



Friends of the
Christchurch Botanic Gardens

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Friday 17th July in the Kiosk

World Class Turf at Te Kaha

Dr Richard Gibbs

Join us in the Kiosk for a talk by Soil Science and Sports Surface Specialist Dr Richard Gibbs about the planning, installation and upkeep of the hi tech turf at Christchurch's new stadium.

Dr Gibbs is a turf specialist who was responsible for the nearly one hectare hybrid turf system at the new One New Zealand Stadium at Te Kaha. It is unique in that it is the first stadium in New Zealand that uses a full suite of artificial lighting rigs and a subsurface vacuum and ventilation system to moderate the growing environment, effectively growing a huge sports field indoors.



Venue: The Kiosk

Date: Friday 17th July 2026

Time: 10.30 am (morning tea available from 10 am)

Cost: Members and CHS members \$5.00, non members \$10.00