



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 Changeover – 27 June Leave of Absences: Geoff Bennett – 2 June to 15 October Colin Clark – to 23 June Gail Kelly 23 June to 14 July Kevin McCormack – 2 June to 30 Sept Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison - Ongoing

Meeting 16 June 2021

President Frank welcomed guest speaker Brian Burrough (Stortford Lodge member) and Amanda Wilson (former member of Greenmeadows).

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	June 23rd	June 30th	July 7th	July 14th
Programme: Guest Speaker	4 Speakers (see below)	Jenny and the new directors	Firesides	Rev Barbara Walker, Chaplain, HBDHB
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Gill Scarlett Fred Staples Neil Smith Brian Anstis Bruce Martin Geoff Bibby Mark Dickerson	Bryan Matthews Dennis Thetford Graeme Muir Ian Holyoake Barry Keating Brian Hall Doug Neilson*	Admin Committee	TBA
Stewards	Wal Drayton Hayley Gibson Gail Kelly Judy McKelvie Les Mockford	Bob Brady Curly Carpenter Judy McKelvie Bob Morrison Brian Peploe	TBA	TBA

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

Welfare Mort will have his next checkup early in August, Jill Hanlen's condition is much the same, Colin Clark is very grateful for the many visitors he's receiving.

Members' Notices:

Penny thanked her committee for the very successful Plate Debate with a special thanks to Geoff Bibby (President Frank later echoed those thanks). Penny also asked members (and family and friends) to consider helping the Artex pack up from 2pm on Sunday (tomorrow). A table has been booked at the Emporium for the after match function. ***If you can put your hands on a trestle table, can you please take that to the pack up too).***

Peter Thompson gave an update a meeting with the Napier City Council regards tree planting along Marine Parade. All five Rotary clubs still have to agree but the proposal is to plant, over the next two years, between 50 and 70 pohutukawa trees at a cost of \$100 each. A contractor will dig the holes. The current plan is to start late-August at the latest and we won't have to water. Peter will confirm once the other clubs have agreed the proposal.

Bob Morrison advised next week's speaker has had to cancel and he's seeking four club members to each provide a five-minute talk instead. ***Please contact Bob as soon as possible if you can do a short presentation.*** Bob also reminded the club about the planting at Maggie's way starting at 9:00 am on 27 June. BBQ afterwards.

Bryan Matthews thanked his Artex Committee for their work. The roster for the weekend is full, there are a few changes this time round (no catalogue, Koha entry, biography with each painting, numbers are tied to the artist etc.) Fingers crossed the weather doesn't put people off attending.

President Frank advised only 7 or 8 books (Mana Tangata, People of Action) still available for purchase. Payment of \$45 to Graeme Muir.



Speaker Brian Burrough on the School of St Jude, Tanzania. Brian was born in Nelson but moved to Hawkes Bay about 40 years ago. He is currently CEO of the Rural Property Trust but it became very obvious to all that his passion is the School of St Jude in Arusha, Tanzania. Brian said it had literally changed his life!

St Jude was established in 2002 with its first donation being \$10 from the Armadale Central Rotary Club (Australia) and a half acre of donated land, three students and a volunteer teacher. The school provides free, high-quality education to children who – due to poverty and social pressures – would otherwise be unlikely to complete their schooling. Students are drawn from families who live below the poverty line (only one student per family) and the school's results

are simply amazing.

Across Tanzania, the average adult in experiences a total of 5.8 years of schooling. Facilities in that country are that scarce that, if a student fails an exam, they have to leave to make room for someone else. That's not the case for St Judes. Its most recent achievement was when former St Judes' students graduated as medical professionals. St Judes' students regularly fall in the top 5% of all students in Tanzania and the school now has 1,800 students at a primary and secondary campus and over 350 staff (including support staff).

Student wellbeing is the school's top priority. 1,400 are boarders, all students are provided lunch and boarders get their own bed, a mosquito net, breakfast and dinner as well. The school has running water and a consistent electricity supply. Students also get an annual medical check from international volunteer medical professionals.

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the school's funding with many donors dropping out and tourism taking a huge hit. It costs about \$NZ1500 per year to sponsor a student and, right now, about 40% of students are not sponsored at all.



Check out <https://www.schoolfstjude.org/> for more information.