

# Rotary

## Christchurch South



### THESE GUYS ARE AMAZING! .....

This week we were privileged to have John and Janice Milligan from Food Bank Canterbury to join us and share the story of their enterprise.

Food Bank Canterbury is based in Kilmarnock Street, Riccarton, Christchurch, and is a member of the Global Food Banking Network.

One third of all food produced is lost or wasted, costing the global economy nearly \$1trillion per year. The wastage of the food generates 8% of greenhouse gas emissions. Apart from that, a quarter of all water used in agriculture to produce crops is wasted, so the total cost of wastage is enormous.

In New Zealand:

1. The most common wasted food is bread
2. 1 in 5 children go to school each day without breakfast, with resulting behavioural issues.

In Canterbury, an estimated 240,000 tonnes of food are wasted each year. Food loss is where crops etc. are lost on farms or in primary productive units. Food waste is where food is lost after it has been produced.

Food banking collects food from farms, and from supermarkets, checks it for quality (and best before dates) before distributing it to agencies who will supply hungry people. Food insecurity is encountered by people who may not get one good meal per day. This occurs in New Zealand, and is not wealth-based.

Food Bank Canterbury is Canterbury's only secular independent food rescue organisation. It is important to note that the organisation is:

- Not faith-based
- Not politically aligned
- Non activist connected
- Non-judgemental

It doesn't work directly with individuals seeking food, but instead with agencies who will do that. The Canterbury Food Bank has a culture of respect.



With the arrival of Covid-19 in 2020, demand for food has exploded. The Food Bank utilises Hunger Action Teams, and with corporate volunteers, twice a week prepare family care packs (200 per session).

Last month (September 2021) the Food Bank supplied 103.8 tonnes of food. They have partnered with a number of Christchurch Rotary Clubs to fund trucks and ensure that the business meets community needs. An annual grant has been received from Christchurch City Council, but no Government funding has been received.

Our Club were impressed by the passion of John and Janice for their work, which is clearly a key in our community. Thank you for sharing your story with us – you are “angels” of our community, and we are proud that Rotary assists you!

**Huge thanks to Athol McCully – meeting reporter**

Please do reach out to Food Bank Canterbury <https://www.foodbankanz.org.nz> if you are wanting to volunteer or donate food/funds to provide support.

### RIBBON APPEAL

Friday 29 October at Christchurch Airport

Seeking 2 volunteers per shift

8.30 to 10.30, 10.30 to 12.30, 12.30 to 14.30 & 14.30 to 16.30

Please contact Kim if you can assist





## WALKER/ LUNCHEON GROUP

**Come join us on our next walk and/or lunch.**

**Date:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

**Meet:** Travis Wetlands Carpark, Beach Road

**Time:** 10.30 am

**Walk:** Exploring the wetlands

**Lunch:** Burwood Hospital Cafe

**If you are unable to join the walk, then come and have lunch with us.**

**RSVP to David B on 027 2900 946 or by email [david.buist@xtra.co.nz](mailto:david.buist@xtra.co.nz) by Tues 19<sup>th</sup> October**

## COME AND JOIN US FOR COFFEE

**Date:** Each Friday

**Meet:** Urban Eatery, Oderings, Stourbridge Street, Barrington

**Time:** 10.30 am

**Walk:** Optional afterwards, only if you feel like it.

**No need to RSVP just turn up and connect. Every other week of Level 2 when we are not walking, partners and friends welcome. We will not be making a booking so whoever gets there first can choose a table.**



## Upcoming Meetings

## Notices

**13<sup>th</sup> October** - TBA

**20<sup>th</sup> October** - Club Forum

**27<sup>th</sup> October** - Speech Comp winners Year 7 & 8

## Duties

## Leave

	13 October	13 October	Who	From	To
Cash Desk	R McKinney	A McKinnon	M Whitehead	09/09/2015	TBA
Cash Desk	J Woodward	P Mears	J Wylie		TBA
Reception	D Buist	H Garlic	S Hays	11/08/2020	TBA
Speaker Host	C Ayrey	L Brown	K Moss	04/07/2019	30/06/2022
Grace	C Ayrey	L Brown			
International Toast	D Buist	H Garlic			
Thanks to Speaker	J Woodward	A McKinnon			
Quote	R McKinney	P Mears			
Speaker Reporter	S Harris	J Chamberlain			
Sergeant	M Rickerby	S Mackenzie			

## Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email [alan.barbara.mckinnon@gmail.com](mailto:alan.barbara.mckinnon@gmail.com) before 11am on that Wednesday
- Emergency apologies to Liz Bermingham on 021 2456875
- 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
- Please advise all leave of absence (three or more weeks) to the Secretary by email or in writing