

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Zooming Towards Reconnection

President Mike

After making a mistake in booking the Zoom meeting for Sunday and not Wednesday due to fat fingers on the cell phone only four of us joined tonight's meeting, Susan, Kathryn, Sara and me. As it always is 40 minutes is not nearly enough time to spend with wonderful people with a wealth of positive experiences and advice to share. So much which should have been shared and experienced was left unsaid as we were once again cut off by time constraints.

Possibly others will join me Sunday evening at 7 and those of us can share life, friendship and companionship on line then.

The conversations moved to fast and to erratic for me to be completely sure of anything so with political license I make the claims that the following is almost assured.

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We support assisting in vegetable harvest in Rolleston when it can be organised, and in assisting St Vincent de Paul in the shop on Stanmore Road. And possibly offering help to One Mother to Another in care package assimilation. We also support returning to our Rotary meetings from the 17th of this month. Look forward to change over on the 24th and commit to Joey as our incoming President from the 24th and will (all) ensure that what ever needs done will be done.

Whilst we all have committed to our Zoom meetings it will be nothing but a fond memory of difficult times when we reach our normal

I am especially looking forward to inducting Soosie to our membership on the 17th, or possibly I will have to leave that pleasure to Joey in his term as President

Sarita and Alan Stewart:

We had a small group with Viv, Linda and John Wylie logging in tonight. Alan Stewart had another engagement so sent in his apologies and Graham D had a better offer! Unfortunately it was the "bewitching hour" at the Moss's which meant we couldn't see our Rotarians in Training - Alison or Jack or their parents.

We discussed club roles for the next year. John with his decades of Rotary experience talked about how members were always assigned roles in the past. We also talked about our signature project Hensh and Pedal for the Pacific which also has the potential to be another signature project.

Viv has been cat sitting in some mansion in lovely Nelson. We even got to meet the lovely cat. Linda has finally finished chopping down the non-fruiting apricot tree (ruthless!). One of the branches fell in the wrong spot hitting the neighbour's spouting. Luckily no damage to the spouting. Sarita and Linda shared their marmalade making experiences. Looks like the next Tricky Tray Auction will feature a number of our homemade goodies!

Alan McKinnon:

Chris, Mel, Andrew, Lew and I enjoyed our Zoom discussion on Wednesday. There was an apology from Bruce McKessar who was having computer problems. Lew was sporting plaster on his left arm and wrist (coloured to match his beard) as a result of a fall at Pak 'n Save. A nasty experience and obviously very inconvenient but fortunately he is right-handed. We discussed the upcoming marijuana law reform referendum, the American riots following the dreadful death of a hand-cuffed man at the hands of a police officer and whether or not NZ police also exhibit a racial bias. With a return to level 1 looming we discussed when we might get to meet together again at the Cashmere Club, and also the possibilities for Changeover. Mel told us about some of his recent reading concerning the origin of the British Pub as we know it. The plague which arrived in England in 1348 wiped out a large proportion of the population so peasant labour was able to demand higher wages. Some of this extra income was spent at the pubs where, over the next few decades, better quality food and beer was demanded. So there we have it – at least some good came out of the pestilence of the plague at that time.

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 1¹/₂ 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.



Next Week

Zoom Zoom Zoom

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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Rotary, COVID-19 and Polio

- Over the next several months the polio infrastructure Rotary helped build – including its tools, workforce, and extensive surveillance networks – will be used to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by supporting preparedness and response activities in many countries, including Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. This truly represents the 'Plus' in PolioPlus.
- Building on decades of experience stopping polio outbreaks, Rotary and our partners have a critical role to play in protecting communities from this unprecedented pandemic, just as the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) did in the past to respond to outbreaks of Ebola, yellow fever, and Avian flu.
In places like [Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan](#) polio staff are tracing contacts and testing for COVID-19, combatting misinformation and sensitizing health professionals on the disease. The GPEI's coordination mechanisms – such as hotlines and emergency operations centers – and physical assets like vehicles and computers have also been deployed against COVID-19.
- **Pakistan:** Polio staff are aiding efforts to strengthen surveillance and raise awareness about COVID-19 across Pakistan. The team has trained hundreds of surveillance officers while also supporting the development of a new data system that's fully integrated with the system used for polio. Across the country, polio eradication logistics experts are facilitating the distribution of personal protective equipment for the COVID-19 response.
- Rotarians are providing face masks, personal protection kits to medical staff, repairing ventilators, assisting governments in setting up and monitoring quarantines sites, and utilizing vaccine carriers to transport COVID-19 specimens to laboratories.
- Rotary's Polio Resource Centers are helping the fight against COVID-19 by sensitizing religious leaders and community influencers, producing posters with information on hygiene and physical distancing, and providing food rations to families in need.
- **Nigeria:** In Ogun and Lagos states, over 50 polio program medical staff are conducting contact tracing, disease detection and data collection and analysis to stem the spread of COVID-19. World Health Organization field offices used for polio eradication coordination across the country are now supporting COVID-19 teams, and the GPEI is lending phones, vehicles and administrative support to the response.
- **Afghanistan:** Over 3,750 community volunteers who typically support polio surveillance in Afghanistan are now promoting handwashing and positive hygiene practices in communities to reduce transmission and exposure to COVID-19.