

MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



No. 2021-35			26 March 2021
OFFICE HOLDERS 2020-21		MEETINGS	UPCOMING EVENTS
President	Frank Heuser	Weekly:	RYPEN – 9-11 April
Secretary	Ken Hunt	Taradale Town Hall	District 9930 Conference – 21-23 May
Treasurer	Graeme Ryan	Wednesday 6.00pm	
Directors:	,	Fellowship 5.30pm	Leave of Absences:
Club Service	Jenny Robertson	Firesides:	Bill Brown – Ongoing
Art-x	Brian Mathews	First Wednesday of month	Ian McKelvie – Ongoing
Community	Mark Dickerson	Directors:	Mort Nikolaison - Ongoing
International	Helen Tattersall	Second Wednesday of Month	Edwin Brown to 31 Mar
Vocational	Gill Scarlet	Apologies to:	Bruce Martin to 31 Mar
Youth	Penny Park	GR.apologies@gmail.com	Denis Thetford to 7 April
	,	(before 8.00am on Wednesday)	Alan White to 7 Apr

Master Chef Denise with some of

Meeting held 24 March 2021

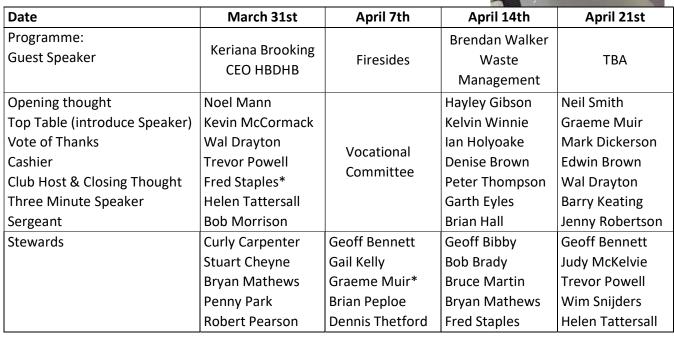
Guests - President Frank welcomed Donna Thompson

Welfare – Stuart reported Mort is going back to Auckland for continuation of treatment and Bill Brown no change.

BBQ – List going around for club BBQ at Cheynes on 18 April. \$10 per head for meat and bring a salad to share.

Flat wanted – Stuart also asked if anyone knew of a flat available for rent in Ahuriri for a French couple working at Clearview.

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)



Community – Curly thanked members who had supported the visit to Mitre 10 Sports Park and subsequent meal at Shanis. A good turnout at both.

Collections - Denise reported 3 collections down and everyone very helpful. The collection for the Hospice raised \$30,000. Organisations are very appreciative of our assistance.

President

Frank thanked Curly and Denise for their efforts and reminded members of the District Conference in May. He also advised he is still looking for 18 members to help with the HB leg of Aramex Kiwi Walk and Run Series which is on 10 April. Unfortunately it clashes with Rypen but a number of members put their hands up to help.

Frank reported that Alan White had reached Bluff at 3.15 that afternoon. His givealittle page (Cycling Rotarian) is still running and Frank urged member who have not already contributed to consider doing so as two very worthwhile charities will benefit. Frank enquired how many members had been following his progress on facebook and was surprised at how many were NOT facebook addicts.

Farewell

Peter Turnbull as 3 minute speaker explained that this was his last meeting as he and Beverley were moving to a retirement village in Paraparaumu next week. They loved Hawkes Bay but had decided to move to the Wellington region to be closer to family.

Guest Speaker

Garth Eyles, introduced by Wal Drayton, gave a very informative address on the Waitangi Regional Park, one of 4 HBRC regional parks. Garth was involved in the establishment of all 4 and has written a history of each of them.

Waitangi Regional Park comprises 309ha and takes in the coastal catchments of the Tutaekuri, Clive, Ngaruroro and Tukituki rivers. Before European settlement the rivers wandered all over the Heretaunga plains and prior to the 1931 earthquake the Tutaekuri came out at Ahuriri. The area was a major source of food for Maori and was also an area of early contact between Maori and Europeans. Historically huge amounts of sediment from the rivers flowed into the lagoons but since stop



flooding the sediment goes out to sea.

banks were built to control

In the early 1990s the HBRC changed from draining wetlands to preserving them. A number of wetlands were restored behind the coastal boulder bank and more recently new wetlands and whitebait spawning areas have been created. The wetlands have attracted more birds including Bittern, Banded Dotterell and Spoonbill but also predators such as stoats, ferrets, rats and even feral cats.

There are also problems with people driving vehicles over the bird habitat.

Three groynes have been developed along the coast from Haumoana to Awatoto to slow the regression of the coast with less gravel coming down the Tukituki.

The wetlands are still a work in progress.

This is a very brief summary of Garth's address. For more information I suggest you purchase a copy of the book, Waitangi Regional Park through, Garth.