



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 EIT Awards – 19 May District 9930 Conference – 21-23 May Plate Debate – 9 June Artex – 18-20 June Leave of Absences: Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison - Ongoing

Meeting held 21 April 2021

President Frank welcomed guests Bex Tacon (guest speaker), Tonie Kenyon, Katherine Dunstall, Steve Gillum and John MacIntosh (Riccarton Rotary). He also welcome back Doug Neilson accompanied by his wife Lyndley and daughter Angela.

Welfare – Stuart reported Mort back in Auckland today for ongoing treatment, Colin is back in hospital but due home Thursday while Jill Hanlen has been to Palmerston for treatment. Kevin’s wife Lesley had broken her leg boating. Kevin commented that Lesley loved the flowers from the club and Doug thanked the club and members for flowers, cards, telephone calls and visits.

Stuart thanked everyone who supported the BBQ last weekend and especially Peter, Donna and Curly for their help with the catering.

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	April 28th	May 5th	May 12th	May 19th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Ann Jamieson Life Education Trust	Firesides	Brendan Walker Waste Management	EIT Awards
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Geoff Bibby Ian Holyoake* Chris McKenna Stuart Cheyne Les Mockford Gill Scarlett Jenny Robertson	Community Committee	Trevor Powell Graeme Muir Geoff Bennett Bob Brady Garth Eyles Peter Thompson Dennis Thetford	NA
Stewards	Brian Anstis Garth Eyles Kevin McCormack Bob Morrison Denise Primrose	Edwin Brown Wal Drayton Ian Holyoake Noel Mann Chris McKenna	Denise Brown Curly Carpenter Kevin McCormack Les Mockford Alan White	NA

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

President – President Frank congratulated members on their generosity at last week’s sergeant’s session that collected \$631 for Alan Whites nominated charities for his ride.

3 Minute Speaker – Ian Holyoake pointed out this week marked some notable anniversaries including, 153 years since Rotary Founder Paul Harris was born and 100 years since Rotary began in New Zealand & Australia. He then encouraged members to consider becoming a Rotary Centurion which involves making an annual donation of NZ\$100 every year to the Rotary Foundation.

Tamatea High School Scholarship – Penny introduced Tonie Kenyon the recipient of the 2020 scholarship for \$2000 towards her studies. Tonie told a little about herself and explained this was the first time she has ever received anything. She is in her first year at EIT studying for a Bachelor of Teaching, spending 2 days per week at EIT, 2 days at Taradale Primary and the other days studying. The money from the scholarship has been put towards books and a new IPAD. She is planning to teach in Hawkes Bay when she completes her studies. President Frank commented Tonie was a worthy recipient and gave her our best wishes for the year ahead.



Artex – Bryan Mathews explained that the event was well mapped out and they were now working on the detail. Setup would be on Thursday with the opening Soiree on Friday night and it would run through until Sunday with pack up starting at 2pm. Members would be required for set up and pack up with 3-4 on shifts while the exhibition was open. Surf lifesaving members would be helping with setup, pack up and also in uniform serving at the soiree. Paddles are being painted for the auction on Friday evening. Entry for Saturday and Sunday will be a gold coin donation.

Bryan then introduced Bex Tacon who he described as a dynamo. Bex thanked the club for entrusting the management of Art-x with her company Planit Events. She explained that they were “lifting” the opening night increasing the amount and quality of food and drink and live music all night. There would be 250 tickets at \$95 each. There would also a continuous power point presentation promoting sponsors and surf lifesaving.

Bex gave a brief resume noting that she was born and bred in Hawkes Bay and lives in Poraite with her husband who manages kiwifruit orchards and they have 2 children aged 5 and 6. She registered her company in 2009 but worked fulltime for 5 years while she built up her business finally gaining traction in 2016. They offer planning and management services for business events, corporate functions, charity events, weddings and other private functions. They branched out into hiring staff for hospitality events and formed a new company Planit Staff which has had massive growth.

However, Covid -19 hit the whole events and hospitality industries hard so they did a pivot and started placing staff in horticulture which requires a different type of person to hospitality. They recently opened a branch in Gisborne but are finding it a hard market.

Staff are their most important resource with up to 150 on their books. Most are casual with just 2 permanent employees.



Bryan gave notice that they will be looking for members to help assemble new lights for the exhibition and also fix the lights to the netting frames that the paintings will also be hung on. The lights have been funded from \$5000 sponsorship from Electrotech.