

Rotary Club of Christchurch South



Christmas Function

President Shirley commenced her year by welcoming our guest speaker, Kirk Schimanski to our meeting. Kirk is a principal of Alan and Yee, who practice from their office in Sydenham, and his topic was "Making and Updating Wills".

Wills vary in complexity, with a basic will identifying who you are and the document as your will, the names of the beneficiaries, and the name of the person that you are appointing to be the executor. The will should cover the present circumstances. Should a person die intestate, being less than 5%, an estate is divided up by the Administration Act.

Writing a will does not give you freedom to do what you may wish, as the will can be challenged. The Family Protection Act says you have a moral duty to provide for close family members in your will. If you don't, they have a right to contest the will because you haven't made adequate provision for them. Cutting a close family member from your will is extremely difficult to do, if they choose to challenge it. Typically, a Court would rule that family recognition should amount to 10%-20% of an estate.

The Law Reform (Testamentary) Promises Act says if you've promised someone a reward in your will for their services and don't keep that promise, they can contest the will. Should you hire a caregiver, telling her you can't afford to pay her much but you'll see her right in your will, if you don't keep that promise, she may challenge the will.



Geoff Bailey with Speaker Kirk Schimanski

If you've been in a relationship for 3 years or more, the Property (Relationships) Act says your partner is entitled to half your relationship property if you separate or die. This applies to married, civil union and de facto couples, including same-sex couples. You can "contract out" by making an agreement with your partner. If you die, your partner has 6 months to either accept what you leave them in your will or claim their share under the Act.

Kirk emphasised the importance of Enduring Power of Attorney; relevant to prior to a will coming into effect. Unlike a general Power of Attorney, the authority of an Enduring Power of Attorney continues in the event the principal loses the ability to make decisions for themselves. An Enduring Power of Attorney allows the representative to assign authority to make financial, personal and health decisions to a representative of their choosing. An Enduring Power of Attorney provides ongoing management responsibilities when an unexpected disabling event occurs.

Kirk made reference to the various forms of trusts, as part of estate planning. The creation of a family trust can help keep specific assets, such as a home, in the family for future generations. It may also help protect against claims on your estate, or other claims during your lifetime.

Setting up an inheritance trust is a means to safeguard gifts and assets. It would allow you to keep your entire estate, the totality of your assets, or just particular assets in trust upon your passing, to benefit specific people named in the trust. This can help those closest to you to protect their inheritance from relationship property claims or business creditors, as well as ensuring any vulnerable family members have support in managing and protecting their inheritance.

A timely reminder to consider the adequacy of our estate planning and wills.

Thank you Graham F for this weeks report and Viv for the photo

Upcoming Meetings

13/07	Club Assembly Accounts
20/07	Brad Lake All you need to know about Hemp
27/07	Partners night Andre Strauss Citizens Advice Bureau
03/08	District Governor Jan Boustead

Upcoming Events

27 July	Partners Night
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Notices

Bulletin

Anything that is for the bulletin such as speaker reporter, notices and photos please send to our Rotary email:

chchsouthrotary@gmail.com

Thanks

Canterbury Museum

Dear members, I'm the Speaker Programme convenor this year. I've been in touch with the Canterbury Museum, (please see attached) who have provided us with some really interesting topics. Can I ask you have a read and pick say three favourites, I'll ask for a show of hands at the next meeting (you can vote more than once and on any and every topic if you wish). I'm going to try and secure two museum speakers for the year, with preferential dates being on Partners nights...so ask your Partners too! You may have to look up some of the collections on-line as I'm not sure what they all are.

Thank you—Graham Dockrill

Duties

Duty	13 July	20 July
Cash Desk	A Airay	A McKinnon
Cash Desk	J Chamberlain	D Peterson
Reception	A McCully	H Garlick
Speaker Host	N/A	S Mackenzie
Grace	R McKinney	S Mackenzie
International Toast	A McCully	H Garlick
Thanks to Speaker	N/A	A McKinnon
Quote	A Airay	D Peterson
Speaker Reporter	L Brown	L Bermingham
Sergeant	G Dockrill	A Stewart

Leave

Who	From	To
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
J Wylie		TBA
S Haye	11/08/20	TBA

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Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email chchsouthrotary@gmail.com before 11am on that Wednesday
- Emergency apologies to Shirley Harris on 021 198 2234 or Viv Ellis on 027 490 3161
- 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

