping for the new house - they can't wait to get to level 2 so they can make more progress. About half way through our meeting Peter's equipment let him down leaving us with a very unflattering picture of a "grumpy" Peter frozen on our screens. However, we managed to link him in by phone after Harold left the group to have afternoon tea with his daughter. Peter didn't sound grumpy. We are all looking forward to getting down to level 2 and level 1 so we have a bit more freedom even though we know the present restrictions are an important.

Notices

Bulletin Editor

Kim is back on board now so please send any notices and Zoom reports directly to her at tanner.kimberley@gmail.com. Thank you

Facebook Group

A Rotary Club of Christchurch South (RCoCS) messenger group as part of Facebook has been set up for casual communication between Rotarians as part of this lockdown. If you wish you be added to this group, you will need to have a Facebook account and feel free to contact Kim to add you.

Next Week

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Upcoming Rotary Events

Wednesday 20 May

CHCH South Awards Evening

Rata Lounge, Cashmere Presbyterian

Centre, 2 Macmillan Avenue, Cashmere

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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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Tony Blackler

We are sad to announce that Tony Blackler passed away on Monday 4th May 2020. Tony was a much loved member of our Rotary Club and he shall be missed.

An obituary will follow this.



Rotary and COVID-19

As the COVID-19 pandemic spreads uncertainty and hardship around the world, Rotary members and participants are innovating, caring for those affected, and showing that even at a distance, there are ways to help.

As people of action, Rotary members are engaged in their communities — gathering for projects and offering help to those in need. But in many areas, life is changing drastically. Health experts are urging people to maintain distance from others or even isolate themselves in order to slow the spread of the highly contagious virus.

Fighting disease is one of Rotary's main causes, so members already support efforts to promote proper hand washing techniques, teach people other ways to stay healthy, and supply training and vital medical equipment to health care providers. Now they're helping health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals that are under strain because of the pandemic.