



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



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OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22 President Jenny Robertson Secretary Ken Hunt Treasurer Graeme Ryan DIRECTORS Club Admin Helen Tattersall Members & PI Kelvin Winnie Service Denise Brown Youth Gail Kelly Foundation Graeme Muir Artex Bryan Matthews	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 Taradale Combined Meeting at the Oamaru Bowling Club – THURSDAY 30 Sept – not Wednesday Leave of Absences: Geoff Bennett –to 13 Oct Colin Clark – Ongoing Frank Heuser – to 20 Oct John Mackintosh – to 8 Sep Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing

Online Meeting 1 September 2021

President Jenny's Zoom invitation attracted 24 members, with a moderate degree of difficulty, "clicking in" and 26 members on line, including prospective member Natalya Latysleva and (sporadically) Jinice Bautista (with Hamish quietly multi-tasking in the kitchen) joining in as well.

DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	September 8 th	September 15 th	September 22 nd	September 30 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Ross Pinkham District Governor	Adrian Gregory Otaki Rotary	Kath Boyd Big Brother, Big Sister	Oamaru Bowls Club Joint Meeting with Taradale Rotary
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Bob Morrison Ian Holyoake* Peter Thompson John Nelson Doug Neilson Geoff Bibby* Bob Brady To be confirmed	Les Mockford Graeme Muir Bruce Martin Gill Scarlett Gail Kelly Hayley Gibson Brian Peplow	Stewart Skeet Brian hall Garth Eyles Barry Keating Win Snijders - Trevor Powell	Fred Staples Les Mockford Brian Anstis Gail Kelly Bryan Matthews Curley Carpenter Wal Drayton May alter as required
Stewards	Do your own!	Judy McKelvie Fred Staples Alan White Kelvin Winnie	Denise Brown Edwin Brown Mark Dickerson Helen Tattersall	Geoff Bibby Bruce Marton Graeme Muir Brian Peplow May alter as required

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

Opening Thought: Kelvin Winnie (I think) told us that someone with a name that sounded like an Indian cricketer (but who was really a neurosurgeon) said *“A healthy brain has a wide circle of views. The more you let in, the more it grows.”* (- or something like that.)

Welfare: Stuart Cheyne - Mort was getting treatment in Hastings, Colin Clarke was annoyed at PA being closed to visitors, Jill Hanlen was extra well, and past member Graeme Sawyer’s treatment was going okay.

Two Minute Speaker: Denise Brown appeared as a surprise speaker – and with a surprise subject. Pathology! It seems that during the “lockdown” and seeking something to do (she cannot knit apparently) she became an “Armchair detective” – and watched 20 episodes of “Secrets of the Morgue” on TV. When her sister learned of this – her eyes rolled. So did ours! She spoke of the times before DNA testing, of how times of death can be determined (somehow) from plant consumption (of the deceased presumably). Denise is now lining up more stories on NetFlix. (*Your scribe could tell lots of stories on post mortems – but I think you would leave the meeting.*)

Club Website: Doug Neilson advised that he believed that the site was working well but encouraged members to check it out and advise of any problems.

Club Budget: Graeme Muir said he didn’t have anything to report on the budget but then added that we can now transfer our information to Xero without cost.

Airport Opening: Pres. Jenny reports that the function is *up in the air* due to Covid 19 but that we are looking at alternative activities with the donated goods.

Fireside Meetings: For that night were reported as set up, some remaining on the link after the Zoom meeting and some setting up their own Zoom links. Watch this space!

Cranford Hospice Shop Van: There was considerable discussion on this van and our input into the Taradale Club project. There was debate as to whether committees had (or had not) made their decisions, what (and how much) funds could be used & a general agreement that the whole club may have to vote on this.

Artex 2022: Bryan Matthews reported that this will be a longer event next year by being held over a long weekend (Matariki?) This sounds good.

Sergeant’s Session: Bob Brady claimed this role but acknowledged he could not collect any money. Instead he proposed a *“Pay it Forward”* scheme, saying that in Level 3 when we went to our coffee shop, we should offer to buy a coffee card as an “advanced purchase” and thus provide some immediate income to the seller. (*Your scribe bought two containers of coffee pods from the supermarket the next day! He then went on and bought all the food needed for the next week. The Checkout lady & Eleanor were pleased.*)

Closing Thought: From Carol Charman went something like – *“If you lost everything and then got it back again – how would you feel?”* (Bloody lucky I would think! Scribe)

Shown below is pictorial proof that 26 members (plus some intermittently) attended the meeting. That is however, only about half of our members! We can do better. Give it a try. It may seem very technical, but it's not too difficult. Ask another member or get a kid to show you how it's done.

GREENMEADOWS ROTARIANS AT THEIR MEETING ON THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING IN 2021



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

You Join Rotary

For Any 1 or Many of the Reasons below

- Friendship & Fellowship
- Personal Growth & Development
- Leadership Development
- Citizenship in the Community & Globally
- Business Development & Networking
- Fun & Bonding
- Public Speaking Skills
- Vocational & Social Skills Development
- Family Programs
- Understanding Ethics & Morality
- Cultural Exchange
- Social Respect & Prestige
- Meeting Nice People
- Opportunity to Serve the Community

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COMING UP NEXT WEEK

DG Ross Pinkham will visit us (virtually) next week. It was once the tradition to bring one's partner to such meetings. Well why not try it. Sit her/him down alongside you in front of your screen.

ERRORS & OMISSIONS ACCEPTED

Scribing for a Zoom meeting is somewhat different to an actual meeting in our regular venue. Capturing the words and their meanings takes on a whole new perspective.

I hope we have brought you a reasonable summary or perhaps a laugh!

Scribe

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