



THE NOR-WESTER SEPTEMBER 2020

North West Christchurch Kiwanis Club

Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays of month 7 for 7.30pm at "The Lions Den" Avonhead Road, Burnside
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello everyone,

I cannot believe it is time for me to write my final message for the newsletter. This year has gone so quickly even with a lockdown in the middle of it, but Spring has arrived, the daffodils and blossom are out so despite social distancing and wearing masks it is good to know that Summer is on the way. It makes one feel good amidst the doom and gloom.

Our recent meetings have been interesting with the stuffing of hospital dolls [thank you Helen for arranging the sewing], a bottle auction, and some good advice about recycling our rubbish [thank you Gavin] although I am still trying to get my head around some of it.

A successful interclub was held with Christchurch club and two Kiwanians from Hamilton. Twenty members from our club attended [thank you everyone]. This meeting took place as it would have been the District Convention in Christchurch which was cancelled. Such a pity as a great weekend was being arranged. Next year it will be in Noumea so let us hope the borders will be open.

As October 1st draws near I wish Helen and her board all the best and hope next year will not be interrupted too much.

As some members will not be able to attend the changeover dinner I would like to thank all club members for your support and help during the year. I have enjoyed my time as HEAD HONCHO. Keep up the good work.

Yours in Kiwanis,
Rhondda.

P.S. Mo Sevier has been in hospital, had an operation on his back, was home in two days and is recuperating well and in good spirits. Take care Mo.

MEETINGS – Gavin

Monday, 14th September - This meeting is being organised by the Partners Committee and from info I have obtained, it will be a most enjoyable evening with all partners encouraged to attend – see below:

CLUB MEETING - MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

The Partners Committee is organising the club meeting. This is being held at the Lions Den at the usual time of 7.30pm. It promises to be an informative and entertaining evening with a Spring Theme. All club members and partners are welcome, so please come along and join in the fun. Supper will be provided.

Looking forward to seeing you there
Barbara, Adrienne, Carolyn, Lois & Jenny



Remembrance Day, September 27th. Meet in car park at The Tannery at 1.30pm. Return to Tannery for coffee or tea afterwards. If wet, Lt Gov. Jill Keir will contact both club Presidents.

Wednesday, 30th September - "Change-Over Meeting": Note this is on Wednesday night the 30th September and is a change from our normal night of Monday, 28th Sept. This is a Dinner Meeting at the Papanui Club – see below:

SOCIALS – Bill Wilson

The next social is our Changeover Dinner on **Wed 30th September**.

Note: This is in lieu of our Monday Club meeting.

- Date: Wednesday 30th September 2020
- Place: Papanui Club, 302 Sawyers Arms Road, Harewood.
- Time: 6.45pm arrival for 7.00pm meal
- Meal: Two courses (Roast and Dessert)
- Price: \$20.00 per person (To be paid on arrival before moving into where we are seated)

Note: The Papanui Club has advised that any non attendance will be charged unless they are advised at least 24 hours beforehand. Please **ring** Bill Wilson if you cannot attend and he will advise the Club. If you are a member of the Papanui Club or an Associate Club, please ensure that you bring your membership card with you.

FUNDRAISING – Bill Anderson

Telephone Books

We have our telephone book deliveries to do this month.

Delivery starts on 11th September and they have to be completed by 20th September.

Most teams will be doing their deliveries on Saturday 12th September so I hope we get a fine day and not like last year when we had to delay deliveries because it was a wet day.

The books are all pre-wrapped as they were last year. Each team leader will contact the people in their team to arrange starting times and where each team will meet.

The books will have to be picked up from City Care’s yard at the Airport. If you are going to City Care’s yard make sure you wear a Hi Vis jacket when you are loading up the books. I will leave a box of jackets with the books.

If you require a jacket when walking along the footpath delivering the books, let me know and I will get a jacket for you.

Be careful not to deliver a book to addresses which have opted out, as we get fined if we do an incorrect delivery. We actually get paid only half the amount we get for delivering a book to each address that has opted out.

Meeting Report: 10th August

Averil Stevenson, from Eco Central, gave us a very informative talk on recycling.



She said that the recycling need changes depending on the markets that Eco Central can find for our waste. Currently they can recycle clean paper and cardboard, hard plastics 1, 2 and 5, glass, and aluminium and tin cans.

For recyclers to accept our waste to make into new products, we need to keep it as clean and as pure as possible. When different materials get inadvertently mixed together, it is considered contaminated which lowers the price or makes it unsuitable for recycling. Here are some of the ways to avoid contaminating our recycling:

1. **Remove all lids** from the bottles that we recycle. Why? Because lids fall through the sorting grates and contaminate glass and paper.
2. When it comes to paper, **only recycle paper larger than a standard size envelope**. If paper is small, it falls through and contaminates other recycling. Shredded paper can go in the green bin, as can greasy or food contaminated pizza boxes.
3. When opening cans, leave them attached to the can by around 2cm. Rinse and pop in bin. **DON’T** put loose lids in the recycling. They contaminate the paper. **Loose lids can be**

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taken to the eco-drop or just put in the red bin.

