



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 RYPEN – 9-11 April District 9930 Conference – 21-23 May Leave of Absences: Bill Brown – Ongoing Edwin Brown – to 31 Mar Bruce Martin – to 31 Mar Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing Dennis Thetford – to 8 Apr Alan White – to 8 Apr

Meeting held 17 March 2021

Members and partners visited Mitre 10 Park operated by the Hawkes Bay Regional Sports Park Trust.

Welfare - Mort Nikolaison got a very good report in Auckland at his last assessment, Bill Brown is maintaining the status quo in Summerset. Condolences are extended to Raewyn McMenzie whose mother passed away in Gisborne and our thoughts are with Penny Park whose father is in Wellington Hospital (Penny has driven her mother to Wellington to be there with him).

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	March 24th	March 31st	April 7th	April 14th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Garth Eyles Waitangi Regional Park	Keriana Brooking, CEO HBDHB	Firesides	Brendon Walker, Waste Management
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Fred Staples Wal Drayton Hayley Gibson Gill Scarlett Wim Snijders Peter Turnbull Brian Anstis	Noel Mann Kevin McCormack Wal Drayton* Trevor Powell Les Mockford Helen Tattersall Bob Morrison	Vocational Committee	TBA
Stewards	Geoff Bibby* John Hanlen Jenny Robertson Neil Smith Kelvin Winnie	Curly Carpenter Stuart Cheyne Bryan Matthews Penny Park Robert Pearson	Geoff Bennett* Gail Kelly Doug Neilson Brian Pelploe Dennis Thetford	TBA

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

Alan White update

As at evening of 18 March, Alan is in Haast and has so far raised \$35,110 for his charities.



(with thanks to Les Mockford for the following report and photos)

A large contingent of members and partners took the opportunity to visit the Park on Wednesday evening and were given an excellent tour and explanation of the parks history, facilities and future expansion by Jock Mackintosh who manages the Park.

The 30 ha site is owned by the Hastings District Council but the Hawkes Bay Regional Sports Park Trust is tasked with developing and operating the facility.

HDC was faced with a major upgrade of Nelson Park located in the city centre and elected to sell Nelson Park and establish the Hawkes Bay Regional Sports Park. Nelson Park was sold for \$18m with \$11m of the proceeds used to part fund the new park.



Figure 1 - Attentively listening to host Jock Mackintosh.

Corporate Sponsors have provided significant funds to develop the various facilities in the park which include:

- world class athletics precinct
- international quality hockey turfs
- 18 netball courts
- 7 sports fields used for soccer and touch,
- Health & fitness centre with gym, indoor sports hall, sport and health clinic (owned and managed by the Hawkes Bay Community Fitness Centre Trust)
- 2.4 km running and cycling trail
- (The most recent addition) an aquatic facility with 4 canoe polo courts



Figure 2 - Aquatic Facility

Further developments planned or underway are an Olympic size swimming pool, an indoor cricket training facility and outdoor covered wicket for CD cricket, and a hostel with accommodation for 80 people.

Mitre 10 Park attracts around 320,000 user per annum with attendance doubling in the last 5 years and further growth assured from the ongoing developments.

The park hosts numerous local, national and international events that draw many visitors from outside Hawke Bay. This was confirmed by a recent survey conducted by the Sports Park Trust where a high percentage of those surveyed were from outside the region. Participants in the survey rated the facilities 9.8 out of 10. Events in the next 2 weeks include the NZ Pipe Band Champs and NZ Track and Field Champs.

The visit was a real eye-opener for most members who were not aware of the scope of the facilities.



Figure 3 - The third basketball court in Health & Fitness Centre