



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 Changeover – 27 June Leave of Absences: Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison - Ongoing

Meeting held 5 May 2021

Mark Dickerson, Community Director, chaired the meeting. There were no guests.

Welfare – Stuart reported Mort goes back to Auckland in 2 weeks for reassessment, Colin was due to move into PA today, Doug is having issues with collarbone and is unable to drive and Jill Hanlen is home from hospital.

Steve Gillum’s sister died in Wellington on 1 May.

Firesides – Directors announced venues for firesides.

Plate Debate – Penny advised list circulating for Plate Debate on 9 June between NBHS and NGHS which is being held at the Taradale Club as downstairs is not available. Meal cost is \$25 per head.

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	May 12th	May 19th	May 26th	June 2nd
Programme: Guest Speaker	Brendan Walker Waste Management	EIT Awards	Ruby Kaotira Science School	Firesides
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Trevor Powell Graeme Muir Geoff Bennett Bob Brady Garth Eyles Peter Thompson Dennis Thetford	NA	Bryan Mathews Bob Morrison Bruce Martin Mark Dickerson Gail Kelly Noel Mann Ian Holyoake	Directors
Stewards	Denise Brown Curly Carpenter Ian Holyoake* Kevin McCormack Les Mockford	NA	Geoff Bennett Stuart Cheyne Hayley Gibson Brian Hall Gill Scarlett*	Brian Anstis Barry Keating Judy McKelvie Brian Peploe 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 – Garth reported 169 holes had been dug for 200 new plantings. A start will be made next Monday along with some watering if the “damaged” water main is repaired. However, the main planting is scheduled for Friday 14 June and more volunteers are required to help with this planting. Meet at end of O’Dowd road at 9am. Brian Hall was congratulated on the publicity in HB Today.

President Announcements

Rotoract – Frank advised Rotoract HB were having an open meeting in Room 112 at EIT next Monday at 5.30pm.

Changeover – This will be held at Linden Estate at 12.30 on Sunday 27 June.

Donations – With the lack of funding requests over the year and some committees not taking up the \$500 allocated to each, the directors had approved a donation of \$1,200 to top up Alan’s fundraising from his cycle ride to \$40k with \$20k each to the two charities.

PHF Presentation - President Frank presented Stew Skeet with a sapphire Paul Harris pin in recognition of his contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Stew commented he was a reluctant recipient as he had made the donations without any thought of personal recognition.



Stew receiving his sapphire pin

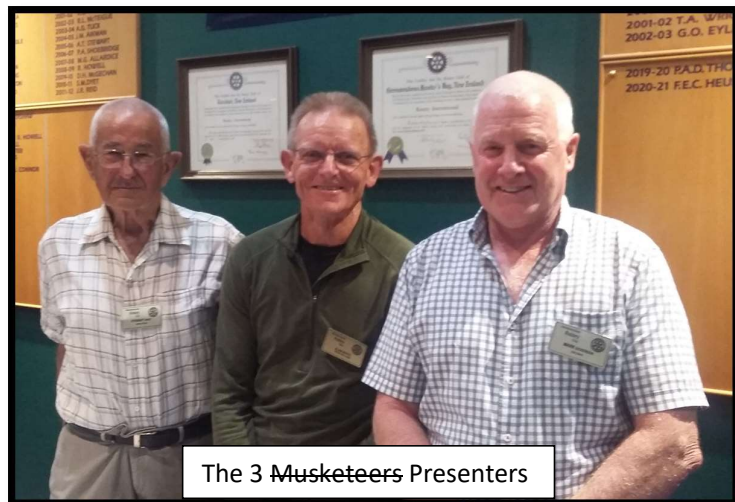
Speakers

Mark explained that their committee had decided to take the opportunity to reflect on their years in Rotary. They had three speakers.

Stew Skeet spoke first outlining his reasons for becoming a member and covering a number of significant events and changes in the 31 years he has been in the club. He initially joined for the fellowship and the club has been a major part of his and Glenises’s lives and they made many friends over the year. Stew was President in 1995, and 1996 was a significant year when Tania Wright was inducted as the first female member, Artex was born with Stew on the inaugural team and the club agreed to contribute 10% of community funds raised to the Rotary Foundation which he has also supported personally. Stew also touched on a number of other changes including less formal meetings, replacing grace with opening thought and more varied meals.

Mark Dickerson then spoke on 3 building projects that he has been involved in since joining the club, namely Weka Point, Nepal (Houses for Humanity) and the shelter on the Rotary pathway at Awatoto.

The local scouts were struggling to complete 3 projects at their campsite at Rissington. The club put together a team to fit out the cabins which included lining walls, building bunks and finishing the outside. Our team toiled away working Saturdays over several months until the work was completed. Vehicle access to the site required crossing the river which was challenging at times including once when water came in his ute’s doors. We were invited to the grand opening which he described as a very worthwhile project.



The 3 Musketeers Presenters

The Nepal project consisted of constructing 2 houses for Habit for Humanity. The project was organised by Tracey Webster from EIT and her husband Jamie. 7 members of Greenmeadows Rotary were part of a team of 19 who spent just over 3 weeks which included some sightseeing. The NZ group also paid for the construction of the houses and also made an undertaking to educate the 4 children of the 2 families through their schooling which is still ongoing. The sites were a 1 hour flight and a frightening 10 hour bus trip from Katmandu. The construction was very basic but has withstood recent major earthquakes. The people had nothing but were happy and community minded.

The Awatoto shelter is one of a number built by Rotary clubs along the pathway. The project was managed by Kevin and Mark and involved 12 members over a 3 month period.

Mark commented that as with the other projects it was a great way to bring members together to achieve a common goal which benefits the community.

Alan White completed the trifecta giving a new members perspective on the club. Alan was invited to a club meeting by Bob Morrison and was made to feel welcome by the members. A couple of meetings later Garth Eyles convinced him to join the Dolbel team which helped to get to know these members better. His motivation to join was a surplus of time on his hands and a desire to be more community focused. He has certainly done that with his fund raising epic cycle ride. Alan also gave some thought provoking observations about the club which are worthy of further consideration.

Member Honoured

On Monday Carol Charman went to Government House to be presented with her Queens Service Medal (QSM) by the Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy, for services to youth and people with intellectual disabilities.

Congratulations Carol – very well deserved.