4. **NO Soft plastics** - there is currently no market for these items so all soft bags go in the red bin.
5. The lids from margarine containers go in the red bin because they can easily slip in with paper and contaminate it.
6. All recycling should be clean and dry so it doesn't contaminate paper and cardboard.
7. If you buy milk in plastic containers, consider buying it in the bottles you can see through. That uncoloured plastic, when recycled is sold for \$700 a ton while the containers that you can't see through fetch \$10 a ton!

If in doubt, put it in the red bin!

25 year Legion of Honour award to Grant and Marilyn Nelson

Governor Brian Reed presented Grant and Marilyn Nelson with certificates for 25 years service in the North West Club. Congratulations to you both!



Meeting Report: 24th August - Bottle Auction

Gavin Bates and Gov. Brian Reed did the "auctioneering" for the bottle sale, which was a lot of fun and raised over \$400 for the NZSP District Foundation.

Left: Kevin's "surprise" was a container of golf balls!



Partners Committee Morning Tea

A group of approx. 20 partners and women club members attended the morning tea at Crisp Café, Ilam, on Saturday, 15th August. Despite the Level 2 lockdown regulations, we had an enjoyable time with great food and good company. Barbara



INTERCLUB MEETING AT ARMADILLOS ON THURSDAY, 27TH AUGUST

This combined interclub was held to host some Kiwanians who intended to be at Convention in Christchurch 27-30 August which was cancelled due to Covid-19. Unfortunately, only 2 people came - from Hamilton - as the others plans were disrupted due to the Alert Level 3 in the Auckland area.

Attendance was as follows:

Christchurch Club - 16, Westside Hamilton - 2, North West - 20, Speaker - 1, total 39

Christchurch President - Garth Moore, chaired the meeting.

Guest Speaker: Isaac Sutherland.

Community Connector Sport Canterbury

Isaac thanked the Clubs for the Sport's trailer which was used by over 20,000 children last year. A new floor has been built for the trailer which, considering the usage, was long overdue.

Isaac explained the new format of Sport Canterbury involving preparing material for teachers to use, the Be Active programme and the work they do organising sports teams throughout the region. He was especially interested in involving children in sporting activities at lunch times and those who are not in regular sports teams. There are thirty low decile schools signed up for the programmes and six leaders. Isaac was asking for volunteers to help with these activities in schools.

Right: Mike Timblich thanked Isaac for his presentation.



- North West President Rhonda Boxall summarised their activities for 2019-20
- Yvonne Joynes President of Westside Hamilton gave an overview of their busy club's activities
- And Garth Moore did likewise for Christchurch.
- Lt Gov Jill Keir reminded everyone of the Remembrance Day service on 27th September, to meet at The Tannery at 1.30pm.

Following a very nice meal, Governor Brian Reed addressed the meeting by saying that 2019-20 had been a year like no other with so many Kiwanis events and visits being cancelled due to the Pandemic.

He had been able to attend the ASPAC Convention in Kathmandu which was a highlight for him. But then we went into Lockdown.....



Governor Brian presented the NZSP Bulletin award for 2019-2020 to the Christchurch Club (well deserved, Colin)

Kids Cot Blankets



Over the years the club has supplied each year usually up to 100 of these blankets to Early Start. At the last Board meeting it was approved the club provide a further 80 of these blankets which will have our club label attached with the wording "Given to Someone Special" and our club name.

Early Start is a charitable company formed in 1995 as a support for families expecting a new baby or already caring for a baby and facing a number of challenges. Families who meet the criteria for assistance are eligible for long term home visiting which can last until the new baby goes to school. The blankets we supply are very much appreciated by the families and this delivery was timely in that only three were on hand from the quantity we supplied last year.

Care Dolls Keep Warm!

Our Care Dolls have felt the full blast of winter this year and they couldn't resist snuggling up in a Cot Blanket!



Thanks, Gavin.

Certificates were presented to the **NZSP Support Team:**

- Brian Reed – Governor
- Graham Chick – District Secretary
- Jill Kerr - Division 11 Lt Gov
- David Gower – Past Governor
- Alan Duffell – IT Specialist
- Julie Wright – District Newsletter Editor
- Carolyn Hutchison – 2020 Convention Planner



Governor Brian Reed presents District Secretary Graham Chick with his Certificate for great service to NZSP Kiwanis over this difficult 2019-2020 year (due to Covid-19)

Unfortunately the Takapuna Club's 50th anniversary lunch was cancelled due to new Covid-19 alert level 3 in Auckland. The Matamata Club's 45th celebration was also cancelled.

21st November 2020. Horncastle Arena



A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it! George Moore



FUND RAISER: Governor Brian has acquired a quantity of compostable plastic bags which are great as bin liners. The bags are made from corn. Special price is:
 50 large bags = \$12 or
 100 smaller bags = \$10.

This is a FUND RAISER for our Club. Bring cash and buy! Also available are some **red and black beanies**, thermal lined, at \$10 each or 2 for \$15.

