



MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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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 Leave of Absences: Geoff Bennett – to 13 Oct Colin Clark – Ongoing Frank Heuser – to 20 Oct Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing

Live Meeting 30 September 2021 – Two clubs @ Oamaru Bowling Club



President Jenny – Had a very large crowd this week but quickly seized command of the situation, aided by her fellow **President Kaye Wishart**, and order was restored “off the green.”



DUTY ROSTER (* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	October 6 th	October 13 th	October 20 th	October 27 th
Programme: Guest Speaker	FIRESIDES Youth Committee	Robin Fabish Tamatea High School Principal	Visiting other City clubs <i>Your</i> <i>Director will advise</i>	Adrian Gregory Otaki Rotary
Opening thought Top Table (introduce Speaker) Vote of Thanks Cashier Club Host & Closing Thought Three Minute Speaker Sergeant	Youth Committee In charge Jinice Bautista-Lack	Curly Carpenter Garth Eyles Hayley Gibson Robert Pearson Edwin Brown Jade Coleman Bob Brady	Not required	Chris McKenna Graeme Muir Brian Peplow Gill Scarlett Bob Morrison Hamish Lack* Wim Snijders
Stewards	Level 2 rules One per table	Level 2 rules One per table	Not required	Level 2 rules One per table <i>Or as advised</i>

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

GAMES NIGHT

A planned games evening, anchored by a lawn bowls tournament, had to be abandoned when the rain poured down as everybody arrived. (Your scribe was carrying his bowling bag for the first time in several years and noted that it had become decidedly heavier, possibly due to four hip replacements and ten birthdays since he last lifted it up!) An alternative plan allowed for some games of table tennis and for those who even lacked that much skill – just throwing the ping pong balls into a cup. (Many could not do that either.) Later during dinner, a large range of prizes were awarded to members who claimed they had achieved some level of skill beyond that of their friends. There was no disputes committee. It would have been a different story if bowls were played!



Serious Sport



Refuelling to avoid dehydration

Opening Thought (s) were being given by over 60 members, all speaking at once – until order was restored.

Welfare – Anyone who was not present was in poor shape, but through no fault of ours!



*Rotary Exchange Students
Two dynamic Presidents*

Club Announcements:

Pres Jenny & Pres Kaye welcomed the members of both Taradale & Greenmeadows Rotary Clubs as well as some accompanying partners. Instructions were issued on who to sit with (i.e. mixed up) and how to serve meals so as to spread food but not covid. (Testing shows this has worked – so far.)

Announcements were called for but very few given as members were intent on getting their drinks refilled as they had been instructed. What did emerge was that –

Secretary Ken Hunt advised of a planned weekend at Camp **Kaitawa** coming up on 15 – 17 October and members and partners are invited to attend and assist the committee do stuff. More on this next week.

Environmental Officer Garth Eyles advised that the planned viewing of the **Godwits** on Sunday 3 October was not now going ahead due to the unavailability of masks for the birds. By separate email you have been advised to make your own viewing (not in a group) and keep your eyes peeled (the birds are disguised.)

The Raffle was run and Greenmeadows seemed to win a disproportionate amount of the prizes.

More from the sports tournament, keenly fought out between Taradale & Greenmeadows Rotary Clubs



A memory from the past. →



The first four Rotarians:
Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris, circa 1905-12.

DID YOU KNOW?

Rotary International began its fight against polio in 1979 with a multiyear immunization project in the Philippines.

Well that was a pretty good night out. For many of us, Rotary is a meeting (breakfast, lunch, dinner) one day a week and we go along, meet our Rotary friends and enjoy the fellowship.

But in reality it is far more than that. There are other clubs, contacts to be made, projects to discuss, ideas to swap, new friendships to be made.

Then there are our regular “away nights” i.e. events at EIT, War Memorial Conference Centre, other members houses (Fireside meetings and “Guess who’s coming to Dinner”) and just visiting other clubs – as we are later in the month.

If you don’t know about these things, ask someone. And don’t be afraid to turn up.