



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 Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison - Ongoing Edwin Brown to 31 Mar Bruce Martin to 31 Mar Denis Thetford to 7 April Alan White to 7 Apr

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)

Master Chef Denise with some of her creations at EIT cooking course



Date	March 31st	April 7th	April 14th	April 21st
Programme: Guest Speaker	Keriana Brooking CEO HBDHB	Firesides	Brendan Walker Waste Management	TBA
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Noel Mann Kevin McCormack Wal Drayton Trevor Powell Fred Staples* Helen Tattersall Bob Morrison	Vocational Committee	Hayley Gibson Kelvin Winnie Ian Holyoake Denise Brown Peter Thompson Garth Eyles Brian Hall	Neil Smith Graeme Muir Mark Dickerson Edwin Brown Wal Drayton Barry Keating Jenny Robertson
Stewards	Curly Carpenter Stuart Cheyne Bryan Mathews Penny Park Robert Pearson	Geoff Bennett Gail Kelly Graeme Muir* Brian Pelploe Dennis Thetford	Geoff Bibby Bob Brady Bruce Martin Bryan Mathews Fred Staples	Geoff Bennett Judy McKelvie Trevor Powell Wim Snijders Helen Tattersall

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

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 banks were built to control flooding the sediment goes out to sea.



Aerial view of Park from Awatoto with Horseshoe wetland in foreground

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.