



## *THE BULLETIN*

Rotary Club of Christchurch South  
District 9970  
PO Box 12-243, Christchurch 8242

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## DAVID CLARKSON – REGIMENTAL HISTORY CENTRE.



David Clarkson stands in front of the centre located at Burnham military base

<https://www.facebook.com/CNMWC.Regimental.History.Centre/photos/a.464780863905432/464780783905440/?type=3&theater>

Although our speaker David Clarkson has been a chartered accountant for over 3 decades and is currently the principal of the public speaking and presentation skills training firm Dynamic Communication, his passion is very clearly the Regimental History Centre or the “Citizen Soldier Centre” currently located at Burnham Military Camp. There, a team of about half a dozen volunteers, look after and display historical material related primarily to soldiers from the Canterbury area.

Local militia were initially formed as a response to the Wairau Massacre in 1845 and these marked the beginnings of the New Zealand army. David’s own military involvement started when he was called up for National Service at the age of 20. He served as a Territorial Infantry Officer in the NZ Army primarily with the Canterbury Battalion from where he retired after 15 years of service with the rank of Major. Then began his involvement with the Regimental History Centre which he now chairs.

The Centre is in a building at Burnham which was originally a borstal. David told us about some notable displays they have there, such as a WW1 diorama, a Gallipoli drum which actually landed on the beach filled with first field dressings and now has the names of soldiers written inside it, a Cassino (WW2) diorama, a display of military hats and of course an armoury. They have a display related to Le Quesnoy in France which was liberated by NZ forces just a week before the end of WW2. The centenary of this battle was celebrated late last year, and New Zealanders get a very warm welcome there.

Not surprisingly there is a special display related to Charles Upham who is the only person in the Commonwealth to have been awarded the Victoria Cross twice and who lived to tell the tale.

Running a facility of this nature is not without its challenges. A major issue confronting the Centre is that the building is located inside the Burnham camp which creates serious access problems for visitors. Not only that, but the building needs earthquake strengthening. So, the Centre is looking for a new home. Another issue is getting access to the military memorabilia that people have in their homes. Often this is thrown out by following generations not realising that the Centre would like to have this material. In one recent example, the Centre managed to obtain an excellent example of a Sergeant’s uniform from the 2<sup>nd</sup> South Canterbury Regiment when they noticed it being offered on Trade Me.

David and his colleagues are to be congratulated on the work they are doing preserving this important historical material.

Thanks to Alan Mckinnon for this week’s report

## UPCOMING EVENTS


- March Quiz Night for Interplast "Repairing Bodies, Rebuilding Lives"
  - 6 April District 9970 Women in Rotary Event (Christchurch)
  - 3 – 5 May District 9970 Conference (Ashburton)
  - 22 May Christchurch South Community Awards Evening
  - 20 – 22 September New Zealand Australia Rotary Conference (Christchurch)
- Find more information [here](#)

## Walkers Group

**Date:** 21 March  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m  
**Walk:** Heathcote Valley  
**Park:** Station Road, Heathcote (road alongside the railway)  
**Lunch:** 12:00 at The Heathcote Valley Inn  
If you are unable to walk then join us for lunch. Email, call or text Susan Haye. [Susan.haye@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Susan.haye@xtra.co.nz), ph 337 5313, mob 027 3000 300

Regards  
Susan

## KEY NOTICES



in Timeline Photos  
Rotary Christchurch South

# QUIZ NIGHT FOR INTERPLAST

6.50pm Wednesday 10 April 2019  
Armadillos Beckenham  
155 Colombo Street, CHRISTCHURCH

\$20 per person (Teams of 6)

Proceeds will go to Interplast New Zealand and Australia "Repairing Bodies and Rebuilding Lives"  
Register [here](#) or Email [sarita@bedrockolutions.co.nz](mailto:sarita@bedrockolutions.co.nz) to register your



JOIN US ON  
**16th March 10am – 4pm**  
for a rare opportunity to visit the historic  
**Kate Sheppard House & Garden**  
at 83 Clyde Rd, Ilam

# KATE SHEPPARD HOUSE OPEN DAY

Entry by donation **\$25** per person

Gain entry to this exclusive event via an **Eventbrite ticket sale** or **at the gate on the day.**

Want to donate? Bank: 38-9019-0612585-00  
Ref: Kate - The Youth Hub Trust  
[www.youthhubchch.org.nz](http://www.youthhubchch.org.nz)  
[www.facebook.com/YouthHubCHCH](https://www.facebook.com/YouthHubCHCH)

All proceeds go to The Youth Hub Trust, who are building a facility for the youth of Christchurch.

 Te Hurihanga o Rangatahi  
**The Youth Hub**

## NEXT MEETING

06 March 2019  
Ken Bye

ChCh South Community Patrol – working with others to keep our community safe.





# John Taylor Walkway

On Saturday a group of Christchurch South members spend the morning out at the Haswell Quarry clearing the over growth of the John Taylor Walkway, it was a great productive morning and we completed the task



## DUTIES

<i>Duty</i>	<i>13-Mar-19</i>	<i>20-Mar-19</i>
<i>Cash Desk</i>	D Johns	A Airay
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<i>Reception</i>	P Mears	H Garlick
<i>Speaker's Host</i>	J Woodward	
<i>Grace</i>	S Haye	K Dalziel
<i>International Toast</i>	A Airay	L Brown
<i>Thanks to Speaker</i>	S Harris	
<i>Quote for the Week</i>	C McCarthy	K Gunasekara
<i>Speaker Reporter</i>	J Chamberlain	M Opie
<i>Notices Reporter</i>	D Buist	D Johns

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

**Email: [chchsouthrotary@gmail.com](mailto: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 advise the president.**

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

## ON LEAVE

	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
<b>B Blyth</b>	21/06/16	TBA
<b>E Mussen</b>	13/04/16	TBA
<b>M Whitehead</b>	02/08/15	TBA
<b>M Ireland</b>	01/01/17	TBA
<b>G Dockeril</b>	14/02/18	TBA
<b>L Hay</b>		TBA
<b>J Wylie</b>		TBA
<b>S Collins</b>	04/07/18	TBA
<b>Q Moss</b>	15/08/18	2019
<b>V Nossiter</b>		TBA
<b>J Keerthisooriya</b>		01/08/19
<b>R McKinney</b>		01/05/19
<b>K Tanner</b>	January 2019	01/07/19
<b>S Tatterson</b>	January 2019	01/07/2019
<b>M Rickerby</b>	January 2019	January 2020

Our Club is on “Facebook” And the internet!  
You will find us at –  
[www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz](http://www.christchurchsouthrotary.org.nz)  
or <http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfChristchurchSouth>