



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 Leave of Absences: Geoff Bennett – 2 June to 15 October Colin Clark – ongoing Gail Kelly 23 June to 14 July Noel Mann – 23 June to 5 July Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison - Ongoing

Meeting 23 June 2021

President Frank opened the meeting by acknowledging the huge success achieved by this year's Artex. Frank noted that District Changeover was on 4th July and, especially given that it was local, asked that those members who hadn't registered should consider doing so.

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	June 30th	July 7th	July 14th	July 21st
Programme: Guest Speaker	Jenny and the new directors	Firesides	Rev Barbara Walker, Chaplain, HBDHB	Hamish White, CEO NOW
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Bryan Matthews Dennis Thetford Graeme Muir Ian Holyoake Barry Keating - Doug Neilson	Admin Committee	Christine McKenna Brian Peploe Stewart Cheyne Peter Thompson Robert Pearson Steve Gillum Frank Heuser	Hayley Gibson Bruce Martin Geoff Bibby Judy McKelvie Curly Carpenter John Macintosh Edwin Brown
Stewards	Bob Brady Curly Carpenter Judy McKelvie Bob Morrison Brian Peploe	Mark Dickerson Garth Eyles John Nelson Alan White	Trevor Powell Gill Scarlett Wim Snijders Fred Staples	Wal Drayton Noel Mann Les Mockford Neil Smith

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

Welfare Mort was in good spirits as he headed off to Auckland on Thursday 17th for his next check up in Auckland, Stuart was not able to contact Colin Clark so no update was available and Jill Hanlen was comfortable and her next appointment was scheduled for Thursday 17th.

Four for the price of One!

Due to the late cancellation of the scheduled guest speaker, Programme Coordinator Bob assembled a group of four speakers instead. It turned out to be yet another example of the diverse talent our club has within it.

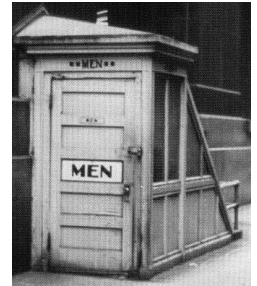


Geoff Bibby – entertainer extraordinaire! Geoff delighted us with tales from his (mostly) early childhood in and around Waipawa. No doubt many present were taken back to their early school days of barefoot rugby, curdled bottles of milk, inappropriate nicknames and the horrible tricks our older siblings would play on us.



Bryan Matthews reported on the Artex results next (and you can read all about it further down the page).

Kelvin Winnie provided instalment 2 of his book review about Mana Tangata, People of Action. Kelvin made the point that, as a new Rotarian, understanding the history of Rotary was important. He highlighted some of the more significant activities from the first days of what might have been called the 'Rotation Club' in 1905 (no dues to be paid but costs met from fines for various behaviours; 'sergeant sessions' were in vogue right from the start), first project a toilet block in Chicago, Paul Harris' visit to NZ in 1935, later NZ initiatives such as Outward Bound and Defensive Driving through to the first woman member in 1978 (which resulted in a Supreme Court ruling against Rotary International and RI's change to the constitution in 1989 to admit women). All in all Kelvin says Mana Tangata is a highly recommended read.



Christine McKenna gave us a comparison between COVID-19 and the Spanish flu and followed that up with what's happening locally. "It's tricky" she said "just look at what's currently happening in Wellington". COVID is the second largest pandemic in over 100 years (1-2 million deaths) with Spanish flu being the largest (some estimate as many as 50 million deaths). Both spread through respiratory droplets; person to person within a 6 feet distance, handshakes or touching etc. COVID did have more treatment options than Spanish flu (antibiotics, oxygen etc.) and both had similar symptoms although COVID also had loss of taste or smell. Spanish flu also had a slightly different mortality profile mostly affecting 5-44 year olds where COVID has less impact on younger people. New Zealand is currently behind in its vaccination programme (supply of vaccines being a significant factor). In Hawkes Bay there's a focus on Māori (have worse outcomes if they catch COVID due to comorbidities and socio-economic factors). The Pasifika population have better vaccination numbers primarily because they tend to be more church- and community-minded. Once adults have been vaccinated, the next challenge will be the 30,000 12 to 16 year olds. For this group, vaccinations are planned for October (unfortunately coinciding with NCEA).



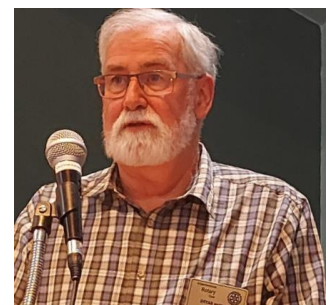
Christine kept everyone engaged (including an extensive question session after her presentation)

Bryan Matthews gave us the numbers following a highly successful Artex on the weekend:

Art sales	86,400
Auction of paddles	21,350
Total art turnover	<u>\$107,750</u>
Koha	1,558

Bryan had a huge number of people to thank but made particular mention of:

- Carol and Robert Pearson for hanging all the art
- Peter, Donna and Catriona for manning the sales desk
- Kenny, Gail and team for the pickup
- The Artex team for putting in a huge number of hours to produce the event (the total number of volunteer hours is estimated to exceed 1,000!)



It's probably not a surprise that Bryan looks tired considering the effort he put into making Artex the success it was

Nothing goes entirely to plan of course and the Lindale Estate wine boxes which were wanted for people to deposit their koha turned out to be cardboard ones. Bryan called out to a fellow Rotarian and the Dunstall donation boxes which turned up shortly afterwards were ideal for the job.

Bryan also told of an Ohope couple who found out about Artex through social media. They drove down and bought soiree tickets at the door when it opened on Friday evening. They found the particular items they'd seen online and purchased it (picking it up on Saturday to take it home). It turns out they were long-time supporters of the Surf Life Saving Club but it did show the power of social media.

Well done Bryan. Throughout this exercise you have continually praised the contribution of the team and club members. Our heartfelt thanks to you for the way you've led the team and fronted the project.

Setting Up



Achieving even without the assembly instructions



Are these pictures in the right order?



The lights won't work without batteries



Bryan lit up the exhibition in more ways than one

The Soiree



A great crowd at the soiree . . .



. . . but sometimes you need to get away from the others for a quality viewing

The Paddles were a Hit!



And then there was the Pack Up



A hive of industry needs lots of worker bees



Stew and Pete deciding what to do next? (Or maybe this was taken during the setting up)



Packing up art is a science: the right process, the right materials and care to get the right result



Note the supervisors in the background



President Frank will do almost anything to get into shot



Many hands made light work (but it still took right up to 5:00 pm to get it all done)