



THE BULLETIN

Rotary Club of Christchurch South
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SPEAKER REPORT – JIM STRANG

Jim Strang this week shared with us his many years of experience with Sir Edmund Hillary and the New Zealand Himalayan Trust involvement with Nepal. Jim's first contact with Sir Ed, some 50 years ago, was as a young mountain guide in the South Island. A conversation led on to his first visit to Nepal and involvement has continued since that time with many trips to Nepal and as a member of the Board of the New Zealand Himalayan Trust.

Nepal is approximately the same size as the South Island, with large portions mountainous, that coupled with a population of 30 million people gives rise to many ongoing needs for this country. More recently earthquakes, avalanches and the Maoist conflict have led to significant challenges.



The first involvement with Jim and Sir Ed in Nepal was back in 1971 with the focus being on building schools. Ed initially built 25 schools and with the help of Rotary in Australia there has been the opportunity to spread that activity to a number of other regions. Many of these schools were built with dry stone and sadly large numbers of them were damaged in the earthquake. 180 of the 300 damaged schools have been rebuilt with materials that will be more resilient to future quakes. Teaching in the schools has been an issue in that the Nepalese government has insisted on only local teachers. Jim and others have run training schemes for the locals and there has been sufficient momentum to ensure the development of local trainers.

Guest Speaker, Jim Strang speaks on education for girls in Nepal

The latter part of Jim's presentation moved us to the west of Nepal to the Bajthang region with the wish to improve girls education in this region. This district is ranked 73 of the 75 districts in Nepal on the Human Development Index. Because of the Hindu beliefs around menstruation women and girls are not allowed to cook and live in the home. During this time they have to live outside in isolated shelter with no ready access to water or other sanitation facilities. Many girls are often unable to attend school while they are isolated. Even educated women are compelled to follow this tradition due to pressure from the family and society. Jim's hope is that funding can be provided for wash facilities and over time a change to attitudes and beliefs that are sustaining this custom.

Jim's passion for the work in Nepal was very evident during his presentation and his openness with the information he shared with us.

Thanks to Tony Blackler for this week's report and Doug Johns for the photos.

Rowley Primary School Christmas Party



Reminder to those helping with the Christmas party this Thursday 13th December from 12 to approximately 3pm. Extra helpers are needed on the day, please contact Liz if you can assist.

Christchurch South Christmas Event

Susan circulated an attendance list for the Christmas Function at College House on Wednesday 12th of December at 6pm. \$40 per head. BYO drinks. Get in touch with Susan if you haven't already signed up.

Young Totara Award Nominees.

Doug asked members to contact him with suggestions for people for the Young Totara Award.

Presents for Papanui Rotary Xmas Tree

President Kim asked us to bring children's gifts to our Christmas event which will be distributed through the Papanui Rotary Christmas Tree project. Gifts are to be wrapped with the age and gender of suitable recipients written on the outside.



NEXT MEETING

12 December 2018
Rotary Club of Christchurch South
Christmas Party

DUTIES

Duty	12-Dec-18
Cash Desk	C Ayrey
Cash Desk	J McKessar
Reception	
Speaker's Host	
Grace	H Garlick
International Toast	
Thanks to Speaker	
Quote for the Week	
Closure	
Speaker Reporter	C McCarthy
Notices Reporter	

ON LEAVE

	FROM	TO
B Blyth	21/06/16	TBA
E Mussen	13/04/16	TBA
M Whitehead	02/08/15	TBA
M Ireland	01/01/17	TBA
K Dalziel	01/01/17	02/19
G Dockeril	14/02/18	09/18
M Opie	01/07/18	31/12/18
S Collins	04/07/18	TBA
Q Moss	15/08/18	2019
V Nossiter		TBA
KGunasekara	01/09/2018	31/10/2018
B Southey - Jenson	12 /09 18	05/12/2018

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www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz

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

APOLOGIES – Record your apology at the Reception Desk at a prior meeting

OR

Email: chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11.00 on the Wednesday - you will get a reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising and to advise if bringing a guest.

EMERGENCY APOLOGIES to Mike Bruce, 022 540 1251

DUTIES - If you are unable to do an allocated duty, it is YOUR responsibility to arrange a substituent

AND to advise the President.

LEAVE of ABSENCE (three weeks or more) advise the Secretary by email or in writing.