

Canterbury Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand Te Apārangī May 2023 Newsletter

Dear Member,

Apologies for the late newsletter this month but we have been waiting on some information regarding a visit that may interest members. More about this later.

Last week, the Branch Council co-opted two more members: Tony Conner and Amit Sarkar. Tony and Amit will enhance the Council's skill set; Amit will help with our digital presence, and Tony, with his past involvement with the RSNZ and being a RSNZ Fellow, will help us with our Fellow members.

We are still seeking a branch representative for the Riccarton Bush Trust, and hopefully we will be able to make an appointment at the next Council meeting.

The Council agreed on a new domain name for the website, so the website should be launched soon, and Fiona and Amit are going to work on a Branch digital strategy, so look for some exciting details in the future.

Krishna is continuing his work with the Branch strategy and has met with some members. We will soon be seeking your thoughts regarding the future direction, purpose, etc. for the Branch.

All of this will help as we look at to see if there are any changes need to our constitution because of the new Incorporated Societies Act. Already there are some minor changes that will be needed. We aim to have this ready for the next AGM in 2024.

Finally, we have provided student travel grants to several students in the past month. More on these further in the newsletter.

Subscriptions

These have been sent out. If you did not receive an email you can either contact us by email subs@canterbury.rsnzbranch.org.nz, or you can pay by directly to the bank account

Bank Account: 02 0820 0601223 00

Payment Reference: Name and subscription year (2023)

Also please send any updated information, as detailed on the next page.

Membership database information update

Please take this opportunity, if necessary, to amend as detailed below. This is a requirement under the new Incorporated Societies Act. Please let us know if any of these details have changed since you last told us...

Title
Initials
Preferred Name
Last Name
Membership Class
Qualifications
Address
Email address
Phone (home)
Phone (work)
Phone (mobile)

If you want further information email subs@canterbury.rsnzbranch.org.nz

Students travel awards

We have given several awards in the past month. The recipients are:

Chris Cameron	\$1,250
Trudy Calje-Van Der Klei	\$1,000
Jenny Dixon	\$1,000
J. A. Clifton	\$1,000

We plan to have something from each once they return from their trips.

Timaru talk

We held another talk in Timaru, with Prof. Murray Rae, University of Otago Theology Programme speaking to an audience of about 40 people on the topic 'Anticipation of the Heavenly Jerusalem in the Medieval and Renaissance Cities: an architectural aspect'. Prof. Murray, a trained architect, explained how architecture, and even urban design, tells a story of human history, what people cared about, and their aspirations, and how it not only displayed Christian values but the wider society's as well.



Prof. Murray Rae giving his talk in Timaru

Possible Christchurch event

As you may know, the rebuilt **Observatory Tower (1896) and Townsend Telescope at the Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora** are now open. There is, if there is enough interest from the members, an opportunity to arrange a special tour and viewing. Also, for those who wish not to brave the cold night air, a daytime tour could be arranged.

We could, again if there was interest, see if we could combine it with a tour of the **Teece Museum of Classical Antiquities, University of Canterbury Classics Department** that is also at the Arts Centre.

We haven't set a date yet but we would like to know if there is any interest. Please email me r.fagg@xtra.co.nz if you are interested and we'll see if we can arrange something.

CO₂ monitor

And don't forget our CO₂ monitor, which you can borrow. It's been in regular use. Contact us and we will arrange for you to pick it up. All we ask in return is that you post your findings on either the branch Facebook page or Twitter. A guide to recommended CO₂ measurements can be found at <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/in-depth/470690/whose-breath-are-you-breathing>.

From other branches and RSNZ Te Apārangi...

Otago Institute

Don't forget their Podcast 'Talking About' is up and running.

The show is produced through Otago Access Radio and is available through all the usual podcast channels and from the OI and OAR websites <https://oar.org.nz/talking-about/>.

They also have a Facebook group 'Otago Institute for the Arts and Sciences', which anyone can join. This will get you all the links and updates.

Finally...

You can keep updated via our Facebook page 'Canterbury RSNZ Branch' or Twitter @CanterburyRSNZ.

If you have any suggestions for speakers, field trips, or other ideas, please contact us. I am always willing to discuss anything regarding the branch with you.

Regards,

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