



THE BULLETIN

Rotary Club of Christchurch South
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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Attendance Wed 05 May 2017			Total Membership: 45 Active, 4 Honorary.				
Members and Associates	23	Apologies	13	Visitors	1	On Leave	9

Associate Professor John Pickering from the University of Otago at Christchurch Hospital spoke to our Club tonight. John has a physics background and in his earlier days he was part of a team which pioneered the use of lasers to remove birthmarks

John told us that there were more than one million visits by people to emergency departments in New Zealand hospitals. The Emergency Care Foundation wants to make a difference and have in the past helped to fund special equipment, such as a device to find "lost" veins, and abdomen probes to assist diagnosis of problems, along with training (in resuscitation etc.), software and research.

In addition to this, over the last 2 years or so, John (pictured right during his address) has been involved in developing techniques to quickly and safely rule out heart attacks in a number of people presenting to Emergency Departments (EDs) with chest pain and discomfort. Previously people who presented with symptoms similar to those experienced in a heart attack would have a large number of people attending to them to the disadvantage of others awaiting treatment of other injuries etc. at the ED. The technique being developed aims to assess people on a range of factors (age, male/female, symptoms, etc.) to provide a risk score to ascertain whether there is likelihood of a heart attack having occurred. This rating technique results in many people being sent home quickly because they haven't had an attack, leaving specialists and resources to attend to those who require more attention.



This work, developed in Christchurch, is now being rolled out to other hospitals throughout NZ, as well as Australia, and many other overseas countries.

Christchurch is truly fortunate to have the health system we have here, and John has presented another new measure designed to increase the efficiency in dealing with people who present to an emergency department.

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

Notices

Secretary Shirley Harris has launched her initiative to our Club Directors in support of a major project "From One Mother to Another". Shirley presented a series of slides illustrating the proposed project which was fully supported by members.

Notice of General Meeting Business: Adoption of a revised Club Constitution

Notice is hereby given of a General Meeting to be held as adjunct to the regular club meeting Wed. May 17, 2017, for the adoption of a revised club constitution.

(Refer Friday's email from Pres. Mel for copy and background of the revised constitution).

Apologies for Rotary Meetings

For some time now, those responsible for informing the Cashmere Club kitchen about the number of meals required for a Rotary meeting have struggled to get accurate information. This has been an ongoing source of embarrassment particularly when we have also been trying to persuade the kitchen to improve the quality of the meals provided.

In an attempt to improve things, we have set up a new system for recording apologies and also a reminder process that will hopefully prompt people into getting their apologies in.

The latter will take the form of an email that will be sent to all members who are not on leave or who have not already apologised. The email will be sent out on the Monday before the Rotary meeting and a simple reply to that email can be used to notify an apology for the upcoming meeting or the one after. The same email can also be used to notify about visitors that you may be bringing. Of course, if you plan to attend the meeting then you should not reply. Any reply sent will go to the person who sent the emails out and he or she will then record the apologies.

Of course it is still fine to notify apologies as indicated in the Directory as follows:

- 1. Recording it at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting.*
- 2. Email to chchsouthrotary@gmail.com by 11am on the day of the meeting.*
- 3. Phone call of emergency apologies to Mike (022 540 1251) or Val (03 339 8441). Use this mechanism if you don't have access to email.*

We hope for everyone's cooperation in achieving the objective of more accurate notification of the number of meals required.

Previous Notices

Just a reminder..

Our Club now has its own web site thanks to a number of members but in particular Alan McKinnon. Alan has put many hours into building this outstanding advertisement for Christchurch South. You can access the site from:

www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

Spend some time exploring the site and familiarise yourself with what members of the public will be able to see when they look for us via Google.



Walkers Group.... If you are unable to join the walk, then come and have lunch with us!

Date: Thursday 18 May. 1030am **Meet:** Barnett Park (Main Road on right just past Redcliffs New World)

Walk: To Mulgans Track, follow sealed track to Kinsey Terrace, on to Clifton Terrace and then the Coastal Pathway back to cars. **Spectacular Views.** Drive to lunch.

Lunch: Café, Mount Pleasant Community Centre.

Please let David Buist know if you will walking or for lunch on or before WED 17 May.

Inner Wheel District 297 will be collecting goods for Foster Hope at our change over meeting on the 25th June. When young folk are too old to be in foster care Foster Hope Charity supports them into flats. They are asking for donations of crockery, cutlery, cooking utensils, jugs, irons, linen, blankets etc. Please be certain that any electrical goods are safe. Foster Hope does not want you to buy new goods, but to 'Shop Your Homes ' for good sound used items that you would be proud to be made into 'Flat Packs'.

Many of you may like to take this opportunity to declutter, and at the same time support young folk take this big step in their lives. Alan (McKinnon) is happy to collect items at Rotary meetings or I could collect them.

Thank you very much,
Barbara McKinnon.

Meetings: Board of Directors meeting Wed. 10 May.

Next Meeting		
May 10	Roanna Dalziel	Court Theatre

“Duties”

“On Leave”

Duty	10 May	17 May		FROM	TO
Cash Desk	A McKinnon	S Harris	L Kelly	23/02/12	TBA
Cash Desk	L Bermingham	D Johns	G Dockrill	21/06/16	TBA
Reception	M Bruce	H Garlick	B Blyth	13/04/16	TBA
Speaker's Host	K Gunasekara	M Rickerby	M Whitehead	02/08/15	TBA
Grace	J Chamberlain	J Wylie	M Ireland	01/01/17	28/06/17
International Toast	L Brown	V Nossiter	B Lawrence	02/08/15	TBA
Thanks to Speaker	K Dalziel	K Tanner	E Musson	01/01'17	TBA
Quote for the Week	D Buist	J Woodward	B SoutheyJensen	15/03/17	TBA
Closure	S Collins	B Wales	T Blackler	05/04/17	19/04/17
Speaker Reporter	G Fowler	A Stewart			

	Looking Ahead	
	May 17	Andrea Lord
	Living dangerously in the library	
May 24	Ginny le Bas	Player advisor to Crusaders

A TWIST IN THE TAIL

With winter at our front gate it was time to call the chimney sweep. A man nearing retirement age but still agile enough to edge his way up a ladder and then up the ridge of our iron roof. Chatting as he worked he embraced the chimney and began the time honoured task of removing last winters residues. "I'm surprised you aren't wearing any safety gear" I called from the safety of the ground. "No worries mate" he replied as he soldiered on.

"Reminds me of what happened a few weeks back though" he continued. "I was on the roof of a two storied house when a passing car came to a screeching halt. The occupant jumped out and came up the drive full of purpose". "What the hell do you think you are doing" called out the somewhat excited new arrival. "Who are you?" I (the chimney sweep) replied. The gent explained he was from OSH and he was going to sort me out! "What's your name then" spluttered the man from OSH. "FORK OFF!" was my reply. With that the occupant came out of the house to see what all the yelling was about. "What's this man's name?" demanded the man from OSH. After a thoughtful moment "I think he said FORK OFF!!!" ...the man from OSH departed never to be seen or heard of again.

I had told the Chimney Sweep of a retired sweep who took up the after dinner speaking circuit with great success a few years back, and maybe he could do the same. I'm having second thoughts.

Our Club is on "Facebook"! and the internet! You will find us at:-

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

Web site: www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

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.

