

# Rotary Club of Christchurch South



## Oliver Comyn - Macular Degeneration

Last week we had the pleasure of hearing from Oliver Comyn who was speaking to us about macular degeneration.

The first thing our Rotary learnt and assuming many of the members have been through the doors of St George's is that there is a charity arm to the hospital and through the use of grants, patients have been able to gain cheaper eye treatment through the hospital.

Everyone that was in attendance on Wednesday appreciated that the topic that was discussed was rather technical and rather scientific. But what we didn't count on was how charismatic Oliver Comyn was and this made his topic on macular degeneration much easier to understand.



*Guest Speaker Oliver Comyn and Rotarian Susan Hays*

In this report I won't be able to explain the technical aspects because it was more of a visual presentation but what was discussed was the different types of disease you can have in the eye including wet and dry while macular degeneration has become treatable. Dry is still some way off having any sort of cure. The issue is when spots (not the medical term) appear in the back of the eye above the optic nerve, within layers of the back of the eyes and the layers wear down over time. The implications of this article issue is that when the light enters the eyes and reflects off the back of the eye, spots appear in the vision of the individual.

In the worst case scenario the patient can be deemed legally blind. Which we also learnt doesn't mean you can't see. You may be able to see out of your peripherals. Or images could be blurred, but you are outside the standard of which you are deemed to have clear vision.

We were subject to an amazing speaker which just blew us away.

Thanks to Joey for this weeks report.

## Next Week

Speech Finalists - This is my Life

## Upcoming Rotary Events

19 October

Cashmere Residents Association BBQ

3 November

Annual Avonhead Rotary Charity Golf Tournament

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## Notices

World Polio Day 24<sup>th</sup> October

We all know how much Rotary has done to help eradicate polio from our world, but we are not there yet!

- World Polio Day is on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, so at our Rotary Club meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be having a special fund-raising activity to make our contribution to this important cause. So come along with some extra cash in your pocket/purse/wallet and be prepared to take part.

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

**Date:** Thursday 17 October

**Park:** Little Poms Café car park, cnr Fitzgerald and Kilmore Sts

**Time:** 10.30am

**Walk:** River Trail

**Lunch:** Little Poms Café 12 noon (link to menu and map)

<http://littlepoms.co.nz/#cosy-neighbourhood-cafe-christchurch>

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

Please let Susan know (by email or 337 5313 or 027 3000 300) if



**THANK YOU!**

**Chantal and Christchurch Rotary South**

For putting together some toys for our refuges

**You are STARS**

**ZONTA SAYS NO**  
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

*Breakfast Fundraiser*

**Come together for a delicious breakfast and be inspired by an empowering story of survival.**

Jan Logie, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Justice (Domestic & Sexual Violence issues) will be presenting the Government's latest response to family violence legislation and support.

Guest Speakers:



Jan Logie  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Justice



Representative from AVIVA

Funds raised go to AVIVA.

Get tickets: <https://zontasbreakfast.eventbrite.co.nz>

**FRIDAY 29th  
NOVEMBER 2019**

7am (sharp) - 8:30am  
Quality Hotel Elms,  
456 Papanui Rd  
Christchurch

Cost: \$40/person  
Bring your friends and colleagues and book a table of 7!



Ali Mau



Pegasus Bay



**Geraldine's Roses**

**\$25 each**



Parnell Heritage



Hayley Westera

Sarita is helping her friend Geraldine Hassall again with her roses fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House South Island. This time the funds are going towards the refurbishment of the Children's Haematology and Oncology Clinic (CHOC) family room at Christchurch Hospital. These roses are \$25 each and to order please click on the link below

<https://forms.gle/m2mYZUzf2QdtbFx77>

## Duties

Duty	16 October	23 October
Cash Desk	C Ayrey	G fowler
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Reception	D Peterson	A Airay
Speaker Host	V Ellis	P Mears
Grace	G Fowler	B McKessar
International Toast	L Bermingham	A McKinnon
Thanks to Speaker	L Brown	M Opie
Quote	J Chamberlain	H Garlick
Speaker Reporter	M Opie	L Bermingham
Sergeant	G Dockrill	J Chamberlain
Deputy Sergeant	M Opie	S Mackenzie

## Leave

Who	From	To
R Blyth	08/04/15	TBA
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
G Dockrill	21/06/16	TBA
J McKessar		TBA
V Nossiter		TBA
J Wylie		TBA
M Rickerby	01/01/19	01/01/20
S Harris		31/12/19
K Tanner	04/07/19	12/12/19
J Woodward	05/11/19	05/12/19
V Ellis	23/10/19	27/11/19

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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