



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>RYPEN – 9-11 April District 9930 Conference – 21-23 May Plate Debate – 9 June Art-X – 18-20 June</p> <p>Leave of Absences: Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison - Ongoing Denis Thetford to 7 April Alan White to 7 Apr</p>

Meeting held 31 March 2021

Guests – President Frank welcomed Donna Thompson and guest speaker Keriana Brooking

Welfare – Stuart reported Mort is going back to Auckland for continuation of treatment next week and Jill Hanlen is awaiting further tests in Hastings and may have to go to Palmerston for further treatment. Carol advised that Doug Neilson came home from hospital today following his accident on the way to Rotary last week in which he broke his collar bone and several ribs. He is on medication for pain but happy to have visitors.

BBQ – good response to date and list circulating again for club BBQ at Cheynes on 18 April. \$10 per head for meat and bring a salad to share.

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	April 7th	April 14th	April 21st	April 28th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Firesides	Alan White Cycling NZ	Bex Tacon Artex	Ann Jamieson Life Education Trust
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	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	Geoff Bibby Noel Mann Chris McKenna Stuart Cheyne Les Mockford Gill Scarlett Penny Park
Stewards	Geoff Bennett Gail Kelly Graeme Muir Brian Peplow Dennis Thetford	Geoff Bibby Bob Brady Bruce Martin Bryan Mathews Fred Staples	Geoff Bennett Judy McKelvie Trevor Powell Wim Snijders Helen Tattersall	Brian Anstis Garth Eyles Kevin McCormack Bob Morrison Denise Primrose

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

Dolbel Reserve – Jenny reported that our club Environmental Officer, Garth had prepared a story about Dolbel Reserve which would be on the club website shortly.

Jenny also noted that Penny's father was home from Wellington hospital and was trucking well.

Youth – Penny advised that the date for the plate debate had been changed to 9 June to suit the schools. She also reminded members that RYPEN was on the weekend after Easter and as usual we would like members to bring some home baking which was always well received by the students many of whom did not get home baking. Please bring it along to the meeting this coming Wednesday.

Restoring Old photographs – Brian Hall explained an old friend who had been a police photographer restored old photographs as a hobby and would do so for members for free. Some samples of his work were circulated. Please contact Brian if interested.

Heart health – Fred Staples noted that Donna Congalton from the Heart Foundation who spoke to the club on 10 March had advised there was a support group for those with atrial fibrillation starting in the Taradale Town Hall shortly. Some members had attended the first meeting. Details are on the Heart Foundation website.

Artex – Bryan Mathews reported that Artex 2021 is progressing well under new format. 53 artists have committed to-date. A sponsors evening was held 2 weeks ago and the new format got a 100% buy-in. Tickets for the opening soiree go on sale next week to sponsors and the following week to the public.

President – Frank reported that there were 248 registrations so far for the District Conference in May. He also noted that Alan White had arrived home some 3 hours ago and there had been a very good article in Hawkes Bay Today on his epic ride which had raised \$39,400. He asked members who had not already donated to consider doing so on the givealittle page to help get to \$40k.

3 Minute Speaker – Ian Holyoake had prepared a short poem on Rotary and extolled the benefits of and encouraged members to attend the upcoming District Conference in Havelock as they have a great programme and being local there is no accommodation cost.

Guest Speaker

Keriana Brooking, CEO of Hawkes Bay District Health Board was introduced by Kevin McCormack. Keriana started with the HBDHB in August 2020 having been with the Ministry of Health most recently as Deputy CEO Covid Response Team after a year with the Emergency Response Team during which they had the White Island eruption and measles epidemics here and in the islands.

Keriana acknowledged Chris and Penny the two HBDHB staff in Greenmeadows Rotary. She then gave a brief resume of her background and career.

Both Keriana and her husband who comes from the East Coast have strong links to Hawkes Bay. They have one son and are raising three others aged 21 to 29. They had 5 attempts to buy a house in Hawkes Bay.

She has known Ashley Bloomfield for 15 years and said he was the right person at the right time to head the Covid response. Kerian noted that Covid has changed the way we think and suggested it is possible we will have more of these events.

Keriana then spoke of the challenges facing the HBDHB which services approximately 180,000 people. They employ 3600 which makes them one of the largest businesses in HB. Their facilities are a bit old and tired and not built to handle the current numbers. For example the emergency department was built for 60 people per day but now have 120 per day and they have 180 beds but need 220-240. Refurbishment would cost \$600m and a new hospital \$800m to \$900m. The lack of adequate community services and social problems are putting more strain on the DHB.

