



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



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<p>OFFICE HOLDERS 2020-21</p> <p>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</p>	<p>MEETINGS</p> <p>Weekly: Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm</p> <p>Firesides: First Wednesday of month</p> <p>Directors: Second Wednesday of Month</p> <p>Apologies to: GR.apologies@gmail.com (before 8.00am on Wednesday)</p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>EIT Careers Day BBQ – 10:30 am 11 Feb District 9930 Conference – 21-23 May</p> <p>Leave of Absences: Curly Carpenter – 20 Jan to 3 Feb Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Alan White – 27 Jan to 8 Apr Noel Mann – 3 Feb to 24 Feb</p>

Meeting Dated 27 January 2021

Welfare Colin Clark continues to improve, Mort Nicholiason is back to Auckland this week, Curly is making great progress, Bill Brown is not too good (is in Room 17, Acute Ward at HB Hospital and welcomes visitors).

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	February 3rd	February 10th	February 17th	February 24th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	Paul Rose Napier Port Environmental Officer	Brian Peploe	International Committee
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Club Service Committee	Bruce Martin Stuart Cheyne Edwin Brown Wal Drayton Ian Holyoake Neil Smith Garth Eyles	Les Mockford Penny Park Curly Carpenter Judy McKelvie Stuart Skeet Fred Staples Peter Thompson	Christine McKenna Bob Morrison Dennis Thetford Denise Brown Helen Tattersall Bob Brady Mark Dickerson
Stewards	Denise Brown Brian Hall Denise Primrose Fred Staples Dennis Thetford	Bob Brady Gail Kelly Judy McKelvie Trevor Powell Kelvin Winnie	John Hanlon Graeme Muir Robert Pearson Wim Snijders Peter Turnbull	Brian Anstis Hayley Gibson Bryan Matthews Kevin McCormack Doug Neilson

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 welcomed visiting Rotarian from Riccarton (moving to Hawkes Bay); John and Claire McIntosh.

Members are strongly encouraged to register early for the District Conference at Havelock North 21-23 May with the theme 'Bridging the Gap'. **Early bird rate of \$275 expires after 1 March** and you'll go into the draw for a bottle of French Champagne.

Those rostered as stewards are reminded to stay behind after the meeting and help with the clean up and vacuuming.

Notices

Brian Peplow asks members with surplus bedding to please bring it to next week's meeting. The Christian Love Link organisation has run out and have families in desperate need.

Garth Eyles is looking for more volunteers to help with watering at the Dobel Reserve. Ring or email him if you need more information.

Fr Frank advised he was moving into the Silverstream community at the end of February. He reflected on the great memories he has of Greenmeadows and how proud he was to be awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship by the club.

Gill is seeking volunteers to help with the EIT Careers Day BBQ on 11 February (about 165 year 7 and 8 children to be fed). 10:30 am set up – all done around 12:30 pm.

Lynne Gibson - Workbridge



Lynne is well known to the club (mum of Hayley, wife of Past-President Peter) as was obvious with the many interactions she had with members during fellowship and following the meeting.

Lynne is a recruiter by profession and is currently employed as a Workbridge Consultant. Workbridge is a NGO, established in 1931 as the Rehab League to look after amputees and burn victims (among other injuries) resulting from the Boer War and World War I. Workbridge now supports anyone with a disability (including anxiety, depression etc.) who is not also with ACC. It is the biggest provider of employment services for disabled in New Zealand and offers its services free to its clients (courtesy of a government funding arrangement). Among other things, the job seeker must be between 16 and 64 years of age, have a disability or health issue where the impact is likely to last more than six months and have the willingness, motivation and capacity to work.

Workbridge has 72 staff in 22 offices throughout New Zealand. Lynne's area extends from Tauranga to Dannevirke with 8 staff in the Hawkes Bay office and 5 in the Bay of Plenty.

Having found them a job that matches their skills, abilities and personality, job seekers are supported in their workplace for up to 12 months. It's not all done for them however, the job seeker has to demonstrate they are responsible and reliable, able to overcome obstacles that are in their way, make decisions, set future goals, believe there is a job for them, work from a minimum of five hours a week and be open to work trials. Workbridge 'holds their hand' to help them achieve these things and knock down barriers such as: access to transport, addictions, criminal convictions, lack of confidence or motivation, arranging childcare, fear of failure, fear of disclosing their disability or health issue to an employer.

To enable all of this to happen, Workbridge is actively engaged with a wide range of organisations; Chambers of Commerce, local government, Māori business networks, Pasifika community, migrant communities, EIT (research projects), Dept of Internal Affairs (Grow Digital initiative), Ministry of Social Development (health contract), schools (transition from school for students with special needs) and secondary/tertiary transition.

As if Lynne hadn't wowed the meeting enough, she finished her presentation with a number of small prizes and, so as not to overly challenge the assembly, made the challenge easy to meet ("Hands up if you have a name beginning with the letter 'W').

Riding Rotarian Update. Alan White has so far raised \$1,850. He has registered with MAProgress (<https://alan1950.maprogress.com/cs6>) but, last time I looked, his location hadn't been updated. I'm hoping he's making good progress.

