

Rotary

Christchurch South



WEBSITE UPDATE, TRAVEL & HENSH

There were about 9 of us round the Rotary Zoom “table” tonight again enjoying interesting conversation. There was initial talk about the AVIVA street collection this year scheduled for 20 and 21 May. The Club has helped with this appeal in the past and hopefully we can do so again.

Alan Airay reported that 50 tonnes of chicken manure has been ordered for delivery on the 16th of August making Saturday the 20th the delivery day and the 27th street sales day. It’s remarkable how quickly that comes round. Liz reported on a connection with St Thomas’ School rowing through her work and how much the parents and even former pupils are committed to their fund-raising project doing the bagging. This runs very smoothly and of course we have John Wiley to thank for setting up the arrangement in the first place. Bruce Wales has 6000 bags for chicken manure in his garage so he’s rearing to go.

The conversation turned to the travel plans of some of our members and it was pretty clear this was motivated largely by connecting with family and the enforced separation due to covid. Those family ties are pretty strong and we need to thought to the many families throughout the world who are disconnected for whatever reason (covid, war.....).

We had a look at the new images on our club web site that Sarita arranged. They certainly are a big improvement on the previous ones. Thanks Sarita!



Lew talked about the pending celebration of his mother-in-law’s 100th birthday where sea-food is the culinary theme. So Lew has splashed out on oysters and crayfish which had our mouths watering somewhat!

We discussed the illness alopecia which was given prominence by the very bad behaviour at the recent Oscar Ceremony. It is perhaps more common than we realise, with those suffering from it experiencing bullying and prejudice. Alan Airay read an advertisement from a 1913 issue of the Penrith Advisor newspaper that he found recently in an old trunk belonging to his grandfather who travelled frequently between the UK and NZ at the beginning of last century.

The ad's headline was "How to grow hair on a bald head" recommending a mixture containing Bay Rum, menthol crystals and some perfume. If only it was so simple! Lew recounted an experience when he was performing the part of the king in the musical The King and I, requiring him to shave all his hair off Yul Brynner style.

So there we have it – a pleasant and informative hour spent with some great people. We did discuss when we might return to meeting at the Cashmere Club – maybe 20th April???? Keep well and safe everyone.

Huge thanks Alan McKinnon – speaker reporter

COLLECTING FOR AVIVA – SAVE THE DATE

Aviva Street Appeal Friday 20th & Saturday 21st May at Bunnings Tower Junction 9am to 6pm.

Malcolm will be circulating a list (if you have a specific time that suits you best get in early!)

Aviva supports people of any age, gender, sexuality or experience of violence to not only become safe, but begin a journey toward a fulfilling, violence-free life. It is never too early or too late to seek support.



MOTHER OF ALL CLEANUPS - SAVE THE DATE

Where - Meet at the Beckenham Scout Den near the Brickworks, Centaurus Road.

Date - Saturday 9th May 2022

Time - 10.00am to 12pm

Last time the Christchurch South Rotary group met for lunch at The Brickworks.

We have the opportunity to give back to Mother Nature; cleaning up her rivers and the Estuary. The event is jointly organised by Avon-Otakaro Network, the Opawaho Heathcote River Network, the Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust and City Care.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed. " Mahatma Gandhi

Upcoming Meetings via Zoom until further notice

Date: Wednesday 30th March 2022

Time: 6.30 pm – 7.00pm

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6411133984?pwd=TIkzbGpPWU9wZFAwUCtxVVFjQzBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 641 113 3984

Passcode: 428301