



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 Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing

Live Meeting 22 September 2021

President Jenny – Had difficulty attracting the attention of members with her gentle tap on the bell. A more positive hand intervened (a Sergeant Major shouted) order was restored and Jenny said it was clear that all were happy to again be in our venue.



DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	September 30 th	October 6 th	October 13 th	October 20 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	Oamaru Bowls Club Joint Meeting with Taradale Rotary	FIRESIDES Youth Committee	Robin Fabish Tamatea High School Principal	Visiting other City clubs
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Not required Assist as necessary	Youth Committee Rules Jinice Bautista-Lack	Curly Carpenter Garth Eyles Hayley Gibson Robert Pearson Edwin Brown Jade Coleman Bob Brady	Not required
Stewards	May not use as we are away with Taradale	Level 2 rules One per table	Level 2 rules One per table	Not required

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

Opening Thought – Stewart Skeet said

“When I was young I just tried to be older. What the hell was I thinking?”

Welfare – The other Stuart, said that Mort was here in HB, Colin liked visitors and Jill had also been seen. Robert Pearson reported that Graeme Sawyer was quite chirpy.

Club Announcements:

Pres Jenny commented on Gail’s Nuie initiative, FB photos, Brian Hall and members photos, and particularly reminded all that next week’s meeting was Thursday and NOT Wednesday, was with Taradale Rotary and at the nearby Oamaru Bowling Club. As 100 can now attend partners can go to – BUT you had to write their names on the list. Wear soft shoes with no tread (bowling surfaces are sacred!)

Well being – Kelvin announced that he was going to assist us with a “walk-a-thon” i.e. a circuit of Anderson Park at 2.3km – AND that he was going to keep doing it for 12 hours! He said this would improve the health & fitness of the club. He wanted to keep a tally of the kilometres covered and add them together (*scribe will bring a calculator*). He said it was a “*find and friend and go for a walk sort of thing!*” You could get sponsorship (or a lekie bike) and this was going to come up on 5 December I think – so get training (or hide).

Environmental Officer Garth Eyles commented that Anderson Park plays a great part in the city and a new book had been written on it; that carpooling would save the world (*why are we walking around Anderson Park then!*) and that what you really should do is “*Welcome the Godwits*” on Sunday 3 October (sounds better than walking Anderson Park – and you could get a beer afterwards.) See attached brochure.

Membership Committee said remember - “*Each one Bring one.*”

Project Service Director Denise Brown bounded to the rostrum (assisted by a new leg fitted in Wellington that morning) to tell us that the Maraenui Project was set up for 9am to 3pm on Wednesday 6 October. Bins for collecting rubbish had been obtained and a truck to go to the tip. ***As we have an “away meeting” next week more details for “volunteers” to assist will be sent out by email.***

Sgt Neil Smith

Drew No. 78 in the raffle and this seemed to make Wal happy. Neil then made a dubious connection with the book “*Fifty Shades of Gray*” and sought fifty shades of pay from members. Then he sought green shades from new members, brown, primrose & white for those so named and the remainder for just being shady!

Three Minute Speaker: Our new member Natalya used a Maori greeting, spoke of “the artist’s way” and her discovery that life is a journey. Mother of two boys she has taken them to three countries, has attended US Summers Schools, been with travelling theatres, mentioned the inspiration of being a mother, gardening, dancing, and now - joining Rotary, saying to us, Thanks.

Annual General Meeting: Pres. Jenny moved (Helen seconded) that the club hold an AGM, so that the club budget be adopted. Treasurer Graeme Ryan spoke to the budget and adjustment (\$12K) that had to be made for losing a project. We now have a surplus of \$200 and said that we may lose the possibility of a Foundation grant if we do not donate to them. Graeme moved, Robert Pearson seconded, and the budget was passed. We returned to our normal meeting.

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GUEST SPEAKER

The speaker this evening was Kath Boyd a Marketing Manager but who appeared before us as The Programme Manager for the charity **“Big Brothers – Big Sisters”** and into which she obviously puts a lot of time. Describing how it was created in the US in 1904 by Ernest Coulter, and came to NZ in the 1960s (seen by a NZ police officer on secondment). She explained how it worked and the pleasure they got by matching the people with their “grown up” big brothers and sisters. Said to be the largest mentoring programme in the world it seeks to match kids of 6 – 11 with an adult. She spoke of the difficulties and the sad stories and that 50% of the kids come from single parent homes and a further 30% come from grandparent’s homes. Many were matched up – many were waiting.

VOT: Garth Eyles presented the vote of thanks and commended Kath for her energy & commitment.

Parting Thought: *If at first you don’t succeed – don’t become a sky diver.*

DID YOU KNOW?

The name *Rotary* was selected by early members because meeting locations rotated among their offices.

That’s it folks. Rather a lot to read – but it was all important.

A large number of committee reports – because we’ve got lots happening. (Some of it sounds quite physical)

A special general meeting to deal with the budget.

The introduction address by a new member.

And then a brilliant speaker!

Next week we have an “away” meeting. The Oamaru Bowling club. Still use the carpark by our venue but cross Lee Road and go down a driveway to the club.