



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



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OFFICE HOLDERS 2020-21 President Frank Heuser Secretary Ken Hunt Treasurer Graeme Ryan Directors: Club Service Jenny Robertson Art-x Brian Mathews Community Mark Dickerson International Helen Tattersall Vocational Gill Scarlet Youth Penny Park	MEETINGS Weekly: Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm Firesides: First Wednesday of month Directors: Second Wednesday of Month Apologies to: GR.apologies@gmail.com (before 8.00am on Wednesday)	UPCOMING EVENTS (Watch this space) Leave of Absences: Curly Carpenter – 20 Jan to 19 Feb Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Alan White – 27 Jan to 8 Apr Noal Mann – 3 Feb to 24 Feb

Meeting Dated 20 January 2021

Welfare Bill Brown's status is unchanged, Colin Clark is at home and doing well, Mort Nicholiason's treatment didn't quite go to plan so he's been transferred to Auckland, Curly Carpenter's hip operation was a resounding success and it was good to see Garth Eyles back after an unplanned trip to Wellington.

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	January 27th	February 3rd	February 10th	February 17th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Lynne Gibson, WorkBridge	Firesides	Paul Rose Napier Port Environmental Officer	Brian Peploe
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	John Hanlen Brian Anstis Gill Scarlett Robert Pearson Noel Mann Bryan Matthews Christine MCKenna	-	TBA	TBA
Stewards	Hayley Gibson Barry Keating Judy McKelvie Bob Morrison Brian Peploe	Denise Brown Brian Hall Denise Primrose Fred Staples Dennis Thetford	TBA	TBA

NB IF you are unable to perform your duty YOU must arrange a substitute and notify President Frank of the change

Presidents announcements

President Frank announced Graeme Sawyer's resignation. He also expressed his thanks to:

- The Document Working Group (Bruce Martin, Edwin Brown, Maurice Lloyd and Geoff Bibby) for their work over the past two years.
- Stuart Cheyne and Kevin McCormack for organising the Dobel BBQ.
- Stuart Skeet for looking after the Westshore plantings over the Christmas period.

Frank also reminded the meeting that partners are welcome to attend any meeting which has a guest speaker – don't forget to register their attendance via GR.apologies@gmail.com

Notices

URGENT NOTICE! Carol asked those volunteering to help with RYPEN next month to let her know as soon as possible so that Police vetting can be completed in time.

Five Surprise Speakers!

Congratulations to Bob Morrison for thinking outside the square for the Speaker Programme! The five speakers confirmed what we already knew – that we have a wealth of talent in the club – and what a fascinating combination on this occasion.

Alan White (the 'Riding Rotarian') jumped the gun a little but was no less interesting for having an unplanned question and answer session regarding his 3,000 Km Cape Reinga to Bluff cycle ride to raise funds for the Hawkes Bay Cancer Society (for patient and family support services) and the joint Rotary/UNICEF "Give every Child a Future" project (vaccinating disadvantaged children and adolescent girls across the South Pacific). Alan left Napier yesterday (21 Feb) and expects to cycle 80 to 100 Km per day (between 30 and 40 days for the complete trip). Donations sit at \$630 after just two days through Alan's givealittle page: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/cycling-rotarian-cape-reinga-to-bluff> A Mapprogress website link will be available (along with a Facebook page) for members to track his progress and updates will be provided in this bulletin too.



David Tattersall took us through the stroke he suffered at the end of an 18½ hour flight from Auckland to Dubai some 5 years ago, and the events which followed. His left side was totally paralyzed, he woke the next morning not knowing where he was. (It was three days before Helen found out about the stroke). Two weeks later David was back in NZ beginning his rehab. He explained that his frustrations are mostly related to having a functioning brain but a voicebox and muscles which are very slow to respond (or don't respond at all). His drive for improvement is constant and even little improvements (such as being able to move an unresponsive limb) require continual repetitions over days and weeks; increasing the number of repetitions by just one each time. While David appeared frustrated with getting his presentation to flow, it was obvious to members that he has made huge progress and to stand in front of the club and speak as he did was a clear demonstration of the gains he's made.

Ian Holyoake's theme was "Fellowship is also a noun" and he introduced members to two instances; the International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians (about 130 members in NZ meeting 6 or 8 times a year) and the International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF). The latter has around 1,100 members in 70 countries. ITHF members travel to all different parts of the world and host members from all other parts. It's a reciprocal arrangement where on one occasion you might host and/or guide international visitors and for the next you are being hosted and/or guided.

Penny Park presented a topic very close to her heart (pun intended); organ donations. The statistics (of which she provided many) demonstrated that organ donation is one thing New Zealanders don't do well; by international comparison we're well down in the number of donors per 1,000,000 of population compared to lots of other countries. Almost anyone can be a donor but a tick on your driver's licence is not sufficient; we need to tell our family what our donor intentions are and family members need to tell us about their intentions. This way, we can accurately reflect our loved one's wishes when asked by a health professional if their organs can be donated. Donations can be wide-ranging: kidneys, heart, lungs, liver, pancreas, eye tissue (corneas and sclera), heart valves and skin. One organ donor can save as many as eight lives and one tissue donor can benefit as many as 70 others.

Kelvin Winnie wrapped up the session with a talk on some of the books he recently rediscovered when re-populating a new bookcase:

- 'Business and Unusual' – favourite quote "The world is made of stories, not atoms"
- 'Leadership' by Rudy Guiliani (what more needs to be said?)
- '10 Secrets of Long Living People'
- '365 Thank Yous' (Heimlich had demonstrated his manoeuvre to clear a blocked airway hundreds of times since inventing it in 1974 and it has saved hundreds of thousands of people. He used it himself for the first time on a genuine case in 2016 when he was 96 years old.)
- '5 Love Languages' – one of the sections was on affirmation and one of Kelvin's favourites was a quote of Mark Twain's "I can live for two months on a good compliment"

The last 'book' Kelvin referenced was Facebook and the Ricky Gervais quote was "Remember, when you are dead you do not know you are dead. The same applies when you are stupid."

Nowt more to be said!!!!