

# Rotary Club of Christchurch South



## George Hayward—E Scooters

This week's speaker was George Hayward, a former member of our Club. Indeed, Lew Brown discovered that George joined the Club almost 24 years ago to the day, on 2 October 1996, having been introduced to the Club by John Wylie.

After some years in the Club, George needed to expand his business in Auckland, and so resigned from the Club to move to Auckland along with his wife, Julie, to attend to that enterprise.

In 2014 George sold his Christchurch business and thoughts turned to what he might do in retirement. Fate seemed to have a hand, as while George & Julie were considering this in Auckland, along the street came an electric scooter. George decided that he would look to take up an agency for electric scooters (e-scooters) in NZ as a part-time interest in his retirement.

Like so many intended part-time enterprises, this business has really grown since George sold and retired from his earlier business which focused on commercial doors. George brought samples of his electric scooter range along to demonstrate during the course of his talk, to show the Club the type of product he offers. Many of the scooters fold up easily, making them suitable for putting into a car to take to places where they might be used. There are many cleverly designed models in the range which George sells, as he focusses on quality products, which require little maintenance.

These are certainly products of our time, and members could see the possibilities of using these on motorhome holidays, or on golf courses – the uses are only limited by the user's imagination. Many models will travel at up to 30 – 50kph, and have a range of up to 40km before requiring charging. Helmets are not required for e-scooters (although are recommended).

George has a customer who is a University student aged around 18 who has mobility problems, and an e-scooter has made a positive change to his life, by allowing him to attend University and study.

Some of the more powerful (2,400W) e-scooters are not permitted on NZ roads, but can be used off- road on golf courses, etc. The Lithium-ion batteries of the e-scooters are good for more than 150 charges, and the e-scooters are provided with a 12-month warranty.

Well done George in finding a successful new career in your retirement. And thank you for coming along to the Club to share this success with us – great to hear and see!

*Thank you Athol for this weeks report and Sarita for the photos*



**George and Graham**

## Upcoming Meetings

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- 07/10 Special General Meeting  
Club Constitution
- 14/10 Doug McSweeney  
Marketing and Communications for the Crusaders  
**Members please wear RED and BLACK**
- 21/10 Melissa Ronayne  
Te Pae, the Christchurch Convention Centre
- 28/10 Vocational/Social  
Polio fundraiser Tricky Tray auction

## Upcoming Events

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### Wednesday 28th October

Tricky Tray Auction

5.30 for 6pm start

Sydenham Lounge, Cashmere Club

\$30pp for meal and 12 \$1 auction tickets (you can purchase more)

Rotary family and friends are welcome

## Notices

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### Christchurch South Polio Fundraiser

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 5:30 for 6pm

This event will take the form of a “Tricky Tray Auction” which is a fun combination of an Auction and a Raffle. A poster is attached.

To make it worthwhile, we are inviting members and Rotary friends from other Rotary Clubs in our Cluster Group and also encouraging Christchurch South members to invite friends and family.

It will be held in the Sydenham Room at the Cashmere Club. The cost will be \$30pp and for that you will get a standard Rotary single-course meal and 12 tickets (you can purchase more) to use to bid on the many and varied prizes available. Christchurch South members are each asked to bring ONE item valued between \$5 and \$15 to offer as a prize although we plan to have a couple of more substantial prizes available as well.

Please email Alan McKinnon

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giving the names of those attending and if possible make payment (\$30pp) by direct credit to the Club bank account 03-1599-0081963-00 giving your name as a reference.

Any questions, please contact Alan 021 142 7668 or 03 337 6202.

### District Newsletter

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## Duties

Duty	7 Oct	14 Oct
Cash Desk	K Gunasekara	A Airay
Cash Desk	S Mackenzie	M Bruce
Reception	L Brown	L Birmingham
Speaker Host	L Birmingham	M Opie
Grace	L Birmingham	M Opie
International Toast	L Brown	L Birmingham
Thanks to Speaker	K Dalziel	A Airay
Quote	S Mackenzie	M Bruce
Speaker Reporter	C Ayrey	L Bougen
Sergeant	G Dockrill	G Dockrill

## Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
R McKinney	20/09/20	31/03/21
K Moss	04/07/19	31/12/20
C McCarthy	17/06/20	31/12/20
S Hays	11/08/20	TBA

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## Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email [chchsouthrotary@gmail.com](mailto:chchsouthrotary@gmail.com) before 11am on that Wednesday
- Emergency apologies to Mike Bruce on 022 540 1251
  
- You will receive an email reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising or bringing a guest
- If you are unable to do your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange a substitute and advise the President
- Leave of absence requests (three weeks or more) must be in writing to the Secretary