



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 12 May 2021

President Frank opened the meeting by congratulating Doug and Lyndley Neilson who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and thanking Doug for the shout.

Frank welcomed Nigel Read, President of the Club in 1999, who now resides in Australia but is back in Napier visiting family. He also welcomed guest speaker Brendan Walker.

Frank asked members if they knew what the acronym TEAM stood for. Some were able to answer “Together everyone achieves more”.

Welfare – Stuart reported no change with either Mort Nikolaison or Jill Hanlen while Colin Clark is in PA and would appreciate visitors. Frank commented that Doug Neilson is also happy to have members visit him.

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	May 19th	May 26th	June 2nd	June 9th
Programme: Guest Speaker	EIT Awards	Ruby Kaotira Science School	Firesides	Plate Debate Taradale Club
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	NA	Bryan Mathews Bob Morrison Bruce Martin Mark Dickerson Gail Kelly Noel Mann Ian Holyoake	Directors	Youth Committee
Stewards	NA	Geoff Bennett Stuart Cheyne Hayley Gibson Brian Hall Gill Scarlett	Brian Anstis Barry Keating Judy McKelvie Brian Pelpoe Denise Primrose	NA

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

Plate Debate – Garth had been asked by Penny to recirculate the attendance list for the Plate Debate; to be held on 9 June between NBHS and NGHS which is being held at the Taradale Club as downstairs is not available. Partners and friends welcome and don't have to attend the dinner. However, firm numbers will be required for the meal which is \$25 per head.

Dolbel Planting – 8 members responded to Garth's request asked for a show of hands of those able to help with planting 170 trees on Friday morning. Meet at end of O'Dowd road at 9am with spade and bucket to soak plants prior to planting. If too wet Friday will be postpone until Monday.

District Training Seminar – Gail reported that she, Jenny and Kelvin had attended the seminar in Taupo on Saturday. To promote 100 years of Rotary in Australasia special number plate surrounds have been produced and Gail had 10 sets available at \$20 each. Members wanting to purchase please pay Carol.



The special number plate surrounds

District Conference – members attending the conference were asked to stay on after the meeting.

EIT Awards night – Frank reminded members the awards night is next week at the War Memorial Centre. A list has been circulated. He suggested members might like to eat before they go as limited food will be served at the end of the awards presentation. He also asked members attending to take their name badges home with them tonight. Partners are very welcome. No charge but cash bar will be available.

Directors Meeting – tonight at Gill's.

Guest speaker – Brendan Walker was introduced by Graeme Muir. Brendan thanked the club for the opportunity to speak and explained he comes from Gisborne, has worked in Australia and Hawkes Bay and is currently the Regional Manager for Hawkes Bay and Gisborne. He is responsible for 3 sites with 60 staff and trucks, the third largest of the company's operations.

The company have their own landfill, hazardous waste and tyre recycling facilities. They were originally Australian owned but now owned by Chinese.

Landfill is still NZ's main means of waste disposal especially since China stopped importing recyclable materials and other Asians countries put restrictions on imports driving down the price. NZ lacks scale for reprocessing a number of recyclables

Emphasis is now changing to make people accountable for the waste they generate and to minimise the waste they create with financial deterrents including government waste disposal levies and Emissions Trading Scheme. Waste Management are also encouraging their clients to reduce waste and have adopted 20 goals for sustainability.

Concern was expressed by some members that increasing the cost of disposing of waste create more fly tipping which Brendan acknowledged.



Brendan addressing the meeting