



# MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



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<b>OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22</b> <b>President</b> Jenny Robertson <b>Secretary</b> Ken Hunt <b>Treasurer</b> Graeme Ryan <b>Directors:</b> <b>Club Admin</b> Helen Tattersall <b>Membership and Public Image</b> Kelvin Winnie <b>Projects</b> Denise Brown <b>Youth</b> Gail Kelly <b>Foundation</b> Graeme Muir <b>Artex</b> Bryan Matthews	<b>MEETINGS</b> <b>Weekly:</b> Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm <b>Firesides:</b> First Wednesday of month <b>Directors:</b> Second Wednesday of Month <b>Apologies to:</b> <a href="mailto:GR.apologies@gmail.com">GR.apologies@gmail.com</a> (before 8.00am on Wednesday)	<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> <b>Leave of Absences:</b> Geoff Bennett – 2 June to 15 October Colin Clark – Ongoing Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison - Ongoing

## Meeting 28 July 2021

**President Jenny** opened the meeting with a welcome to the partners who accompanied members; now regular visitor (potential member) Natalya Latysheva; & guest speakers Maxine Boag and Barb Abbott. The order of the evening altered to accommodate our Raapa Wha – a visit elsewhere for our meal.

**Guest Speakers** Councillor Maxine Bag and Chairperson Barb Abbot gave us an outline of the Tangata Maraenui Trust (TTM), an organisation they were obviously very passionate about. They reported having had a very busy year, visited Parliament twice (lobbying) establishing a community hub, dealing with traffic control, Community police, Maori Wardens, working on a community park and community nursery. They also arranged assistance to help residents gain driver's licences. A Neighbourhood "clean-up" (last spring) brought residents together (had a BBQ) trailers collected rubbish and recycling was promoted. They work with a rather low budget of \$8000 from the council. They seem to be doing a great job & could use assistance. See their pamphlet attached.

## DUTY ROSTER (\* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	August 11 <sup>th</sup>	August 18 <sup>th</sup>	August 25 <sup>th</sup>
Programme: Guest Speaker	ARTEX COMMITTEE Firesides	Cancer Society	Michelle Tanner Matamata Rotary	Te Reo
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	) ) Artex Committee ) Judy McKelvie ) ) Artex Committee )	Stewart Skeet John Neilson Denise Primrose Alan White Neil Smith John Mackintosh Noel Mann	Doug Neilson Penny Park Denise Primrose Gill Scarlett Fred Staples Steve Gillum Stuart Cheyne	Garth Eyles Frank Heuser Kelvin Winnie Helen Tattersall Edwin Brown Curly Carpenter Mark Dickerson
Stewards	Chris McKenna Bob Morrison Robert Pearson Bob Brady	John McIntosh Wim Snijders Pete Thompson Hayley Gibson	Geoff Bibby Bruce Martin Graeme Muir Brian Peploe	Barry Keating Bryan Matthews Brian Hall Trevor Powell

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

**Opening Thought:** Related to Olympic performers and the attitude of them and towards them. The attitude we need to foster, “*is one of being satisfied with what we have achieved rather than being despondent that we are not the best in the world.*”

**Welfare:** Standing in for Stuart, Pete Thompson announced that Mort was doing good today, maybe due to “new meds,” Jill Hanlen was also doing well and Colin Clark – was enjoying visitors.

#### Notices from members

*Your Junior Scribe* again asked if anyone was not receiving the weekly bulletin and while some thought they had, it seemed clear that most (so probably all) did not! The scribe sheepishly admitted that he had had some technical problems and thought he had overcome them. He accepts he is on a final warning must sharpen his act up.

*Pres. Jenny* announced that, looking ahead the 1<sup>st</sup> September meeting would not be a “Fireside Night” but rather that we would be going to the EIT Scholars Restaurant for our Sponsors Night and partners welcome to that.

*Projects Director Denise Brown* reported on five of our members attending the recent meeting of the Rotaract Club of Hawkes Bay at EIT (5pm – 7pm with chippies and lollies). They have nine core members and group of 17 overall.

*Membership & PI Director Kelvin* put forward the suggestion that perhaps we could invite a Rotaractor to our meeting each week, pay their meal costs and rotate through their members. There seemed to be agreement on this and he went even further by suggesting we could perhaps “blend” the Rotaractors into the TTM project.

*Youth Director Gail* advised that the Container of Maths equipment would be on the ship the next day and that some of our members might go to the destination to assist unload it.

*Visiting Rotarian P.P. John Reid* from the Taradale Rotary Club announced a suggestion of working with them on a “combined project.” He said the Cranford Hospice Store needed a new van. It was expected to cost around \$50,000 (+ signage). Could be good advertising for Rotary with our badge on board! The shop raises \$450,000 per year and their current vehicle badly needs replacing. He had sought support from the five local club but only two agreed so far. The response from members was encouraging.

We then set out to learn about Raapa Wha and left the building.....



## RAAPA WHA

### SHANIS FAMILY EATERY & BAR

The drinks sponsor from our regular venue moved directly to the bar but we prevented him from buying further drinks!

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Others said grace again→→



The formal business being completed, by about 6.45pm members and partners vacated our regular venue and wandered aimlessly down the road to the nearby **Shani's Family Eatery & Bar** where, amid a lot of noise and jubilation, great fellowship was enjoyed. Good meal, good price and good fun!

Will we do this again? Every likelihood – and with even more attending, but not next month due to the Sponsors Night meeting at EIT on the first day of spring. Watch this space.

Parting Thought (from Denise Primrose)

**If you want to feel rich, count all the things you have that money can't buy.**

(And a random one from your scribe)

**If you have a horse, remember that tomorrow is its birthday – so give it some good hay!**